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End of an era: Sandy says goodbye

by Betsy Phillips
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Life is simple. Find your passion and work at it.
That's how animal control supervisor Sandy Burns has lived her life.
Now after just shy of 30 years with the City of Pampa, she's saying good-bye Friday.
She may be leaving the job, but plans to continue her passion for helping animals and her community.
"My goal is still to see a decent shelter," she said. "And to continue to educate people on the value of spaying and neutering animals. It's the only way to solve the prob-

lem of unwanted animals." It is because of a love of those animals that she has done the job in the first place.
"If you just concentrate on the negatives of this position, you wouldn't be able to sleep at night," she explained. "I focus on the thousands of animals I've been able to save and all the people I have been privileged to help."
Her philosophy is simple: "We work for the citizens of Pampa. They pay our salary. You can't always please everyone, but you can try. I think everybody who works for the city should feel that

Sandy— cont. on page 3



Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns is leaving the city's employ after nearly 30 years, but will still be active in the community. staff photo by Betsy Phillips

LEFORS BI-DISTRICT CHAMPS



The Lefors Pirates claimed a Class 1-A Division II Bi-District Crown on Tuesday night as they defeated Ft. Elliott 54-44 in Wheeler. The Pirates (8-5) will face the Vega Longhorns in the Area round on Thursday at Amarillo High School at 6:30. Brandon McBee led the scoring for Lefors with 16. Dustin Forsyth added 13 and Keenan Lott scored 12.

submitted by Lendi Jackson
Pictured are front, from left: Wakely Pairsh, Trevor Czubinski, Reilley Czubinski, Payton Johnson, Casey Wyant, Joey Johnson. Back, from left: Coach Joey Czubinski, Dustin Forsyth, Dennis Sprouse, Keenan Lott, Seth Scully, Nick Hess, Brandon McBee, Taylor Ray.

Texas military couple among Obama guests

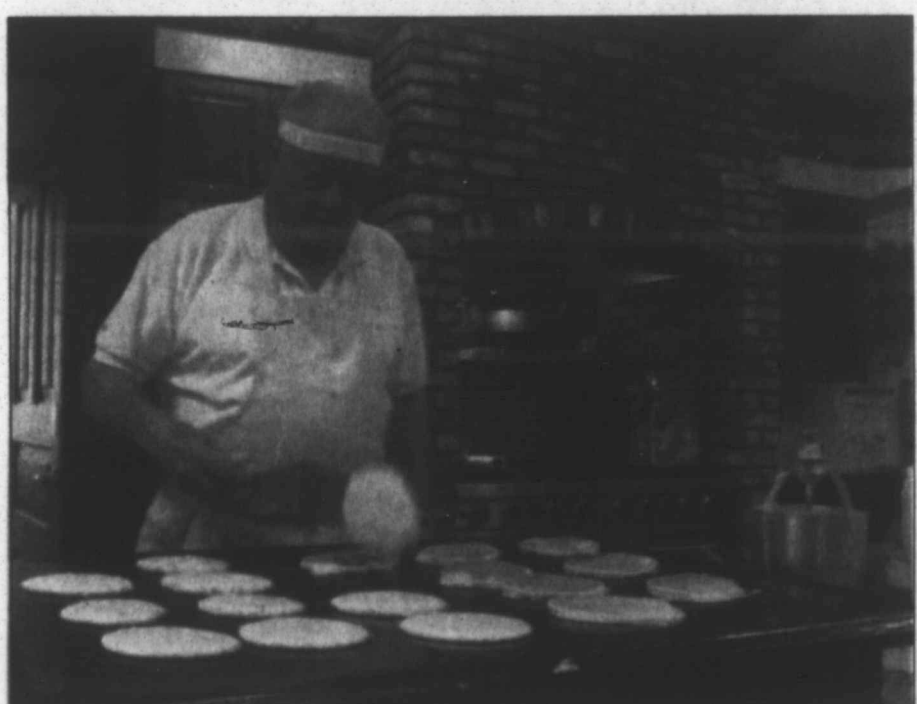
DALLAS (AP) — Shannon Kendall's mother said her daughter was "tickled" to be one of the guests of first lady Michelle Obama at President Barack Obama's address to a joint session of Congress Tuesday night.
Sharon Schultz of Albuquerque, N.M., said she was in the car with her daughter when she got a call Sunday from the White House inviting her to be Mrs. Obama's guest.
"They said 'sorry for the late notice but Mrs. Obama would like for you to be her guest,'" Schultz said. "She (Shannon) said 'OK.' She hung up and said 'I can't believe they called!'"
Kendall, of Georgetown, Texas, heads up the Family Readiness Group for her Army husband's Fort Hood-based unit. She has moved repeatedly in support of her husband's various military assignments.

Schultz said one of Mrs. Obama's focus is helping families deal with the deployment of their loved ones.
"She met Mrs. Obama at a military-spouse family roundtable," Schultz said. "This was several months before the election in November."
Schultz said Maj. Ryan Kendall, who had just returned in January from a 15-month deployment to Iraq, was with his wife in Washington.
After the initial meeting with Mrs. Obama, her daughter was invited to be a special guest of the first lady at the presidential debate in Oxford, Miss., Schultz said.
Schultz said her daughter and son-in-law attended a White House reception prior to the president's speech.
She said she watched the speech with her son, Sean Obama— cont. on page

SHROVE TUESDAY

by Rachel Stennett
rstennett@thepampanews.com
The annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper last night at St. Matthew's Episcopal church, was again considered a huge success.
Administrative Assistant Sharlan Langley said that Tuesday's dinner was one of the most successful they have had in the 53 year-old tradition. "We

had over 800 people come out. It was one of the best turnouts we have ever had." Langley said that bad weather can make the pancake dinner particularly successful, but many people still turned out even with the high temperatures yesterday.
The funds profited from the dinner
Pancakes— cont. on page 3



staff photo by Betsy Phillips
St Matthew's senior pancake flipper Jim Alexander has been at the grill for the last 38 shrove Tuesday pancake dinners.

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Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 34. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 61. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west northwest between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 50. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Kevin Sparks, 45

McLean, Texas - Kevin Wayne Sparks, 45, died Monday, February 23, 2009 at McLean.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 pm, Wednesday, February 25, 2009 in the Trinity Fellowship Church in McLean with Pastor Ronnie Ferguson officiating.

Cremation and arrangements are by Robertson Funeral Directors of McLean.

Kevin was born December 16, 1963 to David and Shirley Packard Sparks. He had been a resident of McLean for several years. He married Deana Sheryl Billingsley on May 8, 1996 at Leedy, OK. He was employed by Linn Energy as an oilfield pro-

duction foreman. He was a member of the Trinity Fellowship Church in McLean.

Survivors include his wife, Deana Sparks of McLean; his parents, David and Shirley Sparks of Hammond, OK; a daughter, Candace Allmon of Sayre, OK; three sons, Tyler Copenhaver of McLean, Dustin Copenhaver of McLean, and Jeremy Justus of Elk City, OK; and two sisters, Sherry Sparks of Hammond, OK, and Debbie Scott of Elk City, OK.

The family will be at 200 West 2nd Street.

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Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer. Prices quoted are for the close of the last market day.

Wheat.....	\$4.43
Milo.....	\$4.50
Corn.....	\$6.10

Lottery results

Mega Millions jackpot now \$171 million

ATLANTA (AP) — There has been another rollover in the grand prize for the multistate Mega Millions lottery — to \$171 million.

The rollover occurred because no player matched all the winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing.

The next Mega Millions drawing will be Friday night. Although there was no grand prize winner, 13 players won second prizes of \$250,000 apiece. Two of those tickets were sold in Michigan. Another 61 players, including five who bought a ticket in Michigan, won third prizes of \$10,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday night's drawing were: one, 27, 28, 35 and 40. The Mega Ball number was six.

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

- Winning numbers drawn: 37-17-27-26-22.
- Number matching five of five: 0.
- Matching four of five: 91. Prize: \$405
- Matching three of five: 2,684. Prize: \$10
- Matching two of five: 26,215. Prize: \$2
- Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

For the Record

Obituaries

Donna Anderson, 55

Pampa, Texas - Donna Rose Anderson, 55, died February 24, 2009 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Anderson was born October 26, 1953 in Coolidge, Arizona. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1961. Donna was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. Her grandchildren were her life. She was a devoted Mom and "Nanny."

Survivors include three daughters, Melodie Lane, Angela Alexander (and husband James) and Mandy Stephenson, all of Pampa; one son, Brian Anderson of Pampa; two sisters, Carolyn Miller and Debbie Donaldson, both of Pampa; two brothers, Calvin King (and wife Sharon) of Abilene and Paul King of Amarillo; and nine grandchildren, Miranda Davis, Zachary Stephenson, Jared Stephenson, Ashton Alexander,

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Anderson

William Gabelmann, 85

Pampa, Texas - William Leonard "Bill" Gabelmann, 85, died February 23, 2009 in Pampa.

At Mr. Gabelmann's request, there are no services scheduled. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

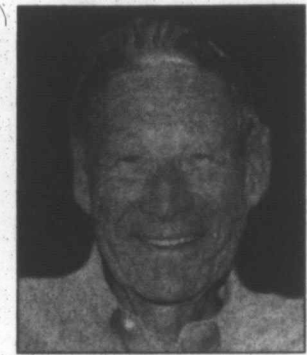
Mr. Gabelmann was born November 18, 1923 in St. Louis, Missouri to William and Marie Gabelmann. He proudly served in the U. S. Navy during World War II and was honorably discharged in 1946. Bill attended the

University of Missouri-Rolla where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mining engineering. On March 17, 1948, Bill married Nancy J. Memhardt and, in 1952, moved to Pampa while working with the Texas Company. In 1955, he went into business for himself as a consulting petroleum engineer. He was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years, Nancy. Bill was loved by many and will truly be missed.

Survivors include one daughter, Lynn German

(and husband Ron) of Arlington; one son, Bill Gabelmann (and wife Ruby) of Edmond, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Darcy Dayton and husband Ryan of Dallas, Kendra German of Arlington, and Johanna Gabelmann and Christopher Gabelmann, both of Edmond, Oklahoma; one brother, Kenneth Gabelmann (and wife Peggy) of St. Louis, Missouri; and a special friend, Nancy Paronto of Pampa.

MEMORIALS: St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 727 W. Browning,



Gabelmann

Pampa, Texas 79065, or a favorite charity.

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Celia Donnell, 72

Celia Polnac Donnell passed away peacefully on February 23, 2009 in Athens, Texas. She was born on October 31, 1936 in Pampa to the late Viron Printess and Margaret Ollie Dalby Miller. She was in the Pampa High School graduating class of 1955. Shew as a member of the First Assembly of God Church and was employed by Cabot Oil and Gas until moving to Houston in October of 1974. After retiring in 1998, she moved to Athens.

Survivors include her husband, Glenn Donnell, Athens; daughters, Vanesa Polnac, Friendswood, Melinda Polnac Hunter and husband Richard, Houston; son Monty Polnac and wife Dianna, Katy; stepson, Damon Donnell, Athens; grandchildren, Joey Heap, Alli son and Payton Polnac; sister, Olean Miller Whitcomb and husband Mike, Wiley; brothers, Robert Miller and wife Dee, Newport, Oregon, Larkin Miller and wife Donna, Irving; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins.

Surviving members of

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 26 at Carroll-Lehr Funeral Home, 1910 Highway 32 East, Athens. Burial will follow in Walnut Creek Cemetery. Family visitation will be 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

If desired, memorials may be made to Crescent Height United Methodist Church, 13497 FM 753 Athens, Texas 75751 or The University of Texas M D Anderson Cancer Center, PO BOX 4486, Houston, Texas 77210-4486.

her family include her husband, Glenn Donnell, Athens; daughters, Vanesa Polnac, Friendswood, Melinda Polnac Hunter and husband Richard, Houston; son Monty Polnac and wife Dianna, Katy; stepson, Damon Donnell, Athens; grandchildren, Joey Heap, Alli son and Payton Polnac; sister, Olean Miller Whitcomb and husband Mike, Wiley; brothers, Robert Miller and wife Dee, Newport, Oregon, Larkin Miller and wife Donna, Irving; and many nieces, nephews, aunts, and cousins.

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Donnell

Helen Reeburgh, 93

Pampa, Texas - Helen Focht Reeburgh, 93, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2009 in Pampa.

Memorial services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Helen Focht Reeburgh was born June 26, 1915 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Oklahoma and Lamar University in Beaumont where she earned degrees in English and Studio Art. She married Scott Leverett Reeburgh, Jr. on April 4, 1936 in Oklahoma City. He preceded her in death on Dec. 18, 1954. She had been a resident of Port Arthur from 1936 until 2003 when she moved to Pampa.

Mrs. Reeburgh was truly a Renaissance woman of her time in the way that she raised and educated her three children and participated in their activities. She was a

communicator, serving as a correspondent and then a columnist to the Beaumont Enterprise and later to the Port Arthur News. Her columns are archived in the Texas Library System chronicling 30 years of civic history of Southeast Texas from the 1960's through the 1980's. She was an elder in the former Presbyterian Church of the Covenant in Port Arthur and was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Pampa. She was honored as the 1963 Department Club Mother of the Year and as the 1982 Quota Club Woman of the Year in Port Arthur. Helen was a 75-year member of Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority and was a P. E. O. in Port Arthur and in Pampa. In her later years, she expressed her creativity in watercolors and enjoyed specializing in painting rooftops. She also loved her travels. Mrs. Reeburgh was also preceded in death by her parents, Ferdinand and

Lillian Hamilton Focht, and a sister, Laura Focht Morgan.

Survivors include one son, Dr. William S. Reeburgh and wife Carelyn of Irvine, CA; two daughters, Margaret R. Williams and husband Robert of Pampa and Dr. Laura R. Keller and husband Dr. Thomas Keller of Tallahassee, FL; seven grandchildren, Scott Reeburgh and wife Lori of Vancouver, WA, Nancy Bacon and husband Scott of Boring, OR, Peter Reeburgh and wife Cheri of Golden, CO, Laura Williams McCavit and husband Todd of Dallas, Richard Williams and wife Mamie Broadhurst of Oak Park, IL, Sarah Haney and husband Matt of Jacksonville, FL, and Steven Keller of Tallahassee, FL; nine great grandchildren, Jack and Claire Reeburgh of Vancouver, WA, Jonathan and Nicholas Bacon of Boring, OR, Bryce and Torrey Reeburgh of

Lillian Hamilton Focht, and a sister, Laura Focht Morgan.

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Golden, CO, and Ava, Luke, and Tessa McCavit, all of Dallas; nieces, Lillian Morgan Cox of Oklahoma City, Elizabeth Morgan Reece and husband Forest of Tulsa, OK, and other nieces, grand nieces, and grand nephews.

MEMORIALS: First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065 or Meredith House, 812 W. 25th St., Pampa, TX 79065.

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Rose Marie Keys, 54

Pampa, Texas - Rose Marie Keys, 54, died Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at Amarillo, Texas.

Funeral services are with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Keys was born December 5, 1954 in Menlo, Iowa. She grew up and attended schools in Garden City, Kansas. She had been a resident of

Pampa since 1977. Rose married Marshall Keys on April 24, 1987 in Pampa. She was a homemaker. She will be remembered for a generous heart. Rose enjoyed life, fishing and spending time with family and friends. She will be missed by everyone.

Survivors include her husband, Marshall Keys of the home; two daughters,

Joyce Keys and Bobby Keys, both of Canyon; one son, Cody Keys of Canyon; three sisters, Mary Cruz and husband Luke of Dodge City, Kansas, Kathy McMillan and husband Sam of Garden City, Kansas, and Christine Parker and husband Brock of Pampa; two brothers, Leo Francis McMahon, Jr., and wife

Angie of Amarillo, and Stephen McMahon and wife Delores of Pampa.

Rose was preceded in death by her parents, grandparents, a sister, Teresa Woodward, and a nephew, Charlie Cruz.

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Burns retiring from city

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way.”
Over the years, she has also enjoyed “rescuing” people from animals of which they are afraid, including snakes and all kinds of critters.
“We also get to look after a lot of elderly residents,” she explained. “Sometimes they don’t really have a problem with an animal, they’re just lonely.”
She is leaving her employ with the city of Pampa for a position with the state.
“If you work for the

State of Texas for 10 years you are eligible to have health insurance for the rest of your life,” she said. “The city doesn’t have that benefit. If they did, I’d stay for another 10 years.”
The changes in animal control during her tenure are significant.
When she arrived on the job there were no phones, no radio communication, one truck and six cages.
“We still use those cages at the shelter,” she said. Now there’s a Web site to help more of the animals find homes. “If folks see

an animal on the site that they want to adopt, we can put a hold on it for them. They should just call the shelter.”
There was also no system for keeping records. When she began keeping track of animals entering and leaving the system, she naturally started with the number one.
“Last year we went over 100,000,” Burns said, “and this year we are already over 1,000. That’s a sad figure for a town this size.”
Burns explained that one

female dog and her offspring in six years can account for 67,000 puppies. One female cat in seven years can account for 420,000 kittens.
“That’s why it’s so important of a community to have an active spay and neuter program and so important for its citizens to participate,” she said.
There will be a reception for Sandy Burns from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Friday, January 27 in Lovett Library. The public is invited to attend.

DC guests

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Curry, and his children. And she babysat her daughter and son-in-law’s 19-month-old son, Aidan.
After the president’s speech, Schultz said she talked to her daughter who described the experience as “awesome.”
“It was a significant thing for her to be able to experience it. She was glad Mrs. Obama could meet Ryan and they had some private time together,” Schultz said.
Schultz said her daughter, who wore a black dress and has long blonde hair, rode in the presidential motorcade from the reception to the speech and sat on a row back behind Michelle Obama.

Supper success

Pancakes— cont. from page 1

goes to the St. Matthew’s Day School Scholarship Program, which provides educational assistance for pre-school and pre-kindergarten students attending the Day School.

The year marked the 53rd year St. Matthew’s held a pancake supper before Lent. The first pancake super was held on Feb. 14, 1956 by St. Margaret’s Guild of St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church.

The pancake supper is intentionally observed on Mardi Gras to partake in “worldly pleasures” before Lent begins today (Feb. 25), Ash Wednesday, according to Rev. Linda Kelly, Rector of St. Matthew’s. The church offers pancakes and bacon because meat, eggs, and butter were once forbidden during Lent.

Sweeping arrests target Mexican drug cartels

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal agents have rounded up more than 700 suspects in a wide-ranging crackdown on Mexican drug cartels operating inside the United States.


A law enforcement official familiar with the sweep said the arrests culminated in a series of Drug Enforcement Administration raids Tuesday night and Wednesday morning around the country. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because authorities were still gathering evidence.

The operation has led to the arrests of 751 individuals and the seizure of \$59 million in suspected criminal proceeds, the official said, though it was not immediately clear how many of the arrests came in the overnight raids.

Attorney General Eric Holder plans to announce results of the crackdown at an afternoon news conference in Washington.

Kidnappings, killings and other violence related to the cross-border drug trade have escalated as heavily armed gangs battle for turf on the doorstep of the U.S. narcotics market.

Reception for Sandy Burns



The public is invited to the Lovett Library from 2 - 4 p.m. Friday to wish Sandy farewell and good luck!

Lawmakers push casino legislation

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Some Texas lawmakers are trying again to establish Las Vegas-style casinos in Texas, and they say now is the time to do it because the state needs the money.
Sens. Rodney Ellis, a Houston Democrat, and John Carona, a Dallas Republican, unveiled their casino legislation Tuesday and said that Texans are gambling, but they’re going to out-of-state casinos to do it. They said the state of Texas should get a take of that action through casinos’ tax revenue and jobs.

“Texans are already gaming. They’re going to continue to do so. I say let’s regulate it and let’s tax it and let’s use the money to pay for public schools and highways and other needy programs in the great state of Texas,” Ellis said. He noted that the state has a lottery and pari-mutuel wagering at horse and dog tracks. He said Texans gamble via the Internet and on eight-liner machines.

The proposal calls for up to 12 “destination resort” casinos, meaning they would be major real estate

developments that would include retail and other entertainment, Carona said. At least one casino could open in Galveston, which is struggling to revive its economy after Hurricane Ike. The measure also would allow slot machines at existing horse and dog race tracks and casino gambling on Texas Indian reservations.

The two senators pushed a similar bill last time, but it failed. Baptists and social conservatives who oppose gambling are vowing to fight the proposal again. And some out-of-state casino interests aren’t excited about seeing competing gambling operations getting going in Texas, especially with the slumping economy. There’s also a rift developing between casino and race track interests.

Though House Speaker Joe Straus, whose family has interests in horse racing, has said he’ll stay out of gambling legislation, two of his close allies — House Appropriations Chairman Jim Pitts, a Waxahachie Republican, and Rep. Jose Menendez, a San Antonio Democrat —

are backing the casino bill. Republican Gov. Rick Perry has said he doesn’t want to expand the “footprint” of gambling in the state, but he has stopped short of saying he would veto any gambling legislation. The governor can allow legislation to become law without his signature, and proposed constitutional amendments go straight to Texas voters, not the governor’s desk.

Casino proponents say they would produce \$3 billion to \$4.5 billion per year in state and local tax money, with \$1 billion of that constitutionally dedicated to paying for college tuition and \$1 billion for highway construction. They contend the casinos would directly create as many as 118,000 new jobs and thousands more supporting jobs and bring \$14 billion to \$19 billion in economic activity from tourism each year.

Though some casinos in other states are seeing a downturn during the recession, Ellis, Carona and Menendez said at a news conference that doesn’t mean Texas should stay away from the casino

industry. They said it takes time to develop casinos and that legislation passed this session would allow the gambling businesses to open a couple of years from now.

Tommy Azopardi, executive director for Texas for Economic Development, which favors allowing slot machines at race tracks and contends they would generate about \$1 billion per year for the state, said it doesn’t oppose legalization of casinos as long as race tracks get “full parity.”
“Anything less will cause more harm to a horse industry that is already at a competitive disadvantage to our surrounding states,” Azopardi said in a prepared statement. He said the casino legislation filed Tuesday would create a disparate tax rate between casinos and tracks and would not allow the tracks to have the same games as casinos.

Both sides have put forth polls that they say show voter support for their positions.

The Senate casino gambling bills are SB 1084 and SJR 31.

San Antonio paper to cut workforce

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Express-News announced Wednesday it will cut its staff by 15 percent and leave dozens of jobs unfilled as the newspaper battles the slump that has pummeled it and other dailies across the country.

Wage and hiring freezes, buyouts and smaller job cuts have not been enough to offset the continuing revenue shortfall at the Hearst Corp.-owned newspaper, said Publisher Thomas Stephenson. The newspaper will eliminate 135 jobs and leave 30 open positions unfilled.
A total of 75 of those

positions will be from the newsroom, said Editor Robert Rivard in an e-mail to the staff. The final day for those whose jobs are eliminated will be March 20.

“Incremental staff and budget cuts, we are sorry to say, have proven inadequate amid changing social and market forces now compounded by this deepening recession,” Rivard said to the staff. “We are undergoing a fundamental and painful restructuring of the newsroom staff. We will have fewer departments and few managers, and yes, fewer of every class of journalist.”

In addition to the job cuts, the Express-News will make changes to its press runs, move all downtown San Antonio employees to its headquarters near the Alamo and make changes to its health and benefits packages in attempt to reduce costs, Stephenson said.

Paid circulation at the newspaper has fallen slightly, to a Sunday average of 302,720, but like everywhere else in the country, advertising for cars, real estate and jobs has been battered by the recession, Stephenson said.

The announcement at the



Express-News came the day after the publisher of the Hearst-owned San Francisco Chronicle told staff that if the newspaper can’t dramatically reduce spending in the next few weeks, Hearst will close or sell the newspaper, the largest daily in northern California.

Rivard reassured Express-News staff members in his e-mail that he and the newspaper’s management intend to “get through these difficult days and work to remain an indispensable source of news and information through the recession and beyond.”

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2009. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

On this date:

In 1779, a militia led by George Rogers Clark routed the British from Fort Sackville in the Revolutionary War Battle of Vincennes in present-day Indiana.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1919, Oregon became the first state to tax gasoline, at one cent per gallon.

In 1964, Cassius Clay

(later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston.

In 1969, NASA launched the Mariner 6 probe on a mission to study Mars.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an

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— Tennessee Williams, American author

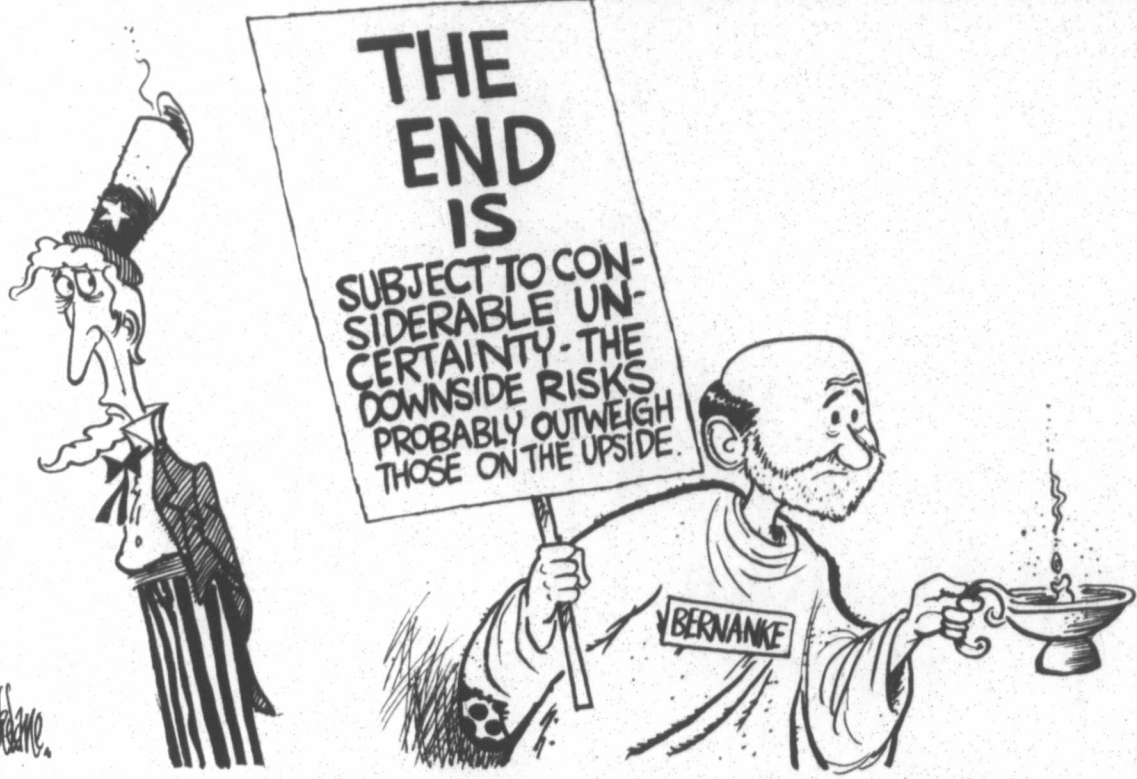
Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

Ten years ago: A jury in Jasper, Texas, sentenced white supremacist John William King to death for chaining James Byrd Jr., a black man, to a pickup truck and dragging him to his death. Israel's Supreme Court blocked the extradition of American teenager Samuel Sheinbein to the U.S. to face charges stemming from a grisly slaying in Maryland.

Five years ago: The Supreme Court ruled states didn't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry. The Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" opened in the U.S., Canada, Australia and New Zealand on Ash Wednesday.

One year ago: An Associated Press photograph of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama wearing traditional local garb during a visit to Kenya in 2006 began circulating on the Internet.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Ralph Stanley is 82. TV writer-producer Larry Gelbart is 81. Actor Tom Courtenay is 72. CBS newsman Bob Schieffer is 72. Actress Diane Baker is 71. Actress Karen Grassle is 65. Humorist Jack Handey is 60. Movie director Neil Jordan is 59. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 52. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm) is 50. Actress Veronica Webb is 44. Actor Alexis Denisof is 43. Actress Tea Leoni is 43. Comedian Carrot Top is 42. Actress Lesley Boone is 41. Actor Sean Astin is 38. Singer Daniel Powter is 38. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 36. Rhythm-and-blues singer Justin Jeffre is 36. Rock musician Richard Liles is 36. Actor Anson Mount is 36. Comedian Chelsea Handler is 34. Actress Rashida Jones is 33. Actor Justin Berfield is 23. Actors James and Oliver Phelps ("Harry Potter" movies) are 23. Rock musician Erik Haager (Carolina Liar) is 22.



The towns of Texas

by Rachel Stennett

Last weekend held an abnormal amount of incredible events for me. On Friday, I became an aunt to my brand new niece, Claire Austen Stennett, 6 pounds, 1 ounce. On Saturday, I became an aunt (of sorts) to a new Great Dane puppy that has come to live with me and my cousins. And, to top it off I travelled to McLean for the first time.

While it was hard to overshadow my new niece, who seems to have my nose (really my dad's nose), and the Great Dane puppy Delila, I couldn't ignore the impact that McLean seemed to leave on my wonderful weekend.

Along with many small towns in Texas, I've wondered about McLean before. When I first began working at the paper, I remember spelling McLean "McClane" in one of my first articles. I hadn't heard of a town named McLean, but I had at least heard of people with the last name McClane (Diehard movies one through four specifically). Although the mistake was corrected pre-press, the mistake started a chain reaction of thoughts concerning the names of small towns in Texas.

Maybe it's an outsider thing, but I think even Texas citizens can recognize that the Panhandle has some of the most unique, interesting

town names I have ever heard.

I legally became a Texas citizen last week. After a few too many months, I gained my legal residency by obtaining a license and license plates. What may be considered a small annoyance for others was arguably one of the biggest rites of passage I have ever had. As the months developed, I gained a complex about getting rid of my Colorado plates. Trading them in for Texas plates sort of felt like trading my soul for a Twinkie. I tried to justify keeping my plates for as long as I did by saying that the green and white plates looked better with my car. The truth is though, my Colorado plates are one of the few things that I carry from home with me everywhere ago, along with my cell phone 719 area code. I never plan to part with it. When I drove down Texas streets, the Colorado plates served as justification for bad driving. When I drove in Colorado, I could use my home-plate pride and drive like a maniac because I knew the geography. Now, I'm still a not-so-hot driver without an excuse.

I may have lost my Colorado plates, but I have taken on a new attitude towards Texas. If I am going to live here and call myself a citizen, I am going to try to embrace all things Texas,

including town names.

A very smart Colorado friend of mine who frequently mingles Spanish words with his English diction asked me why Amarillo is not pronounced like the spanish color yellow (Ah-mah-REE-yoh).

I didn't have an answer. Wikipedia states that early residents used the Spanish pronunciation of the word, but within a year it had become the Amarillo we know now. The spanish pronunciation of the word is beautiful, maybe troublesome for those who can't roll r's off their tongue, but beautiful all the same. Why have we adapted Amarillo, with the harsh l's?

Once I started thinking about Amarillo, my head was swarming with thoughts concerning the names of cities in the Panhandle including: Turkey, Goodnight, Skellytown, Shamrock, Miami (pronounced Mi-amuh), Canadian, Phillips, White Deer, or even our dearest Pampa. I started feeling less guilty about spelling McLean incorrectly in those first weeks of working because these names aren't exactly what are expected of normal city names. I know that all the cities have a rich history. Apparently, Pampa is named after the grasslands (pampas) in South America, but some names seem a little



Rachel Stennett

more common than others.

I went to a concert a few weeks ago at Briarwood Full Gospel Church, where the Christian band Tenth Avenue North was performing. Pampan were standing and sitting in every inch of the yellow and green facility, and when the lead singer came on and said "Hello Pampa!" The crowd seemed less than enthusiastic, and all 500 plus people in attendance starting yelling "P-A-M-P-A!" Finally, after a few more mistaken uses of "Pampa," the lead singer got it right. He apologized, but seemed legitimately surprised that our town was named Pampa. Obviously, he hasn't been to the grasslands of South America.

I am content with my Texas license plates and with living in Pampa. On the days where I look at the place where my Colorado plates once rested, and feel a stab of pain in my chest, I will remember that there is a Colorado City, Texas - the perfect middle ground.

Obama address renews audacity to hope

(AP) - President Barack Obama gave America the audacity to hope again.

After describing the U.S. economy in nearly apocalyptic terms for weeks, pushing his \$787 billion stimulus plan through Congress, the president used his address to Congress on Tuesday night to tap the deep well of American optimism - the never-say-die spirit that every president tries to capture in words. And great presidents embody.

"We will rebuild. We will recover, and the United States of America will emerge stronger than before," Obama said, echoing Franklin Delano Roosevelt and Ronald Reagan.

"The answers to our problems don't lie beyond our reach," Obama said. "What is required now is for this country is to pull together, confront boldly the challenges we face, and take responsibility for our future once more."

The themes of responsibility, accountability and, above all, national community rang throughout an address carefully balanced by the gravity of its times. Job losses. Home foreclosures. Credit crisis. Rising health care costs. Declining trust in government. Obama touched all those bases.

"The impact of this recession is real, and it is everywhere," he said.

It seemed that the president might be sticking to the

dour talking points of the stimulus debate, when he warned that failure to pass the legislation would lead to a catastrophe "as deep and dire as any since the Great Depression," one that "we may be unable to reverse."

Fearing (and hearing) the worst, Americans supported Obama's package and lawmakers passed it. But his rhetoric carried a risk.

Former President Bill Clinton complained that the president's words were too much of a downer. The president from Hope, Ark., told the author of "The Audacity of Hope" to get back on message.

"I just want the American people to know that he's confident that we are going to get out of this and he feels good about the long run," Clinton told ABC's "Good Morning America" last Friday.

Obama didn't need Clinton's advice. While his advisers privately criticized Clinton for second-guessing their strategy, Obama said a president must be both a realist and a cheerleader. "I'm constantly trying to thread the needle between sounding alarmist but also letting the American people know the circumstances that we're in," Obama told ABC News on Feb. 10.

Indeed, advisers said at the time that Obama had already written much of his address, and they predicted that it would mark a rhetorical pivot from selling fear to raising hopes.

And that he did.

"You should also know," Obama told millions of viewers Tuesday night, "that the money you've deposited in banks across the country is safe; your insurance is secure; you can rely on the continued operation of our financial system."

He sounded like Roosevelt, who, after closing banks briefly in the first days of his presidency, stoked the embers of American optimism. "Confidence and courage are the essentials of success in carrying out our plan," Roosevelt said. "Let us unite in banishing fear. We have provided the machinery to restore our financial system. It is up to you to support and make it work. It is your problem no less than it is mine. Together we cannot fail."

Like Roosevelt, Obama asked Americans to unite against pessimism. "We are a nation that has seen promise amid peril, and claimed opportunity from ordeal," Obama said. "Now we must be that nation again."

Like Roosevelt, Obama said his government had already provided the machinery to create jobs, improve access to health care, free up credit and help struggling homeowners.

And, like Roosevelt, he challenged Americans to help fix the nation's woes. Obama even challenged his fellow citizens to recognize their role in creating the problem. "People bought

homes they knew they couldn't afford," Obama said, "from banks and lenders who pushed those bad loans anyway."

He was blunt but bullish on America.

"None of this will come without cost, nor will it be easy," he said after spelling out his agenda. "But this is America. We don't do what's easy. We do what is necessary to move this country forward."

In short, he reminded people that America has always seen itself as a "shining city upon a hill," as one of its earliest leaders, John Winthrop, put it. "A metaphor that Ronald Reagan reintroduced effectively in the 1980s.

When he addressed Congress, Reagan liked to pepper the audience with average people who did extraordinary things and epitomized the American spirit. Obama borrowed that device, inviting TySheoma Bethea to join first lady Michelle Obama in the crowd.

Betha is an eighth-grade student who wrote Congress for help in repairing her dilapidated school, telling lawmakers that she and her fellow students will rise above their conditions because, "We are not quitters."

And that was Obama's bottom-line message to a shaken nation. We are not quitters.

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Around town



Cowan, Humphrey Wedding

Racanna Cowan of Pampa, Texas, married Jonathon Humphrey of Pampa, Texas, on November 15, 2008 at the CrossPointe Baptist Church. The couple was married by Charles Lowry of the CrossPointe Baptist Church.

Parents of the bride are Danny and Leanna Cowan of Pampa.

Racanna is a graduate of Pampa High School, class of 2004, and is currently employed with WB Supply Co.

Parents of the groom are Kenneth and Alisa Humphrey of Pampa.

Jonathon is a graduate of Pampa High School, also class of 2004, and is currently employed with ERF Internet Services.

Maid of honor was Teddi Cowan of Pampa, and bridesmaids included Nicole Dowdy, Rachal Nunn, Kendra Perez, and Jessica Cowan, all of Pampa, and Bonnie Schiffman of Amarillo, Texas.

Best man was Jaime Chavez of Pampa, and groomsmen included Joshua Humphrey, Jason Hogue, and Clay Davis, all of Pampa.

Flower girls were Jaci and Lani Sumner of Ramona, Oklahoma. Ringbearer was Cole Odell of Pampa.

Candlelighters were Leanna Cowan and Alisa Humphrey, both of Pampa. Cindy Cowan, of Pampa, and Haley Molor, of Amarillo, registered guests present at the wedding.

Vocalists included Shelby Huff, of White Deer, Texas, and Danny Cowan, of Pampa.

The reception was held in Pamcel Hall, and the honeymoon was in Quartz Mountain in Lake Altus, Oklahoma.



Resident of the Month

Judy Wood is a resident of the month for February. She used to be a cook at the Black Gold Cafe, around 5 years. She used to enjoy going around town to Granny's Resteraunt in her motorized wheelchair and to have breakfast and drink coffee. She enjoys being around people. She actively participates in Senior Fitness, horse-shoes, ring and ball toss, basketball, tennis ball game, Bible study, church services, Bingo, Resident Council, and social events at Coronado Healthcare Center.

WELCOME



Ava Rain Baker

Ava Rain Baker was born January 2, 2009 to Aaron and Annie Baker. She was welcomed by siblings Beau and Logan Baker. Her grandparents are Cary and Myra Carlisle, and Tom and Sue Baker. At birth, Ava weighed 8 pounds 7 ounces and was 20 and 1/2 inches long.

ART SCENE



Carol Dunham recently presented a program to the Pampa Art Club on the mixing of water-colors. There were 16 members present. She also demonstrated the use of colors in painting with acrylics. Carol is a member of the Pampa Art Club and often helps new artists work through problems.



Norma Hinkle, a Pampa Art Club member, is shown with one of her paintings at the recent Small Works Invitational held at The Art Center in Dumas, Texas. Norma exhibited three of her paintings. The exhibition will continue through march 27, 2009.

KING AND QUEEN



The King and Queen of the Valentines Day party at Coronado Healthcare Center were Mary Wariner and Frank Slazenski.

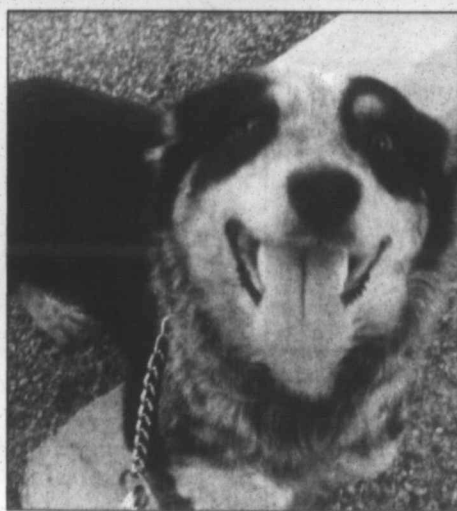
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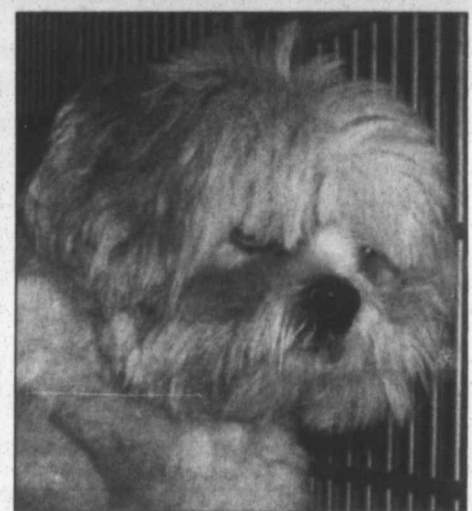
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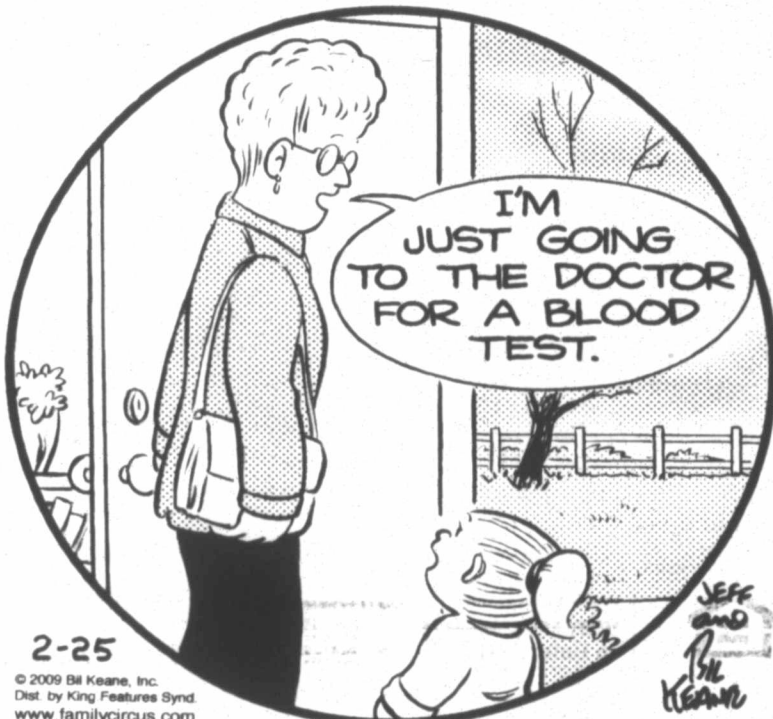
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"Oh! I hope you studied for it, Grandma."

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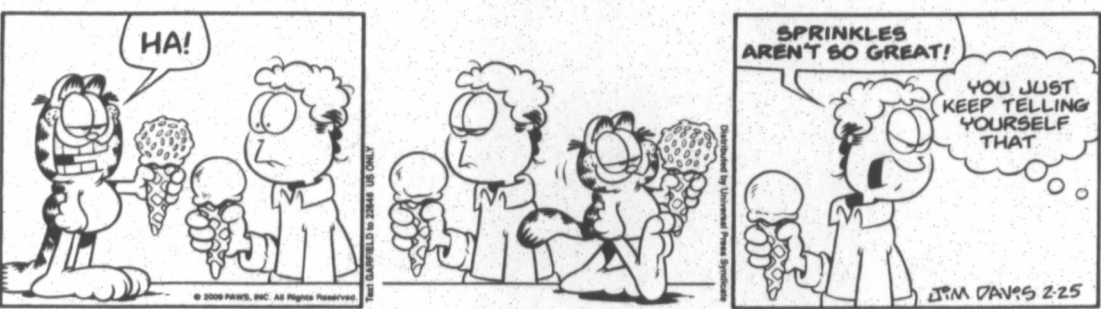
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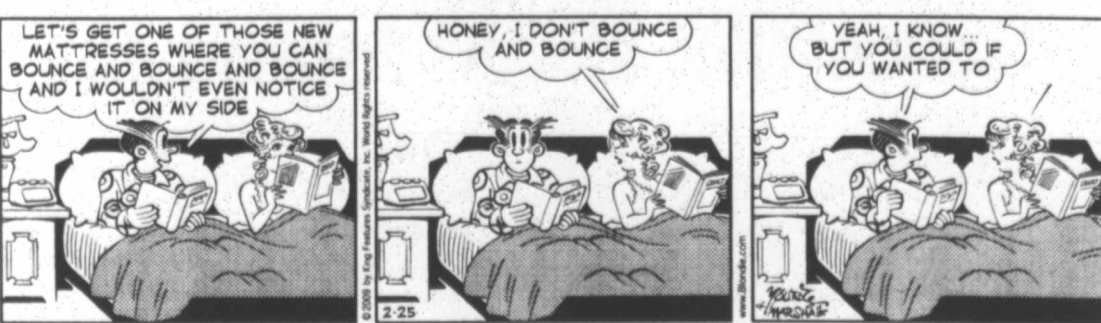
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Warren," and I are happily married. We love each other. We are both hardworking career professionals and have raised our family. We have always been faithful to each other.

Warren is very open with his emotions and often tells me how much he loves me. He is also very passionate during our intimate moments. The problem is, he expects me to act the same way — which I can't. Although I love my husband and always will, I do not feel comfortable expressing myself the way he does during our lovemaking. I am content to just "get it over with" while he yearns for the kissing, hugging and talk.

Despite an active sex life with Warren, he has told me many times he wishes I were more expressive and open with my feelings. I respond by telling him, "I am who I am." He is not happy that I refuse to change.

Warren is a wonderful

man. Other women probably would have no problem giving him what he wants, but we are not compatible this way. I have never spoken to anyone else about this, and I'm wondering what you think. — CONFUSED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR CONFUSED: I think it's time you consider the fact that by "refusing" to change, you have limited some interesting and rewarding possibilities in your marriage. One important aspect of "performance" is receiving feedback, as anyone in the arts can attest. Lovemaking is an art, and partners need to know when they, too, are doing something right.

I wish you would have this discussion with a therapist who specializes in sexual issues. Perhaps the person can help you more effectively communicate. If you make the effort, you'll have a happier husband, and a more satisfying marriage will follow.

DEAR ABBY: My best

friend from childhood, "Ethan," whom I have known for 25 years, is being married. I'm a girl, and my parents weren't thrilled that my best friend was a guy, but they eventually accepted him as part of the family.

Ethan and I were very close. It hurt that we were separated by quite a distance during college and afterward. But we have always maintained an active e-mail correspondence.

During the last two years I have hardly heard from him, and he has ignored several attempts I have made at getting together. We now live only a couple of hours apart, and I often visit his city to see relatives.

I thought maybe we had just grown apart, but two weeks ago I received an invitation to Ethan's wedding. I had no idea he was even engaged! I was thrilled to hear from him and happy for him. I e-mailed him three times but

received no response. Instead, Ethan's brother responded.

Is it expecting too much for him to respond personally? I miss him terribly and I'd love to go, but I'm feeling like he doesn't care. I met Ethan's girlfriend years ago, and she was very sweet. I don't think jealousy plays a part in this. — MISSING MY FRIEND

DEAR MISSING: Time and distance can sometimes change some people. It shouldn't be this difficult to maintain a friendship. The reason Ethan communicated with you through his brother instead of directly is because he wanted a buffer — but it sends a message.

If I were you, I would send my regrets to the wedding invitation and move on. I'm sorry to be the bearer of sad tidings, but from where I sit, it appears your childhood friendship has run its course.

Sudoku

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Sports

PHS drops a close game to Cougars



Harvester Blake Sieck, 12, takes the ball away from an Abilene Cooper player during Tuesday night's bi-district game in Levelland.

staff photo by David Bowser

by David Bowser

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LEVELLAND — It was a bad day at the free throw line as the Pampa Harvesters dropped their game to the Abilene Cooper Cougars in bi-district play to end the season.

The Harvesters hit about 43 percent of their shots from the foul line compared to almost 70 percent by the Cougars.

With a tied ball game for most of the first quarter, the Cougars took the slimmest of leads, 14-13, at the end of the first period. They expanded it in the second quarter to lead 29-26 at the half.

Putting 17 more points on the scoreboard to the Harvesters five, the Cougars led 46-33 at the end of the third period of play.

The Harvesters mounted a 31 point rally in the final quarter, out scoring the Cougars' 23 points in the fourth quarter, but time ran out with the scoreboard in the Texas Dome of South Plains College here reading 69-64 in favor of Abilene Cooper.

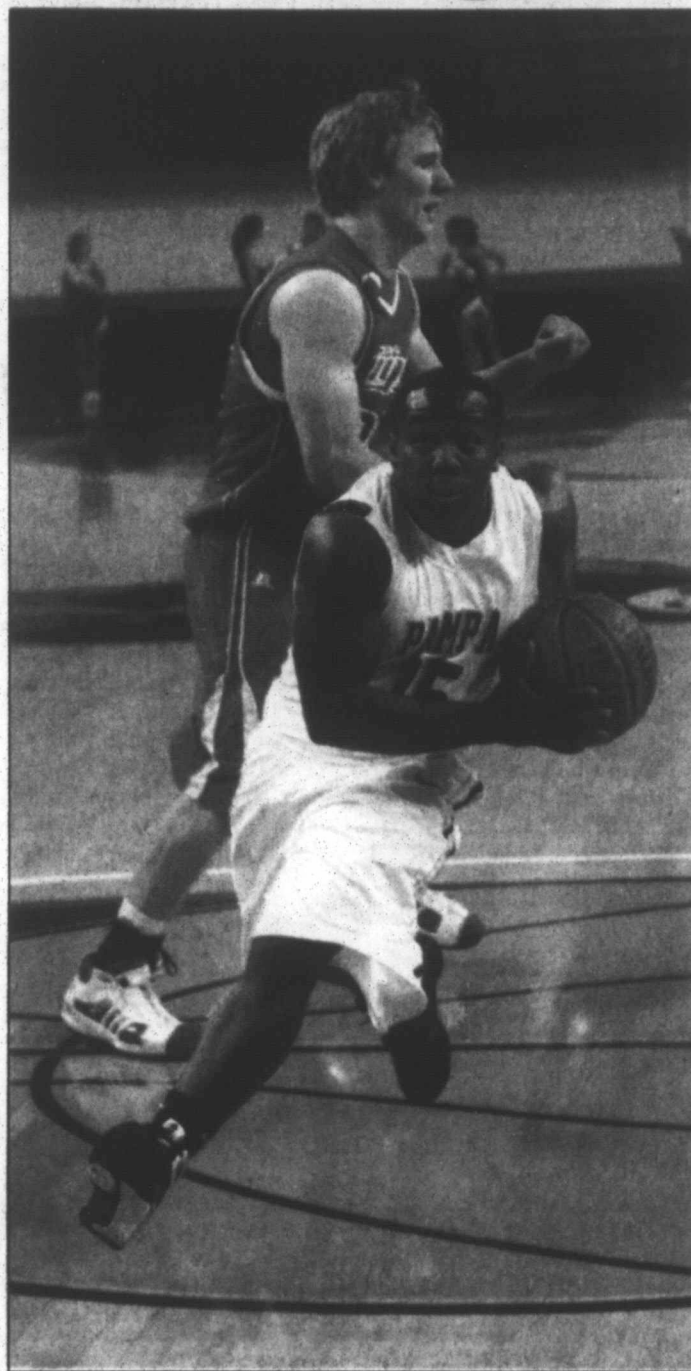
Alex Clendening was the high point man for both teams with 22 points by the end of the night.

Clendening dropped in three two point baskets in the first quarter and was one for one from the foul line. In the second period of play, he hit two three-point baskets and was two for two from the foul line. He had one three pointer in the third period and one two point basket in the fourth. He was zero for two from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

Heath Skinner had 14 points for the night. He was two for two from the free throw line in the first quarter, but zero for one in the second. He hit a basket for two points in the third period and exploded in the fourth with three two pointers and a three point basket but was one for six from the foul line.

Alex Torres scored 11 points for the game. Torres hit a two-point basket in the first quarter, a three pointer in the second and two three-point baskets in the fourth.

Hayden Skinner made nine points for the night. He hit a basket for two in the first quarter but went scoreless in the second and third periods. Skinner came back in the final period to sink two two-point baskets. He was two for four from the free throw line in the fourth quarter.



Harvester Cobran Harris, 15, goes in for a lay up during the Pampa-Abilene Cooper game Tuesday night in Levelland. Abilene won 69-64.

staff photo by David Bowser

Traveling Shockers at 2-2 on season

by Chris Engle

The Pampa Shockers fifth grade traveling basketball team kicked off their season with four games in the Kids Incorporated competitive league.

In the first game on Saturday the Shockers were a bit sluggish as they had trouble getting their season started in a 25 to 9 loss to the Amarillo Storm. In the second game on Saturday the shockers dropped a heart breaker to the West Texas Basketball program in overtime by a score of 32 to 28. In that second game the Shockers played much better as a team sending the game into overtime in the last few seconds when Cade Engle found a wide open Zach

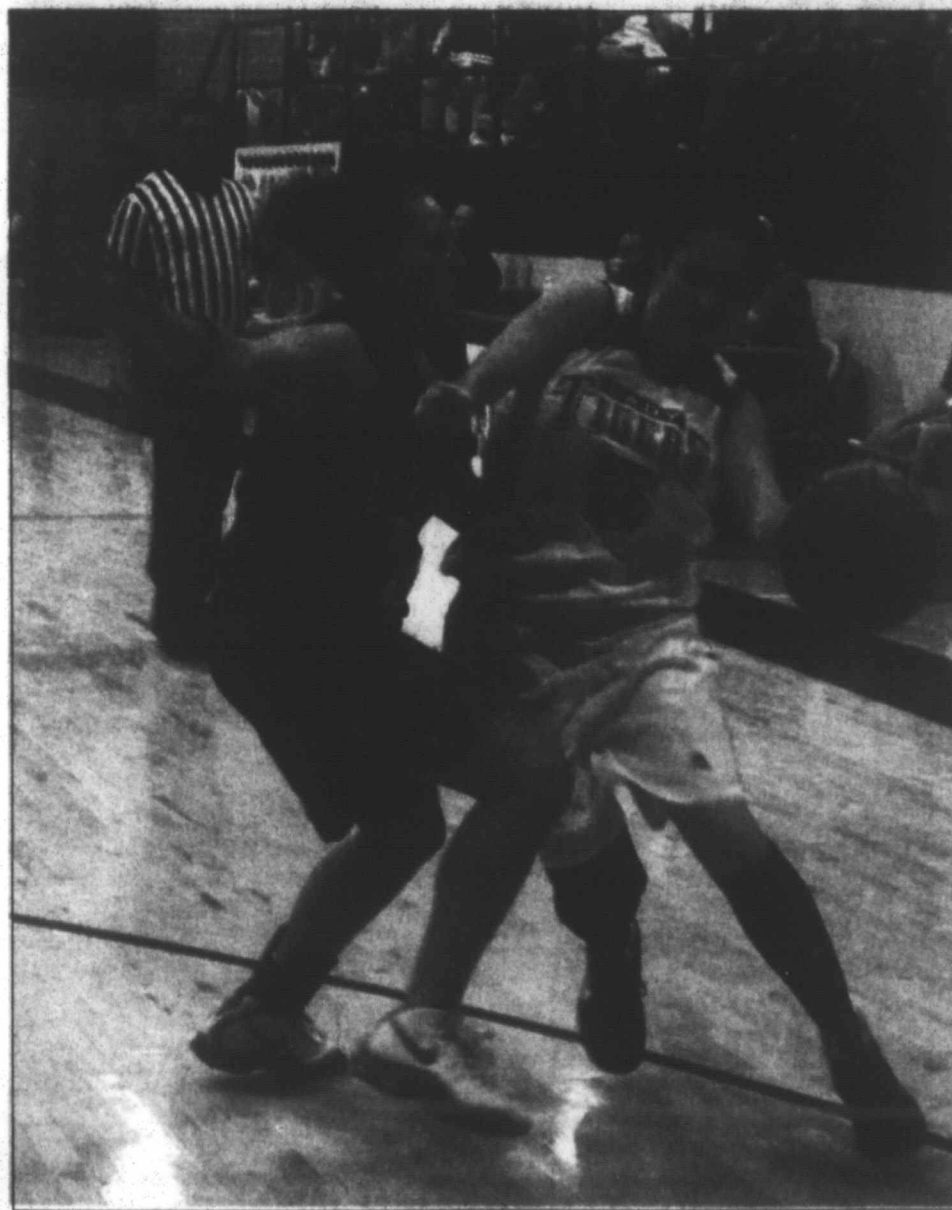
Wilson who made a clutch layup to tie the game with 2 seconds remaining on the game clock. The shockers could not score in ot against WT as it appeared that someone put a lid on the basket sending the shockers home winless on the day with an 0-2 mark to begin the season.

Sunday the Shockers got it together with a couple of exciting wins to even out the win-loss column at 2-2. In the early game the

Shockers defeated the Amarillo Rim Rockers 39 to 29. Zach Wilson and Adam Zuniga dropped in 12 and 10 points respectively while Engle added 7 assists and 4 points. Josh DeLoach came up big on the boards with 9 rebounds, 6 points and 3

assists. Kyndan Lott and Landon Taylor combined for 7 tough points and outstanding defense in shutting down the Rim Rockers big men as Pampa gave up quite a bit of size to Amarillo.

Nathan Furgason had his best game of the weekend playing outstanding defense in the middle of Pampa's Zone. The second game on Sunday once again saw Pampa face a team that was bigger than them but in the end the Shockers proved to have the bigger hearts pulling out a 24 20 victory over the Canyon Eagles. Engle and Zuniga led the Shockers on offense with 11 points and 5 assists respectively.



Sheri Haynes drives against Fort Elliott defenders. Haynes was high-point for the Lady Tigers with 30 points.

submitted by Mike Haynes

Fort Elliott edges McLean

McLean's girls were one basket short of advancing to the regional basketball tournament for the second straight year, falling 64-62 Tuesday night to Fort Elliott in a game at Wheeler.

Sheri Haynes led the Lady Tigers with 30 points, followed by Alexis Menefield with 14. It was the last game for McLean's only senior, DeShae Tolleson.

The Lady Tigers fell behind Fort Elliott at the end of the first quarter, 21-14, before rallying to take a 32-30 halftime lead. McLean retained its two-point

advantage, 49-47, entering the fourth quarter.

Menefield missed a shot with about five seconds left and the Cougars leading 64-62, and Fort Elliott ran out the clock.

The Cougars advance to the regional tournament in Levelland, where they will play Wellman-Union Friday. Stormy Lancaster led Fort Elliott Tuesday with 33 points, followed by Morgan McDowell with 15.



The Lefors K-2nd Grade Little Dribblers Basketball Team went undefeated to win the Little Dribblers Tournament recently held in Lefors. Destroying their opponents thru the bracket only to win a buzzer beater in the finals, the Lefors team gave their fans a big day of entertainment. Kindergarten thru 4th grade boys and girls teams from all over the Panhandle competed to help raise funds for the Lefors Junior- Senior Classes. This annual event attracts people of all ages and the goal is allow young teams to compete and just have fun.

The Lefors team consisted of, Tony Helfer, Zach Robinson, Reilly Czubinski, Dakota Helfer, Garrett Herrera, Jaydin Elkins, and Landon Shouse. The team is Coached by Carrie Lott.

The boys will also compete in Miami Tournament starting March 6th.

