

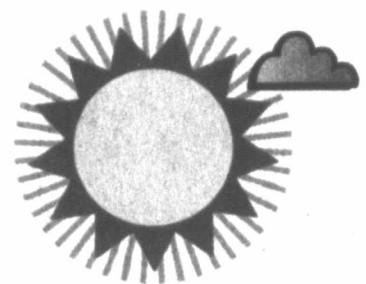
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Deaths

G.F. Baker, Jr., 80, chef, kitchen manager.
 LaVada Joyce Hunter, 74, homeaker.
 James E. Williams, 72, San Antonio resident.

Odds & Ends

DE PERE, Wis. (AP) — For most people, PEZ is just a candy, but Barry Umbs calls his addiction to collecting PEZ dispensers "a bit of an illness."
 Umbs, an engineering manager for Rockwell Automation in Milwaukee, joined some 60 other self-described "PEZheads" at a convention in De Pere on Saturday.
 The man has been a feverish PEZ dispenser collector for the past 15 years, and seeks not only each kind of dispenser, such as ones featuring Bugs Bunny, but the same kind from different countries, with different patent numbers and packaging.
 "It's conceivable I could have nine of this same kind, but each one has something different," he said. "It's the thrill of the hunt that gets me."
 The event, the second held by the Bryan and Tammy Lewis of De Pere, offered PEZheads the chance to buy, sell and swap their dispensers, show off their collections, and share PEZ news.
 They held it in the pool room of their apartment complex.
 The candy dates back to 1927 in Austria, where candymaker Edward Haas made tiny mint blocks for adults as an alternative to smoking.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (AP) — A new county law aims to keep readers from reeking.
 Libraries in San Luis Obispo County have had their own rules banning offensive body odor since 1994, but the policy became law after the Board of Supervisors last month adopted an ordinance that lets authorities kick out malodorous guests.
 Visitors to 14 libraries and a bookmobile also could be asked to leave for fighting, eating, drinking, sleeping, playing games, and printing or viewing illegal materials on library computers.

City/school races begin to take shape

Three file for mayor, Place 1 on Pampa school board has two candidates

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Monty Danner and Paulette Hinkle have tossed their hats in the ring to challenge incumbent Lonny Robbins in a three-way race for the office of Mayor of Pampa.
 Danner filed as a candidate on

Feb. 22, and Hinkle filed March 4. Today is the last day for candidates in city and school district elections to file.

Robert Dixon, incumbent Ward 3 city commissioner, is the only city candidate remaining unopposed in his race.
 Jeff McCormick, incumbent Ward

1 city commissioner, is being challenged by Brad Pingel.

Derrell DeLoach is the newest addition to the slate of candidates for three trustee places up for election on Pampa Independent School District's Board of Trustees.

DeLoach filed this morning for Place 1, challenging incumbent can-

didate John Curry.

Lance DeFever is running unopposed for re-election to the Place 2 position. Kenneth Cargill is unopposed for Place 3, currently held by Jay Johnson, who has not filed for re-election as of press time today.

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PPD's reserve officer group on city agenda

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department is eliminating their reserve force and establishing a supplemental force.

At their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday afternoon, the Pampa City Commission will consider repealing a resolution adopted in 1998, establishing a Pampa Police Department Reserve Force.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said this is part of a move to update wording of the city's reserve officer program in order to comply with state law and the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education guidelines.

The city commission will then consider a new resolution establishing a Supplemental Police Force.

Pitner said this would allow the police department to hire non-paid and part-time paid peace officers.

The city commission is

also expected to declare a 1997 eight-foot pull broom surplus property and putting it up for sale. The city has replaced the equipment with a used mechanical broom, according to Kim Lincycomb with the public works department.

In other business, the commission will consider a bid of \$100 for tax delinquent property at 737 Roberta. The bid was submitted by Doug Brown of Borger.

The commission is also expected to consider upgrading a six-inch proposed water line to 10 inches between 23rd and Price Road to Lea Street.

Richard Morris, director of public works, said the upgrade will cost \$17,288.50. Hickerson Plumbing has the low bid.

The commission will also consider the purchase of a compactor from BuyBoard Purchasing Cooperative.

The commission meets at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the City Commission Chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

Girl bitten on hands; large mastiff sought

Pampa Animal Control officers today continue to search for a large English mastiff that bit a young girl Sunday afternoon.

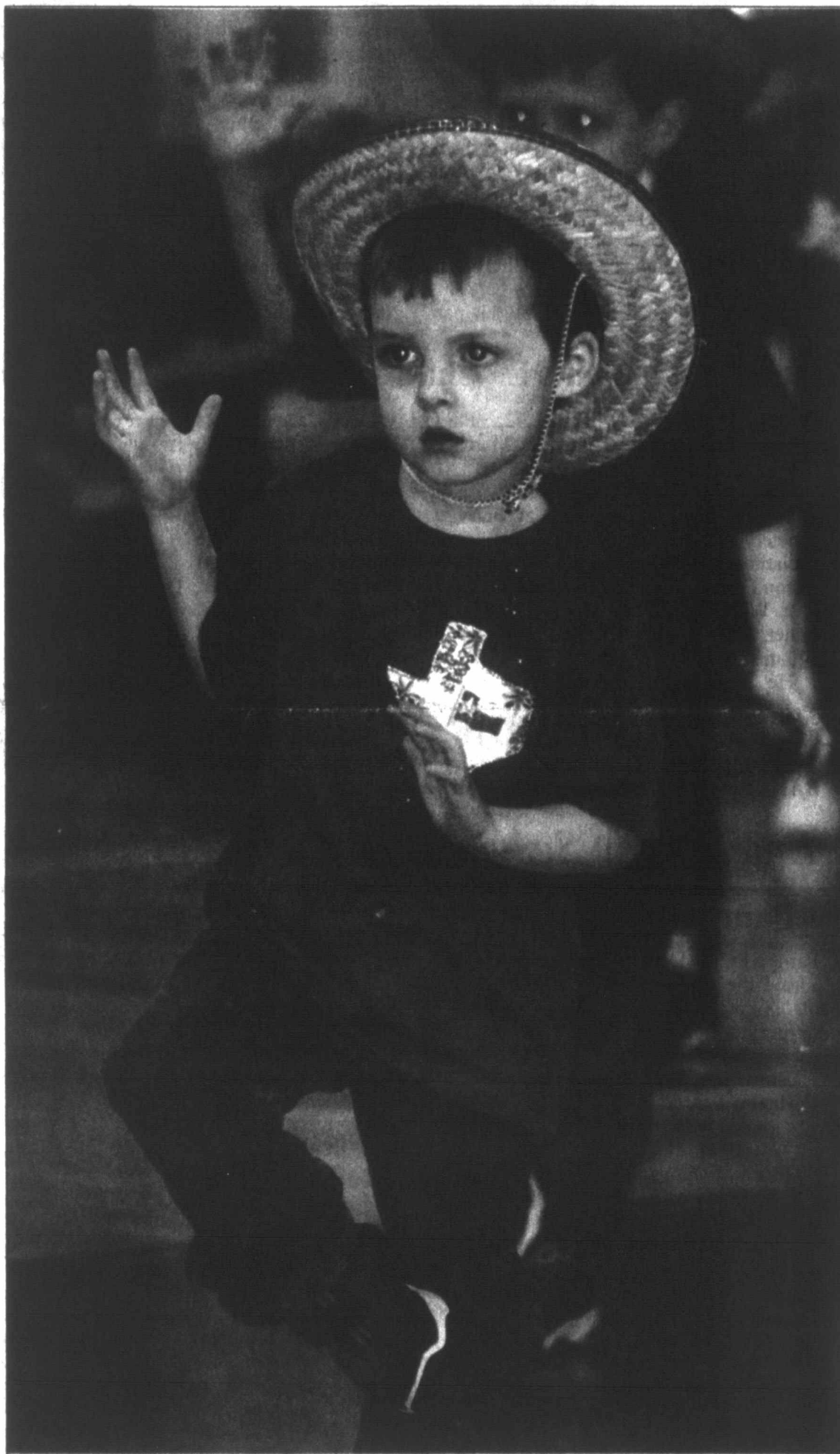
If the animal is not found soon, the child must undergo a series of painful rabies shots.

Officers described the dog is male, tan in color with a black muzzle and weighing approximately 140 pounds. The dog bite occurred in the east part of Pampa, but the dog may be headed to the north part of town.

The nine-year-old girl received bite wounds to both her hands Sunday afternoon in the 400 block of Carr, said Officer Monty Montgomery.

Anyone with information concerning the dog can contact Animal Control at 669-5706.

— Dee Dee Laramore, editor



A Texas cactus

Matthew Winton, a kindergartner at Travis Elementary and son of Gary and Sheila Winton, pretends to be a cactus in the Texas Public School Week program "They Call It Texas." The students performed the program for their parents who then were asked to stay and share lunch with them in the school cafeteria.

White House rejects suggestion U.S. forces targeted journalist

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Monday said it was "absurd" for a former hostage in Iraq to charge that U.S. military forces may have deliberately targeted her car as she was being rushed to freedom.

White House press secretary Scott McClellan said the car carrying Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena was traveling on one of the most dangerous roads in Iraq, to the Baghdad airport, when it was fired upon. An Italian

intelligence officer in the car was shot and killed.

Responding to Sgrena's statement that the car may have been deliberately targeted, McClellan said. "It's absurd to make any such suggestion, that our men and women in uniform would target individual citizens.

"That's just absurd," McClellan repeated.

He said the airport road "has been a place where suicide car bombers have launched attacks. It's been a

place where regime elements have fired upon coalition forces. It is a dangerous road and it is a combat zone that our coalition forces are in. Oftentimes, they have to make split second decisions to protect their own security."

"And we regret this incident," McClellan added. "We are going to fully investigate what exactly occurred."

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Meeting Notice

Lefors school board to meet Tuesday

LEFORS — Lefors Independent School District's school board will meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 in the high school library, 209 5th Street.

An election judge and absentee election judge for the May 7 election will be appointed.

A report and petitions concerning new discipline policies and personnel will be presented. Kathy Tinney is scheduled to present concerns over the boys' hair code.

Maxine Vaid is scheduled to speak on community support for the school superintendent. The 2005-2006 calendar will be considered for approval.

Board members will consider hiring the firm of Henslee, Fowler, Hepworth & Schwartz. They will consult the school's attorney on Gov. Code 551.071.

Action on the superintendent's contract and directives to the superintendent are also on the agenda, along with the superintendent's report.

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Obituaries

G.F. "Bake" Baker, Jr., 80

G.F. "Bake" Baker, Jr., 80, of Pampa died Friday, March 4, 2005, in Pampa. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 8, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will follow in Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy of U.S. Army personnel from Fort Hood. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



BAKER

Mr. Baker was born on Aug. 22, 1924, at Charlie, Texas, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1949. He married Rose Catherine "Kitty" Yeilding on March 26, 1946. He was a chef and kitchen manager for the Pampa Club and the Pampa Country Club from 1959 until his retirement in 1992. Mr. Baker served in the U.S. Army with 977th Antiaircraft Battalion from 1943 to 1946. He was awarded the Victory Medal,

the American Theater Medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Camp Medal. He was a member of the Pampa VFW Post. He was an avid history buff and enjoyed watching sports and playing dominoes.

Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Kitty Baker of the Home; four sons, Barney G. Baker and wife Rose of Pensacola, Fla., James F. Baker and wife Donna of Amarillo, Walter H. Baker of Van and William E. Baker of Pampa; a daughter, Patti Stewart and husband Nick of Hays, Kan.; a brother, Arthur Baker and wife Neva of Visalia, Calif.; six grandchildren, Michael Baker of Amarillo, Cathy McCausland of Middletown, Ohio, Tina Baker of Pensacola, Fla., Jeremy Baker of White Deer and Chris Stilwell and Andrew Baker, both of Pampa; three great-grandchildren, Zachery Baker and Sean Baker, both of White Deer, and Jack McCausland of Middletown, Ohio.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 7, at the funeral home.

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

LaVada Joyce Hunter, 74

Joyce Hunter was born Sept. 28, 1930, to Goldie Mae (McVicker) and Douglas Smith in Medicine Lodge, Kan., leaving this world on March 5, 2005. Joyce spent her childhood in Medicine Lodge area, attending school there. She later married Barger Hunter. They raised three children in the Pratt, Kan., area before moving to Pampa, Texas, in 1968.

Joyce was a great mother and grandmother. She will be greatly missed. She was a member of Highland Baptist Church in Pampa.

Joyce was preceded in death by her parents and a step-father, Wright West; three brothers, Warren, Doug and Eldon Smith and one grandson, Jamie Hamon.

She is survived by her loving-devoted husband of 50-plus years Barger Hunter of the home; a son and wife, Robert and Dianne Hunter of Morris, Okla.; two daughters and husbands, Christy and Ed Robinson and Susie and Kenneth Hamon, all of Pampa, Texas; seven grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Services were to be Tuesday, March 8, 2005, in Medicine Lodge, Kan.

James E. 'Chuck' Williams, 72

James E. "Chuck" Williams, 72, of San Antonio passed away Thursday, March 5, 2005.

Graveside services are to be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with Rev. Scott Penrod officiating. Arrangements are by Gilliland-Watson Funeral Home of Hereford.

Mr. Williams was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Threatt, and a son, Jack Williams.

He is survived by his wife Pamela

Williams, a son, James Ewing Williams IV; five step-children, Sandra Hamilton, Bridget Sprague, Mark Boland, Steve Boland and Stuart Boland; his sister, Marguerite Jolly and husband, Bill; and numerous grandchildren and nieces.



WILLIAMS

Services tomorrow

BAKER, G.F. "Bake" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests for the 48-hour period ending at midnight Sunday night.

Saturday, March 5

Eighteen traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1100 block of Duncan and in the intersection of 25th and Duncan streets.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Francis and Starkweather streets, the 1100 block of Neel Road, and the 1100 block of

Varnon Drive.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner. A bicycle was found.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Telephone harassment was reported twice in the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of Christine and the 400 block of North Wells.

An information report was taken in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Miami and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

Assault was reported at One Medical Plaza, involving a gunshot wound.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner.

Welfare checks were made in the 2100 block of Zimmers and the 1800 block of Coffee.

A business check was made in the 100 block of North Frost. One business alarm and one residential

alarm were reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 1100 block of Varnon Drive.

David Young Sinches, 50, 638 S. Somerville, was arrested in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive for resisting arrest/detention.

Sunday, March 6

Eleven traffic stops were made. A hit and run accident was reported in the 900 block of Twiford. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1500 block of North Faulkner and the intersection of Price and Kentucky streets.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of West Alcock, the 400 block of North Somerville, and the intersection of 22nd and Sumner streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1600 block of Williston and twice

from the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 400 block of North Zimmers, and twice in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen and the 1000 block of East Francis.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 400 block of Perry and the 2800 block of Rosewood.

One open door was reported.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 900 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of Carr.

Domestic assault was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight. Minor injuries were reported.

An animal complaint was received from the 400 block of Carr. A dog bite was reported, with minor injuries.

A narcotic drug law report was received from the intersection of Francis and Warren streets.

Burglary was reported at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart. Cash and consumable goods were taken, for an estimated loss of \$240.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic.

Assault was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis.

Donald Wright, 19, 519 N. Starkweather, was arrested in the 400 block of East Francis on a capias pro fine for speeding.

Kevin Jacoby, 36, 1304 Mary Ellen, was arrested in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen for disorderly con-

duct/noise.

Billy Wayne Morgan, 47, 434 Carr, was arrested in the 400 block of Carr for displaying a fictitious license plate.

Jay Gene Kelly, 40, 723 Scott, was arrested in the 600 block of East Francis for possession of inhalant paraphernalia.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Sunday, Feb. 27

7:59 p.m. — A 2003 Ford Explorer, driven by Curtis Levi Nunn, 17, 1901 N. Dwight, collided with a legally parked 2002 Nissan Maxima, owned by Beverly Ann Owen, 1301 N. Christine, in the 1300 block of North Russell. No injuries were reported. Nunn was cited for unsafe backing.

Friday, March 4

6:09 p.m. — A 1997 Ford F-250, driven by Drake Evan Jackson, 16, 511 Magnolia; a 1997 Ford Expedition, driven by Jose Osval Garcia-Martinez, 40, 515 N. Russell; and a 2001 Ford Escape, driven by Angel Geneva Wheeler, 29, 620 N. Somerville, collided in the intersection of Hobart Street and Perryton Parkway. No injuries were reported. Jackson was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and disregarding a traffic control device.

Saturday, March 5

5:30 a.m. — A 1994 Dodge Intrepid, driven by Joshua Dave Perez, 17, 1106 N. Duncan, collided with a retaining wall in the 1100 block of Duncan. Perez reported possible injury but was not transported by ambulance. Perez was cited for driving while intoxicated

and no valid driver's license.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. North northeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low near 37.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71.

Saturday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 60.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, March 6

Randi Janette Day, 21, Berger, was arrested for theft by check.

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 46, Pampa, was arrested for cutting through a parking lot to avoid a traffic signal, and failure to signal.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 5

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Syria troop to ease

DAMASCUS — Lebanon announced that it will agree to allow a Syrian military unit to be redeployed to Lebanon's eastern border with Syria.

Later, Syria said it was moving east into the region had a military presence.

The announcement was made after a meeting between Syrian and Lebanese officials in Damascus.

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Vatican to return Holy

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II will return to the Holy Land for Palm Sunday, Holy Week leading him up days in the host country to recover from the fatigue of his trip and to regain voice, the Vatican said Monday.

A new medical condition said the 84-year-old pope's condition could improve, but it is not clear if for his discharge from hospital, which was reported Feb. 24 and a month.

However, spokesman Joaquin Vaquero said reports will be back by which falls on the pope's health, although how his recovery in the East will be decided.

Holy Week includes several outdoor Way of the Cross processions at the Vatican and a major Easter Sunday service.

The spokesman said the pope has suffered complications since Rome's Gemelli hospital to insert windpipe, but cautioned John Paul II's health.

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BP PLC ADR	65.68	-0.68
Cabot Corp	35.62	+0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	56.55	-0.51
Coca Cola	43.77	+0.13
VLO	72.63	-1.23
HAL	44.11	-0.69
TRI	43.68	+0.14
NOI	46.88	-0.46
KMI	81.13	+0.08
XCEL	17.89	+0.05
Kerr McGee	80.85	+0.19
XOM	63.26	-0.31
Limited	24.70	+0.25
Williams	19.15	-0.03
MCD	34.27	+0.31
Atmos	28.16	+0.06
Pioneer Nat	43.60	-1.15
JCP	47.52	+0.68
COP	111.55	-0.66
SLB	76.41	-1.59
Tenneco	14.86	NC
CVX	61.36	-0.35
Wal-Mart	53.32	+0.22
ORKE	30.75	+0.20
NS Grp	35.39	+0.06
New York Gold	434.30	
Silver	7.34	
West Texas Crude	53.78	

Syria announces troops to withdraw to east by March 31

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — The presidents of Syria and Lebanon announced Monday that Syrian forces will pull back to Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley by March 31, but a complete troop withdrawal will be deferred until after later negotiations.

Later, Syrian military vehicles and personnel were seen moving east in the first signs of a pullback. Syrian troops in the region had stayed put for days before Monday's movement.

The announcement, made after a meeting between Syrian President Bashar Assad and Lebanese President Emile Lahoud, said Syria's 14,000 troops will pull back from northern and central Lebanon to the east, near Syria's border.

After a negotiated timeframe, Syria and Lebanon are to agree to complete the withdrawal of the remaining forces.

Then, military officials from both countries will decide within a month how many Syrian troops will remain in the Bekaa Valley and how long they will stay there. The soldiers have been in Lebanon for 29 years.

After a negotiated timeframe, the two governments will "agree to complete the withdrawal of the remaining forces," the statement said.

In Beirut, at least 70,000 people — some estimates said the number was at least twice as high — gathered at central Martyrs' Square to demand that Syria leave, much larger than the demonstrations last week that led to the toppling of Lebanon's pro-Syrian government.

The agreement did not set a specific timetable for that complete withdrawal, which could fall short of demands by the United States, Israel, France, Russia and other nations that Syria completely pull its troops from its eastern neighbor.

Vatican expects Pope to return in time for Holy Week events

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II probably will return to the Vatican by Palm Sunday, the start of Holy Week leading to Easter, giving him up to 13 more days in the hospital to fully recover from throat surgery and to regain use of his voice, the Vatican said Monday.

A new medical bulletin said the 84-year-old pontiff's condition continues to improve, but it gave no date for his discharge from the hospital, where he was rushed Feb. 24 with his second breathing crisis in a month.

However, papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told reporters John Paul will be back by Palm Sunday, which falls on March 20, although how he will participate in the Easter rites must still be decided.

Holy Week ceremonies include several Masses, an outdoor Way of the Cross procession at the Colosseum and a major address on Easter Sunday.

The spokesman said the pope has suffered no complications since surgery at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic hospital to insert a tube in his windpipe, but doctors have cautioned John Paul not to

use his voice too much to ensure he makes a complete recovery.

"I think the pope will be here for Holy Week, certainly," Navarro-Valls told reporters.

He said doctors would decide when the tube could be removed.

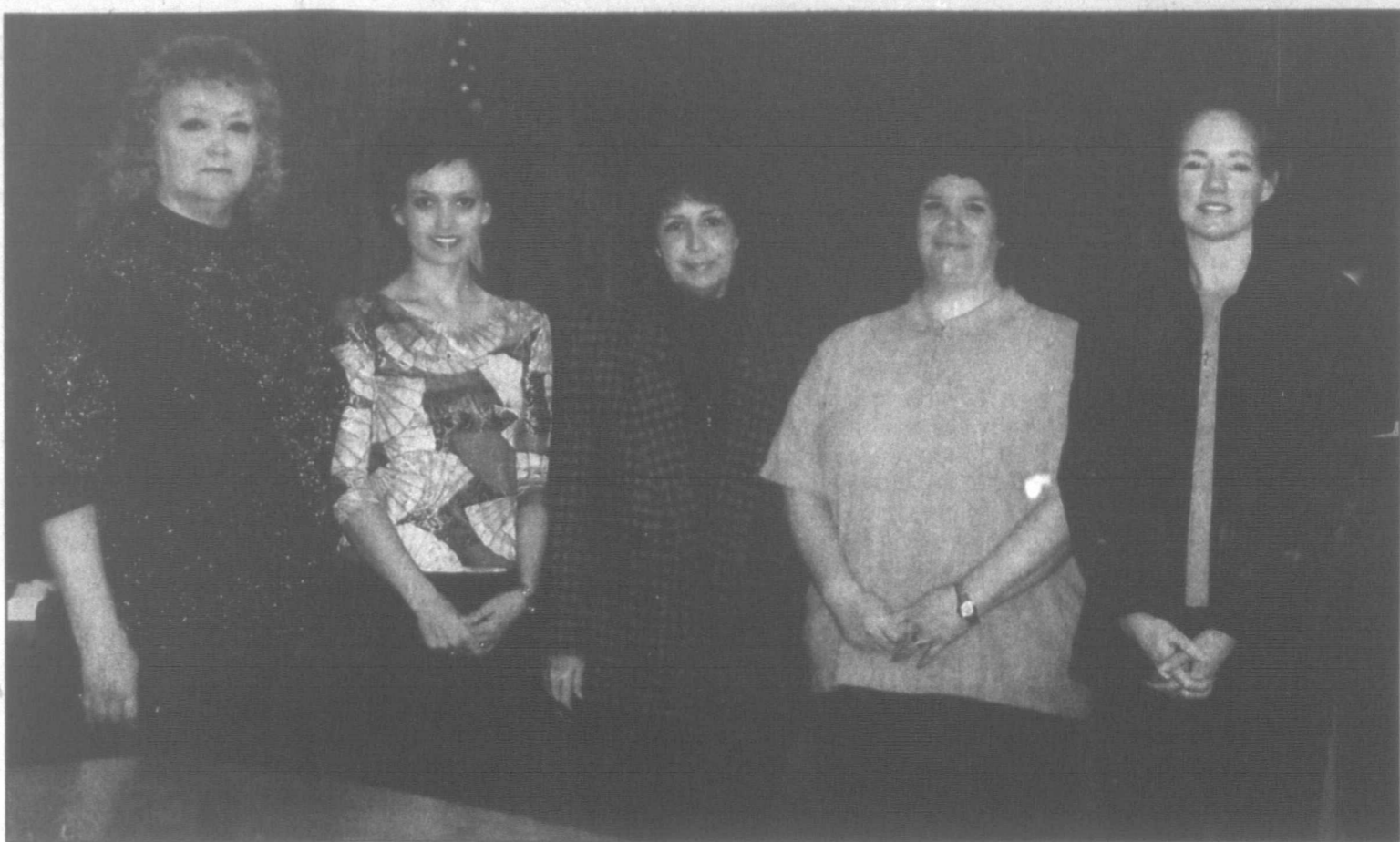
"The general conditions of the Holy Father continue to improve, which allows the pope to spend long periods of the day in an armchair," the Vatican's latest medical bulletin said.

"No complications have arisen because of the tracheotomy surgery. Continual improvement can also be seen in speaking, thanks to the daily rehabilitation," it said.

But the statement added that "doctors have prescribed a prudent limitation in the pope's use of his voice" to help his larynx, or voice box, recover.

The Vatican said it would issue its next health update Thursday.

Roman Catholics worldwide had been eagerly awaiting word on whether the pope was making a strong enough recovery to participate in the run-up to Easter, the most solemn date on the Christian calendar.



New CASA volunteers

Mae Conner, Angie Beyer, Ann Huey, Susie Ferguson, and Carrie Hubbard, from left, are new CASA volunteers who were sworn in recently by Cluster Court Judge Phil Vanderpool.

ACT I sets auditions for musical comedy

ACT I will have auditions for "Coping," a musical comedy directed by Ken Wilson, on Thursday and Friday, March 10 and 11, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, March 12 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the ACT I theatre on the west side of Pampa Mall.

"We will need two men and four women," says Wilson. "They will all need to be both actors and singers. We will also need two keyboardists and any other musicians who might like to be involved in the production."

"Those auditioning will be asked to sing and read from the script. A guitarist will be there for tryouts to

accompany the singers or recorded tapes may be used," he added.

The performances will begin Friday, May 13, and play for at least two weekends with a Sunday matinee.

Wilson teaches English, speech, psychology, and sociology at Clarendon College. Over the last 35 years Ken has been involved with at least 50 plays as director, actor, musician, or various other theatrical duties.

He says he got thoroughly "hooked" on theatre during his years at Angelo State University where he completed a master's degree in English and speech.



Ken Wilson takes ticket money for ACT I's latest production. Wilson is directing the musical comedy "Coping."

Election

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Early voting in the city and school board elections will be April 20 through May 3.

Early voting in the city election will be 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in Room 205 of City Hall.

Early voters in the school board election may cast their

ballots at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Applications for mail-in ballots may be mailed to Phyllis Jeffers, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, 79065. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. April 29.

Election Day is Saturday, May 7. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, for both elections.

Hostage

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Bush called Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi last Friday to apologize and to promise a full investigation.

In Rome, hundreds of people packed a church on Monday to pay their last respects to the slain intelligence officer, Nicola Calipari.

Sgrena, the ex-hostage whose life Calipari save,

said it was possible they were targeted deliberately because the United States opposes Italy's policy of negotiating with kidnapers.

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Record

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Sunday, March 6

2:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a possible release of propane gas in the 1300 block of Plum. The call was canceled before arrival.

Monday, March 7

6:40 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of North Somerville.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Ambulance reported the following calls today.

Thursday, March 3

10:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Loop 171 and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
5:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU

unit responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Baptist St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo.

10:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC to transport one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Friday, March 4

7:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of North Wells and transported one patient to PRMC.

5:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Nelson and transported one patient to PRMC.

11:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to BSA in Amarillo.

Saturday, March 5

4:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Garland and transported one patient to PRMC.

5:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400

block of Duncan and transported one patient to PRMC.

1:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Bond and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Nwth in Amarillo.

Sunday, March 6

7:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Viewpoints

An important dilemma: Cookies, but no milk

I'm having a problem here. I have cookies but no milk.

There is a certain symmetry to the universe, a certain matching without which the stars will lose their position, the planets will spin out of their orbits, and galaxies will collide.

One can drink coffee with almost any type of pastry. Coffee and donuts. Coffee and cinnamon rolls. Coffee and cake or pie.

In a pinch, I suppose you could drink coffee with cookies, but cookies are special. They really call for milk.

Now you can eat Soft Batch cookies, the soft, chewy kind, by dipping them in whipped cream. In this

day of convenience, Cool Whipped works almost as well. But you really need milk to go with that as well. The whipped cream is good, but it doesn't substitute for milk. Besides, I don't have any whipped cream.

I have Oreos, which definitely call for milk. Whether you dunk or not, whether you disassemble the Oreo first and lick the frosting or eat it whole, it's definitely a cookie that is meant to be served with milk.

Some cookies, like ginger snaps, can be eaten with hot tea but only on cold days. You can always eat them with milk.

The problem is I'm sitting here at my computer, and I have no milk.

As we all know, you can't sit at a computer without something to munch on. It's like watching television. It works better if there are munchies.

As an aside, I'll have to admit that I've moved beyond munchies when it comes to computers. I'm up to having full meals with several courses.

Naturally, it helps if the courses are finger food, say sandwiches or fried chicken.

I went on a barbecue rib kick last year. That ended when I was cleaning up

some photos to send into the paper.

I was working in Photoshop, resizing the pictures and formatting them to be emailed when I noticed several pieces of lint in the sky of one of them.

Back when we were using film, it would have been a simply matter to dust off the negative and reprint the photo or, using spotting colors, fill in the tiny white speck on the print.

In the age of digital photography and with computer programs like Photoshop, all

it requires is a couple of clicks of the mouse and the little pieces of lint that stick to the magic data chip in the camera are removed.

The day I changed my eating habits, I clicked on a squiggly form on my computer screen and made it go away. Then I removed another in a similar manner. The third one, however, refused to go away.

I clicked. Nothing happened. I clicked again. Still nothing.

After pounding on the key, I took a closer look at the small speck in the sky of my photo.

It turned out to be barbecue sauce on the computer screen.

No more ribs.

Fried chicken, I have found, adds a certain amount of grease to the keyboard, making it slippery and difficult to type. Cookies by far are better...except when you don't have milk.

Now I do have some peanuts. Peanuts are good, and they don't require milk. Indeed, one should never eat peanuts with milk.

Peanuts go well with beer, but that usually makes for a short workday. Peanuts and beer are best left to week-ends with playoff games.

Not being a big beer drinker, I usually have peanuts with coke. Now I say coke in lower case because it depends upon

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David Bowser
Staff Writer



Today in History

Today is Monday, March 7, the 66th day of 2005. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Forty years ago, on March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troops and a sheriff's posse.

On this date:

In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

Our readers write

Maturity has its rewards

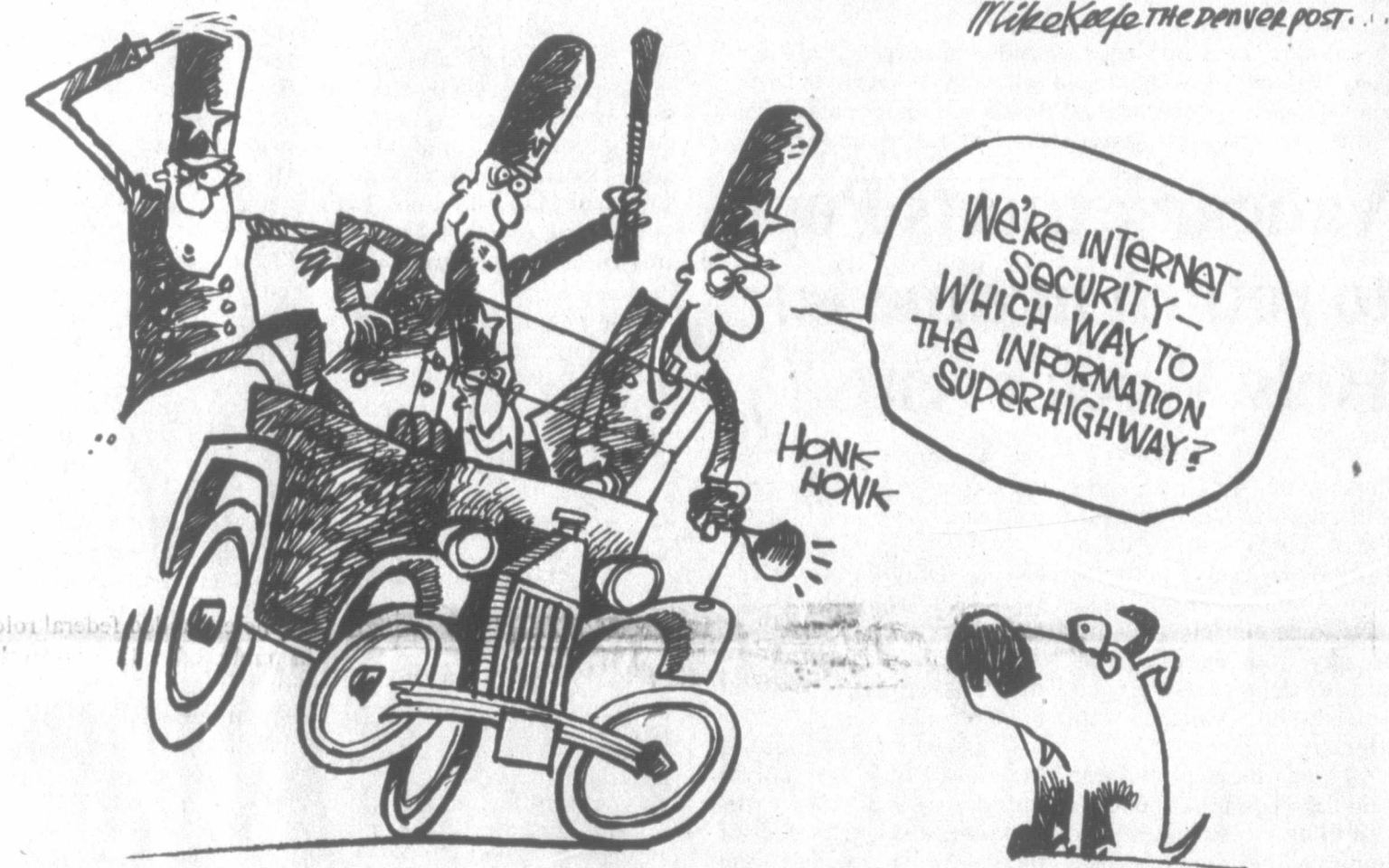
It begins in your middle 60s. You begin to fade. Gradually, people look through you, not at you. They carry on conversations around you as if you weren't there. When you express an opinion you are ignored.

As you reach 70, lawyers refuse to hear your personal injury complaints because your life expectancy is short and they can't make a big fee from your case. Even caring medical professionals find it hard to differentiate between new ailments and the natural signs of aging. No one is interested in what you have seen, where you have been, or what, if any,

your future plans and dreams might be.

Conversely, through the years you realize what is, and what is not, important. You begin to rid yourself of the things that have tied you down. You know that you don't need a fancy car or big house to make you happy. You give things away with pleasure. Being debt-free means so much more than exterior trappings. Find people you can depend on, through your church or social life, takes on new importance. The fighters among us refuse to be intimidated. We fight back with merchants and trades people who think we don't know when we are being cheated. We sometimes accept slop-

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Nature does makes a difference

The president of Harvard, Larry Summers, upset the feminists by suggesting that there might be some biological reason why more men than women occupy the top positions in science and mathematics.

Oh, how the feminists howled, joined by their eunuchs. This was a sacrilege against the concept of gender equality. It is also an excellent opportunity for a little lesson in general semantics.

"Gender equality" is a political term. It has nothing to do with reality. Whether or not there are some biological differences that affect

abilities in math and science is a scientific question. It can be answered by tests and experiments. Certainly there are plenty of physical differences between males and females, including how their brains work.

What the storm at Harvard is all about is just the latest manifestation of one of liberalism's oldest axioms, which is grounded in another political concept: equality. That, too, has nothing to do with reali-

ty. Liberals have always refused to admit that human differences are biological and therefore not subject to manipulation. They have always argued that whatever significant differences are measurable are due solely to societal influences. In short, it's nurture, not nature, that makes the difference.

I've always thought that this was nonsense. What made Shaquille O'Neal grow to his great height? It

certainly was not diet and exercise. It was genes. I got an excellent diet and plenty of exercise as a kid, but I stopped growing well short of 7 feet. Again, it was genes.

What our genes do is give us potential and set limits. We might or might not achieve our potential (that's where nurture comes in), but we can never exceed our genetic limits. You can saturate a woman with testosterone and steroids and turn her into a bodybuilder, but she will never attain the muscle mass of a male body-

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'No Child Left Behind' Act flawed

Flawed. Convuluted. Unconstitutional.

Those are words a bipartisan panel of state legislators from around the country used to describe the implementation of President Bush's No Child Left Behind Act, the principal domestic policy change of his first term.

The 77-page report, issued by the National Conference of State Legislatures, commended the president for the law's goals of improving public education and closing the achievement gap between white and minority students.

But the 10-month study said that many and serious flaws in how the administra-

tion is trying to do this require that Congress review the law and fine-tune it soon, before it is up for reauthorization in 2007.

Among the report's recommendations:

"Remove obstacles that stifle state innovations and undermine state programs that were proving to work before passage of the act. Federal waivers should be granted and publicized for innovative programs.

"Fully fund the act and provide states the financial flexibility to meet its goals.

The federal government funds less than 8 percent of the nation's education program, but the No Child Left Behind Act affects nearly all classroom activity. In addition, states ask for a Government Accountability

Office review to determine the act's costs and whether it violates the Unfunded

Mandate Reform Act. "Remove the one-size-fits-all method that measures student performance and encourage more sophisticated and accurate systems that gauge the growth of individ-

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what flavor you want. Being something of a redneck, I like Dr. Pepper. Classic Coke is good, but stay away from that diet stuff. Unfortunately, while I have the peanuts, I don't have any coke, neither Dr. Pepper nor Classic Coke. I have no soft drinks nor do I have milk. It looks like I'll be forced to go to the grocery store. Of course, I only have a few cookies left. That's always been a major problem in my life, getting the cookies and milk to come out even.

I usually have more of one than the other. That means if I get milk, I'll have to get more cookies. One can easily go through a box of cookies and a gallon of milk trying to get them to come out even.

If I go to the grocery store, I'll have to pass by Dyer's and smell the barbecue smoking.

Actually ribs sound pretty good. I haven't had any in a while.

So while I'm at the grocery store I'll have to get some coke, either Dr. Pepper or Classic Coke, because that goes good with barbecue.

I guess I'd better get some Windex, too.

Write to Staff Writer David Bowser at reporter2@thepampanews.com.

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builder. The truth is, people are not equal. They differ in height and weight and sex and metabolism and IQ and aptitudes and talents and potentialities. These differences are biological, and ideology and politics notwithstanding, there is nothing to be done about them. All we can do is help children achieve their potential, but they will never exceed it.

The screeching and squawking of feminist harpies is not important, but it is important to recognize the terrible danger of trying to substitute political concepts for reality. That's essentially what destroyed the Soviet Union. People are not equal, and they never will be. When Thomas Jefferson said all men are created equal, he was talking politics, not biology. The statement was directed at the European concept of aristoc-

racy, where people were afforded special privileges simply because of their birth into certain families. What Jefferson was saying was that the state and the law should make no distinction between one person and another based on birth.

God knows that is difficult enough to achieve without deluding ourselves that politics can trump biology. It cannot. Whenever our laws and concepts contradict nature, nature will win.

Only recently Bill Gates said that every child should be prepared for a college education. That won't work. Not all children are intellectually equipped to deal with university studies. That has

nothing to do with teachers or educational systems. It has to do with biology. Until the American people face the fact of IQ differences, which are largely genetic, and the effects of those differences on the individual, then they will just continue to spin their wheels in frustration. You can't win the Daytona 500 in a four-cylinder car, and you can't make a legitimate college graduate out of a kid with an IQ of 95. I said "legitimate" because, of course, in the service of ideology, you can dumb down the curriculum.

As for women's aptitude or lack thereof for science and math, that is a question for science — not politicians and feminists — to answer.

Charley Reese is a retired journalist and syndicated columnist.

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Travis spellers

Jacob Frost, left, fifth grader at Travis Elementary School, was the school spelling bee champion and Taylor Ranney, fourth grader, was the runner-up. Frost went on to place as runner-up at the Gray County Spelling Bee held recently at Pampa Junior High School.

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tionality cannot be so easily addressed. Running and funding the nation's public schools has long been the responsibility of the states, a responsibility state governments share with their local subdivisions. The U.S. Constitution, after all, does not make public education Washington's responsibility. It is a responsibility constitutionally retained by the states.

The expanded federal role in public education is much more recent. The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare was established only after World War II, during the Eisenhower administration. Texan Oveta Culp Hobby was the first secretary of that department. The creation of a separate Department of Education did not occur until the Carter administration, barely a generation ago.

As the federal education bureaucracy has grown, under presidents from both major parties, Washington has continued to expand its role in the nation's public schools. Federal mandates on state education departments and local school districts — some fully or partially funded, some funded not at all — also have increased. But never so dramatically as with No Child Left Behind.

We are not such strict constructionists of the Constitution as area U.S. Rep. Ron Paul is. We believe the nation's charter neces-

sarily has to be more flexible than Paul would have it be. But No Child Left Behind, with its dramatic expansion of the federal role in public education, stretches that flexibility to the breaking point, if not beyond.

Congress should revisit the act to achieve balance in the relationship between the federal and state and local governments in public education. While nationwide standards may make some sense, how they are achieved should largely be left to the states and their local school districts. State programs that are beginning to show real results should not be shoved aside by federal fiat before they have had a chance to prove themselves. And if Washington insists on imposing new mandates on public school districts, it should fund them fully.

No Child Left Behind's "assertion of federal authority into an area historically reserved to the states has had the effect of curtailing additional state innovations and undermining many that had occurred during the past three decades," the legislative conference report said.

The act is already unpopular with many state education departments and legislatures, and that is likely to grow.

"Nine state legislatures

are considering various challenges to the law, and the Utah Senate is about to vote on a bill, already approved by the House, that would require state education officials to give priority to Utah's education laws rather than to the federal law. An Illinois school district filed a lawsuit against the Education Department this month in federal court, arguing that No Child Left Behind contradicts provisions of the federal Individuals With Disabilities Education Act," The New York Times reported.

Real cooperation among all levels of government is needed to improve public education in the United States. The Bush administration's implementation of No Child Left Behind, with its heavy-handed federal fiat, is not the kind of cooperation the nation's public schools and their students and families need. Congress should heed the legislative conference's report and fix this law before it makes real public education reform yet more difficult to achieve.

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Tea party



Girl Scout Daisy Troop #222 and Brownie Troop #221 recently celebrated "Girl Scout Thinking Day" with a Mother-and-Daughter Dress-up Tea. Thinking Day is when the Girl Scouts and Girl Guides from around the world think of each other. Joining the Girl Scouts in the celebration were Pampa High School foreign exchange students Maiké Knutz and Christine "Tina" Kroebel, both of Germany. Members of both troops dressed up in long prom dresses with pearls, high heels, purses, hats and make-up. Refreshments — homemade cookies, breads and cakes from different countries — were served. Above: (Standing, back row, left-right) Knutz and Kroebel; (seated at table, l-r) Linda Bodie, troop leader, and Angie Jerome, assistant leader; (seated on floor, l-r) Makenzie, Cecilia, Kristen, Tatum, Cherist, and Keely; and (standing, front, l-r) Kaitlyn, Haylei, Alyssa, Zoe, Alexis, Katanna, Kassie, Rylee. Not pictured: Carson.

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py, second class work because it seems that now it is all we can expect. We may be older but we are not stupid. It seems that younger acquaintances offer us advice without asking into con-

sideration our wealth of experiences. Our bodies are not as strong as they once were and our responses are not as quick, but everyone gets older (if they are lucky), it's inevitable.

Secretly, some things make us smile. We know how to dance with partners — not gyrating singly around a dance floor. We're familiar with music that has rhythm and words that are understandable. We have time to appreciate

the wonder and beauty of babies. Bird watching can be lots of fun. We learned that true love does not occur from hit and run encounters. We pay attention to the beauty of the world and thank God every day for making it for us to enjoy.

Someday, you too will be on the far end of the calendar, and all in all, it could be worse.

Betty Ireland
Pampa

Community Happenings

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

The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., March 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

• Residents have until March 9 to order seedlings from Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The seedlings will be offered at a nominal cost. For more information or to obtain an order form, contact Gray Co. SWCD at 665-1751, ext. 102.

• Chapter C.S. P.E.O. Sisterhood will present a book review with Carol Smith Headrick at 2 p.m. March 20 in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The book under review will be "Anatomy of Me," an autobiography of best-selling author of the mid-20th Century Fanny Hurst. Tickets will be available at the door before the event or may be purchased in advance by calling 665-7064.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I need advice with a problem I have regarding our basset hound, "Sherlock." I bought Sherlock for my husband, "Ken," a year and a half ago. Ken loves the dog, and so does my 18-year-old daughter, "Gretta," who lives with us.

When I bought Sherlock, the understanding was that he would be cared for by my husband and daughter. This is not what happened. I do 90 percent of the feeding, cleaning up after him, taking him to the groomer, the veterinarian, etc. We also have a cocker spaniel, "Lulu," we have had since our Gretta was 3. Lulu has also been my responsibility for the most part. Ken and Gretta play with the dogs, and I "get" to do almost everything else.

Abby, I am not a dog lover; I am a dog "liker." I feel used and resentful. I want to give Ken an ultimatum: Care for Sherlock or find another home for him. Am I being unreasonable? I feel guilty thinking about doing this, because Sherlock was a Christmas gift to my husband, but I just don't want to continue this way. Ken works full time, as do I, but he commutes two hours each day. Asking him and Gretta to share in the care of the dogs has done no good. Any advice would be appreciated. -- USED AND RESENTFUL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR USED AND RESENTFUL: Stop feeling used and resentful and look in the mirror. Why did you buy a second dog after seeing that your husband and daughter didn't care for the one you already had? You put yourself in this pickle.

Please reconsider shrugging off the responsibility for Sherlock. There are alternatives to getting rid of him. A neighborhood teen could be hired to walk him. A pet service could provide transportation to the vet or the groomer. Finding another home for him should be only your last resort.

Focus on the bright side. Since you and your husband

have full-time jobs, and your daughter is busy with her own schedule, it's just as well that you have two dogs because they have each other for companionship.

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago my mother-in-law, "Grace," suddenly changed. She began accusing her husband of cheating on her and trying to poison her. She made his life miserable until he passed away. After the funeral, we moved Grace into a house next door to ours.

Things were OK for a while, then she started up again. According to Grace, everyone has been trying to kill her. She has alienated almost the entire family because of her accusations, and she has called the police several times because she thinks everyone is stealing from her.

A few months ago, Grace had surgery. I stayed with her until she was back on her feet. Now she says I am trying to poison her, and have people come in and steal her stuff when she's outside.

My husband, her only child, is very upset and has forbidden me to go over there anymore. Grace is 83, but age has nothing to do with it. This started when she was in her early 50s.

Can somebody suggest what we can do? We love her dearly and we're at our wits' end. -- TEARFUL IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TEARFUL: Your mother-in-law needs a psychiatric evaluation. Her son should make sure her doctor understands what's been going on before she goes for the exam. The symptoms you describe indicate she may be mentally ill.

CONFIDENTIAL TO AFRAYD TO FALL: Please don't give up yet. Keep in mind that every failure is a stepping-stone to success.

For Better Or Worse



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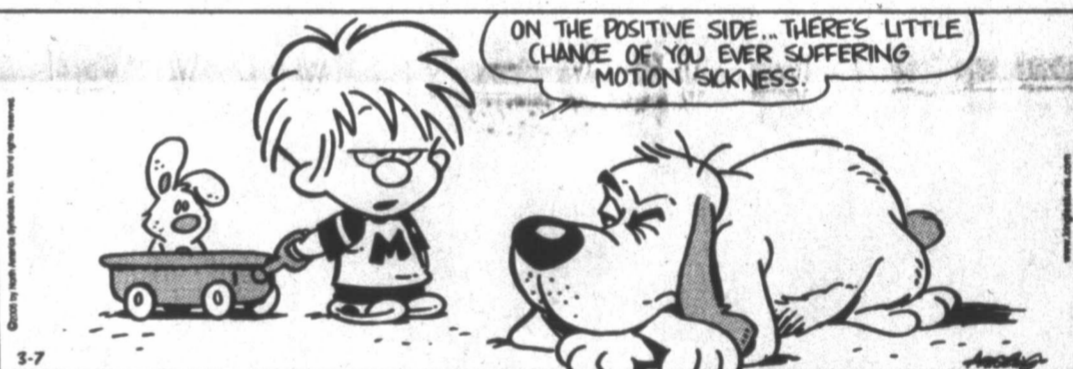
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Sports Day

The pain of losing lasts only as long as you let it

I've said it before, but it bears repeating. The downside to playing for any championship is losing. Whether its by 30 points or just one, it is never easy.

To come out on the losing end of what was otherwise an amazing effort seems to highlight a person's or a team's shortcomings in that one event, while it erases all memory of the journey it took to get there. Unfortunately, we — especially the press — are more interested in the winners than we are the losers.

Such is the case for the Canadian Lady Cats.

Canadian played for the class 2A state title Saturday, losing to Brock, 64-34. One sports writer decided to focus on Canadian's faults rather than the effort. Among the nouns he used to describe the Lady Cats was "Neophyte." It simply means beginner or someone new. Yes, Canadian was something of a babe-in-the-woods when it comes to playing for a state title. But Neophyte?

The rest of the article was spent singing

Brock's praises while lamenting Canadian's woes. No where was I able to find how amazing and thrilling it must have been for these girls to have achieved such an opportunity. It did not speak of the teams the Lady Cats defeated to reach this game. Nor did it discuss the other's who wished they were playing on such a stage.

The problem with losing such a game is it hurts and hurts bad. And your emotion and pain are on display as soon as the game is over.

These are the images the press will take from the game and share, which is fine. It is fair to a point.

However, the circle of fairness is only competed if you take the time and make the effort to put the finishing touches on the whole game.

Congratulations to Brock on an outstanding performance. But the same to you, Canadian Lady Cats, for ending the season 34-3 and as the second best class 2A team in the state. You, your school and your community should brag about this season for years to come.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Silver belles



Photo by JIM BAKER

Flanked by the Canadian coaching staff, the '04-'05 Lady Cats proudly display the silver medals won following Saturday's class 2A state title game against Brock in Austin. The Lady Cats ended the season at 34-3 and runner-up for the state championship.

Dori Miller named Optimist Club T-Ball, Pitching Machine League Commissioner

"Some of my oldest son's best friends are kids he played Optimist T-Ball with," said Dori Miller, who will serve as Commissioner of the Optimist T-Ball League for boys and girls five and six years old and the Optimist Pitching Machine League for players who are seven and eight years old.

Miller was appointed to her second term as Commissioner by Optimist Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis. Miller will oversee registration of an expected 230 youngsters from Pampa, Miami, Lefors and the surrounding area who will play in the two leagues this year.

Registration will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist building today through Thursday.

"It's fun for children to learn to play ball," Miller said. "It's also important for kids to learn to play together at this age. I grew up playing ball and going to games at Optimist Park."

Miller continued, "My parents, Bill and Marylyn Kidwell, thought playing ball was so important for our family that they have spent nearly every one of their anniversaries at the park for the last 40 years coaching, umpiring or watching kids and grandkids play ball."

"T-Ball is a time for fun for the whole family," said Miller.

"Every player bats in every inning and plays in the field in every inning. We don't even keep score. It's just for fun."

Miller explained, "When the children get a little older and advance to the Pitching Machine League, we begin teaching them that each side gets three outs and some of the fundamentals of the game, but we still have a continuous batting order so that all of the kids get to play."

Married to husband, Dustin, for 13 years, the couple has three boys, Reid, 10, Trey, 8, and Drew, 5. The Millers are members of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church where she has been the nursery coordinator for the past five years and has taught a Wednesday night class for three to five year olds for the past three years.

She is employed by Travis School as a kindergarten teacher's aide.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



Dori Miller will serve as Commissioner of the Optimist T-Ball League for boys and girls five and six years old and the Optimist Pitching Machine League for players who are seven and eight years old.

Lady Harvesters take third at Burkburnett Tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters took third place in the Burkburnett Tournament over the weekend, winning five games and losing two along the way.

Pampa defeated Randall 6-0 on Thursday, followed by a 9-5 win over Abilene Cooper.

Friday's games included a 3-1 loss to Iowa Park, and a 5-1 victory over Fort Worth Castleberry.

Pampa opened bracket play on Saturday with a 6-1 win over Holliday, followed by a 5-1 win over Abilene Wiley.

The Lady Harvesters then faced tournament host Burkburnett, losing that game 3-

1. Burkburnett went on to win the tournament with a win over Iowa Park.

Coach Bobbi Gill said of her team afterward, "I was very pleased with the team's performance over the weekend." She added, "We competed very well against some very good competition."

"We have improved our record to 12-6 with two weeks to go before district," Gill continued. "We will add four more pre-season games prior to district including our home game tomorrow against Tascosa." Gill says she anticipates a very good game tomorrow against the Lady Rebels.

Pampa is now 12-6 overall. Tomorrow's games will start at 3 p.m. with the JV game, followed by the varsity game.

Pampa in playoff hunt; Lady Harvesters pound PD

Pampa 3, Palo Duro 3

A furious last-minute comeback by the Pampa boys soccer team spoiled Palo Duro's victory on Saturday at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

The Dons (5-7-2, 3-3-2) built a 3-1 lead going into the last five minutes of the game, but Pampa rallied, scoring two goals in the 76th and 77th minute to salvage a 3-3 tie.

Freshman forward Tanner Dyson put in the first score of the game off a direct kick from Adam Brown. Brown's pass was sent to junior Andrew Fraser, who headed the ball to Steven Smith, who set up Dyson's fifth goal of the season.

The Harvesters (6-12-2, 3-4-1) took advantage of PD's sluggishness, and put together an incredible first half, out-shooting their opponents 11-2.

In the second half, a renewed Palo Duro offense answered with three goals within 20 minutes of each other, and seemed to have the victory wrapped up with five minutes to play.

At the 76-minute mark, junior goal-

keeper Brody Smith sent a thundering punt 60 yards down the field, where a waiting Steven Smith took the ball past two defenders for the breakaway score.

A revitalized Harvester team kept pressing on the Dons, and another free kick led to the final equalizing score.

Midfielder Rusty Snider's 25-yard pass fell into a train-wreck of Harvesters crashing the net joined by virtually all of Palo Duro's squad, kicking, pushing, and fighting for the ball when forward Chase Phillips took the kick that counted for the final score of the match.

Coach May commended the effort of midfielders Fraser and Smith, saying, "They had to make major adjustments in order to eliminate PD's offense, and still support our own offense. I'm not sure if I asked them to do the impossible. We eliminated their star forward, and basically dared the rest of their team to beat us."

The Harvesters still have an outside chance of finishing in the third and final playoff position, assuming the team wins in its final two games, beginning with

Senior Day on Tuesday at the Harvester Soccer Complex, when Pampa hosts Canyon. Game time is 4:15 p.m.

Lady Harvester 3, Palo Duro 0

The Lady Harvesters dominated the first half of Saturday's meeting with Palo Duro, out-shooting the Lady Dons 10-1.

Beth Adams, Jordan Albracht, Jeneé Norris and Erica Wildcat all played a big role in keeping PD pinned on their own side of the field in the first half.

The two teams entered the break tied at 0-0.

Pampa's Vanessa Resendiz broke the deadlock five minutes into the second by scoring off a pass from Adeena Dallas. The same duo would combine again later for a second Lady Harvester goal. Pampa's Heather Balay would add the third and final goal of the game by way of a Emalie Luna assist. Goalkeeper Chera Chavedo secured the win with three key saves.

Pampa plays again tomorrow when they host Canyon. Game time is 4:15 p.m.



Photo by RENE CHAVEDO

With the Lady Don's goalkeeper in sight, Pampa's Heather Balay and her Lady Harvester teammates work the ball toward the Palo Duro goal Saturday. Balay would get one of three Pampa scores as the Lady Harvesters shut-out PD, 3-0.

PAMPA OUTSCORES

Harvesters unkind to host Woodward, improves to 6-1

The Pampa varsity baseball team continued its winning ways Saturday with a dominating performance over Woodward, Okla., in a double-header.

Pampa outscored Woodward 26-3 in the two games.

The Harvesters took game one, 12-2, on the arm of pitcher Dusty Lenderman (3-0). Lenderman also contributed at the plate, going 2-3 with three RBIs and a home run. Shavious Kelly also went 2-3 with a RBI and a stolen base. Tyler Doughty had a 2-4 game with 3 RBIs and a double. Seth Foster

also had a double in the game.

The Harvesters took the second game, 14-1. Doughty (2-0) took the win for Pampa. Shea Brown went 2-4 at the dish with a RBI. Lenderman added to his stats with a 3-4 game that included two doubles. Weston Teichmann had three hits in three plate appearances, including two doubles.

Second baseman Tyson Hickman was stellar on defense, with eight put-outs and two assists.

The Pampa JV team will host Amarillo High this afternoon at 4:30.

Woods wins Doral, regains to No. 1 ranking

MIAMI (AP) — In a dramatic duel with Phil Mickelson on Sunday, Tiger Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to take the lead, then a 6-foot par putt to close with a 6-under 66 and win the Ford Championship at Doral, giving him the No. 1 ranking for the first time since September.

Mickelson had a chance to force a playoff or possibly win on the 18th. His 30-foot chip looked good all the way, but caught the lower lip. He closed with a 69.

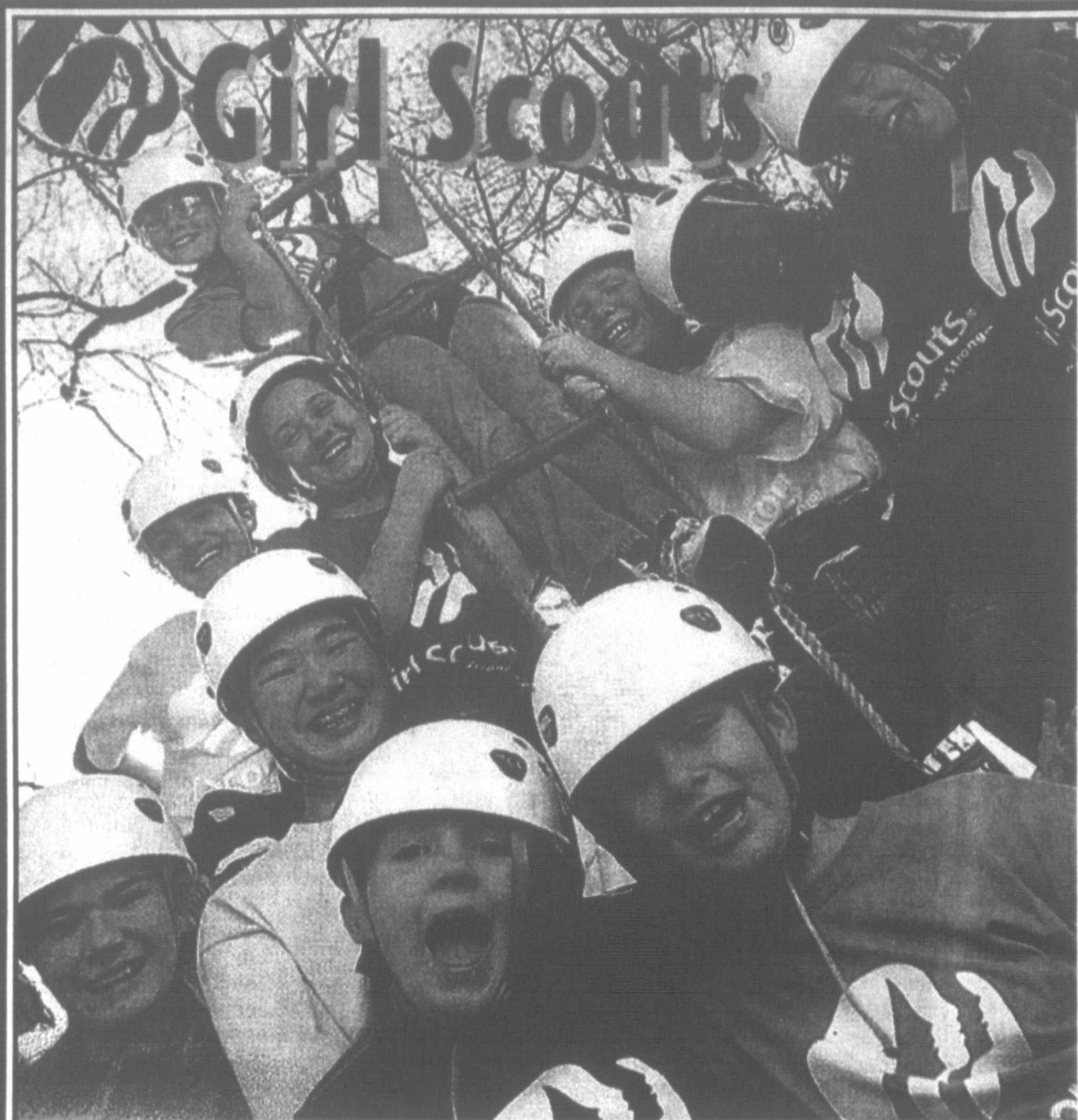
Woods, who earned \$990,000 for his second victory of the year, finished at 24-under 264 to break by one shot the tournament record at Doral, previously held by Jim Furyk (2000) and Greg Norman (1993). Vijay Singh, who had been No. 1 the last 26 weeks after beating Woods in a Labor Day duel outside Boston, closed with a 66 to finish third, five shots behind, along with Zach Johnson (67).

HUIXQUILUCAN, Mexico (AP) — Annika Sorenstam rallied to win her first LPGA Tour event of the year Sunday, shooting a 4-under 68 in windy conditions for a three-stroke victory in the inaugural MasterCard Classic.

Sorenstam had eight birdies to offset four bogeys in the strong wind on the high-altitude Bosque Real Country Club course.

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Ernie Els made an 18-foot eagle putt on the final hole to beat Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez and Wales' Stephen Dodd by a stroke in the Dubai Desert Classic on Sunday.

Els, the South African star who also won the tournament in 1994 and 2002, shot a 4-under 68 for a 19-under 269 total. Dodd closed with a 66, and Jimenez shot a 70. Scotland's Colin Montgomerie (69) was fourth at 16 under.



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1420 Hamilton	\$45,000	4/1/75/1 - 1377 SF/GCAD
2126 N. Russell	\$38,000	2/2/None - 1485 SF/GCAD
615 Frost	\$35,000	3/1/1 - 1308 SF/GCAD
2314 Mary Ellen	\$32,500	3/1/1 - 1148 SF/GCAD
1534 Hamilton	\$31,000	2/1/1 - 1293 SF/GCAD
2630 Seminole	\$28,500	2/1/None - 1020 SF/GCAD
1316 Mary Ellen	\$28,000	2/1/1 - 1030 SF/GCAD
1013 Mary Ellen	\$26,000	2/1/1 - 1280 SF/GCAD
2247 Mary Ellen	\$25,750	3/1/1 - 1078 SF/GCAD
1106 Garland	\$25,000	2/1/1 cp - 898 SF/GCAD
938 Duncan	\$24,900	6/2/None - 1868 SF/GCAD
1825 Duncan	\$17,300	3/1/1 - 1144 SF/GCAD
1230 N. Russell	\$10,000	2/1/1 - 780 SF/GCAD
LAMAR SCHOOL DISTRICT		South West
831 S. Banks	\$37,500	3/1/1 Det. - 1092 SF/GCAD
200 N. Sumner	\$28,500	3 or 4/1/1 cp - 1452 SF/GCAD
406 N. Somerville	\$19,000	2/1/1 - 936 SF/GCAD
936 S. Nelson	\$8,500	1/1/1 - 560 SF/GCAD
TRAVIS SCHOOL DISTRICT		West and North West
1501 N. Nelson	\$118,000	4/1/2 - 2306 SF/GCAD
1601 N. Sumner	\$95,000	4/2/2 - 2076 SF/GCAD
1916 Lynn	\$89,900	4/2/2 - 2258 SF/GCAD
2232 N. Sumner	\$82,500	4/1/5/2 - 1894 SF/GCAD
1932 N. Zimmerman	\$69,900	3/1/75/2 - 2150 SF/GCAD
2237 N. Zimmerman	\$61,500	3/1/75/2 - 1226 SF/GCAD
931 Cinderella	\$55,500	3/1/75/2 - 1198 SF/GCAD
824 N. Dwight	\$45,000	3/1/75/1 - 1286 SF/GCAD
625 N. Wells	\$38,000	3/2/1 cp - 1612 SF/GCAD
2224 N. Wells	\$36,000	3/1/1 - 1210 SF/GCAD
2225 N. Dwight	\$32,500	3/1/1 - 1209 SF/GCAD
1100 Cinderella	\$30,000	3 or 4/1/75/1 - 1411 SF/GCAD
1040 Cinderella	\$29,900	3/1/75/2 - 1680 SF/GCAD



Hoe-down

During Texas Public School Week recently, music teacher Mrs. Cynthia Hauck along with students Gatlin Tylor, Mark Harris, Macy Cochran and Riea Thomason practice The Cotton Eye Joe. Texas Public School week was celebrated March 7- 11 throughout Pampa ISD.

Martha Stewart returning to work

NEW YORK (AP) — After five months in prison, Martha Stewart is wasting little time smelling the roses.

After a weekend spent at her 153-acre suburban estate, Stewart was expected Monday to report back to her company's corporate headquarters in Manhattan and get back to work.

She planned to meet with her employees at Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. and was to address a staff diminished by layoffs in her absence, but also no doubt encouraged by a rising stock price.

Investors, counting on a positive bounce from Stewart's return, have bid up her company's stock to triple the level it was when she was convicted on March 5, 2004, of lying about a stock sale. She was released from a federal prison on Friday.

"My heart is filled with joy at the prospect of the warm embraces of my family, friends and colleagues. Certainly, there is no place like home," she said on her Web site.

Stewart, 63, will have to make some adjustments in her new working life. She will

be answering to a new chief executive and president, Susan Lyne, who replaced longtime confidante Sharon Patrick last November.

Last week, the company reported a fourth-quarter loss of \$7.3 million, compared with a profit of \$2.4 million for the same period a year earlier — reflecting continued declining magazine advertising revenues and the hiatus of its syndicated daily cooking show starring Stewart.

The stock actually slid more than \$3 on the day Stewart was released.

Under terms of her five-

month home detention, Stewart is allowed 48 hours a week to work outside the home, and she will be commuting the 40 miles to her office from her home in Katonah, in Westchester County. She also will be required to show up to work with an electronic ankle bracelet.

Stewart was convicted of obstructing justice and lying to the government about her 2001 sale of nearly 4,000 shares of the biotechnology company ImClone Systems Inc., run by her longtime friend Sam Waksal.

Civil rights-era figures observe 40th anniversary of Selma, Ala., march

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — Rep. John Lewis returned to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, 40 years after he braved billy clubs and tear gas in one of the grimmest, goriest spectacles of the civil rights movement.

Others on hand Sunday to commemorate the marches across the bridge included the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Lynda Johnson Robb, whose father, President Lyndon Johnson, signed the Voting Rights Act into law later in 1965.

"President Johnson signed that act, but it was written by the people of Selma," said Lewis, who was clubbed on the head during the "Bloody Sunday" attack on marchers by state troopers and sheriff's deputies on March 7,

1965. He was among 17 blacks hospitalized as that march was turned back while crossing the bridge.

Participants also included singer Harry Belafonte, who was at the demonstration 40 years ago, and Coretta Scott King, whose husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., led a second march two weeks later to the state Capitol.

"The freedom we won here in Selma and on the road to Montgomery was purchased with the precious blood of many," said King, who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in a car.

Police estimated the crowd at nearly 10,000. A reenactment of the five-day march is planned this week, culminating with a rally at the Capitol on Saturday.

Knife & Fork Club

TV personality, part-time archeologist to address club

Knife and Fork Club to convene next meeting

Dr. Jimmy Albright will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Top O' Texas Knife and Fork Club scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at Pampa Country Club, according to Shirley Winborne, club secretary.

Dr. Albright has changed his topic, Winborne said, and will deliver a humorous presentation in place of a more serious one.

Albright, a press release from the club secretary said, has been a TV personality for 25 years, starring in "It's a New Day" for the last 15 years.

"He presents a humorous, energetic, and highly inspirational look," the press release said, "at how we see ourselves and how much more we can become if we look at life in the right way.



Dr. Jimmy Albright

He uses large doses of humor and members will laugh at the next meeting, perhaps even cry, but will leave this presentation feeling better about themselves — and with a renewed zest for living!"

Dr. Albright works "part-time," the release said, as a professor of archaeology. During this career, he has participated in excavations in Texas, Chaco Canyon, N.M., and Israel.

"For 23 years in Israel," the release said, "he has worked at Tel Batashi, Tel 'Uza, Tel Radum, Tel Malhata, and currently at Tel Bethsaida in northern Israel. There his studies have revealed a major Roman city and a large Iron Age I and II city.

"In addition to his speaking tour career, Dr. Albright has taken 35 tour groups to Europe and the Mediterranean countries of Italy, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, and Egypt."

Tickets are available to members at Dunlap's department store in Coronado Center.

Parents of jailed white supremacist deny son had role in murders at judge's home

CHICAGO (AP) — The parents of white supremacist Matthew Hale, looking forward to visiting their imprisoned son this week, said they don't believe that any member of Hale's group is capable of murdering a federal judge's husband and mother.

"They're scared the government's going to do something to them like they did to Matt," said Evelyn Hutcheson, Hale's mother. "They've all run. They're scared to death ... They're scared puppies is all they are."

In separate telephone interviews, Hutcheson and Russell Hale said Sunday they are worried authorities will cancel their visits to their son, who is awaiting sentencing next month for soliciting an FBI informant to kill Judge Joan Humphrey Lefkow.

They are limited to one phone call with Hale each week and visits to the Metropolitan Correction Center in Chicago

every other Tuesday.

Russell Hale said two FBI agents questioned him Friday for 15 or 20 minutes, asking if he had any idea who might have killed Judge Lefkow's husband — attorney Michael Lefkow, 64 — and mother, Donna Humphrey, 89, who had lived in Denver.

Matthew Hale has denied any involvement in the slayings, or of soliciting the judge's murder. But FBI Agent Robert D. Grant has said Hale and his associates are one avenue of investigation.

Authorities have collected a total of 606 tips about the Feb. 28 slayings in the home of Lefkow, according to police spokeswoman JoAnn Taylor. Police did not say how many tips had come in since the case was featured Saturday night on the television show "America's Most Wanted," but on Friday, they reported receiving 230 tips.

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