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David Cain, site manager for Cabot Corporation's Pampa plant, was the featured speaker at Thursday night's kickoff meeting of a six-part series of sessions concerning substance abuse awareness in Pampa.

## Cain kicks off 6-part series on substance abuse awareness

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Getting hooked on drugs or alcohol is a matter of choice for everyone, according to David Cain, who spoke Thursday evening at the first in a six-part series of meetings on substance abuse awareness.

"I'm telling you young people, you always have a choice," Cain said. "You will always have two choices. Exercise those choices."

About 60 attended Thursday's session, "We Can Make a Difference," which began at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Cain, site manager for Pampa's Cabot plant, spoke of his own life experiences and what he believes parents, children and the community can do to keep young people from making bad choices.

Cain grew up in a family of six in Michigan. He said his father was an alcoholic, and his parents eventually divorced. His mother sometimes couldn't pay the utility bills.

"My oldest brother was 13 when he started experimenting with drugs. I'd see my brother smoke marijuana and take strange pills. At 14, he started shooting up. At 15, he had dropped out of school.

"He kept looking for something that would get him higher and higher. One day, he came home screaming and crying that an elephant was chasing him. He was hallucinating.

"He is 50 years old now and has never had a job — he's been drunk or strung out. We think he has hepatitis," Cain said.

The second oldest child in the family, Cain's other

brother, chose the same path, he said. The fourth child, a sister, began using drugs at age 12, and by age 20 had four children, he said.

"I firmly believed it was going to happen to me," Cain said. "I chose to be different. When I went off to college, I made a promise to God that if He'd get me out of this, I'd try to help others."

Cain earned bachelor's and master's degrees, and has worked for such companies as Kellogg's and Monsanto before coming to Pampa in August. Much of his work experience has been in the chemical and electrical fields.

"I was on the team that helped develop Frosted Mini-Wheats at Kellogg's," he said.

He has also appeared in a

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## Voting registration deadline is Monday

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Monday is the deadline to make corrections on voter registration information, or to register for the first time, in order to be eligible to vote in the March 7 primary, according to Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead.

Anyone who has requested and received a change of address card from Whitehead's office in order to correct their address on their voter registration may mail in the card. The card must be postmarked with Monday's date, Feb. 6, in order for the voter to be eligible to vote.

Voters who need to make corrections on their registrations may also go to the tax assessor-collector's office on the ground floor of Gray County Courthouse to make the changes in person.

Voter registrations for new voters also must be received in the tax assessor-collector's office by 5 p.m. Monday, or postmarked with Monday's date, in order for the voter to be eligible to vote in the primary election.

Early voting begins Feb. 21 and continues through March 3.

Anyone with questions concerning their voter registration cards, and anyone who wishes to register to vote, may

visit Whitehead's office. For more information, call the office at 669-8018.

Voters may also visit www.VOTEXAS.org or call 1-800-252-VOTE for questions on voting. VOTEXAS is a year-long, public education initiative by Texas Secretary of State Roger Williams which is focused on educating eligible voters about the voting process. The program will encourage voters to find out when they will vote, where they will vote and how to use the new electronic voting machines, which will be used for the first time in Gray County in the March primary.

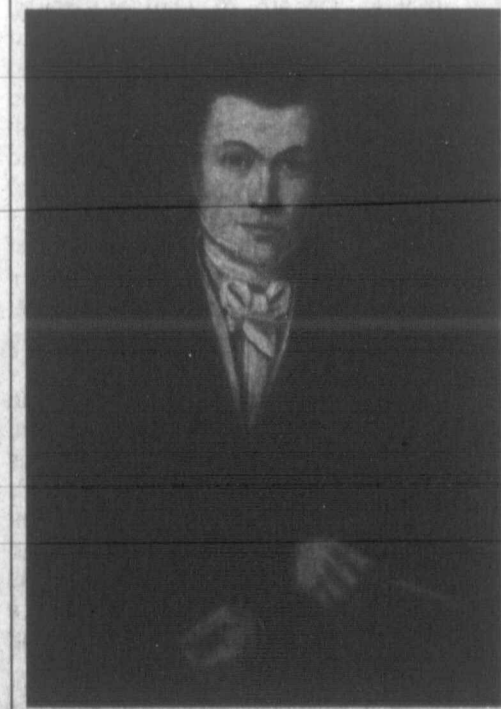
## School board meets Monday

Pampa's Independent School District board of education will hear reports from architects concerning a proposal from the facilities committee at 6 p.m. Monday.

The meeting will take place in the Pampa Junior High School auditorium at 2401 Charles.

The facilities committee has toured all the campuses of PISD and has made recommendations for renovations and long-term plans.

## Texas historical treasures to go on auction block



Courtesy photo  
An original portrait of Stephen F. Austin, c. 1823 by J. Purwill, an oil on canvas, is one of the items in the Texana auction.

AUSTIN — If you could own a piece of Texas history, what would it be? A gold and topaz ring that Sam Houston gave to his wife? A collection of spurs forged by early West Texas master spur maker Wally Boone? An extremely rare Texas custom saddle made by the Dublin Saddlery in Dublin, Texas, circa 1910? A copy of one of the first widely distributed maps showing Texas as a state in the United States?

Beginning mid-February, these and other Texas treasures will be up for bid on-line as the Texas State Historical Association presents its Texana Auction of the Century. Information about the auction is available on the Texas State Historical Association web site, www.tsha.utexas.edu. Through the generosity of Heritage Auction Galleries, a link to the auction catalog will be available for browsing and bidding in early February.

"Our on-line auction will

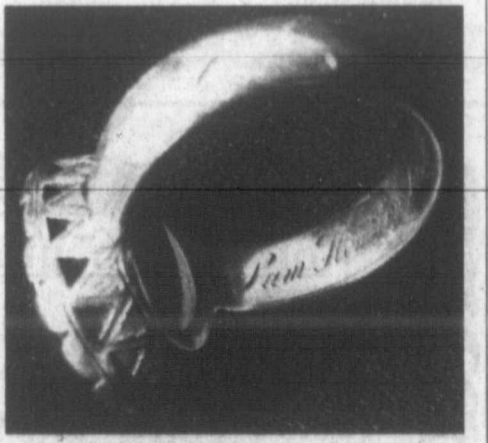
allow us to reach Texas history enthusiasts anywhere in the world, and they can bid on-line in the convenience of their homes or offices," said Robert Wooster, president of the Texas State Historical Association.

This year's auction is inspired by the success of the Texana Auction of the Decade held in 1981. Some of the highlights of the 2006 auction include:

- Gold ring with topaz stone given by Sam Houston to his wife. The inside of the band is inscribed "Sam Houston to Margaret Lea."

- Wally Boone Spur Collection, 1920s. This is the most extensive, highest quality and best-conditioned assemblage of work from early West Texas master spur maker Wally Boone. He is widely recognized as one of the pioneers who shaped and defined the Texas spur.

- Constitution of the State of West Texas. This dates from when dividing the state was dis-



Courtesy photo  
A gold ring with topaz stone given by Sam Houston to his wife is inscribed "Sam Houston to Margaret Lea" and is included in the auction.

cussed at the Reconstruction Convention of 1868-69.

• Thomas W. House Cotton Archive, 1865-1870. Cotton was king and Thomas House was its leading mer-

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**BOYD**, Ellen Sonnita Davis — Graveside services, 5:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

**THAXTON**, Jerry Lee — Graveside services, 2 p.m. (MST), Clayton Memorial Cemetery, Clayton, N.M.

Patricia Ruth Estep, 66

Patricia Ruth Estep, 66, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 31, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, at Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. C.W. Parker, pastor of Harvest Fellowship Church, officiating.



Estep

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

Mrs. Estep was born Feb. 3, 1939, in Pampa where she was a lifelong resident. She married Johnnie W. Estep, Jr., on Dec. 31, 1989, in Pampa.

Survivors include her husband, Johnnie

W. Estep, Jr., of the home; two daughters, Kathy Reed and husband Roy, and Debbie Oleska and husband Joe, all of Pampa; seven sons, Jerry Rhoden, Michael Blalock, Danny Estep and wife Faye Millican, Carl Ray Atwood, Randy Estep and wife Jody, and Drakian Estep, all of Pampa, and Robert Blalock of Iowa Park; 21 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

Jerry Lee Thaxton, 73

CLAYTON, N.M. — Jerry Lee Thaxton, 73, died Jan. 24, 2006, at Spokane, Wash. Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. (MST) Saturday at Clayton Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Terrell Jones officiating.

Mr. Thaxton was born Jan. 27, 1932, at Clapham, N.M., to Hence W. Thaxton and Nola Dacy Thaxton. A roofer by trade, he traveled extensively throughout the United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include two sons, John Thaxton of Amarillo and Robert Thaxton of Eugene, Ore.; two grandsons, James Thaxton and Terrell Thaxton, both of Lubbock; and a granddaughter, Raven Thaxton-Schofield of Portland, Ore.

The family requests memorials be to your local veterans association or to your local animal shelter.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Thirteen traffic stops were made. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 600 block of West Buckler.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

An animal complaint was received from the 2200 block of Zimmers.

Civil matters were reported in the 1900 block of Coffee, the 700 block of North Somerville and the 300 block of Miami.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of 27th and Beech streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Sirroco.

Harassment was reported in the 2000 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

The incident occurred in the 700 block of East Albert. Windows were broken at a house, resulting in an estimated \$100 damage.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the police department lobby and the 1100 block of North Somerville.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the police

department lobby. No injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks. No injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. Minor injuries were reported.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 900 block of Malone.

A gun was reportedly fired at a residence, causing damage to the structure. No injuries were reported, no suspects have been named and no arrests have been made. No further information was available as of press time today.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Terry Road. Two video games with a total estimated value of \$100 were taken.

Information on a theft was received from Skellytown.

Theft was reported at National Bank of Commerce, 1224 N. Hobart. Cash totaling approximately \$9,500 was missing from a teller's drawer.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby, the 400 block of Doyle and the 1900 block of Coffee.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road. Two walkie-talkies were taken, resulting in an estimated loss of \$40.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following

arrests today.

Thursday, Feb. 2

Joe David Richardson, 50, of Groom was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Kiowa County, Okla., charge of fraud — insufficient funds for a check.

Joyce Kay Cannon, 54, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Fire

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

Thursday, Feb. 2

4:56 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 600 block of East Craven on a smoke scare.

Friday, Feb. 3

12:28 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a sign fire.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 2

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston. No transport.

4:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 64. Wind chill values between 27 and 32 early. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 55. Wind chill values between 26 and 31 early. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 27.

Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. North-northwest wind around 10 mph becoming southwest.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 56. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. North wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 52. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 24.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 28.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and windy, with a high around 50.

Stocks

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

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Milo ..... 3.13  
Corn ..... 4.03  
Soybeans ..... 4.71

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

OXY	91.19	-0.91
BP PLC ADR	69.22	-0.39
Cabot Corp	37.71	-0.78
Celanese	19.75	-0.27
Cabot Oil Gas	47.92	-0.78
Coca Cola	40.98	-0.25
VLO	57.80	-0.38
HAL	77.31	-0.41
TRI	40.24	-0.15
Kinder Morgan	93.46	-0.54
XCEL	18.66	-0.29
Kerr McGee	104.08	-0.67
XOM	61.21	-0.74
Nat'l Oilwell	72.86	+0.11
Limited	23.13	-0.27
Williams	23.00	-0.22
MCD	35.55	+0.10
Atmos	26.01	-0.15
Pioneer Nat	51.79	-0.13
JCP	55.96	-0.10
COP	63.05	-1.26
SLB	121.30	-0.82
Tenneco	21.33	-0.32
CVX	58.18	-0.33
Wal-Mart	45.99	-0.29
OKE	27.09	-0.27
NS Grp	43.67	-0.26

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West Texas Crude ..... 64.68

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Houston shootout brings kidnapping to end

HOUSTON (AP) — It began with an apparent kidnapping by a man of his ex-girlfriend and her daughter from a Dallas suburb. It ended in a police shootout on a Houston freeway after a high-speed chase dotted by gunfire and collisions.

Police said the suspected kidnapper, identified as Jeremy Ethon Roberson, died Thursday after officers opened fire on the vehicle they had been chasing for about an hour starting north of Houston.

Houston police Lt. Robert Manzo said it wasn't clear whether Roberson was shot by police or shot himself. Police considered the suspect dangerous and had no choice but to fire on him, Manzo said.

“He was firing the shotgun at motorists who were caught in the middle as well as in the direction of officers,” Manzo said. Roberson's ex-girlfriend, Andrea Nichole Allen, and her daughter, 4-year-old Kiara Renee Allen, from Desoto in Dallas County, about 230 miles north of Houston, were taken to Memorial Hermann Northwest Hospital. Both were treated and released Thursday night, said hospital spokesman Dan Pierce.

Authorities learned of Allen's disappearance when her mother, Vickie Allen, reported her and the child missing. Desoto police issued an Amber Alert when a man identifying himself as “Roscoe” answered Allen's cell phone, the department said in a statement. The man told police Allen was “busy,” but officers heard a woman in the background

saying, “Please, please let me go.” Police in Shenandoah, located in Montgomery County, about 30 miles north of Houston, got calls about 2:30 p.m. Thursday that someone in a white Dodge Neon was firing at other motorists, Manzo said.

Roberson was holding a shotgun to Allen's head as she drove her vehicle, he said. As the car made its way into Houston south on Interstate 45, Roberson cleared away traffic by firing at cars, at one point shooting through the front windshield to move a truck. He also kicked out the back window of the car in order to fire at the more than a dozen police cars from numerous agencies in Harris and Montgomery counties that pursued him. The chase came to an abrupt end when the car slammed into the back of a pickup truck on the freeway and careened off the road into the grassy side strip.

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Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. and Cyndy Needham of Ford Family Chiropractic in Pampa present Cathy Horton with a Super Bowl XL Extra Large Party Pack to enjoy while watching the game. Dr. Ford and his staff wore the jerseys of their favorite NFL teams leading up to Sunday's Super Bowl XL. Each patient reporting for treatment during January had a chance to win.

# Survey finds megachurches attracting younger families

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new survey on U.S. Protestant megachurches shows they are among the nation's fastest-growing faith groups, drawing younger people and families with contemporary programming and conservative values.

The number of megachurches, defined as having a weekly attendance of at least 2,000, has doubled in five years to 1,210. The megachurches have an estimated combined income of \$7.2 billion and draw nearly 4.4 million people to weekly services, according to "Megachurches Today 2005."

The study, released Friday, based its findings on 406 surveys from megachurches. It was written by Leadership Network, a nonprofit church-growth consulting firm in Dallas, and the Hartford Institute for Religion Research, which did a similar survey in 2000.

Leadership Network's clients are large churches in the U.S. and Canada looking to grow or maintain growth with new ideas and methods. The Hartford Institute for Religion Research is part of the nondenominational Hartford Seminary in Connecticut.

"When you add up all that megachurches are doing from books to video to the networks of connection across the nation, you can't say this phenomena of more than 1,200 megachurches is anything but really one of the most influential factors of American religion at this point in time," said Scott Thumma, researcher for the study and sociology professor at Hartford Seminary.

The South has the most share with 49 percent,

including Texas with 13 percent. California led the nation with 14 percent but is part of a declining western region with 25 percent, seven percentage points lower than five years ago.

While large churches have flourished throughout history, early records show that the U.S. had about six large churches in the early part of the 20th century. That number grew to 16 by 1960 and then in the 1970s, they began to proliferate and draw public attention.

Megachurches founded since 1990 have more growth from year to year than any others and have the highest median attendance at about 3,400.

Oak Hills Church in San Antonio draws up to 5,200 weekly. Visitors have a spe-

cial parking lot, are greeted there and inside the church by volunteers and invited to sip coffee at its "Connection Cafe" where video and print materials are presented about church programs.

"The main thing we work really hard at is having a good program for every age group," said Jim Dye, executive minister at Oak Hills. "We want the affluent to feel welcome and the hardworking, labor person, living payday to payday, to feel as welcome as anyone else."

The growth of megachurches in recent decades has come about because of a common historical cycle in U.S. religion: faith institutions reinventing themselves to meet the consumerlike demands of worshippers.

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"Three weeks later, I'm standing outside the University of Michigan campus filming a Mazda commercial," Cain said.

"What was so different about me? Choice," he said.

Friends as well as relatives made different choices which had disastrous consequences, he said.

"I had three friends who went into a party store," Cain said. "One pulled a gun and said to the owner to give them all the money in the cash register. The owner reached down and came up with a sawed-off shotgun. My friend pulled the trigger

and his gun jammed. The owner pulled the trigger, killed my friend, and injured the other two who were with him."

Parents need to provide three things to their children, he said. Those things are an inspirational past, a teachable present and a hopeful future.

"When kids believe that they are part of something good, good comes out of them," he said. "Give children an anchor.

"Every single day, there is something to be learned, something to share with your children. You cannot turn your back and think that someone is going to raise your children. How far down have we fallen as a society when teachers are responsible for teaching our children values?"

"Hope is the confident expectation that something good will happen. We have to lead our children to faith. We have to give our children that kind of hope."

"My favorite character growing up watching cartoons was Wile E. Coyote,"

he said. "Every time he fell, he got up."

Cain said that the local drug problem will not go away if people do not get involved.

"I'm a firm believer that one person can make a difference," he said.

The six-part series was created after concerned citizens, including Pampa High School Counselor Lesley Gershmel, Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and Pampa Independent School District Board of Education member Derrell DeLoach began talking about the local drug situation.

The next meeting will be from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The session is titled "Drug Trends in Pampa" and will be presented by Pitner, Switzer and Gershmel.

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, call 669-4800, extension 124.

## Auction

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chant. Archives provide insight into the cotton industry in Texas.

A Mexican broadside concerning the condemnation of Emperor Maximilian and his date of execution, 1867.

Bidding closes March 4 during the 2006 Gala & Texana Auction of the Century. The Gala will honor five distinguished Texans for their contributions to the state. These "Texas History Makers of the Decade" are Laura Bush, Roger Clemens, Horton Foote, William P. Hobby, and Clayton Williams.

The Gala & Auction will benefit the Association's

innovative Digital Gateway to Texas History project.

Currently the TSHA Web site supports more than 24,000 encyclopedia articles from the Handbook of Texas Online, hosting more than four million page views per month from 150 countries worldwide. In this new initiative, the online database managed and maintained by the

Association will expand to comprise the entire published catalogue of TSHA resources, including more than 130 books, 108 volumes of the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, and various updates to the Handbook of Texas Online. The Texas State Historical Association's goal is to engage the support necessary to make it easier for students, teachers, and scholars around the world to access all of our treasures in

Texas history.

The 2006 Gala & Texana Auction of the Century is being chaired by J.P. Bryan of Houston, and the Honorary Co-Chairs are Charline & Red McCombs and Isabel & Wallace Wilson. The Steering Committee for the event includes Mary Margaret McAllen Amberson, Jane Barnhill, Charles Butt, Shirley Caldwell, Thomas C. Frost Jr., Sarita Armstrong Hixon, James A. McAllen, Jane Monday, John Schoellkopf, Ellen Temple, Fran Vick and Bill Wright.

Tickets to the 2006 Gala & Texana Auction of the Century are \$500 each and may be purchased by calling the TSHA office at 512-471-1525. For more information on this event, visit the Web site at [www.tsha.utexas.edu](http://www.tsha.utexas.edu).

## Gunmen attack Mexican police convoy transporting suspects

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Unidentified assailants opened fire with assault rifles on a federal police convoy transporting two suspected triggermen — one of them an American — in the violent border city of Nuevo Laredo, wounding two policemen and the Mexican suspect.

The Thursday attack was the latest in a series of shootings that have left four people dead in as many days in Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Laredo, Texas.

Thursday's brazen attack was in broad daylight out-

side the city police department. The suspects are accused of participating in a

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Cowboy Cottons Shirt Company recognized Gary's talent and signed him to a corporate sponsorship contract as part of a new promotional program for Cowboy Cottons Western Wear. Other sponsors included, Wrangler Jeans, Consortium Music, and Consortium Road Cases.

Currently, Gary is working on a new album that is slated for release early January 2006. Plans are to release a single with an accompanying video. The video will be serviced to (GAC) Great American Country and VH-1. Also in the works is a television commercial for Toyota and General Motors in conjunction with singles to be released from Gary's CD. The commercials will air all over Texas.

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# Viewpoints

## Storms of adversity teach us to be thankful

We are all either coming out of a life storm or heading into one. Just when we think that we have everything in its right place, something happens and throws everything in our lives out of balance.

Life seems to be one vicious circle of problems -- a seemingly endless roller coaster ride. There are days when we can feel like we are standing on top of the world, and days when it seems as though the world is on top of us.

Many have even suc-

cumbed to accepting "if it wasn't for bad luck, I'd have no luck at all" as their life motto.

Bad things, not bad luck, can happen to anyone. When we accept luck, we remove God from the equation of the event -- leaving everything up to time and chance.

Believe it or not, adversity benefits our growth as it was never intended that we would have sunny days all of the time. If not for the rain, how would we appreciate the sun?

Consider the fact that bib-

lical writers often used the attributes of the eagle to describe some of the attributes of God.

As one contemporary writer put it: "The eagle has a l w a y s symbolized strength.

Since the beginning of time, the eagle was honored. The Sumerians released the eagle at funerals to carry the departed spirit to heaven. The Greeks thought the

eagle was a messenger from Jupiter, because no creature flew higher. Caesar's legions carried the symbol of the eagle on banners of the vast R o m a n Empire.

A likeness of the eagle has graced flags of nations, the prows of great sailing ships, the nameplates of high flying aircraft, and the cockpit of the first manned craft to land on the

moon."

The mighty eagle will bravely face any storm head on. Once in the storm, the eagle will not run for cover, but instead will spread its mighty wings and rise above the storm.

That's the reaction that we should have when facing our own life storms.

Every person will face his or her own storm of adversity.

It may be a storm of drug addiction, alcoholism, racism, prejudices, adultery, child abuse, spousal abuse,

job loss, stealing, failures, marital problems, short term and long term illness, and so many others.

Storms of life are not opportunities to run and hide, but rather to learn and grow. It is a fact and truth that life is difficult, but learning to rise above adversities releases the ultimate benefit -- the discipline to always be thankful for every day, whether rain or shine.

David Cain is facility general manager of Pampa's Cabot plant.

**David Cain**

Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 3, the 34th day of 2006. There are 331 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 3, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock 'n' roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

On this date:

In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.

In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

In 1916, Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

*'Your friend will argue with you.'*

— Alexander Solzhenitsyn  
Russian writer

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1924, the 28th president of the

United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 67.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.

In 1943, during World War II, the U.S. transport ship Dorchester, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men, and went down with the ship.)

In 1994, the space shuttle Discovery lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

In 1995, the space shuttle Discovery blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Colonel Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

Ten years ago: Sgt. 1st Class Donald A. Dugan, 38, became the first U.S. soldier killed while on duty in Bosnia when a piece of ammunition exploded in his hands. Actress Audrey Meadows died in Los Angeles at the age of 71.

Five years ago: Terry McAuliffe was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

## Our readers write

### Curve on Highway 60 poses danger to newcomers to the community

I am concerned about the curve on Highway 60 as we enter Pampa from the west. I'm reminded of the accident a truck driver had that wrecked the Pampa sign and surroundings as they came around that curve.

I wonder why there are not highway reflectors placed around it for those who might not realize how dangerous that curve is.

Dorothy Fife  
Pampa

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## Idle American: Trademarks have teeth

Texas A&M University Aggies have been gung-ho from the git-go, and anyone who figured they'd take 12th man trademark infringement sitting down had best rethink the matter. (Some Aggies maintain, by the way, that git-gos originated in College Station, but such is not documented.)

Whatever, Texas A&M opened in 1876, and traditions started soon thereafter. The 12th man tradition evolved in 1922, and it became so interwoven with Aggiedom that they got a trademark. Papers were officially drawn up in 1990, the government signed off on it without any flap, and few poachers have tried to ride on the Aggies, trademark coattails -- until now.

Military tacticians stress the importance of preparedness, warning that adversaries who are least expected pop up at the most unlikely

places. They are right once more. Who would have guessed that Seattle Seahawk faithful would decide that they, too, would claim 12th man trappings? And at the M o u n t Everest of sporting events -- Super Bowl XL, for pity's sake?

At press time (hours before the big game), Aggies were mad enough to chew pine trees into two by fours. Papers were flying -- "wherefores and whereases" filled the air -- as A&M officials sought restraining orders to make Seattle backers abandon plans to take 12th man flags and towels to the game, and to market same.

It seems to me that the offenders would do well to retreat to the drawing board.

**Don Newbury**  
Columnist

Trademarks have teeth. How tragic to consider the possibility of defeats on both football field and in the courtroom. Yes, their 12th man plans at this writing are b i r d - brained at worst and half-baked at best.

Hell hath no fury like an Aggie scorned.

Let the Seahawks have 12th bird if they wish, or 12th fan, or 12th primate. Or, let them eat cake.

Oh, this isn't the first time for the Aggies to face trespassers trying to horn in on the tradition. (Notice I didn't say longhorn in.)

In the past, poachers had no ill intent. Typically, they apologize, tip their hats and slowly ride away.

T-Sippers are amused.

One UT supporter sniffed that the Aggies ought to loosen up. "They should consider it a blessing; it may be the only way they can get their flag to a championship event," one crowed.

Another pointed out that this notoriety, like Aggie jokes, keeps the school's name in the news. "Super Bowl advertisers paid \$2.5 million for 30-second ads, and the Aggies are getting a ton of publicity for nothing."

I heard the other day that some Pittsburgh fans are miffed, too. They claim that the idea of waving towels originated with them, dating back to the days of the Steelers, vaunted steel curtain defense.

Can't the Seattle folks think of something else to wave?

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## Trampling rights to get to terrorists ...

When The New York Times revealed that President George Bush had authorized warrantless surveillance of Americans, the Bush administration reacted in its usual manner: attack and then stage a public-relations campaign.

The attack was in the usual jingoistic mode, implying that both the Times and its source, a whistleblower at the National Security Agency, were providing aid and comfort to the enemy and undermining the war on terror.

That's garbage, of course. Any terrorist with more than a two-digit IQ knows that the NSA has the means to intercept any electronic communication. Terrorists

don't need to read the Times to figure that out.

The reason it is important for the American people to know is because the president appears to have violated both the law and the Constitution. A recent Zogby p o l l revealed that 52 percent of Americans think that if this is proven to be true, then the president should be impeached. This is a most serious issue.

It goes to the question, Is the president above the law? The answer, if we wish to maintain our free republic,

must be no. Hence, the public-relations campaign, which consists of the president and his minions fanning out to make speeches asserting that what he did was both legal and necessary. The operative word is "asserting."

An assertion is not a fact. It is merely a claim. What it all boils down to is, "Trust me."

The American people have no way of verifying if, in fact, the surveillance is limited to people actually making contact with actual terrorists.

As to the legality, that's

plain. What the president did was illegal. Some act does not become legal just because some hired lawyers say it is. The act must be measured against both the law and the Constitution; Bush's act was illegal and unconstitutional.

Some years ago, Congress passed the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act. It sets up a special court that can issue warrants authorizing surveillance of Americans. This court has routinely issued the warrants and even gives the government 72 hours in which it can get a warrant after the fact. In other words, if what Bush says about only surveilling people with known

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**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



## Newbury

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dreams had little to do with the game. Instead, my focus was on harried security personnel. Already burdened with awesome responsibilities of checking for firearms and glass containers, they also had to check for 12th man flags and towels.

And the few towels they found said "Holiday Inn."

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I applaud the Aggies, proud traditions and fierce loyalties to the point of envy. With former students whose support is virtually without equal, long waiting lists for admission, an endowment of some 5 billion dollars and strong state appropriations, the university's future is bright.

Really, they don't need to worry about "free publicity." If they want it, they can buy it.

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Catch Aggies at somber moments, and

they'll admit that finally, the mystique of Texas A&M defies definition. "Others can't understand it, and we can't explain it," one said.

Another maroon-clad fan asked, "You know what I'd be if I wasn't a Texas Aggie? I'd be ashamed."

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Yet again, I've told you more than I know. Any pre-game suggestions I might have offered now appear in print too late. I hope, though, that towels twirled by the crowd were Pittsburgh's terrible ones, that the flag hoisted highest was the red, white and blue, and that the game wasn't a super bore.

And I hope the Seahawk faithful had something to wave about. Hey, that's it! Maybe they could have simply done the wave. Assuming it isn't trademarked, and that moguls in D. C. don't consider Texas A&M trademarks to be Aggie jokes.

However you slice it, what Seahawk fans are doing is rotten to the corps.

*Dr. Newbury is a speaker and writer whose weekly column appears in 125 newspapers in six states.*

## Reese

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ties to terrorists is true, then he would have had no problem getting the warrants.

Gen. Michael Hayden, now deputy director of national intelligence and former director of the National Security Agency, was trotted out before the press to justify this and, frankly, made a fool of himself. When someone raised the issue of probable cause, the general petulantly denied that the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution requires probable cause. Then he said that the standard is reasonable, and added that nobody was more familiar with the Fourth Amendment than the NSA.

Well, he's dead, flat wrong.

Here's the text of the Fourth Amendment: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon proba-

ble cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

What the Bush administration is saying is, to hell with the Bill of Rights. We are changing the standard. No probable cause and no oaths or affirmations are needed. All that is needed is if we personally decide that search and seizure is reasonable. By that standard, no police department in the U.S. would need to bother with search warrants.

Sorry, but the Constitution cannot be amended by arrogant public officials who don't wish to bother with it. The Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and if the American people allow it to be violated at will, then they will deserve the loss of liberty that will surely follow. We do not need to become a dictatorship just to catch terrorists. Nor does a declaration of war (which Bush, by the way, doesn't have) suspend the Constitution.

*Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.*

## Events calendar

- **The deadline for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** to accept applications for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the EQIP Ground and Surface Water Conservation Program (EQIP-GSWC), and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) funding is Feb. 17.

- **American Red Cross Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter** will be conducting lifeguard training. The dates are unknown at this time. To qualify for the training, participants must be 15 years of age by the end of the course; must be able to tread water for two minutes using legs only; must be able to swim 500-yards continuously while demonstrating the crawl, breaststroke and sidestroke (100-yards each); and must be able to surface dive to a minimum of 9-feet and bring a 10-pound diving brick to the surface. For more information, contact the Red Cross at 669-7121. The office is located at 108 N. Russell. Pre-registration for the training is required.

- **AARP Tax-Aide, a free, volunteer run tax counseling and preparation service,** is seeking volunteers to assist in tax preparation and to become leadership coordinators. Volunteers of all ages and backgrounds are welcome. Tax counselors receive free tax training and become IRS certified by passing the IRS exam. They assist customers one-on-one at tax sites or over the Internet and agree to a minimum commitment of four hours per week for a 10 week period. For more information, call (806) 883-6871.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. 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., Feb. 1 and 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 21, McLean school, McLean.

- **Amarillo Museum of Art** will host its Spring Film Festival in 2006. The festival will include the following films: "I Shot Andy Warhol," 7 p.m., Thursday; and "The Life & Times of Andy Warhol," 7 p.m., Feb. 23. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **Association for Single Christian Fellowship** has announced area single dancers are back in Amarillo. The first dance will be from 6-11 p.m. Saturday at 2827 Mays in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 378-8328.

- **Entertainers with Southwest Cowboy Poets Association** will perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Gem Theatre in Claude. Ivan Cates, president of the association, will serve as MC. Other performers will include Charlie Bell, Bill Crenshaw, Charolyn Gouldy, Pat Henry and more.

- **Amarillo Children's Theatre Guild** will present "Elvis Acts Up!" with impersonator Manny Triana at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in Ordway Hall on Amarillo College campus in Amarillo. Tickets go on sale in Ordway Hall at 1 p.m. Saturday. Doors will open at 6:45 p.m. prior to the performance. Proceeds will benefit AC's Lamplight Youth Theatre Company. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

- **Spring classes** at Amarillo Museum of Art begin Monday. For a class schedule, log on to [www.amarilloart.org](http://www.amarilloart.org) on the Internet or call the museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **Charolyn Gouldy, secretary-treasurer** of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association; will headline the next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Feb. 11 at Big Texan Steak House in Amarillo. The program will begin at 8 a.m. An open mike session will follow. For more information, call (806) 353-5617 or (806) 374-4354. Reservations can be made at (806) 372-7000. Also on the 11th, Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter of Amarillo will host the association during the chapter's bi-monthly meeting at 2 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center on South Polk.

- **Clarendon College-Pampa Center,** 1601 W. Kentucky, will offer a beginning guitar class on Feb. 13. For more information or to register for the class, call 665-8801.

- **The Women's Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Feb. 14, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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# Religion

## River of Life to host Archer concert



▶ Steve Archer

SKELLYTOWN — River of Life Assembly of God Church in Skellytown will present Steve Archer in concert at 7 p.m. Feb. 11. Archer, singer and founder of Contemporary Christian Music, will kick off a revival at River of Life with the Rev. Nancy James.

Born and raised in California in a musical family, Archer began singing at the age of 9 with his brothers. By age 13, he had placed second in a national teen talent search. He and his brothers and sister formed Contemporary Christian

Music, and the group toured extensively both here and abroad.

In 1979, the Archers performed for President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter at the White House and appeared on various television shows including "The Jerry Lewis Telethon," "The Easter Seals Telethon" and even had their own show produced by Trinity Broadcasting Network.

In 1980, the family received a Grammy Award for "The Lord's Prayer," a musical by Reba Rambo and Donny McGuire performed

on the Grammy Award Telecast.

In 1981, their album "Spreadin' Like Wildfire" was nominated for a Grammy.

After 10 years and seven albums with the Archers, Steve embarked upon his own solo career, releasing his first album in 1982. A second album, "Through His Eyes," soon followed and Archer appeared on "Star Search." "Through His Eyes" jumped to number one on the CCM charts in 1983. Other albums and chart toppers followed.

The upcoming concert is open to the public as well as the congregation at River of Life. For more information, call (806) 848-2939.



### HOLY TRADITION

## To Lent or not to Lent, that is the question

Mike Sublett

Hi-Land Christian



I've written a couple of articles encouraging Christians to observe Lent, but I usually don't remember to write them until after Lent is over. This time I want to do it before the Lenten season.

This year Lent begins on March 1, known as Ash Wednesday. It ends on April 15, the day before Easter Sunday.

Most folks, especially non-Catholic Christians, think of Lent as a "Catholic thing." Well, it is not just a Catholic thing. At least, it doesn't have to just be a blessing for Catholic Christians.

Lent is a season of repentance, a special time to draw near to God with a humble heart, a chosen time to meditate on the sacrificial price paid by Jesus for our sins.

Most notably, it is accompanied by the giving up of something that is good and that we have the perfect right to, so that we might specially focus on something more important — drawing nearer to the Lord.

Most Protestant churches ignore Lent, not seeing the personal significance that it can have in the lives of every believer. Almost all Evangelical churches disregard Lent out of ignorance or lack of experience.

And yet even some Catholics and Protestants who do observe Lent make it trivial, almost a game, by giving up something incredibly unimportant, something that makes no impact on their personal lives.

See SUBLETT, Page 12

## Wesley's conversion gave rise to great Christian minister

John Wesley was born in England in 1705, and by 1735 he was educated in Christian ministry. He and his younger brother, Charles, made their way to the United States where they labored in Georgia for several months. Wesley refused the sacrament to a lady and was sued for doing so. All-in-all, Mr. Wesley was unpopular.

After returning to England, Wesley had an experience at Aldersgate Street which he called his "conversion." It so changed Wesley that his ministry literally took off in great revivals outside the Church of England.

Wesley's newfound joy compelled him to preach. Even when his childhood church, the Church of England, was closing its doors against him, so positive was his conversion and so powerful was the Holy Spirit driving him that he did the unthinkable. He took his meetings outside church walls.

Open air meetings? Such an unholy thing, the pious church leaders thought. Once when Wesley found himself locked out of his church, he walked out a few paces and began preaching

atop his father's tombstone, winning sinners to Christ.

Wesley was getting his best education.

I need not try to tell you of Wesley's great success in the ministry, but it does seem fitting to divert a little at this point. In Slaton, Texas, a minister of non-Pentecostal faith told me of his education. He said, "I went to a seminary, and I'm glad I did, but it took me six years to get over it. Late, late one night at my desk, I settled it with God. I spread snot and tears all over my desk, and when it was over I had peace with God and an education."

Preachers without a con- See COOPER, Page 12

Archie Cooper

Pentecostal Holiness



*"Amazing Grace"*

Composed probably between 1760 and 1770 in Olney, Buckinghamshire, England, "Amazing Grace" was possibly one of the hymns written for a weekly church service. The composer was John Newton, a self-proclaimed wretch who once was lost but then was found, saved by amazing grace. In 1748, he was rescued from indentured servitude by a sea captain, and for the rest of his life, he observed May 10, 1748 as the day of his conversion. "Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home." Ref: Al Rogers

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## Writers Alive! gearing up for annual seminar

AMARILLO — On April 21 at Kingswood United Methodist Church in Amarillo, the Amarillo Chapter of Inspirational Writers Alive! will introduce guest speakers for its annual seminar. Members will gather at the church at 7 p.m. for "Meet the Speakers" and a covered dish meal.

The actual Writers Alive! seminar will officially get under way with registration at 8 a.m. April 22 at Kingswood United Methodist Church.

Sessions will include the keynote address "Writing Effective Dialogue" with Rodney Morris, senior editor, Multnomah Publishers. Morris will offer limited one-on-one sessions with participants. Micro-keynote talks — "The Power of Poetry" by Vivian Stewart and "Interviewing for Feature Writing" by Donna Smith — later in the seminar.

Smith will conduct workshops on "How to Find Ideas for Writing & Selling What You Write" and poetry. All sessions will have a question and answer time.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married 15 years to a woman I have always placed on a pedestal. I recently learned that when she was single, she had an affair with a married man. I can't get it out of my head. I'm afraid it will drive me to drink. Yes, she has been a good wife and mother to our two girls (ages 11 and 13), but I no longer have the respect for her that I once had. We recently got into an argument that escalated into name-calling, and I called her a "slut" because that's what I feel she is. She dated at least seven or eight other men before we married, and knowing she had sex with a married man, I'm sure I can safely assume that she had sex with the others. Our sex life is deteriorating. I feel I'm not making love to a "clean" woman, that she is used and dirty laundry. I told her she had cheated me the same as if I paid for a new car and then found out the dealer delivered a used one. She always claimed to be a good Catholic, and I told her she even ignored her religious teachings, as they teach you to be a virgin for your husband. I won't leave her because of the children, but I'm afraid I'll have a hard time staying even though I believe I love her. Instead of having her on a pedestal, I now have her in the gutter. Please advise me before I go out of my mind. — **HURT AND SAD, TRENTON, N.J.**

**DEAR HURT AND SAD:** Hurt and sad? Imagine how SHE feels! Assuming that you are also Catholic, were you a virgin when you married your wife? Surely, the same rule applies to Catholic men as it does to Catholic women. If, after 15 years of solid marriage and two children, this is what your wife gets from the man who promised God he would love, honor and cherish her until death, frankly, I think she deserves better. Pedestals are cold, drafty places on which to live, and it is unfair and unrealistic to label your wife as either a

Madonna or a whore because of a youthful indiscretion. These days, most people fall somewhere in between. Please, don't be a "martyr" and "stay because of the children." Unless you can find it in your heart to forgive (as your religion preaches), give the poor woman a break and go. Name-calling isn't going to fix this; psychological and religious counseling for you might. Your wife does not deserve the abuse you have heaped upon her, and you need more help than anyone can give you in a letter.

**DEAR ABBY:** My nephew recently married a widow with two teenage sons. His wife insists that he should have "a child of his own" -- but through adoption. She does not intend to have any more children. My sister has now informed all the members of our family that the adoption fee is \$25,000 and that we will be expected to make a donation! I have never seen this matter addressed in your column. Please tell us what to do, and fast. Our family awaits your opinion. — **MUDDLED IN THE MIDWEST**

**DEAR MUDDLED:** You have never seen the matter addressed in my column because the premise is so original and outlandish that no one has sent it to me before. It is my opinion that if your nephew and his wife cannot come up with the money to finance the adoption, they should postpone it until they can. (Just what would your sister consider everyone's "fair share" of this project to be? And if you did buy into this joint venture, does that mean you would have a say in how the child is raised?) There are too many questions that come to mind, and not enough answers. Tell your sister, "Nice try, though!"

## For Better Or Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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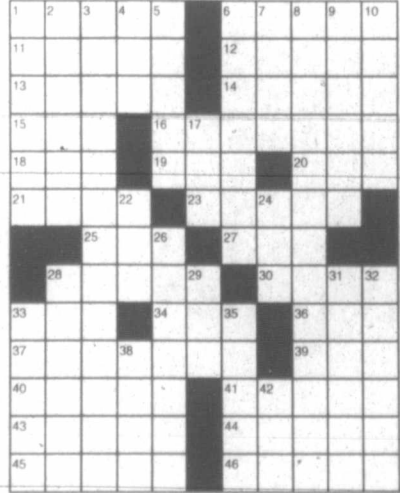
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  - 16 Ripple
  - 18 Unlucky
  - 19 Rooster's mate
  - 20 — Cruces
  - 21 Prerequisite
  - 23 Nixon veep
  - 25 Do cafe work
  - 27 Long lunch
  - 28 Offshoots
  - 30 Sister of Amy, Jo and Meg
  - 33 Essen article
  - 34 Plug's place
  - 36 Old auto
  - 37 Close enough to hit
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  - 40 Auctioneer's word
  - 41 Worker's reward
  - 43 Dancer Castle
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- 1 Ellington vehicle
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  - 5 Judi of "Chocolat"
  - 6 Downsizing events
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  - 17 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
  - 18 French nobleman over
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  - 28 Lady of Spain
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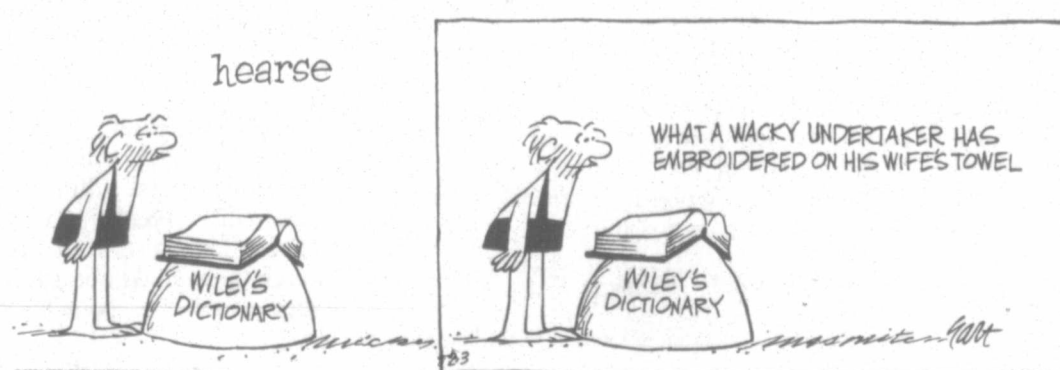


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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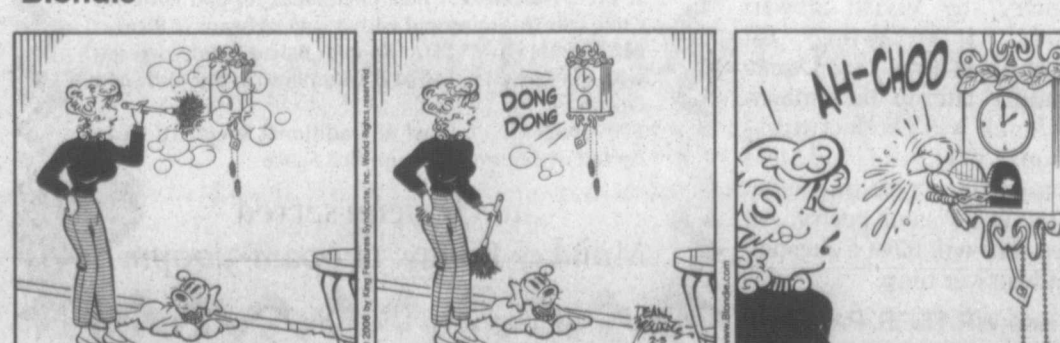
## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie





# Sports Day

## Coach Miller to be inducted into NWOSU Hall of Fame

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Dustin Miller is not an outspoken person. Fortunately, he has family that is.

The first year Pampa Harvesters head basketball coach has had quite a season. He has taken a group of young men and instilled in them the spirit that once was Pampa basketball. They obviously believe in him. Entering tonight's game with Caprock, Miller and his Harvesters are an impressive 20-5, including a 5-1 District 3-4A mark.

His early success comes as no surprise to his college basketball coach, Bob Battisti, who said Miller's coaching style will be along the same line as that of former Dallas Cowboys coach, the late Tom Landry.

Battisti still coaches the Rangers of Northwestern Oklahoma State University. And he will be on hand tomorrow afternoon when his former power forward and current Pampa Harvesters head basketball coach is inducted into the NWOSU Hall of Fame.

That ceremony will take place in Alva, Okla. during the half-time of the game between the Rangers and visiting Wayland Baptist University.

Asked why he nominated Miller, Battisti replied, "His athletic contribution, character and leadership while attending NWOSU and post-graduate success." Miller is a 1993 business administration graduate.

After school, he returned home to Pampa where he served as business administrator for Regional Eye Center for 10 years.

He joined the staff of Pampa High School in 2002 as a teacher and assistant coach. He took over the reigns of the boys varsity basketball program prior to the start of this season.

Battisti says NWOSU was "fortunate Miller has plenty of family in that area of

Oklahoma (Waynoka). "He could have played at a bigger university. After his initial visit I realized he could be a special player and we were lucky to get him," said Battisti.

Miller's parents and cousin, Shannon, also attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University. In fact, Battisti credits Shannon for persuading him to take a look at her cousin.

Asked to share a memory of Miller's college playing days, Battisti offered, "My favorite moment was the half court buzzer beater Dustin made at Southwestern Oklahoma to give us a win on the road and eventually produced a conference championship. Dustin showed his typical emotion, he just smiled as his teammates were mobbing him."

Look close and you will see that same man roaming the Harvesters bench tonight.

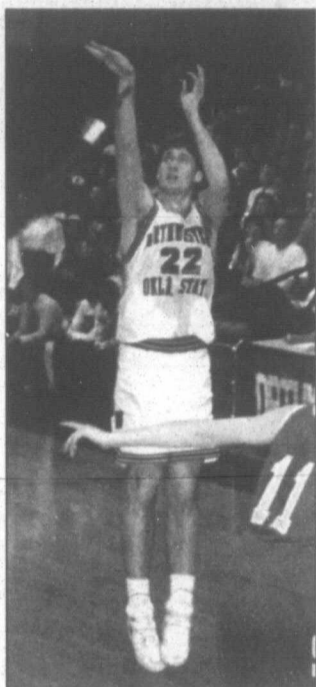
Coach Battisti closed with a final thought of praise for his former player and soon-to-be Hall of Fame member.

"Dustin was smart, he fed off pressure, was not afraid of high standards, and was a person of absolute and unquestioned integrity. I would say he is one of the five best all-around players I have coached in my 20 years at the NWOSU."

Congratulations Coach Miller.

### Career Highlights Northwestern Oklahoma State University

- Ninth place, all-time scoring with 1,156 points.
- Averaged 10.1 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.
- 49.1 % field goal percentage.
- 40 % from three-point range.
- School record for highest free throw percentage in a season, 90.6 % (48-53) during his senior season, 1992-93.



Dustin Miller

## Harvesters host 'Horns; sights set on win No. 21

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

"It's a a good match-up. It should be a great game," said Pampa head coach Dustin Miller, commenting on tonight's game between his Harvesters and the visiting Caprock Longhorns at The Pit.

Pampa (20-5, 5-1) is coming off a huge win over Randall Tuesday, in which the Harvesters simply frustrated the Raiders, wearing them down in the latter stages of the game. Caprock is capable of physically lasting the whole game, which is something Coach Miller is aware of. "Caprock is very scrappy, and as in every district game you better be ready to play a good four quarters," Miller noted.

When these two schools met in Amarillo Jan. 17, part of the Caprock game plan was to put two or three guys on 6'9" senior post, Jarrett Kotara, which was fine with Miller. "That is a huge advantage for us because it opens up some shots for the guards and Sharod (Young) and

Braydon (Barker) had a nice shooting game."

Young, Pampa's leading scorer, is coming off a 32-point performance Tuesday and may also be a 'Horns target tonight. Miller says he expects Caprock to set up in front of the Pampa senior, hoping to draw some charging fouls.

A win tonight will all but sew-up the No. 2 seed in the upcoming 2-3A playoffs. What will it take for Miller and his guys to come away with season win No. 21 tonight? "We need to have a good night shooting the ball," he said. "We need to limit their second shots and take care of the ball. A big, rowdy crowd would not hurt anything either."

Tonight's game will tip off at 7:30 and can be heard live on AM 1230 KGRO, and via the Web at [www.centramedia.com](http://www.centramedia.com)

### Super Bowl Pick

Coach Miller, "I can't believe I am doing this, but Pittsburgh (You can't be a Cowboy fan and pull for Pittsburgh). I really do not like Seattle's uniforms."

## Lady Harvesters look to keep second place

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters are down to the final two games of the season, including tonight's meeting with Caprock in The Pit. With an overall mark of 13-15, and a District 3-4A record of 5-3, winning out is a must if Pampa is to retain second place. The Lady Harvesters close the regular season Tuesday at Dumas.

Does head coach Troy Fry consider this a 'playoff' game? No, though he does note it is a game of some significance. "Tonight is not a playoff game for us," said Fry. "It is a game with a lot of important outcomes to it."

One of the Lady Harvesters' strengths is putting the previous game behind them

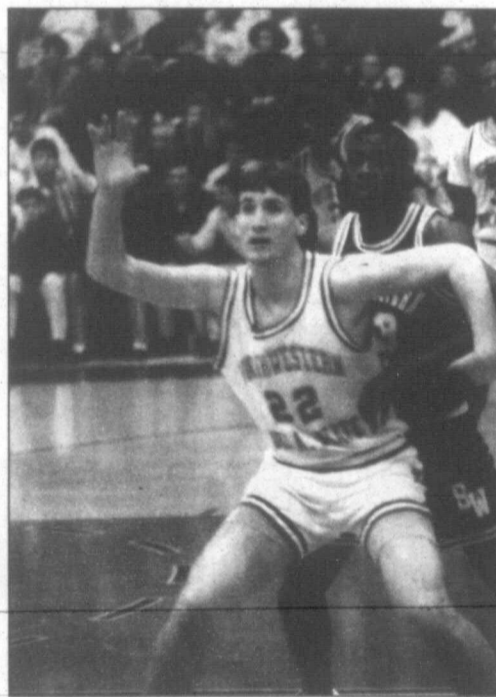
and focusing on the one ahead. Coming off a loss to the Lady Raiders of Randall Tuesday night, Pampa must call upon that strength tonight. Fry is confident his girls have put Tuesday behind them and are ready for tonight. "We do let games go by and focus on the next game very well. I don't think this is any different. We know now that we just have to play each game and maintain our standing."

Pampa fans should look for the Lady Harvesters to come out shooting tonight. "We are going to have to shoot well and play aggressive defense," said Fry. "We want to control the game and play with a lot of intensity."

The game will begin at 6 p.m.

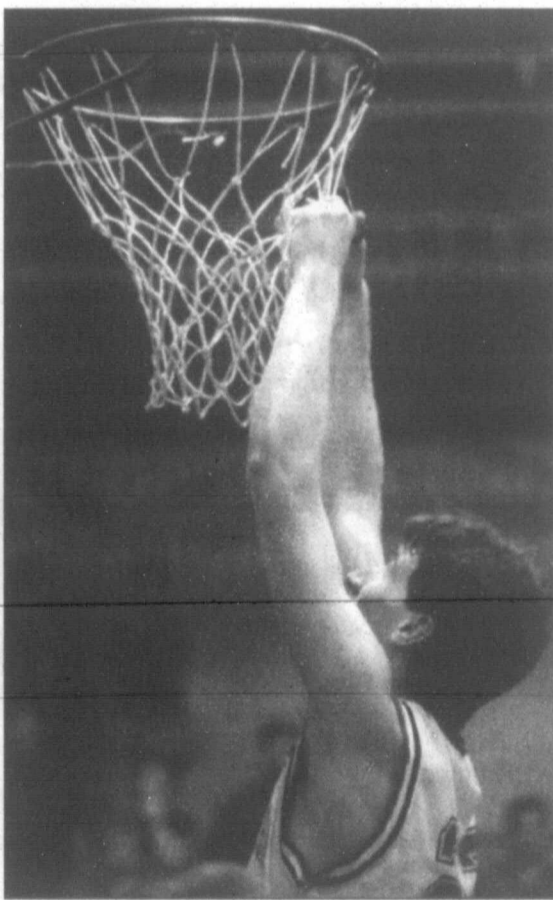
### Super Bowl Pick

Coach Fry, "Seattle, 35 - 27."



Courtesy photos

▲ Dustin Miller sets up in front of a Southwestern Oklahoma defender.  
► Miller takes his turn a cutting down a championship net.



## Pampa wrestlers vie for District titles and chance to advance to Regionals

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa wrestlers will be in Borger Saturday competing in Districts and the chance to advance to regionals. Due to unforeseen conflicts, the matches will start at 10 a.m., not noon.

Harvesters head coach Josh Cadenhead is excited about his team's opportunity and prospects of moving on. "These young men have been working extremely hard and the district tournament is where it all pays off," said Cadenhead. "We have had a great week of preparation and I feel we are ready to wrestle."

For most, the chance to advance may be just a question of one win. Noted Cadenhead, "There are 15 weight classes and out of those only one (189) has five wrestlers." He continued, "This means if we win one

we're in." The top two wrestlers advance to next week's regionals in El Paso. "As a coach, I feel very confident that we will have several advance."

*"These young men have been working extremely hard and the district tournament is where it all pays off."*

— Josh Cadenhead  
Head Coach, PHS Wrestling

Among the possibilities are Richard Leal (103). Leal has put together a remarkable season and could face Dumas' Sean Ellibee in the finals Saturday.

Jeremy Maxwell (130) has the potential to put a scare in opponents, as does Pampa teammate Stephen McCarly (160).

John Burns (171) should be considered a district favorite, a thought echoed by Coach Cadenhead. "John Burns will have a great shot at being the district champion as long as he wrestles the way he is capable of wrestling."

Cody Wood is in that 5-man, 189 pound bracket and will have to battle through some very tough matches. "Cody is a sophomore ready to pick up several wins this weekend," said Cadenhead.

Jonathan Olson (heavyweight) will face some solid competition as well, including a wrestler from Boys Ranch whom Olson lost to the last time they met. Cadenhead says "Jonathan has been watching film on him. He is ready to go."

### HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

## Other games of interest

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

### District 3-4A Boys & Girls

Caprock @ Pampa  
Hereford @ Palo Duro  
Dumas @ Randall

### Others

Lubbock Coronado @ Amarillo High  
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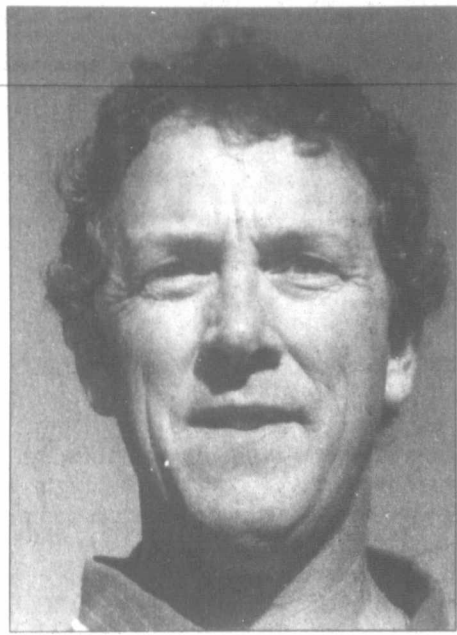
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## F-5 Super Bowl picks



### Shane Stokes

**1. Are you ready for some football?**  
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**2. Who will win and what will the final score be?**  
Seahawks, 24-20.

**3. Nice guess. Now give it to us by quarter.**  
1st- Steelers 10, Seahawks 0  
2nd- Steelers 10, Seahawks 7  
3rd- Steelers 17, Seahawks 14  
4th- Steelers 20, Seahawks 24

**4. Who will score first and how?**  
Jerome Bettis, 6-yard run.

**5. Will Keith Richards survive half-time?**  
Who cares? Whose great idea was this — the Rolling Stones — when the Super Bowl is in MOTOWN, the home of so many great artists? This could have been the best half-time show ever.

**6. Which team will end the game with more passing yards?**  
Seahawks, but it will be close.

**7. Which team will end the game with more rushing yards?**  
Seahawks.

**8. Which would you rather own royalty rights to?**  
"Hi Mom"  
"Clearly"  
"Indisputable video evidence"  
"Just shy"

None of the above. How about, "I'm going to Disneyland!" You know that one will be used.

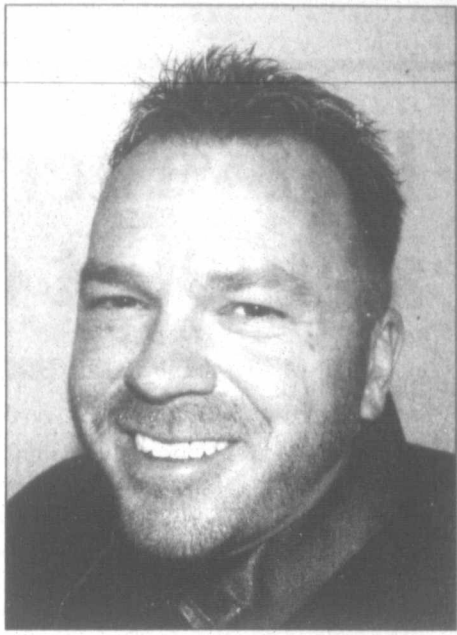
**9. Who will be named Super Bowl XL MVP?**  
Shaun Alexander. 121 rushing yards and two touchdowns.

**10. Do grown men cry?**  
Sure grown men cry. I don't guess little girls do though, because I haven't been able to get Hooper to cry any this whole season.

**Share some final thoughts on the inaugural Fantastic Five Football Picks season.**  
Just a few thoughts on the other four guys in this competition.  
— Sean Smith and Ray Boring: Great guys, they always played hard and were always fair. Neither ever said a bad word toward another player.  
— Michael J.: Super nice guy! I'm not sure he's in the right line of work though. I always thought that a sports journalist would have at least some knowledge of sports.  
— Donny Hooper: What can I say, he's the best! The best at always stealing my picks, the best at talking smack and most importantly, the best at offering me cash to throw this contest in the last two weeks so he could win....Thanks Hoop.

Overall, this has been really fun and I hope it has brought some enjoyment to the three or four people who read this sports page each week.

**Note: Donny Hooper has already won the 2005-2006 Fantastic Five Football Picks title. However, Shane Stokes could salvage a solid second place finish with accurate predictions to the questions provided.**



### Donny Hooper

**1. Are you ready for some football?**  
Yes! Because this is the grand-daddy of them all. This is more than just a football game, its parties, food, friends and most of all a chance for me to shut Shane up once and for all. Hey Stevens, I thought you said the winner of the contest would receive tickets to the Super Bowl?

**2. Who will win and what will the final score be?**  
Pittsburgh will win, 27-21.

**3. Nice guess, now give it to us by quarter.**  
1st- Steelers 7, Seahawks 7  
2nd- Steelers 10, Seahawks 14  
3rd- Steelers 13, Seahawks 21  
4th- Steelers 27, Seahawks 21

**4. Who will score first and how?**  
Seahawks will score first on a fumble recovery after Ben Roethlisberger is knocked silly by Grant Wistrom.

**5. Will Keith Richards survive half-time?**  
Keith maybe, but it's the drummer I am a little worried about. He has seen his better days. I will be at the buffet during that time so let me know how it turns out.

**6. Which team will end the game with more passing yards?**  
Pittsburgh.

**7. Which team will end the game with more rushing yards?**  
Seattle.

**8. Which would you rather own royalty rights to?**  
"Hi Mom"  
"Clearly"  
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Definitely "Hi Mom." The players say it, the fans say it, the broadcasters say it...I could retire tomorrow! And just in case my mom reads this, "Hi Mom!"

**9. Who will be named Super Bowl XL MVP?**  
Sorry "Bus" fans. Big Ben will be named the MVP for leading the Steelers comeback and throwing the game winning touchdown with less than three minutes to go in the 4th.

**10. Do grown men cry?**  
Apparently so. All I have heard this week from Mr. Stokes is how I have cheated to win this contest. Shane, how can you cheat at this? He claims that "he had me" at one point during the season. When was that? I guess it's nothing new. I hear he is the same way around the softball fields and basketball courts. I ask the community to rally together and send boxes of Kleenex to his office. They will be put to good use. Ray has cried foul all year as well. Maybe he needs a box sent his way too. Face it cry babies, you lose!

**Bonus**  
**Share some final thoughts on the inaugural Fantastic Five Football Picks season.**  
This has been an absolute blast! More than anything it has been fun talking with people at the grocery store, at the Harvester games, at the restaurants and at the office about our picks. What could be better than talking sports all day long? The only suggestion I would have for next year is to please get Shane and I some competition. Ray, Sean and Michael were on about the same level, and their football predicting elevator was delivered minus the cables. Seriously it has been a lot of fun. I am already looking forward to next year.

## Pittsburgh popular pick among pampa coaches

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

So how do some of Pampa's coaching community see Sunday's big game? With the exception of PHS Athletic Director Dick Dunham, the general consensus is Pittsburgh will win what will be a very close game.

**Super Bowl XL Picks**

Coach Bryan Wood:  
Pittsburgh 21, Seattle 10.  
Coach John East:  
Pittsburgh 30, Seattle 24.  
Coach Janyth Bowers:  
Pittsburgh 21, Seattle 14.  
Coach Byron May:  
Pittsburgh 17, Seattle 13.  
PHS AD Dick Dunham:  
Seattle 24, Pittsburgh 21.

## HARVESTER SOCCER

### Pampa teams open district season

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters soccer teams open District 3-4A play this afternoon against Randall at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon.

Boys head coach Byron May says his guys are ready. "We work hard all season, and we enjoy every part of the schedule, but everything we do from day one points to these district games."

And it is not just any game out of the chute this afternoon for May and his team. "Randall is a game we talk about all year," he said.

Asked to give his team's greatest accomplishment so far this season, Coach May replied, "I think our 3-0 win against Brownwood has been our biggest achieve-

ment this season. They are the class of 4-4A, and we gave them all they wanted. If we can play with that kind of determination and hustle, we will have a chance to win ball games."

Pampa is a team that possesses solid skill and a lot of speed. May says he likes his team's chances when they are running with the opponent on both sides of the ball.

So what does Pampa need to do to assure a win this afternoon? "We have to be very opportunistic to beat Randall," said May. "I haven't seen a Randall game in the last three years when the winning team scored more than two goals."

The boys game says today should be another "Slug-fest."

The boys game will follow the Lady Harvesters — Lady Raiders game which begins at 4:15.

## Eye on the ball



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Pampa's Jeneé Norris (#14) is focused on the ball as she battles a Lady Cougar Tuesday. Norris and her Lady Harvesters teammates open the district season on the road today against Randall.

## Central Hockey League standings

NORTHERN CONFERENCE						
Northeast Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Bossier-Shreveport	21	13	5	47	123	108
Memphis	16	21	2	34	122	136
Youngstown	15	23	2	32	115	139
Fort Worth	13	23	5	31	107	149
Northwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	30	8	4	64	161	123
Wichita	23	12	5	51	151	137
Oklahoma City	24	17	2	50	161	148
Tulsa	20	17	3	43	132	136
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE						
Southeast Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Laredo	27	11	3	57	155	105
Rio Grande Valley	20	16	3	43	123	114
Austin	20	18	3	43	112	133
Corpus Christi	15	24	2	32	98	134
Southwest Division						
	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Odessa	22	13	5	49	138	121
Amarillo	18	17	3	39	125	129
Lubbock	17	20	1	35	107	120

**NOTE:** Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

**Thursday's Games**  
Bossier-Shreveport 4, Corpus Christi 1  
Austin 2, Fort Worth 1  
Colorado 7, Oklahoma City 3

**Friday's Games**  
Tulsa at Odessa  
Amarillo at Lubbock  
Memphis at Youngstown  
Fort Worth at Austin  
Rio Grande Valley at Laredo  
Bossier-Shreveport at Corpus Christi  
Colorado at Oklahoma City

**Saturday's Games**  
Lubbock at Amarillo  
Austin at Odessa  
Colorado at Wichita  
Memphis at Youngstown  
Bossier-Shreveport at Fort Worth  
Rio Grande Valley at Laredo  
Oklahoma City at Tulsa

**Tuesday's Games**  
Youngstown at Tulsa  
Corpus Christi at Bossier-Shreveport  
Lubbock at Oklahoma City  
Odessa at Fort Worth

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State Office  
Contr. / Maint. Division  
200 E. Riverside Dr.  
Austin, Texas 78704  
Phone: 512-416-2540  
  
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Amarillo District  
District Engineer  
5715 Canyon Dr.  
Amarillo, Texas  
79105-2708  
Phone: 806-356-3283  
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D-75 Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 2006

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FOUND female Bull Dog, 700 bl. Francis. Call 665-0145.

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FOUND small male dog on Price Rd. Call 669-7945.

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FOUND male Pit Bull puppy, about 10 mo. old. Vicinity of Gwendolen & Roberta. 665-1849

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The key to Lent is giving up something that is very significant in the individual believer's life so that they will be constantly reminded to draw near to the Lord in a special way.

One year for me it was coffee. Most people thought that I'd never make it since I probably drink three to six cups of coffee each day. But the Lord and I had a great time of closeness that Lenten season. When you give up something that is important to you, you find yourself praying

more, almost a running conversation with the Lord throughout every day.

One more blessing for the Lenten season is the movie "The Passion of Christ." Remember: Lent is to be a season of repentance, a focus on the sacrifice of Christ. Nothing will burn into a believer's conscience and heart the depth and scope of Jesus' gift of love than the visual pictures in that movie.

So will you allow God to use Lent to bless your relationship with Him with greater closeness? If you are open to this blessing, then ask the Lord to show you what you could give up that would really impact your life. Now remember it has to be something that is good, something

that you have a perfect right to.

I know believers who have given up eating at fast food restaurants, drinking soda pop, eating meat, time on the computer, watching television, eating sweets, going to the movies, eating a certain food, ice in beverages and listening to music. If you just can't figure out what to give up, talk to someone who practices Lent. They can be a good resource.

May God bless you with a powerful Lenten season, a time for God to humble your soul as never before, a time for the sacrifice of Christ on Calvary to come to mean more than ever before.

God bless.

# Cooper

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version are a detriment to any country. They will be swept away by diverse and strange doctrines, especially if it is a doctrine of dollars and popularity.

There is no way to determine how much good Wesley did and is still doing in this world. It gives me thrills to repeat his integrity and devotion to saving souls, how he rode horseback thousands of miles every year to save sinners. He rode in sunshine or rain, arising at 4 o'clock every morning, praying, studying and writing — and all the while praying for guidance and for souls.

I am blessed to have the book "John Wesley's Awakenings" by James Richard Joy. Other writings of this wonderful man of God are so uplifting also.

The powerful working of the spirit in Wesley's life was not something God had never done before. As early as Enoch, the father of Methuselah, there was recorded a perfect fellowship with God.

Enoch preached a judgment for wicked people. While Enoch was preaching judgment harder than most of us do, he had a testimony that he pleased God.

Enoch has been given credit, by some, for inventing writing. At one time, there was a book by his name.

He was a prophet of righteousness in the midst of the most ungodly people, a people that God could not put up with much longer. Enoch was a torment to those people, but Enoch pleased God so well that God translated him that he should not see death.

Noah also walked with God, and God told Abraham, "Walk thou before me and be thou perfect." (Genesis 17:1) That was the only way Abraham could be "the friend of God."

God spoke to Abraham. He still speaks to people today. Like Gideon, we better be double sure of what God is saying. Put it to a Bible test. Satan is copying God's work with deception the best he can.

Enoch, Noah, Abraham, King David and Jesus Christ all lived in a world with many sins, crimes and doubt. Our world and nation are no exception. One of the strongest grips

that Satan has on our nation today is evolution.

Evolution has gained much of its power through a religion that tries to breed evolution to creation, and has walked away from Wesley's powerful preaching of holiness and holy living. Many churches are denying the power to be cleansed from sin in this life. Such theology tells the world that Satan is more than a match for the atonement for sin that Jesus made.

Above and beyond the filth and sins of this world and the lukewarm churches, God has a people filled with the Holy Spirit, walking with God and ready to be translated when Jesus comes.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words." (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18)

# Writers

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Contest categories will include poetry, devotionals and articles. Two special contests will focus on a Biblical creative nonfiction

story and a nostalgic story. Entry deadline is April 1.

To obtain a seminar brochure complete with contest guidelines, e-mail

Jerry McClenagan at iwa06seminar@yahoo.com or write him at PMB 107, 5600 Bell St., Suite 105, Amarillo, TX 79109.

# People in the news

LONDON (AP) — A former rock singer claimed his coat was made of fur from the endangered gorilla — outraging many in Britain and prompting an investigation. But the shaggy garment turned out to be made of monkey pelts, so the entertainer will not face charges.

Pete Burns of the 1980s band Dead or Alive made his unpopular fashion claim on a reality TV program called "Celebrity Big Brother," upsetting fellow contestants as well as viewers.

Investigators seized the coat for testing at London's Natural History Museum, which determined the coat was made from fur of black and white colobus monkeys, police said.

The monkeys are native to Africa, and it has been illegal to import their skins to

Britain since 1975, so police next tried to determine when the coat was made.

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Russell Simmons has received a key to the city for his dedication to young people.

About 2,000 students from Weequahic High School attended the presentation Thursday for the 48-year-old co-founder of Def Jam Records, creator of HBO's "Def Comedy Jam" and chairman of Rush Communications, which includes Simmons' Phat clothing empire.

Newark Mayor Sharpe James honored Simmons for his work with the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network, a group Simmons founded to help at-risk youth.

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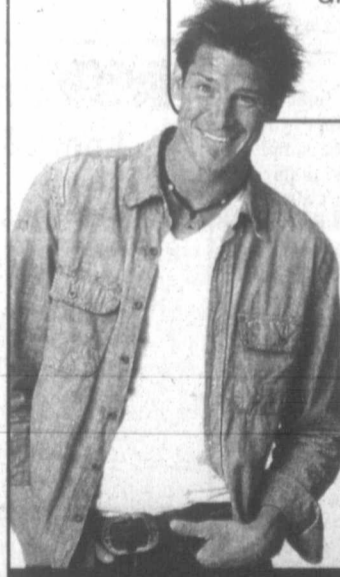
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