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Working for Progress group to meet on improvements

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Working for Progress, a group of residents hoping to improve conditions in all Pampa's neighborhoods, will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the auditorium at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

Residents of each ward of the city are expected to make up the group, said Barbara Patrick, one of the organizers. Their primary goal will be to help clean up the city and

improve its appearance.

"Every area of Pampa needs to be developed," Patrick said. "The city does not have enough manpower or equipment. We have equipment and manpower donated to us, and we can assist the city in cleanup and other work."

The group will provide input to the city commission concerning needed improvements in each ward. Patrick plans to seek grant monies to

help fund the cleanup and improvements.

"Our volunteers will help clean up areas that are not privately owned," she said. "The city manager has a list of homes and lots that are privately owned, so we'll know which ones not to go to."

An ordinance has already been drawn up concerning Working for Progress. "We are legally on our way," Patrick said.

Patrick and her husband, Rev. I.L. Patrick, have been Pampa residents for 22 years, living part of that time on the south side of town. Rev. Patrick is pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church.

"There is a need here. There is no sense in all of us sitting here looking at it and nobody doing anything about it," Patrick said.

Tuesday's meeting is open to the public. Officers will be elected.

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\$1.6 billion payment for duping investors

NEW YORK (AP) — In one of the largest regulatory settlements ever, American International Group Inc. has agreed to pay more than \$1.6 billion to settle allegations that it used deceptive accounting practices to mislead investors and regulators.

The settlement announced today by New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's office also requires the New York-based company, one of the world's largest insurers, to adopt changes in its business practices to ensure proper accounting procedures in the future.

The pact settles a civil suit filed last May by Spitzer with backing from the New York State Insurance Department. The Securities and Exchange Commission, which also worked with Spitzer on the investigation, was to file and settle allegations of accounting fraud with the company simultaneously.

Spitzer spokesman Darren Dopp said the settlement was final.

The settlement does not cover Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, the company's former chairman and CEO who was named in the suit but has pledged to fight it in

court. Spitzer told The Associated Press in an interview, "This is a company that didn't have to cheat. But once they began, they found it hard to stop. And like an addict, they grew dependent on financial gamesmanship that could ultimately destroy the company."

He said that the new business practices AIG was adopting would improve the market for property and casualty insurance in the United States.

"AIG's obligation to be transparent, its obligation to report honest financials and its obligation to permit consumers to know what fees its agents and brokers will be deriving from sales, are going to define a new level of transparency in the market that all consumers will benefit from," Spitzer said.

Shareholders welcomed the settlement announcement, sending AIG shares up 22 cents to \$66.60 in morning trading on the New York Stock Exchange.

Under the agreement, about \$800 million will go to investors who were deceived by AIG's accounting tactics and about \$375 million will go to AIG policyholders.

Hoops action



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
From left, Shane Smith, Dylan Parks and Andrew Smith watch as Parks' shot goes through the basket during a game of driveway basketball after school Tuesday afternoon on Fir Street. At one time, the trio had two basketballs in play.

Entrepreneur a tele-commuter

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa's newest corporate executive works from a virtual office. It could be from home in Pampa. It could be from his office in Amarillo. It could be from a picnic table in the park on a sunny day or from McDonald's.

"I'm a tele-commuter," said Daniel Silva as he sat drinking orange juice at Sisters Spudnut Shop on Foster.

If there's not a wireless connection for his laptop computer, he uses his cell phone.

Silva, 38, has started three companies since leaving Celanese about three years ago. First was Virtual Computers, a technical support company. Then he started Advanced Marketing Services, which designs Web sites and hosts them.

His newest company is an online business for buying, selling and trading almost anything.

Three years ago, Silva said he went out to his garage to clean it out.

"There was a lot of stuff to get rid of," he said.

He talked to friends and neighbors and heard the story. They all had garages packed with "stuff," and it takes a lot of time, effort and expense to hold a garage sale.

In seeing a need and filling it, Silva created a Web site on the Internet. He named it garagespot.com.

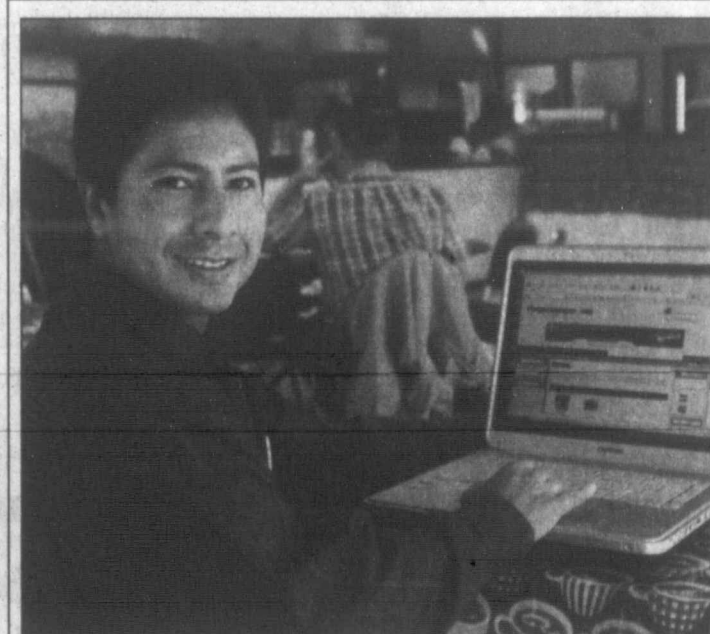
"Garagespot.com is the most exciting right now," Silva said of his companies.

He got local businesses to sponsor it, and began putting up free classified ads for people wanting to clear out their garages.

Silva put the Web site up a year ago this month.

It was an almost spontaneous move. The

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Daniel Silva, Pampa's newest corporate executive, tends to business on his laptop from Sisters Spudnut Shop.

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Obituaries

Beulah Poindexter Pyeatt, 97

Beulah Poindexter Pyeatt, 97, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 6, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Mike Sublett, pastor of Hi-Land Christian Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at the Prairie Dell Cemetery in Hemphill County under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pyeatt was born Sept. 12, 1908, in Durham, Okla. She married Floyd Pyeatt on July 25, 1931, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on Oct. 21, 1982. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1959.

She was a reading special education school teacher for Pampa Independent School District for 31 years, retiring May 24, 1974. She was a member of the Mary Ellen

& Harvester Church of Christ. She was a member of the Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star and the Rebekah Lodge.



Pyeatt

Survivors include one daughter, Opel Moore of Copperas Cove; one brother, Elgin Poindexter of Rogers, Ark.; four grandsons, Floyd Lee White of Copperas Cove, Darrel Wayne White and James Edwin Moore, both of Pampa, and Gregory Don White of Sugar Land; and four great-grandchildren, Dara White and Jamie White, both of Sinton, and Michael Moore and Daryl Moore, both of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Lee Pyeatt in 1940; four brothers, Hershel Poindexter, Kenneth Poindexter, Chester Poindexter and Warren Poindexter; and one sister, Vesta Grissom.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 67. Wind chill values between 18 and 26 early. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 19 and 24.

Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north-northeast between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 38. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph,

with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 19. Wind chill values between 5 and 15. North-northwest wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 37. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 21. Northwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. West-northwest wind around 10

mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 53. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 29.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny and windy, with a high around 59.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 53.

Stocks

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

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Milo 3.15

Corn 4.04

Soybeans 4.65

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

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West Texas Crude 62.55

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Four traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of West Harvester and the intersection of Beryl and Jean streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of Red Deer and the 300 block of Sunset.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East Frederic, where possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in the 600 block of Yeager. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one arrest.

One burglar alarm was reported. Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Campbell and Purvis streets, the 300 block of Pennsylvania and the 300 block of North Zimmers.

One suicide attempt was reported. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2000 block of Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Mary Ellen and Harvester streets.

Harassment was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

Assault was reported in the 600 block of North Gray.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Tignor, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the police department lobby and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Montagu and Cuyler

streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved several locations.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of Campbell. A padlock was broken off a trailer, and two televisions and a VCR/DVD combo were taken. Estimated value of loss and damage is unknown.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at approximately \$27 was taken, but later paid for.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

Thomas Calvin Russell Jr., 45, of Borger was arrested in the 700 block of East Frederic by Pampa Police Department for possession of a controlled substance and no valid driver's license.

David Lee Meyer, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of East Harvester by PPD on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jesus Rodriguez, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of North Cuyler by PPD for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, expired motor vehicle inspection, possession of drug paraphernalia, three counts of failure to appear, and a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

Justin Reed Ensey, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Yeager by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Feb. 8

10:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of North Charles on a medical assist.

White House targets 141 programs for ax

By ANDREW TAYLOR
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House Thursday sent lawmakers details of the 141 programs that President Bush wants to eliminate or significantly cut to save taxpayers almost \$15 billion.

Bush wants to build upon the success he had last year in killing 89 programs costing \$6.5 billion, but most of

this year's proposed cuts were rejected by lawmakers last year and likely will be again. Of 91 programs slated to get killed altogether, to save \$7.3 billion, only 16 are new proposals.

The programs slated for elimination are congressional favorites funded through annual appropriations bills. Programs on the chopping block include \$3.5 billion from the Department of Education, including grants

for safe and drug free schools, vocational education grants and arcane programs such as the "Exchanges With Historic Whaling and Trading Partners" program.

Another 50 programs are slated for large cuts but not outright elimination, for savings of \$7.4 billion. They include cuts of \$394 million from Amtrak subsidies, \$694 million from Department of Homeland Security grants and training programs and an almost 25 percent cut from construction funding for Indian Schools.

The White House said the programs on its ambitious list are those "not getting results or not fulfilling essential priorities."

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TSA chief: Secure flight suspended due to problems

WASHINGTON (AP) — Security concerns have caused the government to suspend plans for an ambitious program to check every domestic airline passenger's name against government watch lists, Transportation Security Administration chief Kip Hawley said Thursday.

Hawley told the Senate Commerce Committee that he has directed that the program's information technology system "go through a comprehensive audit."

Hawley did not say whether any security flaws or breaches had been discovered.

The program called Secure Flight has been troubled from the start.

It is strongly opposed by civil libertarians who fear the program would grow into a massive domestic surveillance system in which the government tracks people whenever they travel.

Nearly four years and \$200 million after the program was put into operation, Hawley said last month that the agency hadn't yet determined precisely how the it would work.

Government auditors gave the project failing grades and rebuked its authors for secretly obtaining personal information

about airline passengers.

Currently, airlines check the names of passengers against watch lists that the government gives them. Under Secure Flight the government would take over from the airlines the task of checking names against watch lists.

The Sept. 11 commission later urged the administration to expedite the task because, it said, the watch lists currently used by airlines aren't complete.

Checking names against watch lists hasn't been as easy as it sounds, partly because airlines collect only limited information about passengers.

The number of names on the watch lists increased into the tens of thousands since the Sept. 11 attacks. That problem has resulted in passengers from infants to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy being mistakenly told they couldn't fly because they have the same name as someone on the watch list.

The project has also drawn protests from privacy advocates and civil libertarians because its stated purpose has changed, often expanding.

Army seeks Bush's OK to execute two prisoners

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. (AP) — The military has asked President Bush to authorize execution of two of the seven prisoners on death row at Fort Leavenworth's U.S. Disciplinary Barracks.

The request to execute Ronald A. Gray and Dwight J. Loving is the first from the Army since President John F. Kennedy was in office.

Gray has been on the military prison's death row since April 1988 for convictions for rape, sodomy and multiple murders while stationed with the Army at Fort Bragg, N.C. Loving arrived

the next year after being convicted of killing two taxicab drivers while he was an Army private at Fort Hood, Texas.

"The president has the discretion on when and if he wants to sign the documents," said Lt. Col. Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman at the Pentagon. "There's no timeline that the president has to follow. It can be carried out in this administration or it can be transferred to the next."

Fort Leavenworth has been home to the military prison, which houses inmates from all service

branches, since the 1870s. A new facility that opened in 2002 includes space for an execution chamber, but it has not been equipped.

Twenty-six prisoners have been executed at the disciplinary barracks over the years. The last was John Bennett, an Army private hanged in 1961 for raping and attempting to kill an 11-year-old Austrian girl.

Recent changes have opened the door for executions at other military prisons.

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Bush: al-Qaida 'weakened and fractured'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said the U.S.-led global war on terror has "weakened and fractured" al-Qaida and allied groups, outlining as proof new details about the multinational cooperation that foiled purported terrorist plans to fly a commercial airplane into the tallest skyscraper on the West Coast.

"The terrorists are living under constant pressure and this adds to our security," Bush said. "When terrorists spend their days working to avoid death or capture, it's harder for them to plan and execute new attacks on our country. By striking the terrorists where they live, we're protecting the American homeland."

The president said the anti-terror battle is far from over.

"The terrorists are weakened and

fractured, yet they're still lethal," the president said in a speech at the National Guard Memorial Building. "We cannot let the fact that America hasn't been attacked in 4 1/2 years since September the 11th lull us into the illusion that the threats to our nation have disappeared. They have not."

Bush has referred to the 2002 plot before. In an address last October, he said the United States and its allies had foiled at least 10 serious plots by the al-Qaida terror network in the last four years, including plans for Sept. 11-like attacks on both U.S. coasts. The White House initially would not give details of the plots but later released a fact sheet with a brief, and vague, description of each.

The president filled in details today. He said that Khalid Sheikh

Mohammed, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks who was captured in 2003, had already begun planning the West Coast operation in October, just after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. One of Mohammed's key planners was Hambali, the alleged operations chief of the al-Qaida related terrorist group Jemaah Islamiyah. Instead of recruiting Arab hijackers, Hambali found Southeast Asian men who would be less likely to arouse suspicion and who were sent to meet with Osama bin Laden, Bush said.

Under the plot, the hijackers were to use shoe bombs to blow open the cockpit door of a commercial jetliner, take control of the plane and crash it into the Library Tower in Los Angeles, since renamed the US Bank Tower, Bush said.

Crimestoppers Alert

Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department asks that Crimestoppers callers 3389 and 0150 call him at 662-1022 between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekdays to claim their rewards.

Silva

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Web site was already a going business when he began drawing up a formal business plan.

Silva talked to a friend, a stockbroker in Borger, about it, who suggested Silva talk to Don Taylor with the West Texas A&M University Enterprise Network in Amarillo.

Silva said he wasn't ready yet.

After refining his business plan, Silva talked with Clay Rice, then head of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. Rice suggested Silva talk with Dan Redd of the West Texas A&M University Enterprise Network, who is helping Pampa establish a business incubator. Redd suggested Silva talk with Don Taylor.

Taylor brought in David Terry, associate director of the enterprise network, when Silva presented his plan.

Terry guided the effort for the next three months, while P.J. Pronger with the small business development center helped with the financial information.

In December, Silva approached a friend, Dennis Stowers, as an investor.

Although Silva handles the day-to-day operation, he said Stowers is actively involved. Silva said he draws heavily on Stowers' business experience. Two months ago, they incorporated the business. Taylor and Pronger are the board of directors, and Terry is his chief financial officer.

Garagespot.com now covers not only Pampa, but also Borger, Canadian, Miami, Clarendon,

Panhandle and plans on expanding into Amarillo and Dalhart.

"Our goal is to be in every community in the Panhandle by the end of the year," Silva said.

He already has an office in Amarillo. He's hired one person and is in the interviewing process of hiring two more.

While Taylor tried to talk Silva into moving his operation to Amarillo, Silva said he wants to remain in Pampa.

Silva grew up here, going to Baker School, Pampa Middle School and graduating from Pampa High School in 1985. After earning a degree in electrical engineering from Texas Tech, he went to work for Celanese.

He said he first became interested in computers while taking a course in high school from Lee Carter.

Silva said he talked his father into buying him his first computer then, an Apple IIc.

"I began programming on that," Silva said.

Twenty years later, that led to garage.com.

"It enables the public to use a simple, sophisticated system on the Internet," Silva said. "People can buy, sell or trade online, 24 hours a day."

The consumer is changing, he said. Consumers used to go to a business to see what a shop had. Now, everybody is faced with a shortage of time. More and more, consumers are shopping online.

"If you're going to be competitive," Silva said, "you've got to have a net presence. Having a Web site is not a luxury."

Having a Website is now a necessity, he said.

ADHD drugs under scrutiny

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal health official said today that "there's smoke" linking the deaths of 25 people to the drugs taken to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder.

"Does that represent a fire?" asked Dr. David Graham of the Food and Drug Administration.

To find out, an FDA advisory committee considered how best to study whether the popular drugs increased the risk of death and serious injury.

"We wouldn't be going through this exercise if we didn't think there was a real possibility of increased risk," Graham told reporters.

Further studies would examine the incidence of sudden death and serious health problems, including stroke and heart attack,

among some of the millions of children and adults treated each year with the drugs. That could lead to new warning labels.

The deaths occurred between 1999 and 2003, according to an FDA report. Nineteen of them involved children. The report also detailed 54 cases of serious cardiovascular problems, including heart attack, stroke, and hypertension.



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Viewpoints

Give your sweetie beer and truffles for Valentine's

Ahh, Valentine's Day will arrive early next week. Time for the exchange of gifts, cards, flowers, poems, letters and ... beer.

Now, I realize you've probably never thought of beer romantically, but the National Beer Wholesalers Association wants to change all that.

"So long, champagne and chocolate," a press release on behalf of the association gushed. "This may be a traditional Valentine's Day duo, but for a beer lover, nothing would be more appreciated than a special or creative pairing with a favorite brew. Whether it's poured with dinner and thoughtfully chosen to pair with a favorite dish, savored with a chocolate or other fancy dessert,

..."
OK, let's pause this quote right there. Somehow a brewski doesn't connote 'thoughtful' to me, and a light draft doesn't, definitely does not, translate into 'special' or 'creative' to my albeit limited way of thinking.

I mean, I've never heard of a beer connoisseur before. And I'm trying, really trying, to get a picture of someone — anyone — 'savoring' a can or a bottle of beer while daintily picking through a box of Godiva chocolates.

How silly. Really, and I'm not wanting to hurt any feelings at the National Beer Wholesalers Association, but I don't have the imagination to view misty-eyed beer and candle-

light dinners. After all, beer goes with burps, not cupid.

Soft music, candlelight and champagne — that's how it's always played out in the movies. You never see a diamond commercial where the guy proposes over candlelight, violin music and *Budweiser*, do you?

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Skyla Bryant, News Editor

Here is the rest of the quote: "given as a gift, or used as a surprise recipe, thinking 'beer' on Valentine's Day is a sure way to let your sweetie know you care."

Um ... either that or you'd rather he or she just get sloshed and leave you alone.

Seriously, is that how you want your significant other to view Valentine's Day with you? I don't want to burst your bubble, but unless you're both alcoholics, that kind of disinterest could be a significant sign your relationship is in dire need of help.

For those of you brave enough to give the beer and chocolates a try in place of the hearts and flowers, it might be best to incorporate the booze in a recipe such as the one provided below by the National Beer Wholesalers Association. For additional recipes, visit

the beer association's Web site.

Porter Beer Chocolate Truffles

60 Truffle Servings

Ingredients:

9 Tablespoons heavy cream

6 ounces semi-sweet chocolate pieces, chopped

6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, chopped

3 Tablespoons Porter Beer

10 ounces milk chocolate pieces, chopped

2 1/2 tps vegetable oil

1/2 cup sweetened or unsweetened cocoa powder

Directions: In medium saucepan over medium heat, warm cream just until it steams. Remove from heat; stir in semi-sweet and bitter-sweet chocolate pieces, cover pan and set aside for

five minutes to allow thorough melting. Stir mixture until it is completely smooth. Pour mixture into a mixing bowl; very slowly stir in Porter Beer, until completely blended. Refrigerate mixture about 30 minutes, stirring occasionally so that it cools evenly. It should still be pliable.

Cover a sheet pan with parchment paper. Using a teaspoon, spoon truffle mixture onto sheet pan in small dollops, about the size of marbles. Refrigerate about 45 minutes, until very firm.

Make chocolate coating by placing milk chocolate pieces in the top of a double boiler over simmering, not boiling, water. Stir until completely melted and

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Feb. 9, the 40th day of 2006. There are 325 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 9, 1943, the World War II battle of Guadalcanal in the southwest Pacific ended with an American victory over Japanese forces.

On this date:

In 1773, the ninth president of the United States, William Henry Harrison, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1825, the House of Representatives elected John Quincy Adams president after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.

In 1861, the Provisional Congress of the Confederate States of America elected Jefferson Davis president and Alexander H. Stephens vice president.

In 1870, the U.S. Weather Bureau was established.

In 1942, daylight-saving "War Time" went into effect in the United States, with clocks turned one hour forward.

In 1950, in a speech in Wheeling, W.Va.,

Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., charged the State Department was riddled with Communists.

In 1964, The Beatles made their first live American television appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show" on CBS.

In 1971, the Apollo 14 spacecraft returned to Earth after man's third landing on the moon.

In 1984, Soviet leader Yuri V. Andropov died at age 69, less than 15 months after succeeding Leonid Brezhnev; he was succeeded by Konstantin U. Chernenko.

In 2002, Britain's Princess Margaret died in London at age 71.

Ten years ago: In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., a former member of the city's beach detail shot and killed five former co-workers before killing himself. A collision of rush-hour commuter trains in Secaucus, N.J., claimed the lives of both engineers and a passenger. The Irish Republican Army ended its cease-fire with a truck bombing in London that killed two and injured 37.

Five years ago: A U.S. Navy submarine collided with a Japanese fishing boat off the Hawaiian coast, killing nine men and boys aboard the boat.

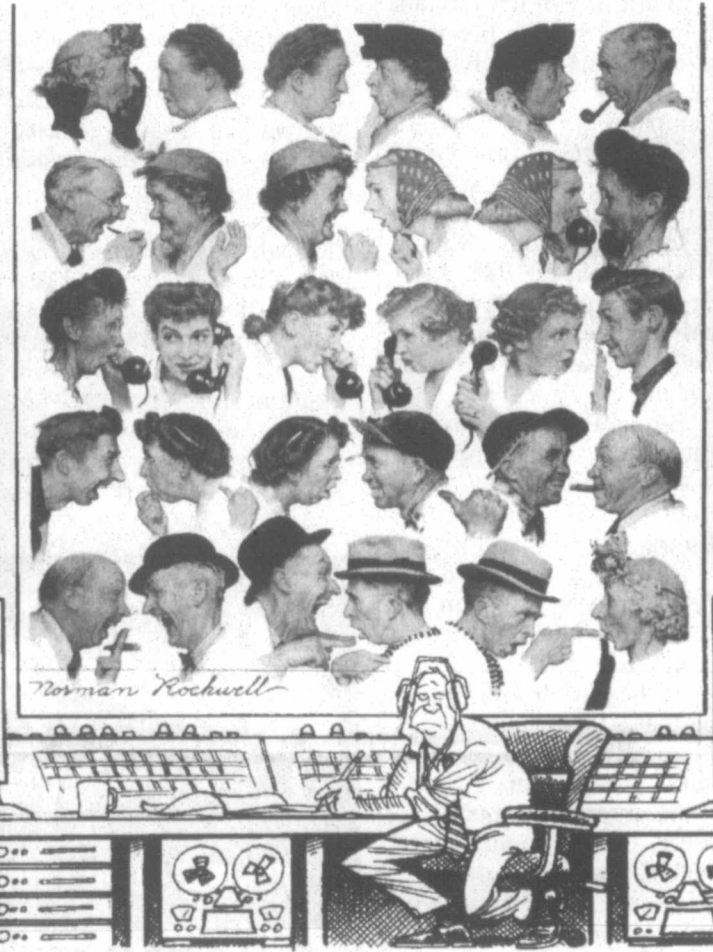
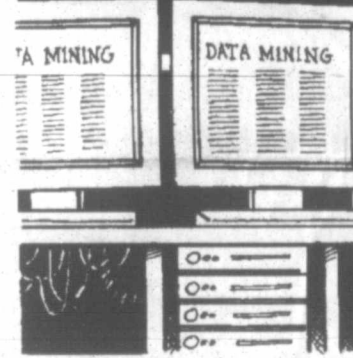
One year ago: Hewlett-Packard chief executive Carly Fiorina was forced out by board members, ending her nearly six-year reign.

'What we call progress is the exchange of one nuisance for another nuisance.'

— Havelock Ellis
English psychologist
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Programs to help combat Big Brother

Are you a private person? Do you cringe at the thought of someone watching your every move? Or reading your private messages? Well, listen up! The Internet has some great resources to help you maintain your anonymity, at least in the online world.

Web Surfing

Every time you visit a Web site, you leave a footprint. These tracks contain a very important piece of information called an "IP Address." An IP Address is the unique ID every computer on the Internet must have in order to communicate. "IP" is short for Internet Protocol. The address is a series of four three-digit numbers, such as 134.056.002.253. Your ISP has large blocks of these IP numbers assigned to them by their provider.

If someone wanted to

know who visited a certain Web site, they could track that IP address back to its owner, your ISP.

Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Then, if your ISP cooperates, they could link that IP to you based on the date and time you were assigned that ID. Typically, only law enforcement officials go through such painstaking steps to find a user. However, that remote possibility is enough to cause some privacy-minded citizens to seek better protection. Enter, Anonymizer.

Anonymizer

Think of Anonymizer (<http://www.anonymizer.com>) as a proxy Web-surfer. Take a look at the top-right of their home page. Simply type any Web address into

the blank to surf anonymously. Here's how it works: Let's say you didn't want the IRS to know that you visited their "Will I get Audited?" Web page. First, go to

Anonymizer's Web site and type the IRS's address (<http://www.irs.gov>) into the blank.

The IRS homepage will slowly appear. The sudden drop in speed is due to two factors: First, you have now introduced a middleman (Anonymizer) into your surfing. All Web pages will now be routed through Anonymizer first before they reach your computer. Second, Anonymizer's paying customers get priority on the service over free users.

But, the free service is decent for occasional usage. It's easy to know when you're using Anonymizer and when you are surfing "naked." The Anonymizer address bar will appear at the top of your screen along with "Protected by Anonymizer" appearing in the title of every document you view.

Anonymous Re-mailers

But what if you need to send an anonymous e-mail message? And, "yes," before you ask, legitimate reasons do exist for this service. The Global Internet Liberty Campaign explains it this way:

"Anonymity is essential to protect free speech. It can be used to protect human rights workers reporting abuses, political dissidents commenting on government

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Feb. 5

Houston Chronicle on energy companies' profits:

The movie *Syriana* is a fictional account of global energy scheming that draws upon the recollections of a former CIA agent. In the movie, no character exhibits both innocence and virtue: not the politicians, not the Washington lawyer/lobbyists, not the CIA spies, not the Middle East princes and not the con men who turn downtrodden workers into religious fanatics and suicide bombers.

In a backhanded way, however, the film empathizes with the challenges

faced by the people who run Big Oil.

As President Bush noted in his State of the Union speech last week, Americans have a huge thirst for the oil that powers and lubricates their cars. Producing, refining and marketing all those petroleum products require large enterprises and large investments.

Providence has placed most of the world's oil reserves in the hands of cruel dictators and corrupt oligarchs. Only about 3 percent of oil reserves are held by private companies. In order to meet Americans' demand while profiting from oil produced overseas, U.S. and multinational energy companies have to deal with regimes that do not operate under the rule of law.

Exxon Mobil Corp. recently announced annual profits of more than

\$36 billion, the highest of any publicly held company in U.S. history. Because demand in 2005 sometimes exceeded supply, oil producers and refiners were able to sell their wares at record prices. Both the upstream and downstream facets of the oil business became more profitable.

There is talk of new taxes on wind-fall profits, but the harm they produce was proved in the 1970s. Following an embargo and global price hikes, government controls aggravated an artificial shortage of gasoline and then discouraged investment in new exploration and refining capacity.

If there is a criticism to be leveled at Big Oil, it should start with the Justice

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actions, writers publishing controversial literature and other important functions where revealing a person's identity would threaten a person's life or wellbeing. Anonymous publishing has been recognized in the United States as being protected by the First Amendment."

Most of these services forward your message through numerous servers around the world, stripping off the previous server's address. The recipient has no way of knowing that the message came from you. Of course, because of this "stripping" action, they also have no way to reply to you. For more information on re-mailing, check out the GILC's comprehensive collection of links at <http://www.gilc.org/speech/anonymous/>.

Cleaning Your Hard Drive

Most of you know that simply throwing a file into the recycle bin does not make it irretrievable. After all, you can always double-click on the trash and pull it back out. However, what if you "empty the recycle bin?" Could someone still retrieve the file? Yes, unless special steps are taken.

When your computer deletes a file, it doesn't truly erase it. It simply marks the area on the hard drive where the file exists as "available." The next time you save a file, it may (or may not) overwrite that deleted file. That's how "undelete" programs work. They try to piece together file fragments that have not been overwritten by new data.

However, even if that area on the hard drive has been overwritten eight times, the data still leaves a "magnetic signature."

Law enforcement officials have devices that can decipher these "data ghosts" and rebuild the deleted files.

To truly erase all data, you need a special program. I recommend, Ultra Wipe (<http://www.snapfiles.com/get/ultrawipe.html>). It's a free program that will find the empty areas of your hard drive, write random data over them, then erase it, then repeat the process over and over and over. It claims to meet "Department of Defense standards" for file deletion. Be careful, though. It has a "Panic Button" that will immediately erase a user-selected group of folders with a mouse-click.

Some people believe that the government and corporations are slowly eroding our right to privacy. However, with the tools I've mentioned, you'll have a fighting chance against these "Big Brothers."

See you in Cyberspace!

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Beer

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smooth. Blend in vegetable oil. Remove double boiler from heat; put 2 table

forks in the sauce pan.

Line a second sheet pan with parchment paper. Put cocoa powder in medium mixing bowl; put a table fork in bowl.

Using two table forks, quickly roll each truffle, one

at a time, in the coating. Let chocolate drip off the truffles, and then drop immediately into the cocoa, using the fork to roll them around, covering all sides completely. Brush off excess cocoa powder. Remove truffles to

clean parchment paper and place in refrigerator.

After truffles have been coated, rolled and cooled, place in individual candy cups, or store in plastic container. Cover tightly and store in refrigerator.

Nutritional Information, Per Serving: 62 calories; 4.3 g fat; 2.4 g saturated fat; 6.8 g carbohydrate.

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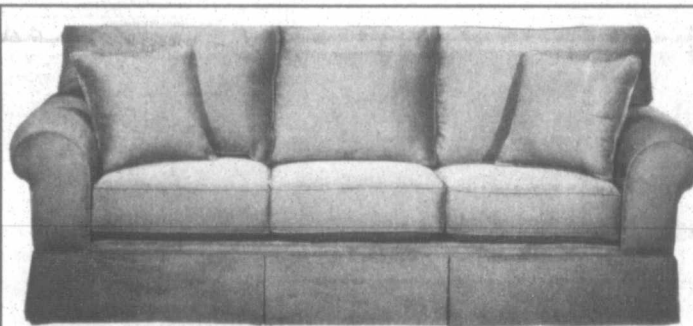
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People in the news

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Willie Nelson introduced California to "BioWillie," his brand of clean-burning fuel made from soybeans.

BioWillie went on sale Wednesday at an alternative fuel station in San Diego where the 72-year-old singer filled his tour bus from a pump emblazoned with a picture of himself strumming a guitar.

'Through biodiesel, we can reduce dependency on foreign oil and adopt an energy source that's clean, renewable and helps family farmers find new uses for their products.'

— Willie Nelson
Singer/songwriter

"It is the future," Nelson said. "Through biodiesel, we can reduce dependency on foreign oil and adopt an energy source that's clean, renewable and helps family farmers find new uses for their products."

Biodiesel is America's fastest growing alternative fuel, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. U.S. sales of biodiesel tripled last year to 75 million gallons, but account for less than 1 percent of the diesel fuel sold nationwide, said Jenna Higgins, a spokeswoman for the National Biodiesel Board.

Three years ago, Nelson's wife, Annie, bought a biodiesel-burning car in Hawaii, where the star has a home. The biodiesel that powered her car was made

from grease collected from restaurants.

The singer then began filling his tour buses with biodiesel. Supplier Peter Bell persuaded Nelson to go into business and use his name and image to help the fuel gain wider acceptance.

The BioWillie brand, known as B20, is a blend of 80 percent petroleum diesel and 20 percent biodiesel and is made from soybean oil.

Besides California, it is sold in Texas, South Carolina and Georgia.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Sarasota High School sent a Valentine to Jerry Springer — and then took it back.

The talk show host had accepted an invitation from the school's cheerleaders to headline the "Hollywood Nights" dance Saturday.

But administrators withdrew the invitation Wednesday, saying Springer, whose TV guests include unfaithful lovers and brawling friends, was not an appropriate role model for students.

"He has his own career," Principal Jeff Hradek told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. "It's not the way we want to go for the school."

The cheerleaders, who sponsor the dance, wanted to invite a local celebrity, said Detective Karen Hicks, a cheerleading sponsor and school resource officer.

"We were just sitting down talking about who lives in Sarasota. Everybody knows that Jerry Springer lives in Sarasota," Hicks said. "It wasn't (based) on who does this show or who does that show or is this a good person or is this person a bad person."

The cheerleaders are looking for another celebrity to host the dance.

United Way luncheon



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▲ Denise Daves, 2005 Pampa United Way campaign chair, addressed the audience at a recent United Way luncheon. Daves said this year's fund-raising campaign netted \$307,038.46 for the local United Way, surpassing the goal by more than \$4,000.

▼ John Warner, left, and Doug Carmichael at the luncheon. Carmichael will serve as the local UW's president for 2006. Warner is the outgoing president for 2005.



Energy

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Department, which has allowed a wave of energy company mergers that reduced competition and closed uncompetitive refineries rather than retool them. The Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., is investigating whether the mergers caused price hikes at the pump.

While oil companies can rightly claim they are businesses entitled to an honest profit and not charities, the record profits should cause them to temporarily retire some the industry's usual talking points:

"OPEC made me do it."

Like the oil cartel, oil companies also benefit from charging whatever the market will bear. As long as demand is rising, they have no inducement to cut prices.

"Environmental laws need to be weakened so U.S. energy companies can compete." Uncompetitive companies do not make record profits.

"We really don't make that much return on our investment." Please. Big Oil stocks performed very well last year.

The best way for Americans to increase available energy supplies and decrease oil company profits is to conserve. Every time someone walks, bicycles or takes mass transit, sales of some brand of gasoline, and the profit from those sales, remain in check.

Events calendar

• **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.

• **Create-A-Beat community arts program** of Pampa has added jazzercise to its offerings. Classes, under the direction of Krista Rowe of Northwest Texas Jazzercise team, will begin Wednesday. For more information, contact Create-A-Beat at 665-7474.

• **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., wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 1-3 p.m., Feb. 21, McLean school, McLean.

• **Ed Montana**, a songwriter with more than 25 consecutive performances at the California Rodeo in Salinas, will be the featured speaker at the next meeting of the Top O' Texas Knife & Fork Club. The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Pampa Country Club. Montana's subject will be "Cowboy Entertainment." His most recent song is "I Like

Beef," written before an appearance at the National Beef Cook-Off. Tickets are currently available to members at Dunlap's department store for \$12 per person.


• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Tuesday, Shephard'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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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Man arrested in killing of wife, daughter

BOSTON (AP) — British authorities early Thursday arrested a man in the shooting deaths of his wife and infant daughter, whose bodies were found in their Massachusetts home last month, officials said.

Neil Entwistle, who returned to his native England around the time his family was killed, faces murder charges, said Middlesex District Attorney's spokeswoman Emily LaGrassa.

"He is in police custody in England at this time," LaGrassa said Thursday morning.

London's Metropolitan Police said Entwistle was arrested at a subway station on a provisional extradition warrant issued Wednesday evening. The British Home Office said he would be brought before a judge, but declined to say when that might occur.

Rachel Entwistle, 27, and 9-month-old Lillian, were found dead Jan. 22 in their home in the Boston suburb of Hopkinton.

A spokesman for her family declined to comment on the arrest Thursday but said they would release a statement later.

Police were first called to the Entwistles' home the day before the bodies were discovered but didn't see anything wrong, authorities said. District Attorney Martha Coakley has said that friends showed up for a dinner party but no one answered the door, and that Rachel Entwistle's mother called police when she couldn't reach her daughter.

After a missing person report was filed, police visited the home again. During the second search, they detected an odor and discovered the bodies in a bedroom. Coakley has said the

bodies were covered by bedding and "almost not visible."

Massachusetts authorities flew to London late last month to interview Neil Entwistle at the U.S. Embassy, but officials didn't say whether he answered any questions. He had been labeled a "person of interest" at that point but not a suspect.

Neil Entwistle didn't attend his wife and daughter's funeral on Feb. 1.

The couple had met in 1999 at the University of York, where she was spending a year studying abroad. They married in 2003 and stayed in England until last year. Their daughter was born in April.

The family moved to Massachusetts, Rachel Entwistle's home state, and had rented the Colonial-style home in Hopkinton about 10 days before she and her daughter were found dead.

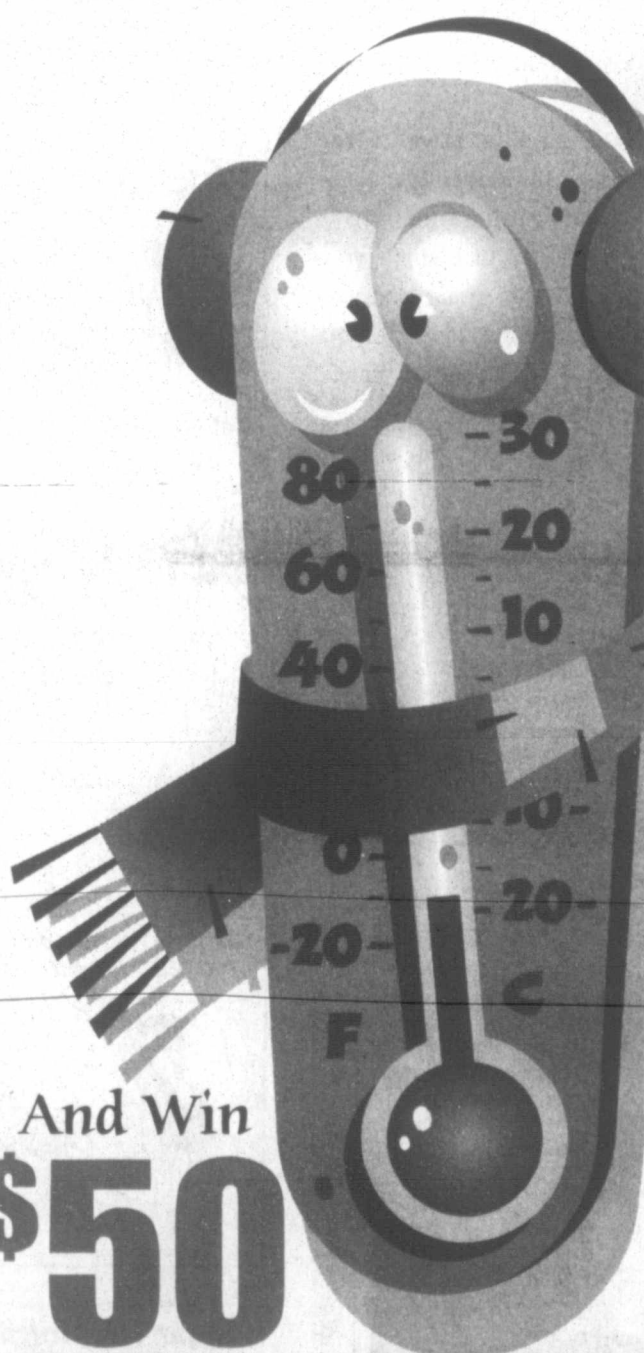
Awareness effort



Veronica Kirkwood, right, president of the local chapter of the American Heart Association, teamed up with Shepard's Crook Nursing Home Health Care recently to educate women about the dangers of cardiovascular disease. Joining Kirkwood in the effort were Shepard's Crook employees Barbara Burns, Jeree Woods and Linda Lance. The women wore red all one day as part of the public awareness campaign.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who lives independently. I do my own cooking, shopping and laundry. I have good friends, play cards, go to movies and, in general, enjoy life. I recently gave my only granddaughter, "Wendy," a sizable sum of money. After 30 days and no acknowledgment, I mailed her a blank thank-you card. Here's the response I got: "Grandmother: Thank you for the money. It couldn't have come at a better time, and my family is very grateful. I have always appreciated everything you have done for me, but I didn't realize that 'family' had to thank one another for every gesture of kindness. I always believed that love was thanks enough. "I love you very much and want to be a part of your life and have you be a part of my life and my family's lives -- but it's up to you. It's your decision, because we have a lot of love to give and share together with no thanks required or necessary. Love, Wendy." Abby, this is a girl with a good education and a job she has held for 12 years. The only time I see Wendy is at family gatherings. I used to take her shopping and to lunch. I stopped that when she never reciprocated or invited me to her home. From infancy through college I have given Wendy toys, clothing, furniture, money -- but no more! My grandsons never ask for anything and are loving and respectful. I feel foolish and used. -- **GRANDMOTHER IN IDAHO**

DEAR GRANDMOTHER: For someone with a "good" education, your granddaughter seems ignorant of basic good manners.

Her parents should have taught her by example from earliest childhood to say thank you when a kindness was extended, and the importance of a prompt thank-you note. (And "family" is no exception!) If Wendy "loves" you, she has a strange and self-serving way of showing it. She owes you an apology, and if it is not forthcoming, you have every right to direct your attention -- as well as your estate -- to the grandsons who have been both loving and respectful.

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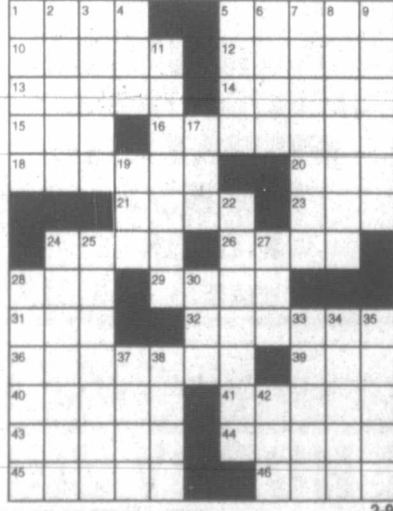
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 15 "Carousel" (Hollies song)
 - 16 Son of Uranus and Gaia
 - 18 "Raging Bull" star
 - 20 Road hazard
 - 21 Close
 - 23 Fishing aid
 - 24 Walking aid
 - 26 Omelet
 - 28 Cal. heading
 - 29 Reasonable
 - 31 Outdated
 - 32 "Constant Craving" singer
 - 36 Kid's racer
 - 39 Pasture sound
 - 40 — firma
 - 41 Moscow setting
 - 43 Wading bird
- DOWN**
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 - 3 "Cosmos" writer
 - 4 Metal source
 - 5 Yarn
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 - 7 Taking in
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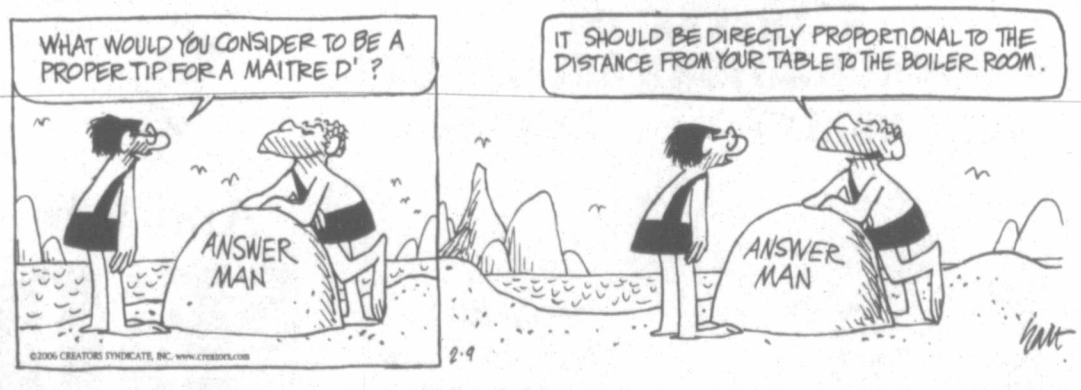


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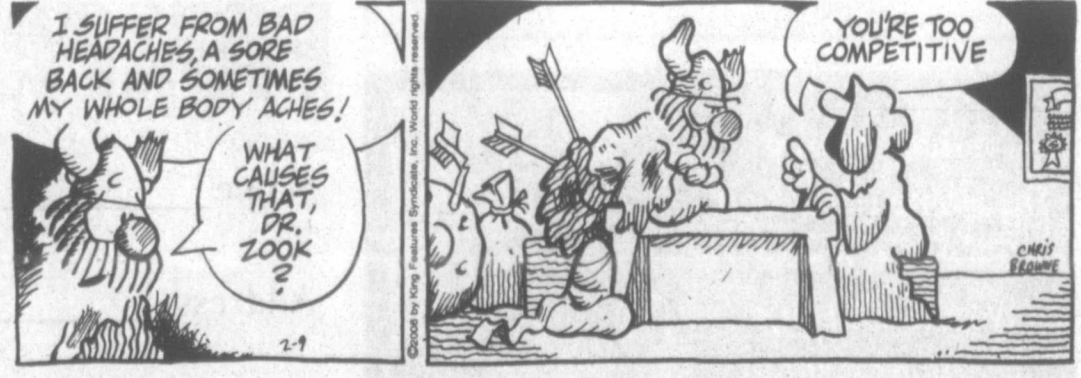
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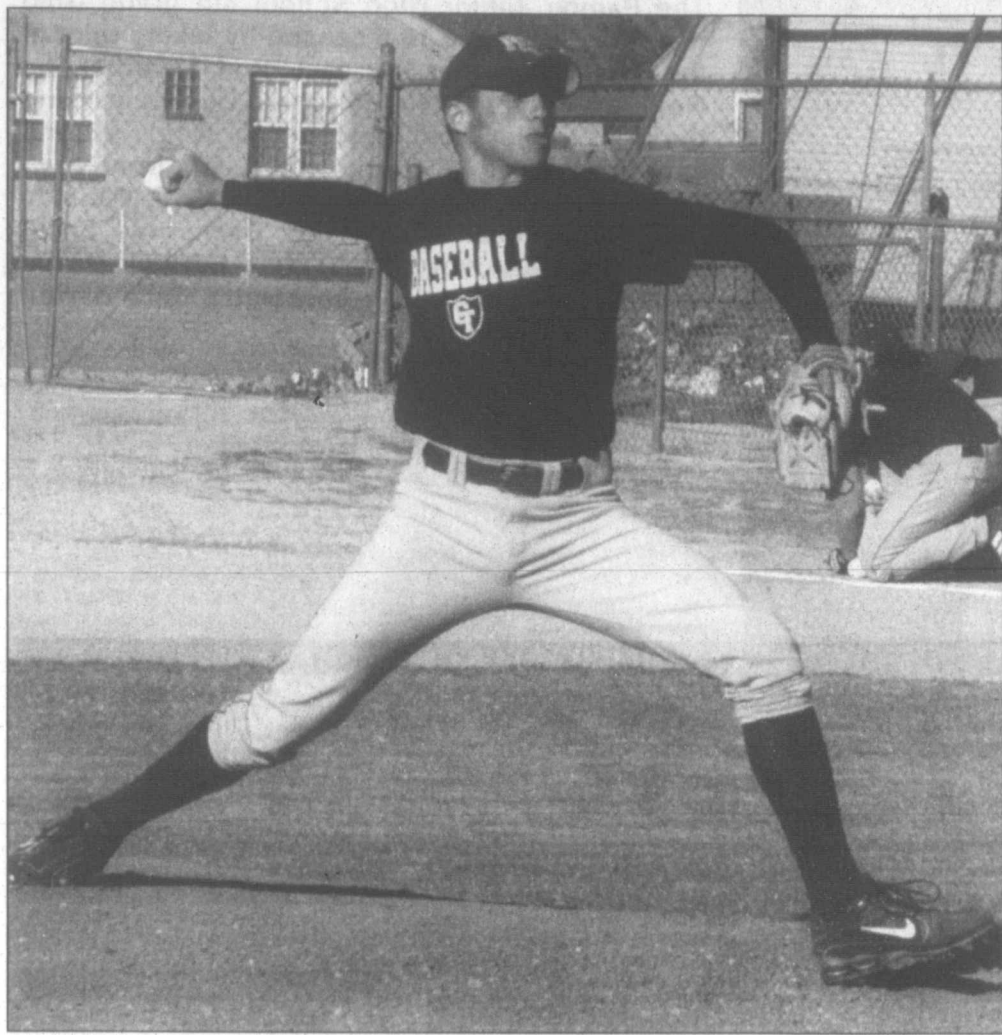


Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Boys of summer



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Tyson Hickman hurls the heat toward home in Tuesday's home scrimmage against River Road. Pampa won the game 15-0. The Harvesters will visit Borger Saturday afternoon at 4.

Tocchet takes leave of absence from NHL

NEW YORK (AP) — Rick Tocchet isn't welcome in the NHL as long as he's linked to a big-time gambling ring.

The former All-Star player who became Wayne Gretzky's top assistant on the Phoenix Coyotes' coaching staff was given an indefinite leave of absence Wednesday night by commissioner Gary Bettman. Tocchet's departure came a day after he was accused of financing a nationwide gambling operation that took bets from about a half-dozen current players.

Tocchet met with Bettman and requested the leave, the NHL said. Terms of the leave include Tocchet being prohibited from communicating with NHL and team personnel for the length of his departure. Also, he'll need Bettman's consent before he can return, and the commissioner can change the terms of the leave at any time.

"We view the charges against Mr. Tocchet in the most serious terms," Bettman said in a statement. "We have pledged our full cooperation to the New Jersey State Police and the New Jersey Attorney General's Office.

"While we are conducting our own investigation, we have made clear to the law enforcement authorities in New Jersey that we will do nothing to interfere with their ongoing investigation."

The NHL hired former federal prosecutor Robert J. Cleary, who headed the Unabomber case, to investigate Tocchet.

Tocchet came to the meeting with his new attorney, Kevin Marino, who called the pending charges against his client "false and irresponsible."

In an interview with The Associated Press on Thursday, Marino criticized State Police for speaking so extensively to the media.

"I have never been involved in a case where the prosecution has engaged in such inappropriate conduct in terms of making investigators available to the press, appearing on nationally syndicated television," Marino said. "It's improper, it's unwarranted and I will not tolerate it."

"We are not going to try this case in the press and we're not going to let them either," he said.

At his Wednesday meeting with the NHL, Tocchet wasn't prepared to respond to specific questions about the allegations, the NHL said.

New Jersey authorities told the NHL on Wednesday that nothing has come to their attention that indicates the gambling activities relate in any way to league games. None of the players were identified in the complaint.

"While there is speculation as to which other NHL personnel may have been involved in this matter, we continue to await guidance in that regard from the New Jersey law enforcement authorities," Bettman said.

State police Col. Rick Fuentes said an investigation into the New Jersey-based ring discovered the processing of more than 1,000 wagers, exceeding \$1.7 million, on professional and college sports, mostly football and basketball.

Pittsburgh's Mark Recchi, a former teammate of Tocchet's, forced a Philadelphia TV station to retract a story on its Web site that said he was connected to the ring. He and John LeClair, another Penguins player and past member of the Flyers, hired a lawyer to potentially sue the station and other media outlets.

"Mark Recchi and John LeClair categorically deny any wrongdoing and are outraged that their names have been associated with the Operation Slap Shot investigation," attorney Bob Del Greco said.

Call stands: Baseball, softball still out at the 2012 Olympics

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TURIN, Italy — They're out! Baseball and softball won't be played at the 2012 London Olympics. And this time, the call stands.

Baseball and women's softball remain on the program for the 2008 Beijing Games, and will be eligible to reapply for readmission to the 2016 games.

London, however, is no longer possible.

"We will work with them at the Olympic Games at Beijing and see if there's a chance to come back in the program" after London, IOC president Jacques Rogge said. "I understand the disappointment of those who pleaded for the reinstatement."

Croatian softball player Jelena Cusak said the decision will cut off crucial funding for youth softball programs around the world.

"These kids won't have the Olympic dream any more," she said. "They won't understand this decision. We can't explain it to them. They don't know the politics."

Down to their final chances at the IOC's annual meeting Thursday, neither sport even made it to a vote. Support of at least 51 percent of members was required before reinstatement could go to a secret ballot.

After that, each sport

would have needed majority backing in a second vote.

They never got that far: It was 46-42 against baseball and 47-43 against softball in the preliminary round.

U.S. IOC member Anita DeFrantz, who had led efforts for softball's reinstatement,

"These kids won't have the Olympic dream any more. They won't understand this decision."

Jelena Cusak
Softball Player, Croatia

said the sport may have suffered from its perceived association with baseball.

"Baseball and softball are continually presented as a package," she said.

"Baseball is my nation's national past time, but softball has no option. For the athletes in softball, if it's not the Olympic Games there is little to look forward to."

The sports were narrowly voted out at the IOC assembly in Singapore in July, becoming the first to be removed from the Olympics since polo in 1936. Softball fell one vote short of making the cut — 52-52, with one abstention. Baseball was eliminated by a 54-50 vote.

Because no other sports won admission in Singapore, London 2012 is left with 26 sports on the program, two short of the maximum. Baseball and softball can try to get back on the 2016 program at the IOC's session in 2009 in Copenhagen.

CLEARING MY CHEST

Think I exclude sports or kids on purpose? Better think again

Not a lot of 'deep' thought today. This isn't to suggest there is nothing of more significance to write about or share than what I am about to offer, I just need a little space to clear my conscience and lighten my chest.

If I had a dollar for every time someone said they were going to stop taking the paper because of their misguided belief I purposely exclude or ignore their child's participation or other team/sports accomplishments, I could afford brand name hot-dogs and Mac-and-cheese.

Like you, I tend to go through those awkward 'I just can't seem to please everyone' phases. I've been suffering through one for the better part of a fortnight.

It seems a phone call came into my editor from a parent not long ago who let it be known he or she was going to stop taking the paper because I couldn't seem to write about their child. I never show a picture of their child or include their child's stats.

Recently, a family member showed me pictures of their kin, and as they did, told me they (the children) "need to be all over the newspaper".

When I got to work Tuesday morning, the first thing said to me was, "Well, you've got another one mad at you." Seems a parent came in ready to take me to task — outraged because I had not written about his or her child, the child's sport or the child's team. This parent apparently suggested aloud that I chose not to do so with malice. That I chose to ignore the child and the sport because I just don't care about it. This one bothered me.

What this parent is not aware of is I tried to glean accurate information regarding his child, team and event in question. I was e-mailed a bunch of pictures with no identification along with a note letting me know the

Amarillo Globe-News wrote an article about the event, perhaps I could get what I needed from it. This surprised me because I usually get written information from this team. I replied with a request for more detailed information and was sent two pictures with identifications.

I have been in this cubicle for almost two years now. I think I am getting the hang of this sports thing.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Moreover, I have trained the local sports community to assist me in minimizing any and all exclusions. Included in this training is — though a very fine publication — is that I prefer to get my information from the local source and not the Amarillo paper. This prevents me from repeating mistakes. It also gives me an excellent out when people ask, "Why haven't written about...?". I cannot write or report about that which I do not know about. Besides, ours is called The Pampa News. I like covering Pampa sports. All Pampa sports. As I have said countless times before, my downfall is my inability to be everywhere at once and know all that is going on.

Still, the latter has been stuck in my mind all week. Not because I have supposedly failed, but because it places me in a position to openly defend myself. This space is worthy of more.

It was mentioned to me once my true mistake was going to games, taking pictures and writing about Pampa sports. "We've never really had this before," one member of the communi-

ty remarked recently. Now it is expected of me, which is fine. After all, I am the Sports Editor.

However — with the exception of some individual events — my focus is always the team, not the athlete. It is not my responsibility to congratulate a team or an athlete, it is my privilege to do so.

My job is to promote and build excitement for all Pampa sports, while keeping the reader informed as best I can with the information I get myself or that is provided me, often by coaches and/or parents.

All I ask is that before you — the parent or family member — accuse me of purposely excluding your child or your child's team/sport, please do me the courtesy of checking with me first before you form your opinion. At the very least, give me the chance to say "I'm sorry." Or, to defend myself.

Congrats & Good Luck

Congratulations to the Pampa High School varsity basketball teams. Both are in the District 3-4A playoffs this season. The Lady Harvesters will meet Randall Friday night to decide second and third place. The boys visit PD Friday for a chance to share the district lead and possibly the title.

Good luck to the Pampa Swim Team as they travel to Lubbock this weekend to compete in Regionals.

Good luck to PHS wrestler Richard Leal as he visits El Paso to compete in Regionals this weekend.

Welcome to first year Pampa baseball coach Clay Wilson. What a way to start the season, albeit a scrimmage, by defeating your former team, 15-0.

Olympics

Just in case you haven't heard, the 2006 Torino Winter Olympics get under way Friday with the opening ceremonies.

Familiar names among weekly Hidden Hills scramble winners

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Senior Regular Scramble
Hidden Hills Golf Course
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1st Place (60)
Roy Don Stephens
Harley Knutson
Billie Mac Millican
Dwayne Ferguson
2nd Place (62)

Ronnie Wood
LeRoy Morris
Oscar Sargent
Bob Henderson
3rd Place (62)
Jim Brashears
Lucio Moreno
Butch Shepherd
Doug Reeves
4th Place (63)

Bill Hammer
Jim Bridges
Joe Mabry
Bill Brown
Travis Taylor
Closest to the Pin
Ronnie Wood (#6)
Dwayne Ferguson

Texas regents approve coach's raise

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas football coach Mack Brown got a \$390,000 pay raise today after leading the Longhorns to their first outright national championship in 36 years.

University system regents unanimously approved the salary bump, which gives Brown an annual salary of about \$2.55 million, keeping him among the highest-paid coaches in college football.

Brown, 54, agreed to a 10-year deal with Texas at the end of the 2004 season that boosts his salary \$100,000 every year. Texas won the 2005 national championship with its 41-38 win over Southern California

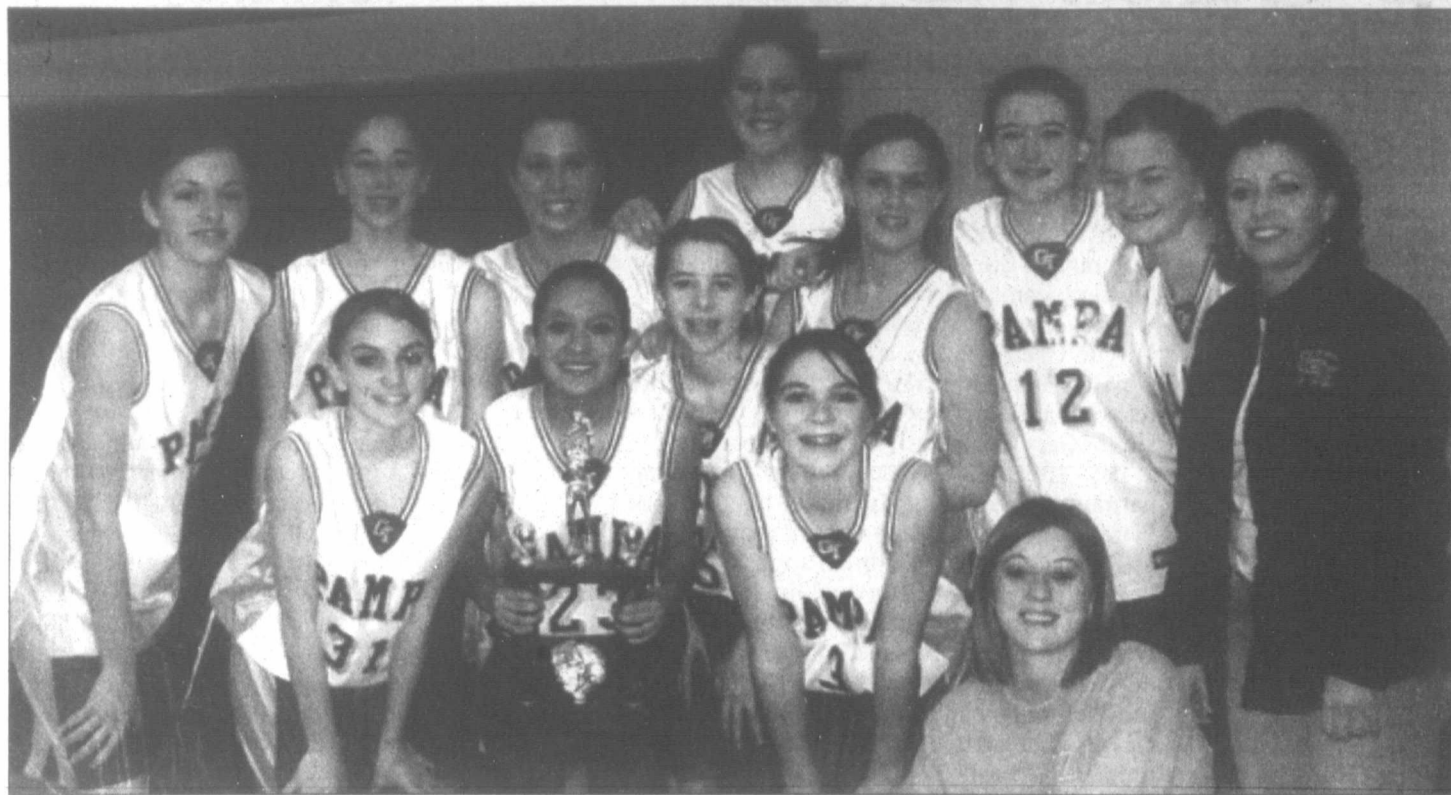
in the Rose Bowl.

The regents also unanimously approved a \$150 million expansion and renovation project that will increase Royal-Memorial Stadium seating capacity from 80,082 to more than 90,000.

Scheduled to be completed in 2008, the project focuses on the north end zone section of the stadium and would add office space and put sprinklers in some interior areas that lack such fire controls.

The \$150 million includes a \$15 million project already under way on the west side of the stadium.

Special season



The Pampa Junior High School 8th grade Gold team wrapped up a 10-6 season by taking third at the recent Westover Tournament in Amarillo. The Gold team defeated Hereford and Dumas, earning the right to play host Westover to decide second and third place. Pictured are (L-R), front row-Serina Wagner, Fabi Soria, Kayla Ware, Whitney Wade and Coach Kathy Lee. Back row- Emily Ruhl, Lariat Lowrey, Brooklyn Barker, Mattie Holland, Rachel Heuston, Andi Hutto, Kelbi Barton and Coach Carrie Hicks.

Rockets acquire Bogans in trade with Charlotte

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets acquired guard Keith Bogans from the Charlotte Bobcats on today for forward Lonny Baxter.

The 6-foot-5 Bogans is averaging 8.7 points, 2.7 rebounds, 1.2 assists and 1.0 steals in 39 games with Charlotte this season. He has started nine games and scored 10 or more points 17 times.

But Bogans has missed nine games after a right knee sprain at Milwaukee on Jan. 21.

The move reunites Bogans with his former Kentucky teammate, Chuck Hayes. Bogans played in 135 games at Kentucky between 2000-

03, averaging 14.2 points and 4.1 rebounds. He finished fourth on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,923 points.

In his pro career, Bogans has averaged 8.3 points, 3.5 rebounds and 1.5 assists in 186 games with Orlando and Charlotte.

The 6-8 Baxter averaged 3.6 points and 3.7 rebounds in 23 games with the Rockets. He signed as a free agent with Houston in September, after three NBA seasons with Chicago, Toronto, Washington and New Orleans.

Lysacek could get people talking

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Evan Lysacek didn't waste any time making himself at home.

He's already met the mascots, watched the American flag go up at the athletes village and ordered an Olympic ring with more bling than you find in an NBA locker room. His entourage of family and friends is starting to arrive, and all 29 members should be in town by Friday night.

"LOVE it," he said today. "To actually be here, I still don't realize it yet and I don't know if I actually will. You see the sign and you're like, 'Oh yeah, it's the Olympic year, that's right. Oh! We're here!'"

Lysacek isn't the only one having trouble recognizing he's at the Turin Olympics. Evgeni Plushenko has been at the center of all of the pre-games hype, and with good reason. He's a three-time world champion, and he won his fifth European title last month in a rout despite a case of the flu that left him barely able to breathe. Stephane Lambiel, the defending world champion, Canada's Jeff Buttle and Brian Joubert of France have also generated chatter.

But most have written off all three of the Americans, and that could be a mistake. The men's competition begins next Tuesday with the short program.

Lysacek, 20, was the surprise bronze medalist at last year's world championships, his first at the senior level. He followed it up with silver medals at both Skate America and NHK Trophy, making him the only U.S. man to qualify for the Grand Prix final. An injury kept him out of the final.

He was favored to win his first national title last month, but failed in a most embarrassing fashion. He fell during his footwork in the short program and while he won the free skate, it wasn't enough to pass Johnny Weir. Matt Savoie finished third to earn the last spot on the U.S. team.

"When you come back from a great competition, you feel like you're on top of the world. Most of the time I'd say I

don't have the drive to get back on the ice," Lysacek said. "I came back from nationals and went right to the rink. All engines ahead."

"Maybe it was a blessing." And that extra motivation might carry him to the podium.

In the month since nationals, he's added a quadruple jump to both his short and long programs.

All of the top international men do quads — Plushenko and Lambiel do two in their free skates — and Lysacek will almost certainly need one to win a medal.

"I think if I do my best and I have a quad in the program, I have just as good a shot for gold as anyone else," he said. "I really want to get it consistent while I'm here and try it in both programs. But if it doesn't happen, whatever I go out and do, I want to skate a clean program."

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Your strength of personality emerges when dealing with basic issues. You might be surprised at the many different possibilities that open up when you say, "No, I want something different." Let your imagination loose. Tonight: Once more, use your imagination.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Sometimes you are much stronger and more determined than you realize. Others back off and part the way for you. It seems as if you have many more solutions than you were aware of. Someone might find you a bit pushy. Yes, you! Tonight: Beam in what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Recognize that everyone has his or her limits — even you. Do you really want to cause yourself additional angst by spending and indulging? Ultimately, how good is this behavior for you? Work on being good to yourself. Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You have a way of drawing reactions that can sometimes be disconcerting. Step back, and use your high energy to create more of what you want out of life. You can do it — promise. Aim, and you could hit the bull's-eye. Tonight: Relax and enjoy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★ Take your time making a decision. You might not be comfortable with someone's drive and pushiness. Quite clearly, this person wants his or her way only. Be as reasonable as possible, as you do have to "answer" to this person. You know what works; do just that. Tonight: Relax to good music.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Seek out facts and only facts, Virgo. Discard hearsay and gossip. Strong actions taken right now will result in success. Do not hesitate, but rather zero in on what you must do or really would like to do. Meetings prove to be lucky. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Do loosen up and don't get uptight. Others might challenge your direction and leadership. Realize that you have more impact than you are aware of. Integrate what you judge to be good ideas. Others will follow your lead. Tonight: Out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Being able to take the high road can make or break your day. Don't get triggered by someone who is very difficult. You need to claim your power and bypass a problem. You will naturally find solutions. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Others want it their way. Why not let them have what they want instead of fighting the trend? Ultimately, you will be much happier. See what others create. They also need to see the end results. Help out after the final results are in. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You will want others to tell it like it is. Your imagination might be challenged by someone else's hassle. Others appreciate your ability to find answers and solve problems. Be careful with a moody loved one. Tonight: Just join in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be more nurturing to someone who frequently has a difficult time. You will want to lie back and take your time with someone you find difficult. Don't indulge in impatience. Stay even. Tonight: Get extra R and R.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ What you say might be strong and forceful, but will draw the response you need. Another needs this wake-up call. Your creativity will surge to a new level if you allow others to challenge you. Tonight: Whatever you choose will be fun!

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 Singer Roberta Flack (1939), senior adviser and news reporter: George Stephanopoulos (1961), golfer Greg Norman (1955)

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 Notice is hereby given that the tabulating equipment that will be used Republican and Democratic Primary Election held on March 7, 2006 will be tested on February 15, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. at Gray County Courthouse Election Room to ascertain that it will accurately count the votes cast for all offices and on all measures.
 Susan Winborne
 Signature of Officer

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 Susan Winborne
 Firma del/la Oficial
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 State Bar Card 04610000
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Altrusa tea



Altrusans Kerrick Horton, from left, Tracy Bruce of Amarillo, Brenda Tucker of Pampa, and DeAnn Long and Cherrie Bland, both of Amarillo, visited recently at the Add-an-Altrusa Tea at La Paloma Country Club in Amarillo. Other Altrusans attending from Pampa were Dorla McAndrew, Judy Warner, Carolyn Kessel, Beth Miller, Barbara Hahn, Linda Olson, Kadda Schale, Ruby Royse and Pat Johnson.

Many advocate black history classes in schools

PISCATAWAY, N.J. (AP) — The first book Assemblyman William Payne recalls hearing as a kindergartner in the 1940s was "The Story of Little Black Sambo." He never forgot the black stereotypes that filled the 19th century children's story.

"You grow up with these subliminal messages that everything good is white," Payne recalled, his words bubbling forth with angry urgency. "It is so hurtful that these things were sanctioned by the Board of Education."

The memory was part of what drove Payne decades later as he wrote and lobbied for a state law — the nation's first — mandating that New Jersey schools teach black history. But now, nearly four years later, compliance is spotty and the lawmaker is frustrated. Even as Black History Month briefly draws attention to African-American heritage, New Jersey's effort shows how hard it can be to move from an idea to change in the classroom.

"We won't have to do February if in fact we teach this in the regular curriculum," said Payne.

New Jersey's 2002 law created an Amistad Commission whose members write lesson plans, organize educational events and train teachers — all focused on black history. The law says each school board "shall incorporate" black history at all grade levels. Two other states, New York and Illinois, have since passed similar laws and several others are either considering them or have passed statutes that encourage, but do not require, teachers to address

black history.

New Jersey's commission gets its name from a Spanish ship that was carrying kidnapped Africans into slavery in 1839 when the captives seized the boat. They were recaptured and imprisoned, but eventually won their freedom in a U.S. Supreme Court ruling.

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Even though Steven Spielberg released a movie about the incident in 1997, it's often not included in history books — along with many other key events in black history, said Karen Jackson-Weaver, who was hired last year as the Amistad Commission's first executive director.

Jackson-Weaver now is surveying New Jersey's 593 districts on their compliance with the law. "Just in case you didn't know," she told districts in a letter, "we do have an Amistad law on the books and it's necessary to have African-American history in the cur-

riculum."

Some educators don't know the law exists. Among those that do, many teachers are not well-versed in black history and don't know where to find teaching materials.

With just two full-time staffers, the Amistad Commission is struggling to help.

The 19 volunteer commissioners are working to get lesson plans online, and will likely end up hiring an historian to write a textbook that adequately meshes black history with the rest of American history, Jackson-Weaver said.

Last week, New Jersey's education commissioner sent another reminder letter to school districts to urge educators to implement the law.

"A law that isn't enforced is like no law at all," said Jerome Carr, a parent who pressed officials in Montgomery Township schools, about 30 miles north of Trenton, for two years to comply with Amistad. School officials ignored him, Carr said, and one board member questioned the need for a black history class.

Last month, the board approved a new multicultural elective called "Diversity in America," but Carr reviewed the class outline and said it "continues to give short shrift to our history." Jane T. Plenge, assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction in Montgomery Township, said the district has been responsive to parents' concerns and is constantly updating its social studies lessons.

Interest rates may rise

WASHINGTON (AP) — Homeowners and businesses attempting to borrow disaster relief funds from the federal government to get back on their feet would have to pay more to get the money under a Bush administration proposal.

The administration is seeking an increase in the Small Business Administration's loan rate that eventually would boost the interest rates for government-subsidized loans.

Homeowners could be faced with increases of nearly 2 percentage points above the current 2.7 percent rate and business owners might have to pay an additional 0.5 percent over the 4 percent they currently pay. The new rates, which would be closer to market rates, would be tied to Treasury bill returns. The increase would cost homeowners nearly \$10,000 more over the life of a 30-year, \$100,000 loan.

The higher rates wouldn't apply to loans made before October 2007, and they

wouldn't kick in until five years after loan checks are cut. Still, the proposal in the White House's spending plan for the budget year that begins in 2007 is drawing the ire of some critics.

"This is absolutely outrageous," said Rep. Nydia Velazquez, the top Democrat on the congressional panel that oversees the SBA. Velazquez, who represents part of New York City, said the White House plan would hurt people who need the most help.

"I think they've already done their part in terms of deficit reduction," she said.

SBA officials estimate that the new rates would add about \$41 million to government coffers during its first year.

Hector Barreto, the agency's chief, described the proposal, which requires congressional approval, as one of several "necessary fiscal restraints" that will enable the SBA to deal with record demands.

Prize winner



Courtesy photo

Joyce Mullen of Pampa happily accepts a \$50 gift certificate from Joe Stevens of Frank's Thriftway. Thriftway is giving away 80 grand prizes of gift certificates with one winner per store.

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But they still face anywhere from 10 to 20 years in prison on each of the various counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting illegal immigrants a jury convicted them of Wednesday.

The defendants were convicted of conspiracy to harbor and transport illegal immigrants, which carries a possible 20 year sentence.

In addition to conspiracy, jurors found Victor Sanchez Rodriguez, 58, guilty of eight counts of harboring and nine counts of transporting illegal immigrants; his wife, Emma Sapata Rodriguez, 59, guilty of eight counts of harboring and six counts of transporting; and her half-sister, Rosa Sarrata Gonzalez, guilty of one count of harboring.

The other counts carry punishment ranges of 10 to

20 years.

The defendants hid the immigrants in their homes and moved them to other stash houses, eventually helping them get to the site where they were loaded into the airtight tractor-trailer for transport to Houston. Nineteen people in the trailer died.

The defendants originally faced up to life in prison on the conspiracy count and some of the transporting counts at sentencing May 1.

But the jury believed the defendants were not responsible for the immigrants' deaths nor for putting their lives in danger.

Prosecutors and defense attorneys did not comment on the verdict because of a gag order in the case.

The jury deliberated for 13 1/2 hours over four days, at one point telling U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore they were deadlocked. She sent them back to keep trying.

Jurors still have to decide whether several homes the defendants own that were used in the smuggling operation must be turned over to the government.

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