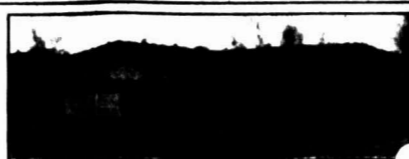


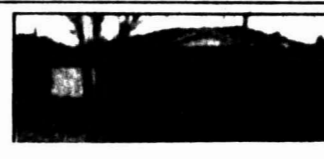
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Lefors ISD board sets called meeting

LEFORS — A special meeting of the Lefors ISD School Board is set for 6 p.m., Tuesday, May 7, in the high school library, 209 Fifth St. Purpose of the meeting is to canvass the results of Saturday's school board election.

Canadian to host free rock concert

CANADIAN — There will be a free alternative rock concert featuring the band Zugia, at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, at the Pavilion (rodeo grounds).

Public invited to PCS open house

Panhandle Community Services (PCS) is holding an open house from 10 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesday, May 7, in observance of National Community Action Month. The public is invited to visit the local facility and visit with the staff members to learn more about services offered to the public. PCS is located at 411 N. Cuyler.

Crafters needed for Centennial

McLEAN — McLean Centennial Committee seeks craft vendors to participate during the June 15 Centennial Celebration in downtown McLean. Events for the day include a parade at 10 a.m., an all-day classic car show, three old-timer reunions, and a rodeo and dance that night. For more information, call 806-779-3149.

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County OKs changes to forfeiture account

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Commission members approved changes recommended by District Attorney Rick Roach regarding the drug forfeiture account and the account auditing procedure.

Roach recommended changes in the wording of the banking documents to meet the statutory requirements of Texas law in the forfeiture account.

He told the county commission he talked with 31st District Judge Stephen Emmert regarding the changes and said that Emmert agreed with him.

One of the changes he recommended was to put 31st District Attorney on the account instead of only Gray County as four other counties are included in the 31st Judicial District.

Another change approved was to word the document that any successor to the District Attorney's position would be added and to give any future DA the authority to designate

someone else on the account. County Auditor Elaine Morris will be provided with all original statements, Roach, Morris, and the county commission agreed on auditing procedures to guard an informant's privacy.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn agreed with the changes and Roach also agreed to notify Hahn if the account exceeds \$50,000.

Unanimous approval was given to purchase four automatic external defibrillators (AED) from Cardiac Science. The American Heart Association is also purchasing four AEDs in the matching funds program. The county will be buy the four machines to help save a person who is having a heart attack with money from the tobacco fund settlement. The AEDs will be given to first responders.

Other action at the meeting included the following:

- approved \$196,866.48 in county payroll and \$135,040.95 to accounts payable;
- granted approval for a (See COUNTY, Page 3)

City Commission plans brief meeting Tuesday

Pampa City Commission has a brief agenda Tuesday, May 7, at 12:30 p.m. in City Hall when it meets to canvass the results of Saturday's city election and to address one other agenda item.

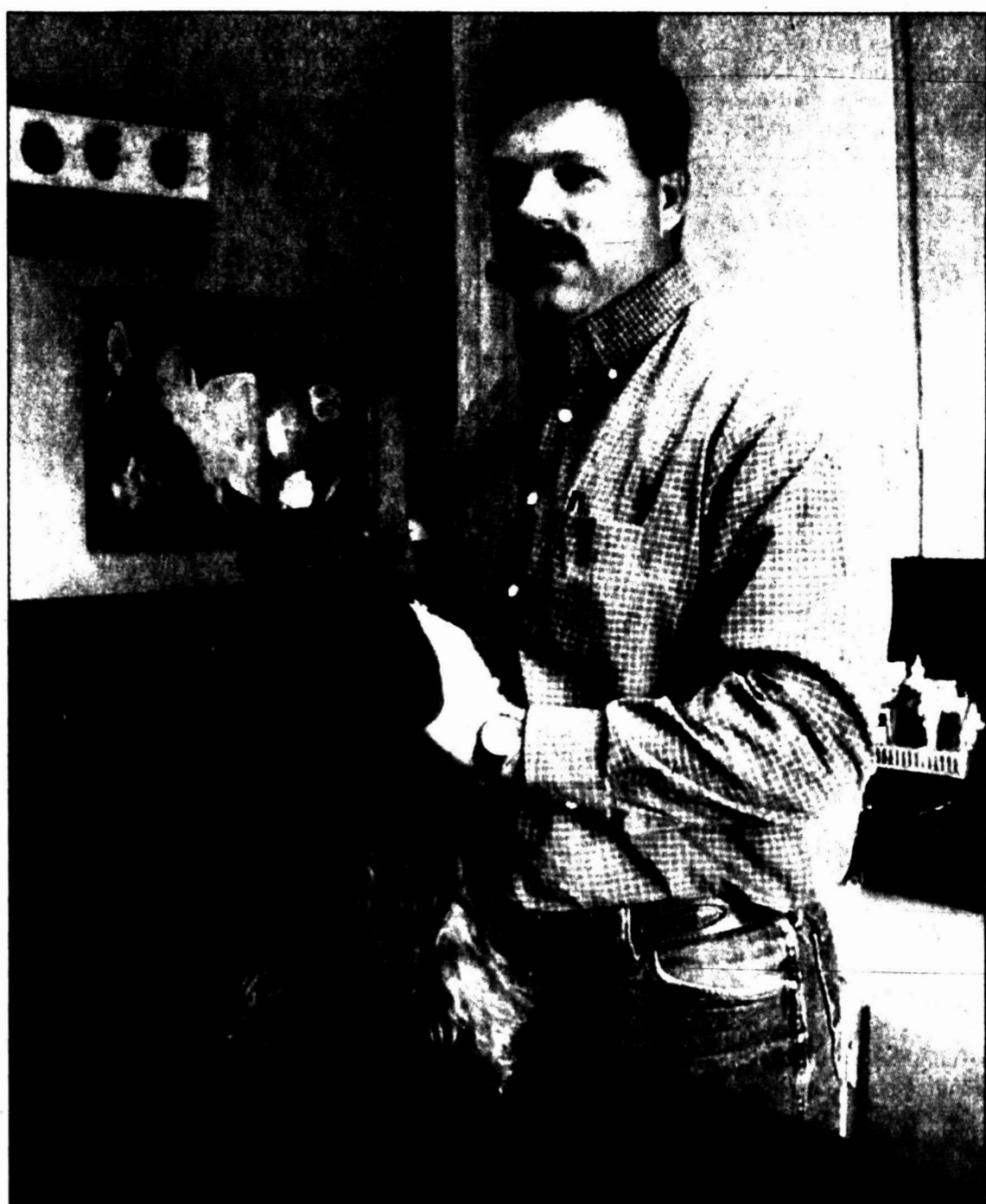
City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers will swear in the newly elected commissioners at the meeting.

The election, in which all registered voters in Pampa may cast ballots, features two races: Incumbent Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews

and Tamita Olson and Incumbent Ward 4 Commissioner Faustina Curry and Shirley Nicholson.

The single polling place is at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium and the poll will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Also on Tuesday's agenda is the second and final reading of an ordinance designating 25th Avenue as a through street. An experimental change in stop sign locations made in December will become permanent if the ordinance passes.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Ozzie remains calm as Dr. Brian Gordzelik, DVM, gives him his annual rabies shot as the Annual Rabies Drive kicks off in Pampa today. The Schnauzer is among many pets to be vaccinated during the Friday, Saturday, and Monday drive conducted by the three local veterinarians.

Rabies drive begins

BY NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Local veterinarians don't want to have another rabies outbreak similar to 2001 in which 17 cases of the disease were diagnosed within the Pampa city limits. All of the rabid animals were skunks.

Eliminating rabies in the Pampa and Gray County area is a goal of the three local veterinarians, and the annual Rabies Drive kicks off today to begin that effort.

The 2002 event begins today at the offices of Easley Animal Hospital, Loop 171 & Texas 70; Gray County Veterinary Clinic, 1329 S. Hobart; and Roysse Animal Hospital, 1939 N. Hobart. Hours of the drive may be obtained by contacting the individual clinics.

Several family pets were required to be euthanized during 2001 and 2002 because they came in contact with the rabid animals and had not been vaccinated against the disease.

The latest reported case of rabies in Pampa

was identified in early March on Rider Street.

On Feb. 28 a dead skunk was found in the yard of a home in the 300 block of Rider Street. The animal was sent to Austin to be tested for the fatal disease.

Upon arrival of animal control officers, the skunk appeared to have been "wallowed on the ground," by three dogs which were also with the skunk in the yard, said Burns.

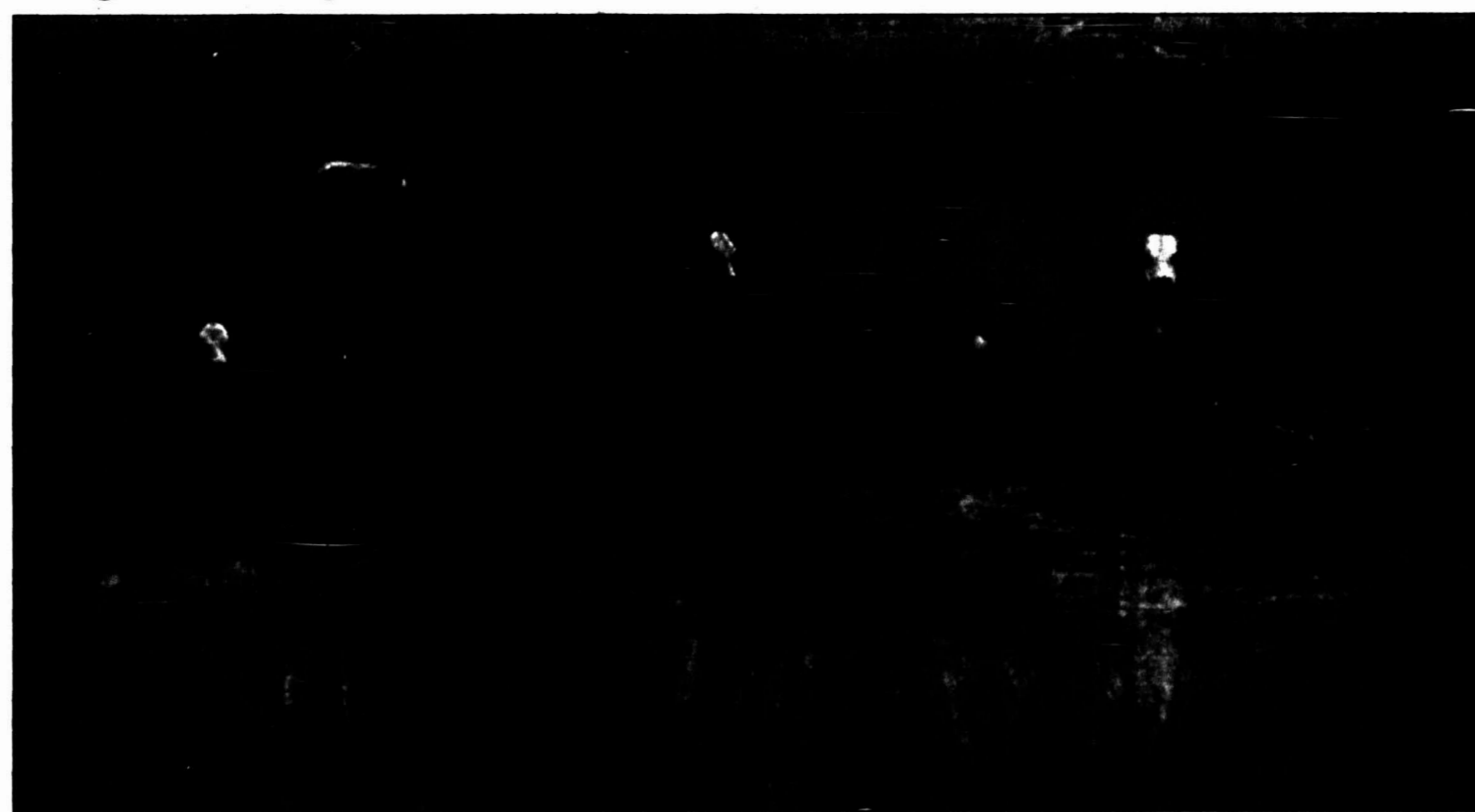
Two of the dogs had received the required rabies vaccination, but the third had not. After the state notified Pampa Animal Control of the positive rabies case, she said the third dog was euthanized.

Burns has expressed concern about domestic animals who have not been vaccinated for rabies.

"These family pets can transmit the rabies by either a bite or saliva to humans," she said. "I don't want a rabies case in a family pet, but I sure don't want it in a child."

"The only protection pet owners and local (See RABIES, Page 3)

Bright shiny faces



(Pampa News photo by Kate B. Dickson)

If baby animals and that special green color of spring are your things, just take a drive outside Pampa and chances are you'll see plenty of both. These white face calves near Lefors take a brief interest in the photographer, Thursday afternoon before heading off to rejoin others in the herd.

State officials to investigate cause of blaze

A state fire marshal will investigate to determine the cause of a Thursday night fire that destroyed a Freightliner tractor owned by Billy Scribner, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Authorities were notified about 10 p.m. of the fire at Scribner's business, Billy Scribner Welding, 2201 W. U.S. Highway 60 at Price Road.

According to Pampa Fire Department reports, two units and six firefighters were called to extinguish the blaze at 10:01 p.m. Thursday. When they arrived on the scene, the truck's cab and engine compartment were fully involved. No injuries were reported.

Firefighters turned the scene over to Gray County Sheriff's Office, who then called in the state fire marshal's office.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, May 2

Jeffery Dewayne Hunt, 39, 605 Dean, bond surrender on charges of resisting arrest, evading, theft by check and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Conley Kenneth Bowles, 51, Lefors, arrested on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Carl Wayne Dunn, Jr., 20, Amarillo, violation of probation/possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Barney Earl Sawyer, 45, rural Lefors area, expired driver's license, expired motor vehicle, parked in roadway, no liability insurance and unregistered trailer.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Feb. 2

A larceny was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic in which someone obtained a credit card in the victim's name and made unapproved charges.

Friday, April 19

Criminal trespass of a vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Chestnut. Entry method was unknown; nothing was taken.

Friday, April 26

A video camera valued at \$300 was taken from a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, May 1

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Lowry where someone entered a home through a window and exited through a door. Nothing was taken.

Hubcaps valued at \$140 were taken from a vehicle in the 1000 block of East Denver.

Thursday, May 2

A possible sexual assault of a child was reported to police by child protective services.

Disorderly conduct — two juveniles fighting at Pampa Middle School — was reported.

A rear vehicle window valued at \$1,000 was broken in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A balloon containing a powdery substance was found in the 1400 block of North Charles.

Jerome Bradshaw, 50, 600 Plains, criminal trespass of a habitation, criminal mischief and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Friday, May 3

Evading with a vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart.

Felix Raphael, 33, 640 N. Wells, driving while intoxicated/third offense and arrested Carson County warrants for failure to appear/indictment, failure to appear/DWI third, and two counts issuance of a bad check.

FIRE

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

Thursday, May 2

1:53 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.

10:01 p.m. — Two units and six firefight-

ers responded to a vehicle fire in the 2200 block of West U.S. Highway 60. A semi-tractor truck cab and engine compartment were fully involved when firefighters arrived. The scene was turned over to the Gray County Sheriff's Office and the fire is being investigated by the State Fire Marshall today.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, May 3

3:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa

Regional Medical Center (PRMC) for a transport to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East 14th and transported one to PRMC.

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WEATHER FOCUS

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Today's forecast is sunny with highs in the upper 70s and light and variable winds becoming south to southwest 5 to 15 mph. Tonight should be clear with lows near 50, and southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday, increasing clouds. Highs in the middle 80s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday night, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the middle 50s. Sunday, partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 80s. Sunday evening, partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Monday through Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms each day. Lows in the middle to upper 50s. Highs in the upper 80s to around 90. Thursday, mostly clear. Lows in the lower 50s. Highs in the lower 80s.

STATEWIDE

Thunderstorms rumbled across West and North Texas early Friday, prompting severe storm and flash flood warnings. The storms were triggered by a dry line associated with a cool front. Blowing dust and fog were hampering vis-

ibilities in the South Plains, including the Lubbock area.

A flash flood warning was issued for counties in North Central Texas, southwest of the Dallas-Fort Worth area, where heavy rains and hail up to golfball size were reported.

Patchy low clouds were beginning to form across the panhandle and low Rolling Plains, with high cloudiness across far West Texas, the Permian Basin and the Concho Valley.

Early-morning temperatures ranged from the lower 40s to the lower 70s.

Extremes were 72 degrees in Dryden and 42 in Lubbock.

Winds were mainly light and variable.

Cloudy conditions should continue in West Texas, including the panhandle and South Plains, through Saturday. A chance for thunderstorms was forecast for the eastern Permian Basin, Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau.

Daytime highs should range from the 70s and 80s with 90s in the south and 60s in the mountains.

Lows overnight were expected to be in the mid-40s to near 60.

Highs Saturday should extend from near 80 to the mid-90s with near 100 along the Rio Grande.

Appeals court denies request to halt truck crossings

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A last minute legal attempt by groups looking to keep the government from ending the moratorium on Mexican truck border crossings was dealt a setback by a federal appeals court. The 9th U.S. Court of Appeals on Thursday denied the emergency request by environmental, consumer and labor organizations that sued the Department of Transportation a day earlier. The groups want to stop the federal government from implementing regulations for the operation of Mexican trucks in the United States. The lawsuit was filed just

two days before the regulations were set to go into effect. The regulations — outlining safety and operational requirements — are required before a 1982 moratorium that bans Mexican trucks from the United States can be lifted by President Bush. Supporters of lifting the moratorium accuse opponents of trying to stifle trade between the two countries. Environmentalists and labor unions say the trucks aren't clean enough to enter the country. The suit alleges the Department of Transportation did not con-

duct a thorough analysis of the environmental impacts of the Mexican trucks when making its recommendations earlier this year. Mexican trucks are supposed to meet the same emissions standards as American vehicles, but border emissions checks are not required, and only California has been inspecting border vehicle traffic for compliance with U.S. emissions standards. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration estimates the Mexican border will open to trucks this summer. The plaintiffs in the case are Public Citizen, the Environmental Law Foundation, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, the California Federation of Labor AFL-CIO and the California Trucking Association.

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Gunman kills self after fatally shooting officer

SHIVE, Texas (AP) — The man sought in the slaying of a Limestone County sheriff's deputy following a shootout with authorities was found dead Friday apparently by suicide. Searchers found the body Friday morning of Marshall Tilman Tallent, 34, near the house where the shootout occurred, said Tela Mange, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman. In addition to the dead officer, two others were wounded in the gunfight Thursday at the house in a rural area of Hamilton County, about 55 miles west of Waco. That prompted a search by about 100 officers from several law enforcement agencies Friday morning. The name of the dead officer has not been released. The two injured officers, Trooper James David Jones and Lampasas County deputy Bob Montgomery, were in serious condition Friday at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, said hospital spokesman Renfro Carranza. Jones underwent surgery for a gunshot wound to the arm, and Montgomery was treated for a bullet wound in the head.

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FBI warned in July of Mideasterners in U.S. flight schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two months before the suicide hijackings, an FBI agent in Arizona alerted Washington headquarters that several Middle Easterners were training at a U.S. aviation school and recommended contacting other schools nationwide where Arabs might be studying.

"FBIHQ should discuss this matter with other elements of the U.S. intelligence community and task the community for any information that supports Phoenix's suspicions," the agent recommended in the memo obtained by The Associated Press.

The FBI sent the intelligence to its terrorism experts in Washington and New York for analysis and had begun discussing conducting a nationwide canvass of flight schools when the Sept. 11 tragedies occurred, officials told AP.

At least one leader of the 19 hijackers, Hani Hanjour, received flight training in Arizona in 2001 but his name had not surfaced in the FBI intelligence from Arizona, the officials said.

None of the Middle Eastern men identified by the Arizona counterterrorism agents or any information contained in their July 2001 memo pointed to the suicide plot that leveled the World Trade Center and killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, officials said.

"None of the people identified by Phoenix are connected to the Sept. 11 attacks," FBI Assistant Director John Collingwood said Thursday night.

"The Phoenix communication went to appropriate operational agents and analysts but it did not lead to uncovering the impending attacks," Collingwood said.

Officials said FBI counterterrorism agents in Phoenix were suspicious why several Arab men were seeking airport operations, security information and pilot training. The agents recommended that the FBI begin alerting local offices when Middle Easterners sought visas for training at local aeronautical schools.

"FBIHQ should consider seeking the necessary authority to obtain visa information from the USDOS (State Department) on individuals obtaining visas to attend these types of schools and notify the appropriate FBI field office when these individuals are scheduled to arrive in their area of responsibility," the memo said.

The FBI's concerns about the U.S. flight schools is the latest revelation about information, much of it sketchy, that the government possessed before Sept. 11 concerning the possibility of terrorism in the skies. For example:

—AP reported last month that Filipino authorities alerted the FBI as early as 1995 that several Middle Eastern pilots were training at American flight schools and at least one had proposed hijacking a commercial jet and crashing it into federal buildings.

—A month after the 2001 memo from Arizona to FBI headquarters, FBI agents in Minnesota arrested a French citizen of Moroccan descent, Zacarias Moussaoui, after a flight school instructor became suspicious of his desire to learn to fly a commercial jet.

Moussaoui has since emerged as the single most important defendant in the post-Sept. 11 terrorism investigation, charged with conspiring with the hijackers and Osama bin Laden to kill thousands of Americans. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

—About the same time as the Phoenix memo and Moussaoui's arrest, U.S. intelligence issued a late summer

warning that there was heightened risk of a terrorist attack on Americans, possibly even on U.S. soil, officials have said.

Law enforcement officials said in retrospect the FBI believes it should have accelerated the suggested check of U.S. flight schools after Moussaoui's arrest but does not believe it would have led to the hijackers.

FBI officials said a supervisory agent in Arizona wrote a several-page memo to FBI headquarters in July 2001 laying out information his counterterrorism team had developed in an unrelated investigation. A portion of the memo dealt with an Arizona flight school, officials said.

The memo indicated agents were suspicious about why several nonresident Arab men were seeking training at a commercial aeronautical school in Prescott, Ariz.

Collingwood said the men "were enrolled in various aspects of civil aviation engineering, airport operations and pilot training." The agents were particularly concerned that some were attempting to learn about airport security operations, officials said.

The Phoenix memo urged FBI headquarters to assemble a list of U.S. aviation academies and to instruct field offices across the country to make "appropriate liaison" with their local schools where other Middle Easterners might be training.

The information was shared with intelligence analysts who monitored terrorist threats and was even sent to the FBI office in New York that had the most experience with terrorism cases, officials said.

After the suicide attacks, the FBI quickly descended upon flight schools nationwide, identifying academies in Florida, Arizona and elsewhere where the leaders of the 19 hijackers trained.

Hanjour, believed to have piloted the jetliner that crashed into the Pentagon, trained at a flight academy in Phoenix between January and March 2001, the government has said.

Mideast peace conference in works

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international peace conference is being planned for early summer, probably in Europe, to try to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict. The crucial session could be held without Yasser Arafat.

Secretary of State Colin Powell announced the move Thursday with the support of U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, leaders of the European Union and Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov.

Powell said one of the goals would be to clear "the political way forward" to a Palestinian state.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Friday that foreign ministers would head the delegations to the peace talks. Asked if Arafat was an essential party to any peace talks, Fleischer said "that remains to be seen."

Arafat, at his headquarters in the West Bank town of Ramallah, said Friday he had not been notified formally of the conference. "Until now, it is only an idea and we welcome it, but we have still not agreed to it," he said, adding that he wants to consult with other Arab leaders.

Gideon Meir, a spokesman for the Israeli government, said Israel wants to hear more details before deciding whether to attend.

Bush's spokesman said Arafat "is the person we are working with" but the Palestinian leader's dedication to action and not just words "is something the president is measuring and watching."

"The president does believe that the Palestinian people deserve better," Fleischer said.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has ruled out trying to make peace with Arafat. A foreign ministers' conference might get around that issue.

At the White House, meanwhile, President Bush said Thursday that a Palestinian state must be democratic and free of corruption.

"A Palestinian state must be based on the principles that are critical to freedom and prosperity: democracy and open markets, the rule of law, transparent and accountable administration and respect for individual liberties and civil society," Bush said at a news conference after meeting with European leaders.

The EU's current president, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, will be the president's guest this weekend at the presidential retreat at Camp David, Md.

Congress entered the equation in a big way Thursday by adopting resolutions in both chambers giving unqualified support for Israel and condemnation of Palestinian terror. Both nonbinding measures said the United States and Israel are "now engaged in a common struggle against terrorism."

The House vote on a stand-alone resolution was 352-21. The Senate version, accepted 94-2, was an amendment to a trade bill.

The House version was much more outspoken against the Palestinians. It mentioned Arafat by name and accused him of an "ongoing support of terror" in the wave of bombings against Israelis this spring. The White House interceded and had some success in tempering the language of both measures.

In his comments Thursday, Bush said Israel must yield to Palestinian statehood.

And Powell, asked whether the United States planned to

persuade Sharon to dismantle Jewish settlements, towns in overwhelming Arab areas where tens of thousands of Jews live, many for decades, replied: "There will have to be a cessation of new settlements and something will have to be done about the settlements that are there now."

All this reflected a rapidly accelerating drive by the Bush administration to solve the Arab-Israeli conflict by pressuring Israel to give up territory in exchange for promises of peace and security.

Such a land-for-peace deal was the basis of the 1993 Oslo Accords, in which Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization recognized each other and began negotiating for final peace. That process fell apart last year.

An international conference could magnify the pressure on Israel, long the target of criticism in Europe as well as the Arab countries.

The administration itself has been under pressure internationally as tilting in favor of Israel and not taking an active role in trying to promote a land-for-peace formula.

Sharon is due to call on Bush at the White House on Tuesday. It will be their fifth meeting, and possibly the most crucial.

Powell said the international conference would deal with security, economic reform and humanitarian issues as well as Palestinian statehood.

"It's something that the parties in the region will welcome," he said.

Powell urged Israel to lift restrictions on Palestinian travel and said for his part, Palestinian leader Arafat should work to bring calm to the region, since he's now free

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RABIES

residents have is to vaccinate their own animals," she said.

If a child, or adult, comes into contact with a rabid animal, a series of rabies shots is required to fight the fatal disease.

Also, animal owners in the City of Pampa are subject to fines for not having pet vaccinations and pet tags.

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COUNTY

road crossing at County Road 11:

- gave approval to Challenge Cost Share Agreement with U.S. Forest Service regarding Lake McClellan;

- approved road crossing at County Road 11;

- approved contract with West Group regarding Gray County Law Library; and

- approved Precinct 1 changing to Vista Environmental Services from Anderson Associates for gasoline tank monitoring.

The fines were increased in 2001 to \$74 for having animals without vaccinations and an additional \$74 if the pet does not have tags.

Local veterinarians are offering the vaccinations at

reduced prices during the city's annual rabies vaccination drive.

Additional vaccinations for other diseases will be available by contacting the veterinarians.



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Pampa's Catholic youth have mission to accomplish

By PAM ZEMANEK
for The Pampa News.

Mission work is just a part of the picture for the youth at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic parish here in Pampa. They believe that it is important to put their faith into action, and action is just what they have seen over the last several years!

In the summer of 1995, a then-newly-formed group responding to a call from their associate pastor rolled up their sleeves and gathered up rakes to assist a couple of widowed parishioners to clear debris from their yards left from the tornado.

Throughout that day and into the next they

were able to assist others regardless of domination or church attendance! Nothing like a hands on, hearts open experience to bring a group of willing youth together and allow God to use them as His hands and feet to show His love for others in a tangible way.

Since that time they have volunteered each summer delivering Meals on Wheels, participated in the annual Shopping Tour for children at Christmas worked with Special Olympics bowling and basketball, hosted Special Olympics Valentines dance, doing various tasks for Hospice of the Panhandle (BSA), helping restock the shelves at the Good Samaritan House, doing general chores around

their parish or helping the Knight of Columbus with their annual Polish sausage dinner by waiting and busing tables.

Their mission work reaching beyond Pampa includes working in Oklahoma City two different times once right after the bombing serving meals, reorganizing a thrift store and visiting with homeless who drifted in and out of a day shelter there and another to help with tornado relief after a portion of the city was destroyed in 1999.

Another summer spent in Arizona enabled them to work with the Navajo and Hopi people. Time spent in their fields, cleaning local parks, and again preparing and serving meals to those

in need of food left them knowing and experiencing that God had used them in very special and powerful ways.

Most recently, mission trips have been spent in San Antonio helping sort clothes, serve meals to the homeless in the downtown area at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen, or doing arts and crafts with youngsters that have been basically brought up on the streets or in the back of a car!

The opportunities that they have had are many, the experiences unforgettable, the memories cherished.

"Volunteering and helping others has increased my faith in myself and others and (See MISSION, Page 6)



(Courtesy photo)

Delivering Meals on Wheels are St. Vincent Catholic Youth members, Adam Gonzales, Stephanie McVay, Katherine Zemanek, Demetrio Martinez, Jackie Gerber, and Trevor McVay.



(Courtesy photo)

A group of St. Vincent youth including Katherine Zemanek, Jay Gerber, Jessica Miner, and Natalie McVay assist youngsters as they wrap gifts for their families during the Shopping Tour.

To study life of Christ, start with 'blended harmonies'

For the past several months I have been immersed in a study of the life of Christ. During this time I found myself examining and purchasing and borrowing dozens and dozens of different kinds of books on the life of this planet's all-time supreme inhabitant.

One particular category of books which I have found to be such a blessing is that of "harmonies of the four gospels". I would like to share a few things about this category of books to encourage you to go out and buy a "book blessing".

Take note that it is very helpful to know that there are several different types of "harmonies of the four gospels." The most common type chronologically places every verse of each of the four gospels into one of four different side-by-side columns and these are usually referred to as "parallel" harmonies.

There also is the type that places every verse of each of the four gospels into chronological order with Matthew's account listed first, then

Mark's, then Luke's and finally John's and are usually referred to as "chronological" harmonies.

But the category that has blessed me the most is the "blended, interwoven" harmonies. This type also lists everything in chronological order, but instead of listing every verse in all four gospels, these books combine the common events and teachings into a single narrative with all of the details from all four gospels.

For example: consider the feeding of the 5,000. It is recorded in all four gospels, but in a "blended" harmony there is only one account of the miracle, but it contains all of the details from all four gospels. No details or alternate wordings are left out.

This type of harmony gives the reader all of the story in one reading. It requires no jumping back and forth between the various accounts in order to get "the rest of the story." For me the power and impact of getting the whole story in one reading cannot be overstated. Unfortunately



Minister's Musings

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almost all of these types of harmonies are currently out of print and must be purchased from used book sources. However, if you are willing to do the searching, I would like to make a few recommendations.

If you are a fan of the NIV, then I would recommend Kermit Zarley's "The Gospel." And, yes, if you are looking at

his name and thinking about golf, this is the same Kermit Zarley who was a competitor on the PGA. But he also spent most of his spare time while on the tour carefully blending the four gospels into a blessed book. If you are a fan of the ASV, I would recommend Loraine Boettner's "A Harmony of the Gospels." If you are a fan of the Living

Bible, try "The Man Jesus," published by Regal in the 1960s. Remember, these books are out of print and must be found from used book sources.

If you are a fan of the KJV, then without a doubt I would recommend Jeffrey Khoo's "The Gospels In Unison." It is not out of print and may be purchased for \$8 online at: <http://www.lifefebc.com/febcbkrm/GospUni.htm>

If you have a computer and are willing to read from your screen, you may download a free copy of Khoo's book at: <http://www.lifefebc.com/resources/Books.htm> Khoo makes it available free of charge online.

Now if you wondering what

the motive behind the writing of this article is, here is the punch line. I believe that if you take the time, to read one of these blended harmonies of the four gospels, then you just might open your Bible and spend more time in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

And if there is one part of the Bible that is most important, it is the gospels. It would be a shame to be an expert on the Christian religion and yet not know Jesus very well. Let's be experts on the life of Jesus before we invest hundreds of hours in all of those other subjects that seem so important.

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(Courtesy photo)
Joy Thomas keeps a close eye on a brisket he's cooking for the 2001 Big "Z" annual barbecue.

Big 'Z' BBQ set for May 4

Workers are gearing up to prepare the food for Zion Lutheran Church's Big "Z" BBQ and silent auction, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, May 4.

Many local businesses donated items for the silent auction that is a part of the annual event to raise funds for projects and community programs. Last year, the funds were donated to good Samaritan Christian Services, M.K. Brown Boy Scout Camp, Public Service Radio, Red

Cross, Southside Senior Citizens Center, Tralee Crisis Center and Worth the Wait.

The meal, country store, and silent auction all takes place at Zion Lutheran's Parish Hall, 1200 Duncan. Advance tickets are \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children ages 4 to 10. These can be purchased from the church office at 669-2774 or from any member. Tickets will also be available at the door for the full price of \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.

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MISSION

demonstrates how much we can make a difference in our community," said Danielle Martinez.

"I enjoy helping others and receiving the smile that you get out of it," Michael Martinez said.

"Volunteering has helped me grow in my faith because it helps me to see life through others eyes and learn from them. It also allows me to be a servant of God," Valerie Velez added.

"Volunteering for church activities has helped build our faith because not only do we get to talk about our faith, but we get to put our faith into action," said Jay Gerber. More service and adventure awaits them as they make final plans for Vacation Bible School to share with youth in the Diocese, this year's mission trip as well as a trip to Toronto, Canada to celebrate World Youth Day in July.

While in Canada they have hopes to see the Pope and join together with other Catholic youth from all around the world.

It is said that love is a universal language, one that can be shared with a smile. They have loved their parish family, served their community of Pampa, had many experiences far and wide, as well as shared and received many, many smiles of different colors, shapes and sizes.

To prepare for these trips the youth have several fund-raisers planned to raise the much-needed financial assistance that



(Courtesy photo)

Taking a break from the serving line at St. Vincent de Paul Kitchen in San Antonio are Lindzi Schaible, Elizabeth Campbell, Kitchen Director Mary Brown, Jordan Albracht, and Adam Gonzales.

will be necessary for the various projects planned.

On Saturday, May 11, at 7 a.m. they will have Krispy Kreme Donuts available for the price of \$6 per dozen. Donuts may be picked up at the church starting at 7 a.m.

Orders will be taken until Friday, May 10, by contacting Pam Zemanek, 665-

6347, or the church office, 665-8933.

The youth also plan a garage sale on Saturday, May 18, at 2004 Williston from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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ON THE FAMILY

DR. JAMES DOBSON is a psychologist, author and president of Focus on the Family, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of the home.

Q My oldest son is approaching the age where we had previously agreed to allow him to date. The more I think about it, though, the more the whole idea concerns me. It seems that even in the best of dating situations, the negatives exceed the positives. I can't help but feel that adopted the concept of "courtship" rather than dating. Could you please explain this idea to me, and suggest which of the two arrangements you favor?

A Simply put, the "courtship" concept is a reaction to the dating model that is thought by many to be unhealthy. Dating couples go through a series of short-term and often unsatisfying relationships over a period of five or 10 years or longer. As such, they are being taught to flit from one relationship to another like a honeybee buzzing from flower to flower. Wouldn't they be more inclined later to bail out on a marriage partner when bored or frustrated?

Dating also encourages sexual familiarity and experimentation. It isn't difficult to understand why an increasing number of parents feel this traditional model undermines commitment, exclusivity and permanence in marriage.

The courtship model, by contrast, seeks to postpone emotional and physical entanglements until they occur with the probable husband or wife. The family is very supportive in helping to choose that special individual for a serious courtship when the time is right. Until then, relationships between the sexes are limited to group situations in

carefully controlled settings. Physical intimacy for the sake of titillation and experimentation is considered to be the most inappropriate. It is the ultimate in "saving oneself" for the man or woman with whom a lifetime will be spent.

Many parents, and undoubtedly the majority of teenagers, would consider the courtship model to be extreme and terribly restrictive. Not every teen-ager would tolerate it. I believe it is a good idea in those settings where both generations are committed to it and are willing to work together to make it successful. Courtship is not recommended in cases of adolescent rebellion or where there is great resistance to the idea. Whether or not to take this approach, therefore, is a matter for individual families to determine.

Q We hear so much about mothers being depressed and unable to accept the empty nest when the kids leave home. In our family, it was Dad who took it hard. He went into a tailspin for more than a month. Is this unusual?

A No, it happens very commonly. In a recent study, 189 parents of college freshmen were asked to report their feelings when their son or daughter left home. Surprisingly, the fathers took it harder than the mothers.

That resistance to the empty nest was the theme of the movie "Father of the Bride," which was a hilarious and touching tribute to the love of a father for his daughter. When George, the dad, sat across from his daughter at the

dinner table and learned that she was engaged, he took the news hard. He couldn't believe what he was hearing. He had to clear his vision when he saw his daughter as a baby girl, and then as a 10-year-old tomboy, and finally as a grown woman of 18. His little girl had grown up so quickly and now she was leaving home. He would never again be the main man in the life of his precious daughter, and there was grieving to be done.

Why do men sometimes take the empty nest so hard? One of the chief explanations is regret. They have been so busy working hard that they let the years slip by almost unnoticed. Then suddenly they realize it is too late to build a relationship with the child who is leaving home forever.

For those of you who still have children or teen-agers at home, take a moment regularly to enjoy your remaining time together. Those days will be gone in the blink of an eye.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or www.family.org Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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Earth Day celebration



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Bart Bullard, Nicholas Ford, Marcus Villarreal and Trenton Choate help plant a tree during Earth Day festivities at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Pampa. The tree was donated to the school by West Texas Landscape.

Opposition party in Bahamas sweeps election in major upset

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — The opposition party in the Bahamas regained control of the government in a major election upset 10 years after it was forced from power in a scandal over drug money.

The rout of the governing Free National Movement in Thursday's elections appeared to reflect charges by the Liberal Progressive Party that it had ignored the needs of the smaller islands and poorer people in this sprawling archipelago of more than 700 islands and 300,000 residents.

"I will lead a government for all Bahamians and no one need fear victimization," Liberal Progressive Party leader Perry Christie said in a victory speech late Thursday. Christie replaces retiring Prime Minister Hubert Ingraham, who led the country for a decade.

The rejected leader of the governing party, Tommy Turnquest, conceded defeat. "The people have clearly indicated that they have chosen the PLP," he said after the news that he and his deputy party leader lost their Parliament seats.

Preliminary results from electoral officers at polling stations Thursday night gave 28 seats to the Liberals, eight to the Free National Movement and four to independents.

The National Movement held 35 seats in the outgoing government, the Liberals four and a minor coalition one.

"I'm very much surprised and I'm shocked and disappointed," Free National Movement supporter Eleanor Penn said amid a mood of anger and disbelief at the party's headquarters, where one woman burst into tears.

Outside, Liberal Party supporters took to the streets, honking car horns in victory

cavalcades that blocked downtown streets in Nassau.

Turnquest, a seasoned politician, lost his seat to first-time runner Keod Smith, a little-known attorney and environmental activist.

Foreign Minister Janet Bostwick — who had held her seat since she became the first woman elected to Parliament 20 years ago — also lost to the Liberals, along with House of Assembly leader Italia Johnson.

The Progressive Liberal Party led the Bahamas to independence from Britain in 1973 and was thrown out 10 years ago amid charges that then-Prime Minister Sir Lynden Pindling had taken bribes from Colombian drug smugglers.

The drug allegations

against Pindling were never proven — despite a statement in a U.S. court by a major Medellin Cartel drug lord that he had paid Pindling \$400,000. But they caused a major rift with the United States that was not entirely healed until the change of government in 1992.

In the final days of campaigning, Turnquest's party revived that scandal, with Ingraham insinuating that Christie's party had taken contributions from a tainted offshore bank and a suspected drug lord.

Turnquest's defeat left the leadership of the National Movement hanging. Ingraham had announced his retirement and said Thursday night he would not take over leadership of the party.

Strikers to target auto companies

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP) — DaimlerChrysler, Porsche, Audi, and John Deere will be among companies hit with one-day work stoppages Monday when Germany's biggest manufacturing union begins its first major strike since 1995, union officials said Friday.

Some 50,000 workers at 21 companies will walk off their jobs in the key Baden-Wuerttemberg region as part of the IG Metall union's campaign for higher pay. Talks broke off April 19 when the union rejected an employer offer of 3.3 percent for 15 months, holding out for 4 percent.

The rolling one-day strikes are intended to disrupt production while not leading to plant shutdowns for lack of parts, union officials say. Workers laid off due to strike action elsewhere don't get unemployment benefits.

"Our strike concept is so responsibly put together that through these flexible strikes no jobs will be endangered, but nonetheless the necessary pressure will be exerted on the employers in order to get a fair result at the bargaining table," said Berthold Huber, the head of the Baden-Wuerttemberg regional union.

AHA Heart Gala



(Courtesy photo)

The American Heart Association (AHA) "2002 Heart Fiesta Gala" will kick-off at 7 p.m., today at Pampa Country Club. This year's event will include music by the band Bangora (above), dancing, food and fun. To obtain tickets or for more information, contact Veronica Kirkwood at 665-0356. Proceeds will go to AHA in Texas and will be used for research and education.

Let's Talk Real Estate



by Jim Davidson
Realtor

MULTIPLE POSSIBILITIES
A multiple listing service (MLS) is a cooperative computer-based service that contains descriptions of most of the homes for sale, which enables real estate agents to keep up with the property listings in their area. Not all that long ago, real estate professionals held the MLS close to their chests in the knowledge that it contains information that attracts potential buyers. The emergence of the internet, however, has changed the way this information is made available. According to a recent survey by the National Association of Realtors, nearly 40% of all home buyers go online to search for properties. While most eventually call MLS, which is increasingly being made available on real estate agents' Websites.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Camps Not Fully Investigated Lead to Summer of Discontent

DEAR ABBY: For years my husband and I worked at various private summer camps across the Southeast. It always amazed us that parents would send their children to camps without thoroughly checking the conditions of these places. What are these parents thinking? The camp sales videos show only what the owners want the parents to see.

A few pointers when selecting a camp:

- (1) Make sure the camp is safe. Don't take anyone's word for it.
- (2) If your children went last year, quiz them about the activities in order to find out if they really do get to participate in everything the video claims. Question them about the plumbing, lighting and water. Children are not dumb. If they observed a problem last year, chances are they'll remember it.
- (3) Ask if you can drop in on your kids during camp session. If you do and are asked to wait in the office while they're brought to you, ask why you can't meet them wherever they happen to be at that time.
- (4) If you take your kids to camp, walk around and take a good look. Don't just check out the bunks. Walk through the kitchen, the infirmary, and examine the play equipment they will be using.
- (5) Ask if your children's possessions will be stored in a secure location.
- (6) Find out how your kids' money is taken care of. Where can it be kept safe, and what is the procedure if their money is taken?

(7) Last, if your child constantly complains about camp — listen. You may be getting a dose of the truth. Hope this helps, Abby. Thanks for letting us vent.

FRUSTRATED IN GEORGIA

DEAR GEORGIA: Thank you for sharing your voice of experience. I would like to add three more tips:

- (8) Are the lifeguards certified and trained to perform CPR and first aid?
- (9) Ask if all the counselors and staff have been screened for criminal records or sex offenses.
- (10) When you check out the kitchen, ask the cooks what meals are planned and if there are healthy snacks.

DEAR ABBY: For the past year I have been seeing a wonderful man named "Al." We met only three months after he was widowed, but he felt strongly that we should date only each other. The attraction was mutual, so I agreed.

Al has a male friend he looks up to, for reasons I don't understand. This friend has the reputation of bedding down a different woman every night of the week. I know for a fact he tries to sway Al to go out with other women.

Lately Al has been hinting that he wants to go to lunch or dinner with other women "just to talk" — nothing else.

At a dance we attend together every week, Al meets other women on the "mix," where you dance a

few dances with other partners. I have seen women come on to him, as he is a nice-looking, clean-cut guy and a good dancer. Men come on to me, too, but I would never give them my phone number or line up dates with them.

Al feels strongly about me, and I about him, but because of the constant prodding of his oversexed friend — and women running after him — I am unsure how to handle this situation. I am hurt that Al could even consider the idea of seeing other women.

Abby, please advise me.

HURT IN BOCA RATON, FLA.

DEAR HURT: The most effective way to handle this is to deal with it head-on. Ask Al if he is having second thoughts about your exclusive relationship. If he is, you need to know it right away so that you can begin to date others, too.

Pauline Phillips and her daughter Jeanne Phillips share the pseudonym Abigail Van Buren. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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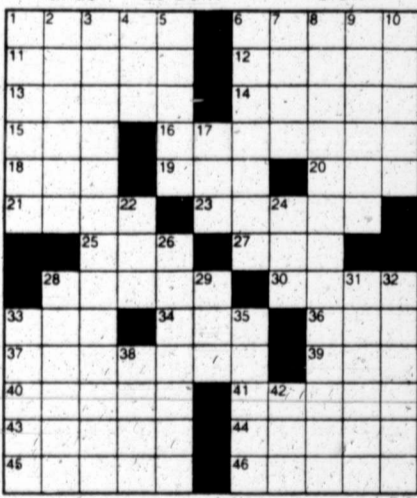
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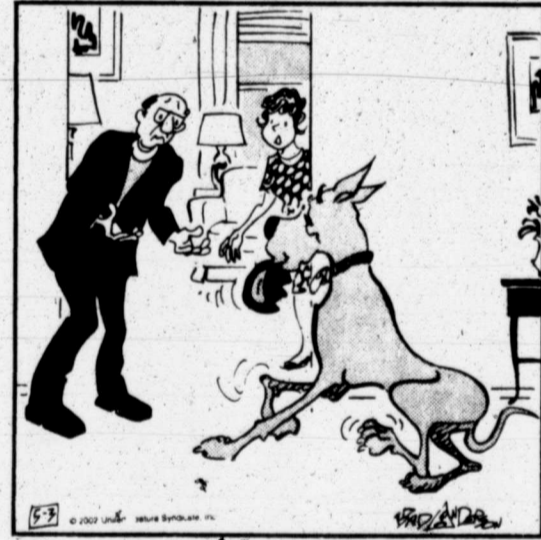
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Lamar picnic



(Courtesy photo)

Lamar Elementary third, fourth and fifth grade students were recently treated to a picnic at Pampa Super Playground to celebrate the completion of TAAS testing. Classroom teachers and TAAS Coordinator Jan Cory sponsored the picnic. Above: Johnny Ramirez, Kwince Nelson, and Michael Nunamaker.

U.S., Russia working on arms accord

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing lingering obstacles, the United States and Russia are attempting to agree on a reduction in their nuclear arsenals in time for a Moscow summit in less than three weeks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell met Friday with Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov, hoping to nail down what would be an arms control breakthrough for the two former rivals.

An administration official said broad outlines of an agreement are already in place, but differences remain. While an agreement Friday is not ruled out, the official said bargaining could continue right up to the eve of the May 23 summit.

Bush will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin on May 23. He planned to discuss the summit with Ivanov during a late-morning meeting Friday.

"We hope that this can be agreed to and it will be signed," White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said before the meeting.

Though negotiations were still ongoing, White House officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they expected an agreement to be in place for Bush's trip. Aides for both presidents were making plans for a signing ceremony in Moscow.

Bush has said he intends to reduce the U.S. long-range nuclear arsenal from 6,000 to between 1,700 and 2,200 warheads over the coming decade, regardless of whether Russia reciprocates. Putin has said Moscow would be willing to reduce to 1,500 warheads.

The two sides are at odds over the nature of

reductions. The United States wants to put weapons cut from its arsenal in storage, to be available in an emergency. Russia believes the only serious weapons reduction process involves destruction of armaments.

Ivanov said on arrival Wednesday night that Moscow and Washington have two major documents in preparation. One involves nuclear arms reductions, and the second would set terms for new strategic relations between the United States and Russia.

The U.S. official said the first document is closer to completion than the second.

Ivanov and Powell focused Thursday on the Middle East, joining with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and foreign policy chiefs of the European Union. They sought ways to end the stalemate between Israel and the Palestinians.

Washington and Moscow have made intense efforts to reach a nuclear agreement. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov discussed the arms cuts Monday in Moscow.

Chief U.S. arms negotiator John Bolton, who made two trans-Atlantic negotiating trips to Moscow last week, will make another soon regardless of whether an agreement is reached Friday, the official said.

If an agreement is reached, the official said Bolton's trip would involve drafting precise wording. If a breakthrough should elude Powell and Igor Ivanov, Bolton would attempt to overcome remaining obstacles, the official said.

Authorities treating missing girl case as homicide

MIAMI (AP) — The disappearance of a 5-year-old girl that allegedly went unnoticed for 15 months is now being treated as a possible homicide rather than a missing persons case, according to a published report.

Although no specific evidence of Rilya Wilson's death has been found, officials now suspect the girl was killed because of the length of time since she was last seen. Miami-Dade County Assistant State Attorney Tammy Forrest told The Miami Herald for a story in Friday's editions.

"We're treating it as a homicide because we believe it very well might be one," said Forrest, chief prosecutor of the state attorney's sexual battery and child abuse unit. "We have several leads, but we need to investigate further."

On Thursday, Rilya's mother, Gloria Wilson, said the woman who was caring for Rilya wasn't related to her. Rilya disappeared from the custody of the woman, GERALYN GRAHAM.

"She was the godmother," Wilson told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Thursday from her Ohio home.

Wilson, who lost custody of the girl because of a drug addiction, said she met Graham after she got to know the woman's daughter when she and the daughter were in a drug abuse program.

Graham told The Miami Herald that her son,

Kenneth Epton, is Rilya's father.

LaNedra Carroll, director of communications for the Florida Department of Children and Families, said

paperwork shows Graham is the paternal grandmother. Carroll said she could not immediately find a reference to Epton in case documents stating he is the father.

Pampa Art Club exhibit



(Courtesy photo)

Linda Nowell, Pampa Art Club (PAC) member, works on a pottery project for PAC. The art club is presently gearing up for its annual art exhibit to be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., May 8 at Lovett Memorial Library.

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