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Aggie Mothers' Club to meet on April 7
AMARILLO - Aggie Mothers' Club will meet Monday, April 7, at 7 p.m. in St. Thomas Church, 4100 S. Coulter. Members plan to fill "Survival Sacks" for Texas A&M students to help them through finals. Each person wishing to fill one or more survival sacks should bring 125 non-perishable items. Members also plan to vote for new board members, organizations to receive donations from the club, and honor the past board.

Author to attend Literacy Day here
Gerald McCathern of Hereford, well-known author of historical novels and mysteries, will be at the Pampa Wal-Mart at 2 p.m., Saturday, April 12, to help fight illiteracy during "Words are Your Wheels" Literacy Day.

DEATHS
Angel Dream Hart, services pending.

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U.S. forces cross Tigris River

Soldiers, family members rejoice over dramatic rescue of POW

By DAVID CRARY
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Closing to within 35 miles of Baghdad, U.S. forces seized a bridge over the Tigris River and swept past battered Republican Guard units Wednesday. One of the key Guard divisions, defending the city of Kut, "has been destroyed," a U.S. general said.

Further south, U.S. commanders said Iraqi soldiers were shooting from inside a revered mosque in Najaf. American soldiers withheld return fire.

Soldiers on the front lines and relatives 6,000 miles away in West Virginia rejoiced over the bold, middle-of-the-night rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch from captivity at an Iraqi hospital that was housing a military command post. The commandos who freed

her also retrieved 11 bodies, some of them are believed to be American soldiers.

Army's 3rd Infantry Division and the First Marine Expeditionary Force launched a two-pronged attack toward Baghdad, and both reported breakthroughs as units entered the so-called "red zone" within range of the guns and missiles defending the capital. U.S. officials say Iraqi resistance will be the most tenacious in this zone and have warned of the possible use of chemical weapons.

In an attack launched at midnight, 3rd Infantry units surged past the strategic city of Karbala, targeting an estimated 2,000 paramilitary fighters. Karbala, which sits on the main approach to Baghdad from the southwest, was encircled and hit by night

long bombardment from U.S. artillery and warplanes.

To the east, Marines moved to within 35 miles from Baghdad after capturing an important bridge over the Tigris River near Kut. Brig. Gen. Vincent Brooks said the Baghdad Division, defending Kut, was destroyed. An Iraqi military statement read on Iraqi satellite television denied that the division was destroyed, saying it remained ready to fight.

One of the Marine units battled Iraqi artillery and mortars for control of a bridge over the Saddam Canal near the Tigris River late Tuesday, killing an estimated 100 Iraqis dug into trenches and bunkers.

The shooting started only after it appeared the Marines would cross the bridge uncontested — a belief shattered

by mortars fired as the forces approached the bridge.

The Marines then resumed their advance Wednesday, passing an abandoned military complex with high-rise barracks while bombs thudded in the distance near Baghdad.

For days prior to the offensive, both the Baghdad Division and the Republican Guard's Medina Division still defending Karbala had been pounded by airstrikes and artillery barrages. U.S. officials said the bombardment reduced the strength of both divisions by more than 50 percent.

"They're in serious trouble, and they remain in contact now with the most powerful force on Earth," Brooks said of remaining Republican Guard

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County ponders computer needs

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Contractors are applying the finishing touches to the Gray County Courthouse this week.

Restoring the courthouse has been a project that has been several years in the making. And it is almost complete.

Although the courthouse offices won't be occupied, local residents will be able to tour the historic structure during an open house when the building is rededicated on Saturday, April 12.

Members of the commissioners court, county officials and representatives from two local online services discussed the projected computer needs of the county offices at length when the employees return to the courthouse in May or June.

The commission approved contacting several internet service providers to inspect

the computer wiring in place in the courthouse building and to receive their recommendations at the April 15 meeting.

Jim Sealy, network engineer of Centramedia, suggested the courthouse will need a premium business service data rate, 384k uploads/1.1 Mbps download speeds.

Additional services which he proposed are central access system for all offices of the courthouse, perimeter firewall system, departmental firewalls to isolate each office, switching system management and mail service management and training for internal e-mail system.

Several officials described the needs of their offices.

County Treasurer Lee Cornelison and District Attorney Rick Roach explained the need for confidentiality to be maintained on some of their records.

Cornelison told the commissioner court a new federal directive mandating the privacy of staff personnel records regarding any health-related matters of employees necessitated that only his office have access to the records.

Confidentiality of criminal investigations in the district attorney's office also must be maintained, said Roach.

Sealy told the commission the firewall would protect the individual security of the DA's office or any other office which must maintain confidential records.

Discussion centered around whether to have Digital Service Line (DSL) or wireless lines at the meeting.

Gaye Whitehead, who will assume the Tax Assessor/Collector position when Sammie Morris retires

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(Pampa News photo) Jim Sealy of Centramedia talks with Gray County Commissioners Tuesday about computer needs at the newly-restored courthouse.

HOME of the BRAVE
SPC Ricky Sangster
Rank: Specialist E4
Branch of service: U.S. Army
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Stationed: Camp Gary Owen, South Korea
Family: Wife April, son Damon, both of Fort Hood; Father Joe Sangster of Dalhart; Grandmother Margie Dennis, Skellytown.

Working together to stop sexual abuse and violence

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Green balloons blew over the Pampa skies Tuesday afternoon as Rhonda Ely and 20 other local volunteers from Tralee Crisis Center let a balloon go every 2 minutes to signify that a person is sexually assaulted every two minutes somewhere in the United States.

Sexual assault is something no one wants to hear about, but it happens. And there is a place to help the victims of these assaults.

Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa is joining the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) as the 20th Annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month is being observed during the month of April.

Focusing on the potential strength of unified communities working together to fight sexual violence, several local volunteers are striving to bring local awareness to local residents.

"Texas: A No Rape State" is the state theme of the 20th observance.

Local workers will be intensifying their efforts to promote public awareness of sexual assault issues during the month. Included will be the need for citizen involvement in reducing sexual assault by confronting rape-supportive attitudes rather than relying entirely on the criminal justice system.

Awareness of the need to increase community support for agencies providing sexual assault crisis and educational services is an aim locally, according to Karon Hooper of Tralee.

She said a recent study has found that only seventh to 18 percent of rapes or attempted rapes are reported to law enforcement in Texas. "We cannot turn our back on the victims of this

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OBITUARIES

ANGEL DREAM HART

MAY PORT, Fla. — Angel Dream Hart, daughter of Joshua and Christina Hart of May Port, was stillborn Saturday, March 29, 2003, at Jacksonville, Fla.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Survivors include parents, Joshua and

Christina, of the home; a brother, Cooper Hart, of the home; two sisters, Arriana Hart and Allysa Hart, both of the home; paternal grandparents, Keith and Judy Hart of Pampa; and maternal grandparents, Steve Bourne of Fort Worth and Connie Brown of Pampa.

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

SERVICES TOMORROW

GLENN, Herman Franklin — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

TEAGUE, Ethel Inez Randall — 10:30 a.m., First Assembly of God Church, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies and breezy conditions with southwest winds 15 to 25 mph, and highs in the upper 80s. Tonight should be partly cloudy and breezy with lows in the mid 50s and southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. West winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid

70s. North winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 40s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s. Monday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

STATEWIDE

Windy conditions will continue today over much of west and north Texas, but otherwise it will be warm and dry over the state.

It will be mostly cloudy in southeast and south central Texas, elsewhere partly cloudy skies will prevail.

South Texas will also be windy today, in the Coastal Bend and deep south, with windy days forecast through the weekend there. Sustained winds of 30 mph in the Coastal Bend are likely this afternoon.

West Texas will be breezy to windy through the end of the week. The far west should see stiff winds and blowing dust for the next few days.

Clouds will move into north and south Texas by Friday, with rainy prospects there this weekend.

West Texas should be partly

cloudy and dry through the weekend, with only a slight chance of rain, in the east Thursday through Sunday. Highs will be mostly in the mid 80s. But it will be windy today and likely Thursday over the entire region, and the warm, dry conditions will make any fires dangerous.

Beginning Friday in the Panhandle and South Plains it will be slightly cooler, with highs in the low 70s in the Panhandle.

South Texas will be warm today, mostly cloudy southeast and south central, and partly cloudy elsewhere. The Coastal Bend and deep south will see windy conditions into early next week. Highs through Sunday will be mostly in the low to mid 80s, cooler on the coast.

Friday through Sunday, all but the deep south should be

cloudy. The deep south may see some showers Saturday, and rain will be possible elsewhere in South Texas all weekend, although chances will be slight any given day.

North Texas will see a repeat of Tuesday's weather for the next few days, with windy conditions in the central and west, partly cloudy skies and highs around 80. Thursday, a slight chance of rain is possible in southeast North Texas.

Beginning Friday, all but western North Texas will see mostly cloudy skies. Showers and storms will be possible Friday through Sunday over the region. There may be some isolated severe storms Friday, but the best chance for storms will be Saturday night into Sunday. Highs will continue around 80 degrees.

City Briefs

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Prosecutor: No more trials in Tulia drug cases

TULIA (AP) — Even if an appeals court orders new trials for dozens of people convicted in controversial drug busts, Swisher County officials will not prosecute any of them, one of the state's prosecutors says.

Rod Hobson, a special prosecutor assigned to help assist the county during court-ordered evidentiary hearings, made the promise Tuesday — hours after a judge recommended the drug convictions be overturned for 38 people prosecuted in a drug sting operation defense attorneys claimed was racially motivated. The judge also is recommending that new trials be ordered.

"If the (appeals court) sends them back, we'll dismiss them," Hobson said. "It would be foolish for us to go forward."

The judge's recommendations came after several days of settlement discussions between prosecutors and defense attorneys. Terms of the settlement were not released Tuesday because the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals must first sign off on the judge's recommendation.

One detail of the settlement, however, emerged shortly after the judge announced his recommendations. Swisher County commissioners unanimously approved a \$250,000 payment to the defendants. The amount will be distributed based on how much time each person was imprisoned, defense attorney Ted Killory told the commissioners.

The 1999 arrests stemmed from the work of Tom Coleman, the lone undercover agent in the busts whom other law-enforcement officials said had faced theft charges, lied and used a racial epithet several times. Police found no drugs on any of the suspects arrested.

The appeals court had ordered a hearing to review evidence against four of the defendants to determine if the men were convicted solely on Coleman's word and whether prosecutors failed to turn over information from Coleman's background that may have cast doubt on his testimony.

"It is stipulated by all parties and approved by the court that Tom Coleman is simply not a

credible witness under oath," retired state district Judge Ron Chapman of Dallas, who presided over the hearing, announced in the Swisher County courtroom where the hearing was held.

Coleman is no longer in law enforcement and was believed to be working as a welder in Waxahachie.

In all, 46 people were arrested, 39 of them black. Thirteen are still in prison.

The 38 cases Chapman ruled on were: seven trial convictions; 14 pleas for prison time; three drug cases in Tulia dismissed while probation on charges was revoked in other counties; 12 took pleas for probation but probation was revoked in three; and two pleaded to misdemeanor charges and were fined.

Mattie White, who had four of her children arrested and charged in the busts, said she was elated at the judge's recommendation. Two of her children remain in prison.

"That's the best step I ever heard," she said. "We've been praying for this for four years, and we haven't ever given up."

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		Silver	4.44	
		West Texas Crude	29.78	

AMBULANCE

Rural Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Tuesday, April 1

10:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of E. Francis; no patient was transported.

5:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Hobart and Alcock; no patient was transported.

6:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to I-40 and Highway 70 to mutual aid with McLean EMS. Patient was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Tuesday, April 1

Police investigated the theft of a Social Security number in the 600 block of Doucette.

A lawnmower was reported stolen at Wells and Boyd streets. Estimated loss was \$350.

Police investigated a report of found property in the 700 block of Gray. Syringes were found.

A set of car keys were found and turned into the police department.

Officers took an information report at the police department.

Wednesday, April 2

A convenience store clerk in the 1000 block of Wilks reported two 12-packs of beer were stolen. Estimated loss was \$20.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Thursday, March 27

10:02 a.m. — An unidentified vehicle was apparently northbound in the 600 block of North Summer when it attempted to turn east onto Harvester, making an improper right turn causing the vehicle to strike a street sign. The street sign received approximately \$300 damage.

Wednesday, April 2

3:13 a.m. — A Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Pamela Jane Howe, 25, of Wichita Falls, was eastbound in the 200 block of East Frederic when it failed to make a curve and struck the left front wheel on the concrete back of a light pole. According to the police department, Howe said she fell asleep while driving. The tire and wheel were damaged as well as a light pole base belonging to Xcel Energy. No estimate of damage was available.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department today reported the following arrest.

Tuesday, April 1

Antonio Soria, Jr., 29, 1086 Prairie Drive, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers for presenting a false Social Security card.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, April 1

4:11 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a grass fire in Carson County. The call was canceled before they arrived.

5:26 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist at Hobart and Alcock streets. No patient was found.

5:30 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a request for mutual aid from Carson County firefighters at a grass fire at County Road 1.



PET OF THE WEEK



"Gracie"

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WAR

units. The commander of British forces in Iraq, Air Marshal Brian Burridge, confirmed that the latest assaults by his U.S. allies marked the start of a momentous phase.

"This is certainly a decisive engagement in which we are now just beginning with the Republican Guard," he said. "The point I would make, though, is that decisive phases often take time. I wouldn't want to give you the impression that within a day or two this is going to be finished."

In Najaf, about 50 miles south of Karbala, the Central Command said U.S. forces were being fired on from the Ali Mosque, one of the most important Shiite Muslim sites. U.S. commanders say they have been trying to minimize damage to religious sites to avoid angering Muslims in Iraq and abroad.

Iraqi Information Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf contended that American warplanes were flying close to some of the holiest Muslim sites, causing vibrations

which could damage the structures. He described as "illusions" the U.S. reports of advances near Baghdad.

The International Red Cross said some of its staff members saw the bodies of dozens of people at a town south of Baghdad where Iraqi officials claim U.S. helicopters attacked a residential neighborhood. At least 280 injured were being treated at a hospital in Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad, the Red Cross said.

Iraqi officials said Tuesday that U.S. Apache helicopters attacked a neighborhood in Hillah, killing 33 people and injuring more than 300. The U.S. Central Command said it was investigating the claim.

Iraqi authorities have blamed American bombardment for the deaths of dozens of civilians in two separate marketplace explosions last week in Baghdad. Brooks, during a briefing at Central Command, said American investigators have now determined that coalition forces were not responsible for the first of those explosions; he did not comment on the second.

Baghdad again came under

intense bombardment Wednesday, with telephone exchanges among the targets hit, and again the Iraqi government responded defiantly. Iraqi satellite television broadcast a statement attributed to Saddam Hussein declaring that "victory is at hand."

Saddam did not appear in person. U.S. officials say they are not sure whether he is alive and well, wounded from an air strike on one of his bunkers, or dead.

In addition to the reported successes on the front lines, U.S. soldiers were elated by news that Lynch — a prisoner of war from nine days — had been rescued by special forces from an Iraqi hospital in Nasiriyah where she was being treated for injuries.

Brooks said the U.S. commandos had to shoot their way in and out of the hospital, but suffered no casualties. "Some brave souls put their lives on the line to carry this out," he said.

Video taken with night-vision lenses showed Lynch to be alert as she lay on a stretcher; a still photograph showed a folded American flag resting on her as she smiled. She was scheduled to

arrive in Germany later Wednesday for treatment of her injuries, which were not disclosed.

"I thought at first it was an April Fool's joke," said Lynch's father, Greg Lynch Sr., of Palestine, W.Va. "I thought this was a cruel joke. I can put up with most things, but not that. They assured me, no, it's not a joke."

His 19-year-old daughter had been missing with 11 other U.S. soldiers from the 507th Maintenance Company. They were ambushed near Nasiriyah after making a wrong turn during early fighting in the invasion of Iraq. Five other members of her unit were later shown on Iraqi TV answering questions from their captors.

U.S. officials said the rescue team retrieved 11 bodies from in and around the Iraqi hospital. Forensics experts were summoned to try to identify the bodies.

Several hours after the rescue, U.S. Marines seized the Nasiriyah hospital. Civilian patients and medical staff emerged from the building with their hands up; most were allowed to leave or to return into the building for treatment.

Mystery illness hasn't infected many in U.S.; worry spreads

By MALCOLM RITTER
AP SCIENCE WRITER

Guangdong. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had already recommended postponing nonessential trips to mainland China, Hong Kong, Singapore and Hanoi, Vietnam.

The plane that landed in San Jose stopped short of the gate Tuesday morning and ambulances lined up on the tarmac as 125 passengers and 14 crew members waited on board. The plane was isolated for more than an hour before anyone was allowed to leave.

Within hours, doctors had cleared all five people suspected of having the illness, which causes a fever, sometimes with chills, headache and body aches, and can lead to a cough and shortness of breath.

It was the first time a plane was stopped in the United States for fear of passengers spreading the disease, and some passengers and health officials suggested it may have been unnecessary.

A man sitting near three of the passengers suspected of having SARS said they showed no signs of illness.

"It's an overreaction of some sort," said Bob Beom of Grants Pass, Ore.

A scare over a mystery illness on an airliner in California turned out to be a false alarm, but the cautious reaction by officials suggested that serious concerns about the disease have made their way to America's shores.

A flight of Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines from Tokyo that landed in San Jose, Calif., was briefly halted on the tarmac after the captain reported five people on board appeared to have symptoms of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS.

None of the five turned out to have the disease, which has been blamed for about 1,800 cases and at least 78 deaths worldwide. Seventy cases of the illness are suspected in the United States, but no one has died.

The disease has been spreading rapidly in Asia, prompting the World Health Organization, the U.N.'s health agency, to advise travelers Wednesday to avoid visiting Hong Kong and the southern Chinese province of

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TRALEE

violence, we normally picture women or young girls but this type of abuse is not restricted to females," he said. "A significant portion of sexual abuse victims are men and boys. Services and support are available to them also through Tralee.

Tralee provides assistance to local and area victims of sexual assault. The local agency also serves Wheeler, Roberts, Hemphill, Carson Donley and Collingsworth counties.

The office is located at 310 S. Cuyler, and the phone number is 669-1131.

silent crime," she said. She also said that over 104,000 adults and 226,000 children were sexually assaulted in Texas in 2000.

Rape and sexual assault can happen anywhere, said Hooper. "Familiar surroundings do not provide security," she said. "Rape is not a big city problem. It is a social problem and it affects us all. Sexual abuse happens everywhere."

She also said it happens to both sexes.

"When we think of sexual

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COUNTY

service. Sealy said it could. County Auditor Elaine Morris said it had been her understanding NTS was handling the decisions surrounding the computer hook-ups as well as the computer wiring.

Pampa Cybernet owner Doug Locke recommended to the commission that the county commission designate one person to be in charge of the computer needs and to have that person coordinate the needs of all county offices.

"This is a very complex issue," he said. "It's not as

simple as flipping a switch, and you need to have an interim solution." He suggested the city and county work together on the project to split the costs.

"All departments need security. You (the commission) need a short term solution and you need a long term solution," said Locke, as he said it would benefit the county to have one employee to work with the computer needs of the county offices instead of the five-member commission.

several hours after the rescue, U.S. Marines seized the Nasiriyah hospital. Civilian patients and medical staff emerged from the building with their hands up; most were allowed to leave or to return into the building for treatment.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Uninvited Vistors Panic Widow Who Lives Alone

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow who lives alone. My problem concerns door-to-door solicitors. They seem to be at my door all the time. With all the scams and violent home invasions I read and hear about, I go into a panic when I open the door to find a stranger standing there.

When I hear my doorbell ring, I like to assume it's one of my neighbors or their kids — so I open up. I don't want to be rude and not answer and help out my neighbors whose school-age children might be selling candy for fund-raisers or going door-to-door with Girl Scout cookies. I love supporting their causes when I am able. But how should I react when it's not someone I know?

Today there were some pretty shady-looking characters on my porch asking to come inside and steam-clean my carpets. Have you any advice on how I can politely but firmly get rid of solicitors so I can feel safe in my own home? Thanks, Abby.

AFRAID TO FIND OUT WHAT'S BEHIND DOOR NO. 1

DEAR AFRAID: First of all, never open your door without first checking to see who is there. If this means having a peephole installed in your front door, it will be money well-spent. If the person standing there is a stranger, don't open the door.

Second, people who go around neighborhoods selling services that haven't been previously

ordered, or merchandise that "just fell off a truck," are usually scam artists and should be avoided at all costs. Caveat emptor (let the buyer beware)!

DEAR ABBY: "Concerned Mother" wrote that she wants to move because her neighbor, "the Wicked Witch of the West," likes her dogs better than "Concerned Mother's" children ("She ignores the innocent greetings of our children, which hurts their feelings... I worry what a person so filled with anger may be capable of.")

May I politely suggest that not

everyone wants other people's children bothering them? I realize that "Mother" believes her children are the salt of the earth and her world revolves around them. However, I'm a middle-aged, childless single woman who works hard all day juggling two difficult jobs. The last thing I want to deal with when I get home is someone else's children. In the last place I lived, my next-door neighbors sent their kids into the hallway at night to play cricket and couldn't understand why that bothered me!

Your suggestion that "Mother" instruct her children to leave the neighbor woman alone is a good one. However, advising her to add that there is something wrong with the woman ("explain that the neighbor is troubled and unhappy") fosters bad manners. It should make no difference to the kiddies why they are to leave that woman alone. It should be enough for them to understand that the neighbor doesn't wish to be

bothered. The sooner they learn that not everyone thinks they "hung the moon," the happier they will be.

KATE IN TORONTO

DEAR KATE: The parents of the cricket-playing kids in your hallway were responsible for the racket — not the youngsters. The little ones were just doing as they were told. I'm printing your letter because it's true that not all adults relate well to children. (W.C. Fields was an example of that.) However, it's safe to say that most adults do. But sometimes even the kindest and happiest people don't like to be disturbed.

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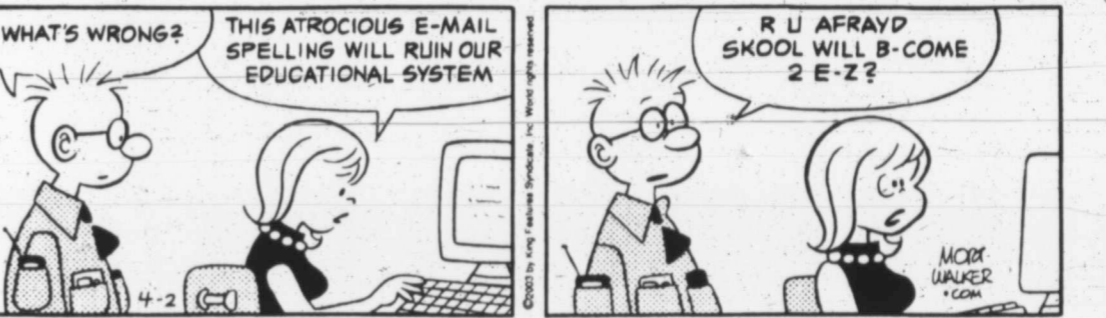
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Crossword Puzzle

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CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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9 "Paper Moon" star
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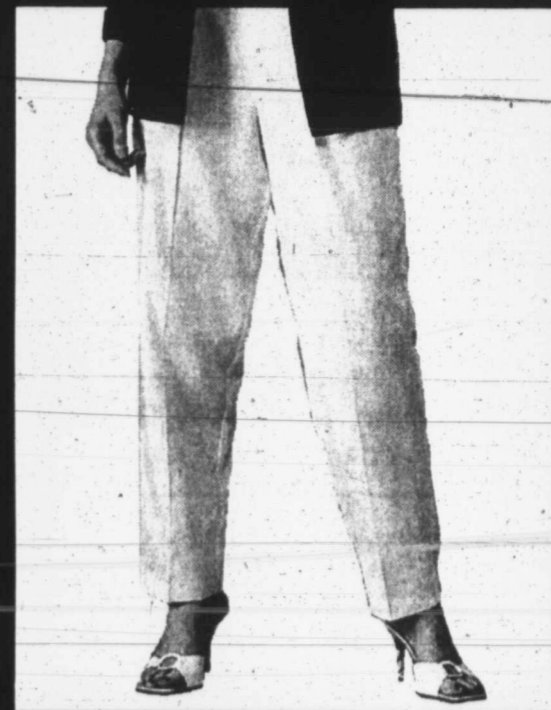
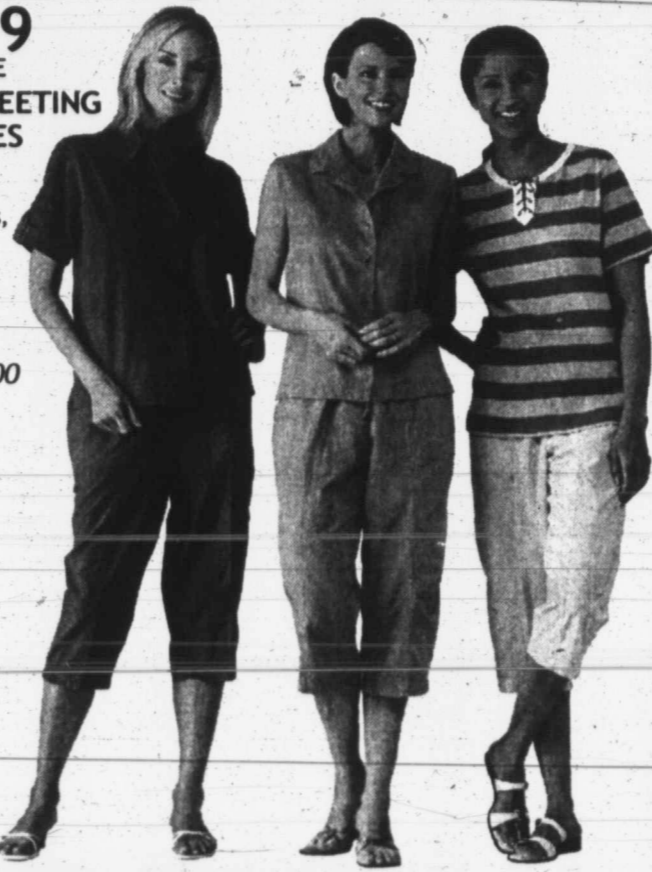
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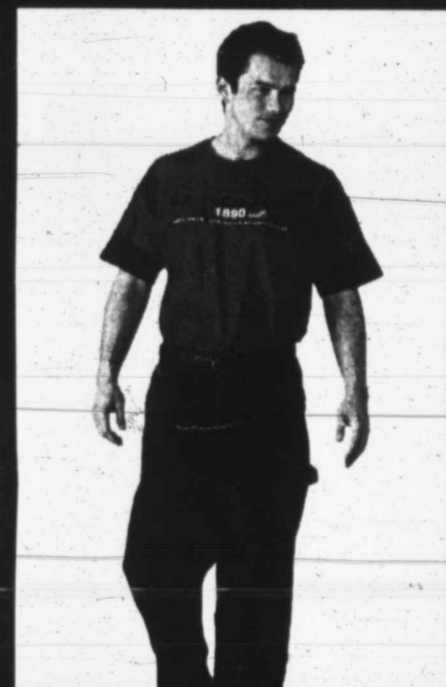
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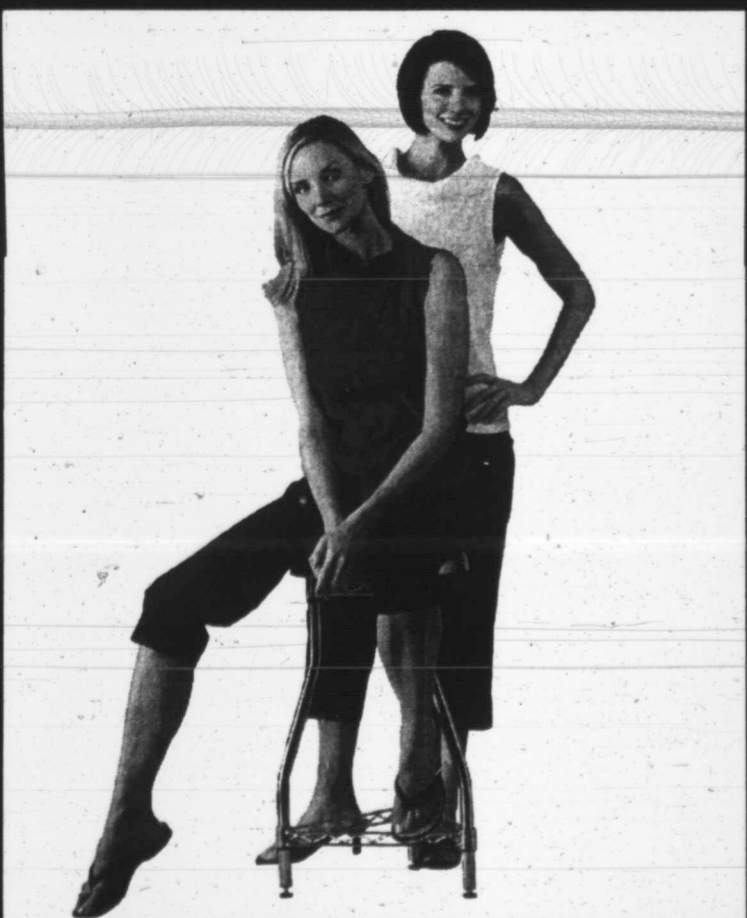
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Pampa golf team



(Courtesy photo)

Members of the Pampa boys golf team who competed in the recent Dumas Invitational were (from left) Cooper Brazile, Weston Teichmann, Gary Utsey, Reid Schindler and Taylor Fatheree. Also pictured is coach Mona Freeman.

Slammers compete in AAU tourney

AMARILLO — The Slammers 32-30. The Classic are as follows:

Player	Points	Rebs
Ashley Schroeder	23	9
Ashley Facio	22	13
Carlyn Teichmann	14	5
Emilie Troxell	13	9
Brooklyn Barker	7	13
Serina Wagner	4	3
Shelbie Watson	2	2
Kara Stephens	0	4
Kelsey Watson	0	2

Pampa Slammers had a 1-2 record in their first AAU Tournament of the year. The Bluebonnet Classic in Amarillo. The Slammers won their first game 44-16 against West Texas Thunder last weekend. With the win the Slammer played the next morning against the Amarillo Hot Shots, who drew a bye as the No. 1 seeded team. The Hot Shots defeated the Slammers 35-15 and went onto win the tournament with a victory over the Canyon Sparks. The Slammers' loss put them in the loser's bracket against the Portales Rams. The Rams defeated the

Plainview leads after two rounds of 3-4A golf meet

PAMPA — The Pampa boys golf team is in fourth place after the second round of District 3-4A play Tuesday at Hidden Hills. The Harvesters shot 336 for a two-round total of 660. Plainview is in first at 621. Daniel Williams leads the Harvesters with a two-round total of 160. Williams is followed by Gary Utsey 162, Weston Teichmann 165, Reid Schindler 174 and Cooper Brazile 182. Pampa's JV team is in ninth place with a 758. Pampa scores were Taylor Fatheree 186, Wesley Brodin 187, Jeremy Utsey 196, Garrett Kennedy 189 and Lex Rabel 236.

Angels play like champs against Rangers

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Dazzled before the game, the Anaheim Angels sparked during it. After receiving their ruby-and-diamond World Series rings in a pregame ceremony Tuesday night, the Angels played like champions and beat the Texas Rangers 10-0. "You kind of separate the two, the ceremony and the game but you see those rings and you think, 'Wow,'" Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. Brad Fullmer, perhaps similarly inspired, hit a two-

run homer and drove in four runs as the Angels, who lost to the Rangers in Sunday's season opener, won for the first time this season. Fullmer's big night began, of course, when he got his ring. "Oh, man. They're great. We got our money's worth for those. They're beautiful," Fullmer said, shaking his head. Fullmer tested the free-agent market last winter before signing again with Anaheim. "For a while, I thought I was going to get my ring

Texas women in Final Four

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — There was a time when Jody Conradt thought each of Texas' seasons would end in the Final Four. The Hall of Fame coach now knows better after a 16-year absence — and that'll make this trip even sweeter.

Heather Schreiber had a career-high 32 points and eight rebounds, and Stacy Stephens had 14 points and 12 rebounds as the second-seeded Longhorns beat top-seeded LSU 78-60 Tuesday night and won the West Regional. Led by Schreiber's remarkable offensive versatility and Stephens' inside power, the Longhorns got a blowout victory in what many expected to be the NCAA tournament's most competitive regional final.

Conradt, who has won more games than any women's coach except Tennessee's Pat Summitt, reached her third Final Four at Texas — but her first since 1987, when the Longhorns made back-to-back trips following an undefeated season and a national championship in 1986. The victory was her 700th at Texas. "When we won that first championship, you just assume we're going to do it again," Conradt said. "But things never happen the same way. ... I've gone into a lot of seasons thinking, 'This team is talented enough to get to the Final Four.' I can't say I ever thought that far ahead with this team."

Four. "That has to be something that rarely happens," Conradt said. "I can't wait to make contact with Rick and the men's team, and I'm sure that's something our team can't wait to do."

Texas led by 30 midway through the second half and coasted to the victory in front of a small but ecstatic cheering section that chanted "Final Four!" as the clock wound down. Schreiber, Texas' all-Big 12 sophomore forward, went 13-for-21 from the field and embarrassed every defender put in front of her at Maples Pavilion. She was relentless, scoring on post-up moves and 18-foot jumpers with equal ease. "I haven't really been shooting very well in the tournament," Schreiber said. "The more shots I made, the more confidence I got. I took the ball to the basket. I wanted the ball in my hands."

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

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Chicago	1	0	1.000	—	—	—	—		
Houston	1	0	1.000	—	—	—	—		
Pittsburgh	1	0	1.000	—	—	—	—		
St. Louis	1	0	1.000	—	—	—	—		
Cincinnati	0	1	.000	1	—	—	—		
Milwaukee	0	1	.000	1	—	—	—		
San Francisco	2	0	1.000	—	—	—	—		
Arizona	1	1	.500	1	—	—	—		
Los Angeles	1	1	.500	1	—	—	—		
Colorado	0	1	.000	1 1/2	—	—	—		
San Diego	0	2	.000	2	—	—	—		

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 3, 2003. Success in your middle name this year. You have the ability to pull a rabbit out of a hat. Though you might not be sure of what you want and where you're going, opportunities drop in your lap. Your popularity peaks because you're lively and full of fun. Allow your creativity to come out more frequently, stimulating various projects, situations and relationships. You gain financially as well. If you are single, wave goodbye to that status. A romance could be quite significant. If you're attached, a relationship will blossom because you're both willing to add more to your relationship. TAURUS helps you make money.

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) ***** What has been on hold could break through and become a viable project. You have much to smile about. Good news and opportunity mix together. Discover what really is available to you. Open up talks in a more upbeat manner. Tonight: Add more spice to your life. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Make the most out of an opportunity that could impact your domestic life. Ask for more of what you want from a roommate or family member. If there is a new purchase you have been holding back on, the time is now. Tonight: Happy at home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You're full of fun and liveliness, drawing many to you. Though you might not be sure about what you ultimately want, you have a unique opportunity to explore and discover. Thinking

about buying a new car? The time is now. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** A money matter that has been put on hold could suddenly become a reality. You laugh and relax, and are less worried about a partnership and its direction. Realize more of what you want by simply putting it out to the universe. Excitement surrounds a friendship. Tonight: Your treat. **LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) ***** Others look to you for leadership and direction. You know what works and won't hesitate to ask for just that. Your sense of humor takes you in a new direction. Laughter and fun follow you. Jupiter goes direct in your sign. Say "yes" to opportunity. Tonight: A must show. **VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sept 22) ***** Trust your sixth sense, especially as it could take you in a new direction. A child or loved one demonstrates unusual understanding. Listen to this person. Know what you want. Find experts. Don't hesitate to reveal more of what you want. Tonight: Take your time. **LIBRA** (Sept 23-Oct 22) ***** You might not understand everything you hear, as you could be so excited about what goes down. Excitement surrounds your life, especially a key friendship. Humor helps you relax with a specific associate you care a lot about. Think success. Tonight: Say "yes" to being a duo. **SCORPIO** (Oct 23-Nov 21) ***** You receive good news about your career. What you thought might not be an option proves to be one. You have much to celebrate. Take this opportunity to move in a new direction. Your humor takes you down a new path. Others express their admiration. Tonight: Sort

through your invitations. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 22-Dec 21) ***** Dig into work, but don't be surprised if office gossip presents a surprising option. You know that anything is possible. Laughter surrounds a trip or perhaps someone at a distance. Be open to your options. Know what is doable. Tonight: Off to the gym. **CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 19) ***** Express your imagination and creativity when handling an associate and a key project. Just because you see something as a problem doesn't mean someone else does. Work with a partner who specializes in seeing possibilities. You don't always need to be in charge. Tonight: Play the night away. **AQUARIUS** (Jan 20-Feb 18) ***** What had been a problem within a relationship ceases to be. You might not be sure about what is the best way to proceed. A new friend or present suitor lets you know exactly how he or she feels. Take time to celebrate. Tonight: Smell the flowers. Enjoy your life. **PISCES** (Feb 19-March 20) ***** Speak your mind. You finally receive the type of rewards you want. Hours of hard work pay off in an unusual way. Realize more of what you want through verbalizing. In the next few months, be more weight and diet conscious. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

BORN TODAY
Actor Eddie Murphy (1961), actor Marlon Brando (1924), singer Wayne Newton (1942). ***

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Five teams entered in Babe Ruth League

PAMPA — Four Pampa teams and a team from Clarendon will compete in the Optimist Babe Ruth Baseball League this season, according to Robert L. Finney, Commissioner. Late sign-ups should contact Finney at 669-6786. "We had our drafts last week," Finney said. "Practice will begin this week. We are scheduling games to begin the week of April 14. Our schedule will be for games on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with Wednesdays and Saturdays reserved for make-up games. The only Saturday games scheduled is for official Opening Day for Optimist Baseball on May 3." Ron Carr will be the manager of Holmes Gift Shoppe and Sports Center. Danny McGuire is his coach. Jeff Clark returns as manager for Lions Club. His coaches are Clyde Coffee, Jon Clark and Maury Wills. Marie Hickman is the manager of Cree Oil. Assisting her will be Robert Dixon. Bill Willingham will manage Bank of America again. His assistants are Greg Day, Ed Copeland and Eric Willingham. Danny Askew and Brian Leeper will be the manager and coach for the Clarendon team. "We plan to have our regular season completed by June 6," Finney said. "We will then have a City Tournament followed by all-star play. The league will sponsor a 13-year-old all-star team and a 14-15 year-old all-star team. Babe Ruth baseball is made possible in part by a grant from the Pampa United Way to the Pampa Optimist Youth Club."

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTES — Here's how to work it: AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW. One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

4-2 CRYPTOQUOTE.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: HE KNOWS THE WATER BEST WHO HAS WADED THROUGH IT. — DANISH ADAGE



Public Notice
NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (ADVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL) To the Registered of the City of Pampa, Texas: (A los votantes de la Ciudad de Pampa, Texas.) Notice is hereby listed below will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 3, 2003 voting in a general election to elect a City Commissioner 1 and City Commissioner 2. (Notifique a los electores registrados de la ciudad de Pampa, Texas, que las elecciones se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el día 3 de mayo de 2003 para votar en la Elección General para el Comisionado 1 y el Comisionado 2.) LOCATION: POLLING PLACE (DIRECCION DE ELECTORAL) M.K. Brown Audit 1000 N. Sumner M.K. Brown Audit Calle Summer #1000 Early voting by appearance will be conducted each week. (La votación en persona se realizará cada lunes a las 7:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. entre las 8 y las 5 de la tarde empezando el día 3 de abril de 2003 y terminando el día 29 de abril de 2003.) La Oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad de Pampa localizada en el edificio Municipal de Pampa, Texas, emitirá el 11 de febrero de 2003. Lanny F. Signature of (Firma de) C-21 April

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New Mexico wants water debt paid

By The Associated Press
 New Mexico wants to use some of the credit it has built up in its water deliveries to Texas to help ease the effects of drought this year.

Under the Rio Grande Compact, New Mexico is forbidden from storing water in three reservoirs upstream from Elephant Butte Reservoir when Elephant Butte is very low.

But the state has delivered more water than required to Elephant Butte for Texas in past years. New Mexico has built up a credit of about 265,000 acre-feet in the reservoir.

The compact, which splits the river's water among Colorado, New Mexico and Texas, allows New Mexico to relinquish part of that credit water and then store an equal amount of water upstream — if Texas agrees.

Last week, New Mexico made an offer to Texas to relinquish a substantial amount of credit water, said John D'Antonio, New Mexico state engineer. Texas has until April 10 to reply.

"It would help just about everybody," he said.

Years of droughts have strained water supplies up and down the Rio Grande and left Elephant Butte at 19 percent of capacity, less than a third of where it should be at this time of year.

The relinquished credit water would be released from Elephant Butte, which would help farmers in southern New Mexico as well as El Paso, Texas.

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HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2 Hobart Ranch '20', 467' from North & West line, Sec. 20, A-1, H&GN, PD 12500'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #5 Hobart Ranch '50', 467' from North & East line, Sec. 50, A-2, H&GN, PD 12500'.

ROBERTS (ALPAR LIPS) Atoka Alpar Resources, Inc., #3C Courson Lips '158', 2200' from South & 1800' from East line, Sec. 158, 13, T&NO, PD 8430', Recompletion

Amended Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #12 Meek '67', 943' from North & 1503' from East line, Sec. 67, M-

1, H&GN, PD 12200'. Amended to change well number from #13 to #12

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #13 Meek '67', 1750' from South & 1000' from West line, Sec. 67, M-1, H&GN, PD 12175'. Amended to change well number from #12 to #13

ROBERTS (PARSELL Lower Morrow) Grūy Petroleum Mgmt. Co., #2180 Mary T. Morrison 'D', 1705' from North & 1061' from East line, Sec. 180, 42, H&TC, PD 10800'. Amended to change well location

Oil Well Completions
ROBERTS (COURSON RANCH Upper Morrow) Range Production Co., #2140 Courson Ranch, Sec. 140, C.G.&M, spud 1-30-03, drlg. compl 2-17-03, tested 3-6-03, flowed 653 bbl. of 42 gray oil, no water thru 28/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 1404, TD 9200', PBTD 9110'

Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (NORTH FELDMAN Douglas) Apache Corp., #2-14 Immel 'A', Sec. 14, I, G&M, spud 12-30-02, drlg. compl 1-11-03, tested 3-4-03, potential 281 MCF, TD 8000', PBTD 7930'

Prescribed fires planned at Lake Meredith NRA

FRITCH — Park Superintendent Karren Brown recently announced plans for several prescribed burns at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Sections of Plum Creek, McBride Canyon and Big Blue Creek will be burned beginning as early as the week of April 7.

The prescribed burns should be completed by Memorial Day, depending upon the weather.

The Plum Creek unit will include the upper campground area and the McBride, the boundary from the boat ramp to the canyon's entrance road as well as the area to the right of the road to the Canadian River. The Big Blue Creek unit will encompass the northeast corner of Big Blue Creek from FM 1913 along the right side of the bridge, including some private ranch land.

During the burns, some of the area will be closed to the public. Lake MNRA officials advice people traveling in the area of the fires to use caution by reducing vehicle speed and by turning on their headlights when smoke is present.

Fire crews began preparing the burn units last fall and spent several months removing brush and other fuels from the perimeter of the burn units. The burns will be a cooperative effort sponsored by the National Park Service with assistance from local and federal fire departments.

Lake Meredith instituted its prescribed fire program in 1999 and has successfully burned approximately 10,300 acres to date.

For more information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

CCPC announces several new offerings in coming months

Clarendon College-Pampa Center campus has announced several continuing education classes and community service classes including new classes in computers, conversational Spanish, web page design and "Introduction to Guitar."

The college will also be hosting several Brown Bag Lunch Seminars.

Computer classes to be offered are "Introduction Microsoft Excel" and "Web Page Design: A How To." These classes are designed for novice users who have a general understanding of how to use a computer.

The Excel class teaches participants how to create and use an Excel template for business purposes. The Web Page Design class is designed to teach individuals how to make their mark on the World Wide Web.

Introduction to Excel will be held from 1-3:30 p.m., April 7-9. Mrs. Jimidene Murphey will teach the class with the majority of emphasis being place on business use and implementation.

Web Page Design will be offered from 3:30-5 p.m., April 7-11, Monday through Friday with DeWayne Stephens who will teach the class participants how to build and pub-

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lish their own web page.

Along with the computer classes, the college will be offering classes in conversational Spanish and Introduction to Guitar.

Conversational Spanish will be taught by Kathy Carter and is designed for students who wish to learn how to use Spanish in their daily activities of conducting business.

This class will help non-Spanish speaking employees to help Spanish speaking patrons to receive information. The Spanish class will start April 3 and will meet from 7-9:50 p.m. on Thursdays.

The college will also offer an Introduction to Commercial Guitar, structured for the beginning student, to be taught Ken Wilson. The class will be taught using both individual lessons and group lessons. The goal is to teach the beginning guitar

player how to play more confidently and how to develop their skills for use in the music industry.

The class will be held every Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. All genres of acoustic guitar music will also be explored.

Besides these new additions, CCPC is once again starting up its Brown Bag Lunch Seminars and encourages interested individuals to pack a lunch and join them at the college for the seminar. The first Brown Bag topic of discussion will be, "What is your computers temperature: What is a virus and how to cure it." This open discussion, to be led by CCPC Dean Joe Kyle Reeve, will be held from 12 noon-1 p.m., on April 16.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call the college at 665-8801.

Western Writers Conference in offing at WT

CANYON — The beauty and romance of western writing will come to life on the West Texas A&M University campus when the Department of English and Modern Languages hosts a Western Writers Conference April 10-11.

The two-day event will feature guest authors Aaron Abeyta, poet, and Laura Pritchett, fiction writer.

Both guest authors come from ranching backgrounds and write from their experiences. Abeyta's poem "Colcha" is the recent grand prize winner at the Colorado Council on the Arts Fellowship for poetry. He teaches English at Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo.

Pritchett's book, "Hell's Bottom," is the

winner of the Milkweed National Fiction Prize. The book is a collection of stories of a family of ranchers in Colorado.

The event will kick off with a book signing from 1:30-2:30 p.m. April 10 at the WTAMU Bookstore in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center on campus. At 7 p.m., Jodi Thomas, WTAMU writer in residence, will discuss writing and publishing in the Cornette Library-Lecture Room.

On Friday, April 11, Abeyta and Pritchett will present public readings of their works at 7 p.m. in Old Main, Room 220.

The Western Writers Conference is free and open to the public. For more information, call Dr. Alex Hunt at (806) 651-2457.

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