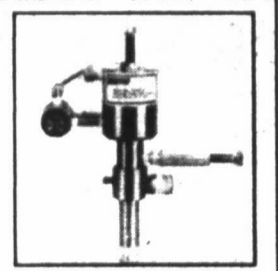


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LOCAL

Sorghum meeting set
 GROOM - A grain sorghum meeting is set for 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 1, at the Groom Community Center. For more information, call Scott Myers at 806-226-3021.

DEATHS

Mary Elizabeth Phillips
 Conner, 84, homemaker.
Ralph B. Fox Jr., 78, carpenter.

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Ambulance task force under way

County commissioners name four members to city/county committee

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County commissioners today named Chuck White, Peggy Coleman of Rural/Metro Ambulance, County Judge Richard Peet and Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley to a joint city/county task force to address the issue of continued ambulance service for city and county residents.

City of Pampa and county officials met Friday morning to discuss ambulance service after Rural/Metro Ambulance Service had notified them earlier last week that they would be leaving Pampa on July 14.

At the Friday meeting, those attendees agreed that a task force should be created to explore the possible methods of providing continued emergency medical service. The task force would be made up of four persons appointed by the county commissioners, and four by city commissioners.

City commissioners called a special meeting for 1 p.m. today to choose their four representatives for the task force.

County commissioners examined proposals from West Texas Landscape and Irrigation and from A&T Yard Service, both of Pampa, for landscape work on the south end of the courthouse. Outdoor work is the next phase of courthouse restoration to be done, with roughly \$250,000 available for landscaping and balcony projects, said Elaine Morris, county auditor.

Each company submitted more than one proposal, reflecting different materials for outdoor furniture such as benches, and different sidewalk plans. West Texas Landscape's lowest proposal was \$46,741, while A&T's lowest plan was \$66,058.

Morris pointed out that amounts

involving expenditures of \$25,000 or more required advertisement for bids.

Commissioners voted to advertise for bids on the landscaping, and to allow Peet to contact West Texas Landscape and A&T for bids and to negotiate some aspects of the work.

Commissioners approved adding new County Deputy Treasurer Karen Ellis' name to accounts. Ellis replaces Julia Wood.

A bid of \$50 was accepted on tax delinquent property at 606 Main in McLean. Austin Bolin of McLean had made the bid on the property.

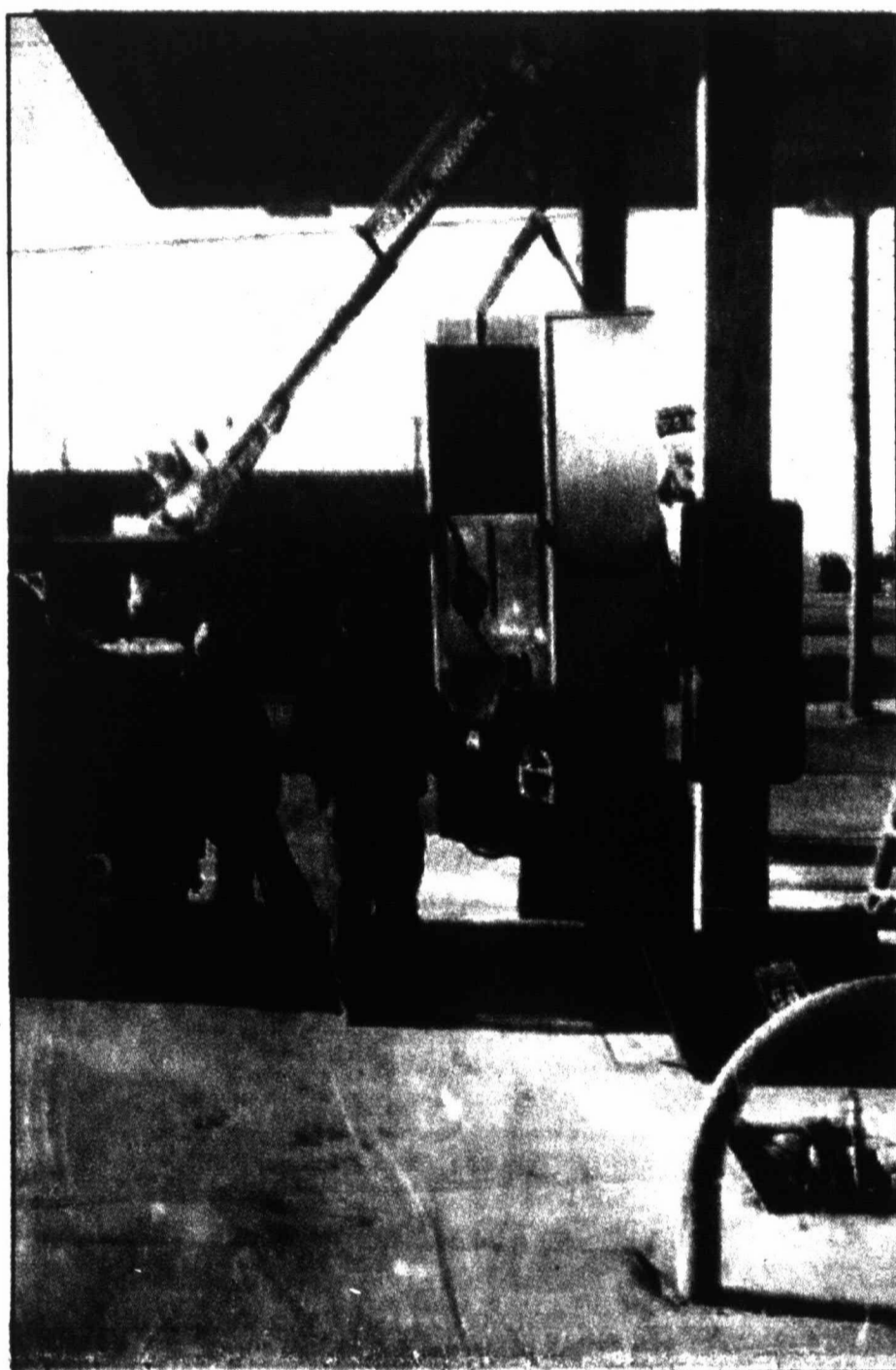
A bid of \$200 by James and Sabra Stone of Pampa was accepted on tax delinquent property at 825 S. Talley in Pampa.

Requests for natural gas pipeline road crossings on county roads Gray 6, Gray 5 and Gray 1 were approved.

The county will contribute \$75 to North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development. The agency helps rural areas prepare to apply for grant monies, Wheeley said, and also helps with such things as the new Texas Plains Trail, computers for the Latch Key program in Pampa, and dry fire hydrants in rural areas, in which fire hydrants are set and connected to tap into irrigation and other water sources when needed to fight rural fires.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright will organize an educational event at the courthouse on April 23 in conjunction with National County Government Week, April 18-24.

The names of Ricky Garcia, Kelly Shaffer and Shawn Stone were removed from inmate fund checking accounts, and the names of Jayme Rowland, Andy Schroeder and Sabrina Adams were added to those accounts.



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Matt Ariola, left, and Kevin Bullard of Wilborn Brothers Corporation replace old gas pumps with new models at Allsup's Convenience Store #55 on North Hobart St. "The pumps are to upgrade the store and a benefit to the community. The new pumps will have the ability to pay outside as a consumer convenience," said Melanie Cole, store manager.

U.S. gasoline prices now at record level

By BEN BRISCOE
 STAFF INTERN

Gasoline prices reached a record high nationwide average of \$1.77 a gallon for all grades, rising .34 cents in the last two weeks, according to a study released Sunday; however, prices in town have remained in the \$1.50 to \$1.60 region.

Gas prices have jumped by nearly 26 cents so far this year, and while they won't be falling by that amount any time soon, they aren't expected to rise much higher, according to the Lundberg survey of 8,000 stations nationwide. The survey, reported in an Associated Press story on Sunday, was conducted March 12.

The previous combined average record high was a May 2001 price of \$1.76.

Becky Lentz of Lentz Conoco here, whose current gas price for regular unleaded is \$1.57, is not sure why prices seem to be rising so much higher across the nation than locally.

"We just charge what ever the price is when we get a load in from our distributor. I am not sure why it is so much higher in other states, or how other stations here in town can charge only \$1.51," Lentz said.

Taylor Petroleum Companies and



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Pampa's gasoline prices have so far remained in the \$1.50 to \$1.60 range.

Allsup's district managers were unavailable for comment on the issue. And United's administrator out of the Amarillo office, in charge of area gas prices, Renee Underwoods, declined to talk about the rising prices.

"I asked her about it and she said we never commit on our gas prices," Underwood's secretary said.

One reason for the rising price cited in the AP article is that OPEC declared earlier this year that it would reduce official oil production by April 1 and crack down on those countries exceeding the level.

(See PRICES, Page 3)

Authorities discover suspected meth lab

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

A Pampa man was in Gray County jail today after being arrested Saturday night in a raid on a suspected meth lab.

Johney Cearly, 31, 1111 S. Finley, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$100,000 bond on charges of possession of chemicals with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Acting on information developed by Gray County Sheriff's deputies, Pampa police officers, sheriff's deputies, officers from the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force and the Pampa Fire Department served a search warrant at Cearly's residence about 10:30 p.m. Saturday, officers said.

"They found what they believed to

be a large methamphetamine laboratory operation on the property," Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said today.

Rushing said items connected with the manufacture of methamphetamine were found in the mobile home and in the detached garage.

Cearly was arrested at home Saturday night, following the search. He was charged Sunday. Officers said Cearly offered no resistance.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond on the drug charge at \$100,000. Municipal warrants out on Cearly also charged him with driving with a defective taillight, failure to change the address on his driver's license and failure to identify himself to officers.

"Additional charges are pending," Rushing said today. "We're still investigating."

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OBITUARIES

MARY ELIZABETH PHILLIPS CONNER
1919-2004

Mary Elizabeth Phillips Conner, 84, died Saturday, March 13, 2004, in Pampa. Services were to be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 15, 2004, at Central Baptist Church in Pampa, with the Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of First Baptist Church in Childress, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial was to be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Conner was born July 29, 1919, in Cookeville, Tenn. She married J. Frank Conner on April 19, 1937, in Lubbock. She was a resident of Pampa since 1937. She was a homemaker and a member of Central Baptist Church, member of the ladies auxiliary of the VFW and was a former Girl Scout Leader. She also was involved in Coronado Nursing Home Ministry. She was preceded in death by her parents, Annetta and Byrd Winchester Phillips, and a sister, Rosie Yokey.



Survivors include her husband, J. Frank Conner, of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Donna Marie and husband Tim Eller of Missouri City, Texas; three sons and daughters-in-

law, Richard and wife Pat Conner of Allen, Texas, Joe and wife Dean Conner of Hewitt, Texas, and Jimmy Conner of Pampa; two brothers, Finis Phillips of Lubbock, and Mitchell and wife, Vesta, Phillips of Pampa; two sisters, Arrena Pettit of Plano, Texas, and Jessie Ingley of Lubbock; 12 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis St., Pampa, Texas, 79065.

RALPH B. FOX JR.
1925-2004

BORGER — Ralph B. Fox Jr., 78, of Skellytown died Sunday, March 14, 2004, in his home. Services are to be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, March 16, 2004, at First Baptist Church of Skellytown with the Rev. Jim Fox, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Amarillo and Finis Marchman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Burial will be in Duncan City Cemetery in Duncan, Okla., at 10 a.m., Wednesday, March 17, 2004. Arrangements are by Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Fox was born May 8, 1925, at Sapulpa, Okla. He married Naomi Mooney on Jan. 14, 1949, in Wichita Falls and had been a Skellytown resident since 1960. He was a carpenter for 30 years with Phillips Petroleum Co. at the Borger Refinery. He was a veteran of World War II serving in the 13th Air Corps and was a member of First Baptist Church in Skellytown. He was preceded in death by a son, William Fox, in 1954 and a brother, Bobby

Fox, in 1969. He is survived by his wife Naomi; one son, Jim Fox and wife, Nancy, of Amarillo; two daughters, Becky O'Steen and husband, Earl, of Borger, and Susan Hennessey of Skellytown; four sisters, Mable Ruth of Skellytown, Barbara Easley and Dorothy Holloway, both of Burnett, and Margaret Fox of Pampa; five grandchildren, Dawn McClean and husband, Christopher, of Amarillo, Chris Fox of Denver City, Candace O'Steen of Colorado Springs, Colo., Paul O'Steen of Westcliff, Colo., and Jennie Rankin of Stinnett; three great-grandchildren, Aubrie Rankin of Stinnett, Daelynn McClean and Connor McClean, both of Amarillo.

Memorials may be sent to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065; First Baptist Church Youth Group, P.O. Box 176, Skellytown, Texas, 79080; or Gideons International, P.O. Box 5800, Borger, Texas 79008-5800.

SERVICES TOMORROW

FOX, Ralph B. Jr. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Skellytown.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 70. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. South winds around 10 mph.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower

70s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40.

Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s.

STATEWIDE

Much of the state can expect to see cloudy skies on Monday, and rain is likely in South Texas and along the coast, according to the National Weather Service.

There is a 70 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms on the coast, with a high around 68 degrees and a low around 62.

Some of the storms in South Texas on Monday could be severe and produce heavy rainfall, the National Weather Service said. Highs around 73 and lows around 57 are expected.

There is a slight chance for showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon in North Texas with a high around 69. The chance for rain continues Monday night with a low in the low 50s.

Central Texas can expect cloudy skies that gradually become partly sunny with a high in the low 70s. There's a 20 percent chance of rain on Monday night with a low around 53.

It will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers in East Texas. Highs in the upper 60s and lows in the lower 50s are expected.

Partly cloudy skies are predicted for the Panhandle with a high in the mid 60s. Temperatures are expected to dip into the mid 30s on Monday night.

The Permian Basin can expect partly cloudy skies with a high around 71 and a low near 50.

The West Texas forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high near 76 and a low around 46.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Thursday, March 11

A search warrant was served at 1012 N. Duncan.

A forgery was reported at 1100 N. Starkweather.

Friday, March 12

Four juveniles reported being chased down an alley in the 900 block of Duncan by a person driving a pickup.

Two male students were turned over to juvenile probation officers for fighting at Pampa Middle School.

A vehicle's window was reported shot out by a pellet gun in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Officers were called to Wilson Elementary School on a class disruption.

A theft was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

A picture, statue and table were reported damaged by vandals at a restaurant in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A simple assault was reported in the 100

block of West Albert.

Saturday, March 13

Samuel Silva, 18, 1927 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 300 block of Tyng on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Child abuse was reported to the police department.

Johney Cearly, 31, 1111 Finley, was arrested Saturday by Pampa police officers on warrants charging him with having a defective tail light, failure to change address on his driver's license and fail to identify himself to officers. Sunday, he was charged with possession of chemical with intent to manufacture a controlled substance.

Sunday, March 14

A simple assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson.

The theft of about \$100 and damage to a cell phone was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner. A simple assault was also reported.

Lug nuts and fenders parts were reported stolen in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, March 12

A 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse driven by Cristino Hugo Pena, 25, 1008 S. Banks, and a 1989 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by Olivia Jewell Anderson, 20, 826 Craven, collided about 5:15 p.m. Friday in the 200 block of North Somerville.

Saturday, March 13

A 1996 Buick Regal driven by Ruby Bartlet Sloss, 83, 1505 N. Zimmer, and a 1999 Mercury Cougar driven by Cathrine A. Trimble, 18, 110 E. 28th, collided about 6:16 p.m. Saturday at the intersection of Hobart and Randy Matson. Sloss was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Metro-Rural Ambulance. Sloss was cited for disregarding a red light.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 13

Allen Phillips, 44, 809 N. Wells, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Martin Flores, 21, Memphis, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on warrants charging him with speeding, driving while intoxicated and failure to appear.

Sunday, March 14

Debra Ann Williams, 36, Moran, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a fugi-

tive warrant charging her with conspiracy to manufacture a controlled substance.

James Carlos Tucker, 50, 14185 Frederic, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of failure to stop at a stop sign and driving without a license.

Loyd Dean Morris, 35, Lefors, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a reported violation of a protective order.

Cheryl Foster, 35, 927 Albert, was arrested by Gray County deputies on warrants charging her with failure to appear, not having a valid driver's license, not having insurance and driving with an expired vehicle registration.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, March 12

12:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one patient to BSA, Amarillo.

Saturday, March 13

7:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Prison Unit and transported one to PRMC.

6:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Frederic on a fire standby.

6:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Randy Matson and transported one to PRMC.

6:47 p.m. — bile ICU responded to the 800

block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, March 14

7:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 15 miles east of Pampa on Texas 152. The call was canceled.

10:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Harlem. No patient transported.

12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Nelson. No transport.

2:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Alcock and transported one to PRMC.

6:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Banks. No transport.

FIRE

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

Saturday, March 13

6:10 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 500 block of South Reid. A vacant building at 505 S. Reid, sustained moderate to heavy damage in the blaze. Cause of the fire is under investigation.

6:49 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Hobart and Randy Matson.

10:29 p.m. — Four units and seven firefighters responded to a request from law enforcement authorities on hazardous material in the 1100 block of South Finley. Firefighters isolated and secured the substances.

Sunday, March 14

1:24 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters returned to the 1100 block of South Finley when authorities discovered more hazardous material in another building. Firefighters isolated and secured the substances.

Office in re

A 23-year-old woman was arrested after being charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Jessica V. was arrested at 1012 N. Duncan for a \$5,000 bond on charges of drug raid.

Agents from the Regional Narcotics Task Force, and Debra and Hemphill conducted a search of an address at

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AUSTIN — Commission announced 20 is National Week in Texas to celebrate the state's agricultural heritage and ranching industry.

"From fresh flowing water to agricultural products, we provide the food that sustains our bodies and our communities. It's time to celebrate our agricultural heritage and the hard work of our farmers and ranchers."

Combs National Agriculture Month is celebrated today in Texas with a variety of events. The week-long celebration includes a family reunion, a fair, and a parade. The week's events are a celebration of the state's agricultural heritage and the hard work of our farmers and ranchers.

PRIC

"Where on gas prices are rising. Gas prices are expected to rise in the future."

"The past few months, 'an economy' has been a struggle for many people."

In California, the state's tax on gas is expected to rise in two weeks.

The national gas prices are expected to rise to \$1.84 for a gallon of gas.

As far as gas prices go, it's a struggle for many people.

"There's a lot of people who are going up and down."

At A Closer Look

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OPEN E

Officers find illegal drugs, pistol in residence; woman free on bond

A 23-year-old Pampa woman was free on bond today after being charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Jessica Verleen Smith, 23, 1012 N. Duncan, was free on \$5,000 bond today after being arrested Thursday night in a drug raid.

Agents of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, Pampa police officers and deputies from Gray and Hemphill counties served a search warrant on Smith's address about 10:40 p.m.,

Thursday, according to a news release from the Pampa Police Department.

Lt. Fred Courtney of the Pampa Police Department said today that a search, including a canine unit from Hemphill County, led to what officers believed to be between one and four ounces of crack cocaine.

Officers said they also found a loaded handgun in the home.

"Ms. Smith's child was asleep in a bedroom," Lt. Courtney said, "and did not

wake up during the warrant service."

Smith was arrested Thursday night and charged with possession of a controlled substance. She also faces municipal warrants charging her with not having proof of insurance for her automobile, failure to signal a turn and failure to appear.

Officers said today that the case was still under investigation, and they expected to seek arrest warrants in connection with the raid on Smith's residence.

'Ag Week' finally here

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that March 14 to 20 is National Agriculture Week in Texas — a time to celebrate the state's farmers and ranchers and acknowledge this far-reaching industry that adds some \$73 billion to the Texas economy.

"From healthy food to fresh flowers to warm clothing, agriculture touches our lives every day. Agriculture provides us with generous amounts of nutrients to feed our bodies — iron from lean meat, calcium from milk, vitamin A from carrots, vitamin C from citrus, to name just a few of the ways Texas-raised foods make us healthier, Combs said. "This March, I urge all Texans to recognize the producers who add food, horticulture, fiber and good health to our lives."

Combs will kicked off National Agriculture Week in Texas by signing a proclamation today. She will cap off the week by honoring more than 100 farming and ranching families during the 29th Annual Family Land Heritage Ceremony in Austin March 19.

"Whether your role involves growing food and fiber or just consuming it, you can take pride in Texas agriculture and the important

role that it plays in our future. It is an industry that continues to meet the ever-increasing needs of consumers throughout Texas and around the world," Combs said.

From the Gulf Coast to the Panhandle, Texas is the most agriculturally diverse state. Agriculture generates \$73 billion annually throughout the state's economy, with one out of every five Texans working in an agriculture-related industry.

"Texas agriculture plays a major role in health and nutrition as well as in water conservation, rural economic development, global trade and the preservation of the environment," Combs said.

"National Agriculture Week gives us a chance to recognize the people who consistently enrich our lives in many ways. Texas is the second-largest agricultural state in the United States, accounting for about 7 percent of the total U.S. agricultural income. Eighty percent of the land in Texas is in some form of agricultural production. It is important to honor those in agriculture who have built on centuries of progress by making constant advances in research, technology, production and marketing to meet the changing demands of consumers," Combs said.

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PRICES

"Where crude oil prices go next — whether they push or pull on gas prices — is OPEC's guess," the Lundberg survey said.

Gas prices are predicted to level off or drop in the near future.

"The pace of the pump price hike has slowed," the survey stated, "and prices are dropping on a spotty basis around the country."

In California, prices remain higher than the rest of the country due to the state's strict environmental regulations and sales tax on gas pumps, but they dropped nearly a penny in the last two weeks to \$2.10 per gallon, according to the AP.

The national weighted average price of gasoline, including taxes, at self-serve pumps Friday was about \$1.74 for regular, \$1.84 for midgrade and \$1.92 for premium, the AP said.

As far as predictions for future area gas prices, Lentz is unable to forecast what will happen.

"There is no way I can tell you what gas prices will be in a month or even a week," she said. "Gas is a commodity and it goes up and down every day."

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Applications will be accepted for this ranking period until April 16. Contact the Pampa NRCS office at 665-1751, ext. 3, for additional information.

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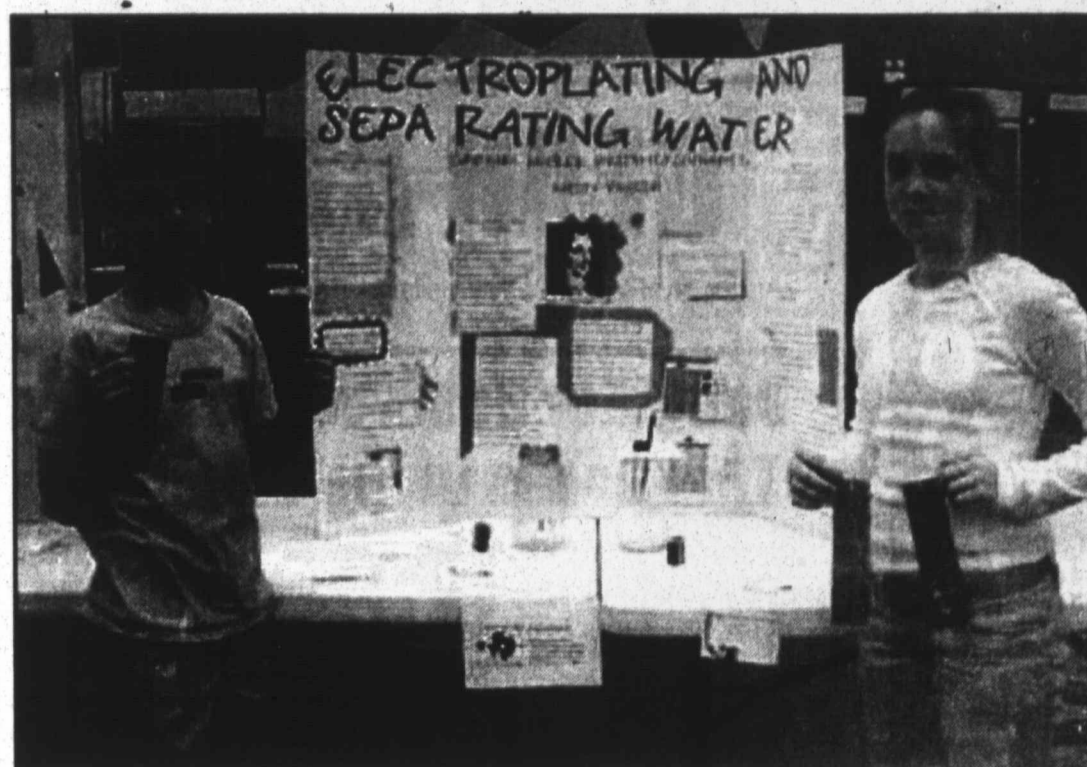
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Lefors ISD board to meet tonight

LEFORS — A special meeting of the Lefors school board is set for 7 p.m., Monday, March 15, at the high school library, 209 E. 5th St.

Items listed on the agenda include an open forum, approval of minutes from the previous meeting, setting an order for election, appointment of an election judge and absentee election judge.

State Science Fair qualifiers



(Courtesy photo)

Two teams of Lefors Junior High students participated in the High Plains Regional Science Fair held recently at Amarillo College. Gabriel Miller, Misty Pairsh and Brittney Coombes (not pictured) placed second in the Junior High Chemistry division with their electroplating experiment. Both teams qualified to advance to the state science fair to be held next month in Lubbock.



(Courtesy photo)

Two teams of Lefors Junior High students participated in the High Plains Regional Science Fair held recently at Amarillo College. Emily Jackson, Rebecca Lawrence and Nick Hess placed third in the Junior High Chemistry division with their Lemon Juice Battery experiment.

Applicants sought for Dobson PRIDE scholarship program

OKLAHOMA CITY — Dobson Communications Corporation today announced applications for its annual PRIDE Scholarship program are available. Students interested in applying for the scholarship may download an application at www.dobson.net. Applications will also be available at Dobson Cellular retail locations, and Dobson owned Cellular One retail locations.

Applicants for the scholarship must be current customers of Dobson Cellular or

Cellular One from Dobson Cellular Systems. They must be a prospective high school graduate or an undergraduate college student enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours.


In addition, students applying for the PRIDE Scholarship must have a minimum grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

All completed applications

must be postmarked no later than April 16th, 2004 to be considered.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Daughter Deserves to Know That Dad is in the Slammer

DEAR ABBY: I have a beautiful 6-year-old daughter I'll call "Maya" who adores her father. "John" and I were together for more than eight years and have been apart for about a year. During our last year together, he was caught selling drugs and was convicted of possession and distribution, as well as possession of an illegal weapon. I knew nothing of this until he was arrested. (I worked while he was a stay-at-home dad.)

John is now serving a four-year sentence in federal prison. However, he tells Maya that he is in "Daddy School," and when he gets home she will live with him.

Abby, I have struggled long and hard to get back on my feet after paying all of John's legal bills and finding a place for Maya and me to live. Should I tell her where her father really is, and that she won't be living with him but can visit him? (He will be living with his mother again when they let him out.)

He keeps telling Maya how much fun they'll have together. I want her to love John and have a good relationship with him, but I don't want to lose her. What's the answer? -- **WORRIED MOTHER IN TEXAS**

DEAR MOTHER: Your daughter deserves to know the truth about her father -- that he did something that was against the law, and he is now paying for it. If you go along with his lie, Maya will have good reason to believe that everything John is telling her is the truth -- including the part about where she is going to live.

Your next step should be to discuss child custody with an attorney. Since it appears that you and John are not married, and he is

not contributing financially to Maya's welfare, I fail to see how he can claim the right to have her live with him. A lawyer can help you make sure it doesn't happen, so please waste no time in contacting one. It will ease your mind, and that's what is important right now.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jeff," is 35 and I'm 41. We've been married 10 years.

Jeff is an excellent provider. He spends quality time with the children and will do anything I ask.

I have only one problem. Every gift occasion -- anniversary, Christmas, Valentine's Day or birthday -- Jeff buys me an outfit I consider trashy. His most recent gift was a black leather miniskirt and bustier, black mesh stockings and thigh-high boots. When I asked Jeff where he expected me to wear that stuff, he said, "On a date with me -- or in our bedroom."

Is it healthy for Jeff to have those fantasies? -- **NOT A SLUT IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR NOT: Oui, oui, Madame -- as long as the fantasies include you!

WORTH REMEMBERING: "To speak ill of others is a dishonest way of praising ourselves." -- Will and Ariel Durant

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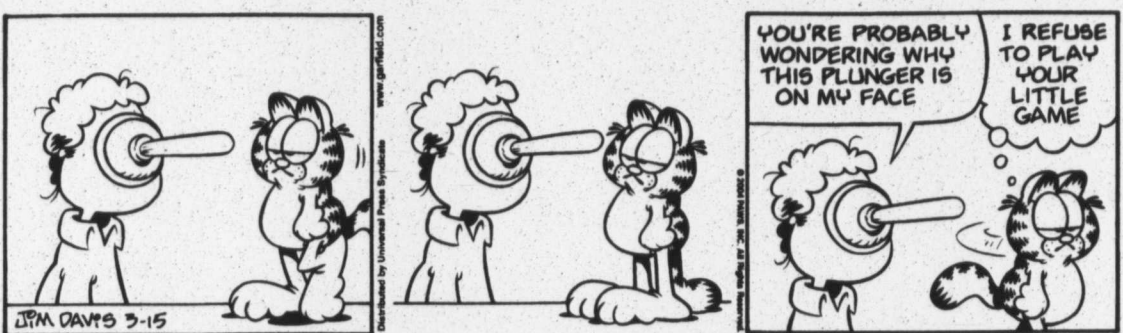
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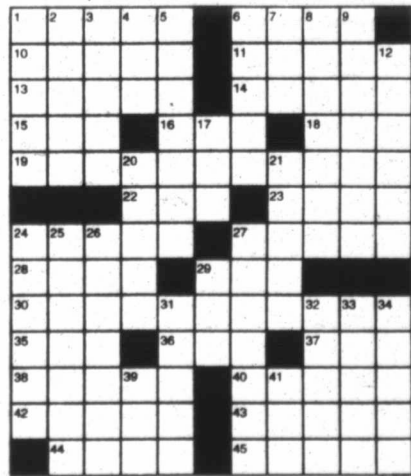
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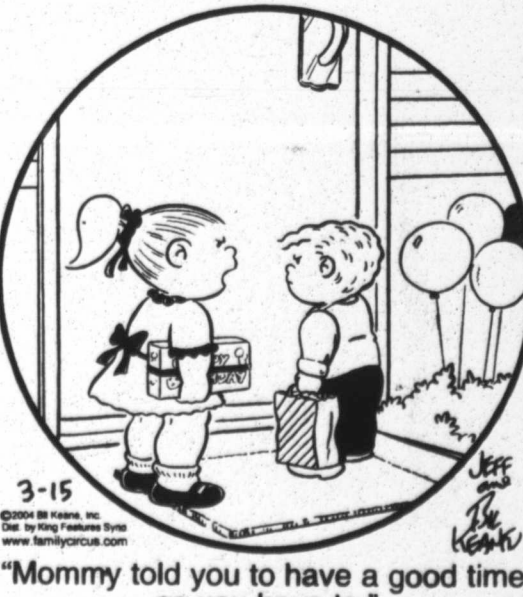
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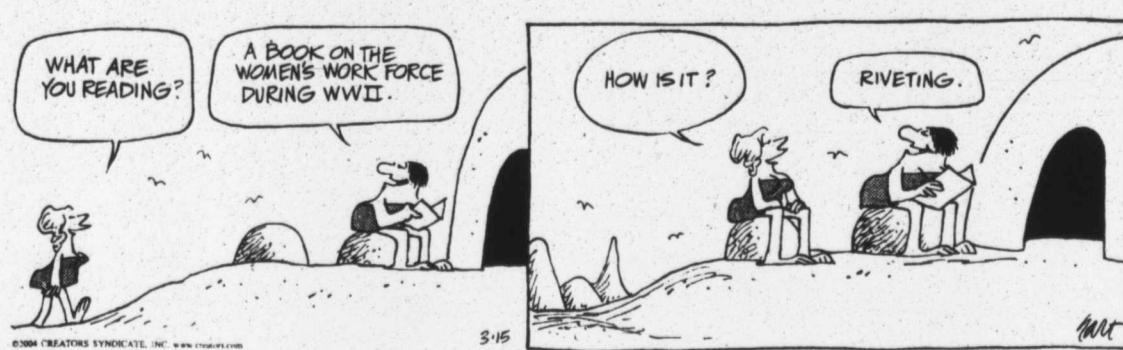
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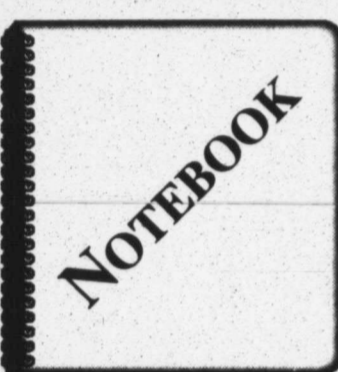
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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The District 3-4A softball game between Pampa and Plainview on Saturday has been re-scheduled because of rainy weather. That game has been reset for 5:30 today in Plainview.

The Lady Harvesters host Hereford in more district action Tuesday. Gametime is 3 for the junior varsity and around 4:30 for the varsity. The Lady Harvesters have a 1-0 record in district play.

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department is offering the following leagues for Spring Softball: Men's Open, Women's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church, Mixed Church.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team. The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open, Women's Open, and Men's Church, and 12 persons for Mixed Open and Mixed Church.

The entry deadline is March 17, 2004 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on March 24 at the Recreation Office, now located in City Hall, 200 West Foster, Room 204.

Play will begin the week of March 29, 2004.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — The Lady Harvester Basketball Banquet has been postponed until Wednesday, March 24.

The banquet will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall at 7:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Janis at 665-6719 or Doretta at 669-3523.

FLASHBACK

1999: Ashleigh Patton and Tandi Morton had 8 kills apiece to lead Pampa past Palo Duro 15-10, 15-6 in high school volleyball action.



Pampa's Kendall Stokes places second in the long jump at last weekend's Top O' Texas meet.

Palo Duro wins Top O' Texas titles

PAMPA — Palo Duro combined to win 18 events in the boys' and girls' divisions to claim the Top O' Texas track titles last weekend at Randy Matson Field.

Pampa won two events in the boys' division to take third place. Greg Wiley in the 110 high hurdles (14.50) and Jarrod Carruth in the discus (133-1) were the Pampa winners.

Saint Joseph's hangs onto number one seed

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The NCAA selection committee started a debate when it made Saint Joseph's a No. 1 seed in the tournament. The Hawks hope to silence the critics and prove they were worthy of a top spot.

"The body of work was honored," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said.

Saint Joseph's joined Kentucky, Duke and Stanford as the four No. 1 seeds, and it sparked a nasty argument between Martelli and CBS commentator Billy Packer.

"Everyone has their opinion," said Karl Benson, commissioner of the Western Athletic Conference and a selection committee member. "What is said after the selections and during the week adds to the flavor of the tournament."

While controversy is an annual part of the selection process, the heated exchange between Martelli and Packer was a little different.

The Hawks (27-1) didn't even have time to celebrate getting their first top seed in school history before Packer started questioning whether

Wiley remains unbeaten the 110 high hurdles after three meets.

Placing in the top three was the 400-meter relay (second, 43.90), Marc Williams (third, 11.18) and Jesse Tarango (second, 200, 23.15).

Pampa also placed third in the girls' division. Kendall Stokes in the 100

Saint Joseph's belonged in the same company of other top seeds after losing to Xavier by 20 points in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

Martelli responded by calling Packer a "jackass," and Packer countered by saying he helped Wake Forest beat Saint Joseph's in the 1962 tournament.

"He needs to learn a little history about the school where he coaches," Packer said.

Martelli seemed more concerned about trying to prove Packer — and others — wrong when they open play Thursday against Liberty (18-14) in Buffalo, N.Y.

The other top seeds in the East Rutherford (N.J.) regional are Oklahoma State, Pittsburgh and Wake Forest.

The Hawks would meet either Texas Tech or Charlotte in the second round, a game that would send Red Raiders coach Bob Knight back to Buffalo, the site of his final game as Indiana's coach in the 2000 tournament.

Kentucky earned the over-

hurdles (15.71) and Heather Dills in the 1600 (5:59.90) claimed first-place medals for the Lady Harvesters. Stokes also placed second in the long jump (15-7 3/4).

Stokes has earned a first-place finish in all three meets so far this season. She's won the 100 hurdles twice and the triple jump once.

Jerrica Timmons and

Nicole Fernuik were second and third respectively in the 300 hurdles. Timmons was timed at 55.50 and Fernuik 57.65.

Also placing for the Lady Harvesters were Jaclyn Spearman, second, high jump (4-10) and 800 relay, third, 1:59.25).

third overall and, of course, there was Saint Joseph's.

Bowlsby said the committee considered as many as nine teams for No. 1 seeds, including Oklahoma State, which won the Big 12 title Sunday.

Selection committee chairman Bob Bowlsby contended Saint Joseph's earned a No. 1 seed not because it had won 27 straight games or had a high ranking in the Ratings Percentage Index.

"I don't think the committee got caught up in the fact they were unbeaten," Bowlsby said. "They played not just a good schedule, but the No. 1 schedule and I think that's worth something."

The late-season losses didn't seem to affect the NCAA's top line much. The late start times for Sunday's championship games might have.

Duke dropped from the top overall seed to second after losing to Maryland in overtime of the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game. Stanford, which lost its only game of the season March 6, was

Milby claims Class 5A title

AUSTIN (AP) — Jawann McClellan scored 24 points, turning the game into a personal showcase of dunks, as Houston Milby rolled over Klein Collins 85-62 Friday night in the Class 5A semifinals.

McClellan, who signed to play at Arizona next season, had 20 in the first half, 10 on five high-flying dunks as Milby (38-0) cruised from the start.

Corbin Bates scored 15 for Klein Collins (26-11), which advanced to the state tournament in just its second year of varsity competition.

Collins surprised everyone by making the tournament but had no way of stopping McClellan's one-man show once the Tigers got there.

McClellan put on one of the most electrifying halves of basketball in years at the state tournament.

His first dunk came on an alley-oop on a pass from Tramaine Webster in the first quarter. He had two more in the period off fast breaks, one of which he started with a steal, that built a 20-11 lead after one.

McClellan wasn't done. In the second, he made another steal at midcourt and stopped under the basket to let the defender catch up and then jumped over him for the dunk, drawing boos from the Collins fans.

He even stepped out to hit a 3-pointer before hooking up with Webster for another alley-oop slam as the Buffaloes took a 40-24 lead into halftime.

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Pedro wild about outing; Schmidt hits grand slam

By The Associated Press

Pedro Martinez's outing went so well, he wasn't concerned about his lack of control. "The way it's going right now is perfect," Martinez said Sunday after leading the Boston Red Sox over the Baltimore Orioles 5-2 in Fort Myers, Fla.

"It doesn't matter how many balls I threw today," he said. "Once you ring the bell on opening day, I should be able to throw a strike. There's some extra strength in my arm and it's only my second outing of spring training. I felt like I could throw 98 mph today."

Martinez felt so strong that it caused his fastball to rise, he said. He threw 54 pitches in just two innings, only 31 for strikes and walked three batters. The team had established a limit of

45 pitches, but he said he felt good enough to pitch an extra inning.

"I'm really happy with the way everything went," he said. "I felt stronger and stronger. It's a great sign."

The game was a preview of the expected opening night matchup between Martinez and Sidney Ponson on April 4 at Baltimore.

Ponson struggled, giving up home runs to Johnny Damon and David Ortiz. The Orioles right-hander allowed five runs, five hits and four walks in 3 1-3 innings.

San Francisco Giants ace Jason Schmidt was feeling powerful, too — as a batter.

Schmidt hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, leading the Giants to an 11-3 victory over the Chicago Cubs in a split-

squad game at Scottsdale, Ariz.

"You have to love it any time a pitcher hits a home run, spring training or not," said Schmidt, who last homered on Aug. 30, 2001, off Arizona's Miguel Batista. "There were about 50 guys in the dugout. I was already tired and wanted to sit down. I was really hoping for a pinch-hitter to be honest."

Schmidt, who did not drive in a run in 61 at-bats last season, hit a two-run double off Matt Clement in the second inning and a grand slam in the third on a 3-2 pitch from Renyel Pinto.

Schmidt also got his first win of the spring after two losses, allowing three runs and six hits in four innings. He struck out six and didn't walk a batter.

"I'm not as sharp as I'd like to be, but I'm getting some balls down and hitting the corners a

little more often than last time," he said. "I feel like I pitched nine innings; 70 pitches feels like 115 in spring training."

Marquis Grissom hit a pair of two-run doubles for the Giants, who won for just the second time in seven games.

In other exhibition games:

Yankees 5, Pirates 3
At Tampa, Fla., Mike Mussina did not allow a hit in four scoreless innings. Yankees pitcher Jon Lieber is sidelined by a groin problem, putting him in doubt for the start of the regular season and likely leaving Donovan Osborne with the No. 5 spot in the rotation.

Indians 7, Blue Jays 4
At Winter Haven, Fla., Victor Martinez and Casey Blake each drove in two runs

for Cleveland. Blue Jays starter Pat Hentgen got just two outs, giving up five runs on five hits and a walk.

Devil Rays 11, Tigers 3
At St. Petersburg, Fla., Jose Cruz Jr. hit a three-run homer, and Damian Rolls had four RBIs to lead Tampa Bay.

Reds 4, Phillies 2
At Sarasota, Fla., Cory Lidle won in his third start of the spring, pitching five solid innings to beat Eric Milton. Danny Graves threw a perfect ninth for his first save.

Expos 3, Dodgers 2
At Vero Beach, Fla., Tomo Ohka allowed three hits in five shutout innings and Andy Fox hit a two-run homer for Montreal.

Mets 6, Twins 5
At Port St. Lucie, Fla., Mike Piazza and Mike Cameron

homered, and New York rallied from a 5-0 deficit despite losing second baseman Jose Reyes to a strained right hamstring.

Danny Garcia's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth won it for the Mets. Reyes was to be re-evaluated in 24-48 hours.

Cardinals 2, Braves 0
At Jupiter, Fla., J.D. Drew, playing against his former team, went without an RBI for the first time in spring training. Chris Carpenter worked four scoreless innings in his second spring start for St. Louis.

Marlins 2, Astros 2
At Mexico City, Brian Banks and Hee-Seop Choi each hit an RBI single in the ninth inning for Florida, which rallied against reliever Ricky Stone for a tie in the finale of a two-game series south of the border.

Sunday at the lake



Linda Hernandez of Pampa enjoys some Sunday fishing at City Lake. More anglers may be visiting the lake this week as temperatures are expected to be in the 60s and 70s.

(Pampa News photo by Ben Briscoe)

Pampa Bowling Roundup

HARVESTER LANES League Standings

Harvester Combo League (Week 21)

Team	Won	Lost
Onie's Regulars	13	3
Easy's Pop Shop	12	4
Black Gold	11	5
Team Seven	10	6
B & C Twice	8	8
AT & T Yard Service	8	8
JJJ & R	7	9
Team Eleven	6	10
Coney Island	6	10
A-1 Concrete	5	11
Peacevale Cattle & Ranch Co.	4	12
Reed's Welding	4	12

Week's High Scores

Men
High scratch game: Tommy Cox 289;

High scratch series: Eric Nord 737; High handicap game: Tommy Cox 311; High handicap series: Eric Nord 737.

Women

High scratch game: Ashleigh Burns 223; High scratch series: Ashleigh Burns 624; High handicap game: Sandy Johnson 289.

Generation Gap League (Week 23)

Team	Won	Lost
Team Seven	16	1
Split This	15	2
M & M's	14	3
The Wintonizers	13	4
Rice O'Roni's	12	5
We Don't Know	9	6
For Better Or Worse	8	7
Bottom of the Barrell	6	8

Week's High Scores

Girls

High scratch game: Shayley Morris 157; High scratch series: Shayley Morris 426; High handicap game: Shayley Morris 250; High handicap series: Shayley Morris 705.

Boys

High scratch game: Zach Wilson 254; High scratch series: Zach Wilson 650; High handicap game: Michael Adams 285; High handicap series: Michael Adams 741.

Ladies

High scratch game: Judy Morriss 232; High scratch series: Judy Morriss 549; High handicap game: Judy Morriss 278; High handicap series: Judy Morriss 687.

Men

High scratch game: Gary Winton 268; High scratch series: Gary Winton 801; High handicap game: Gary Winton 268; High handicap series: Gary Winton 801.

Mavs' strong defense pays off with win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks appear to have Elton Brand's number — and it's a single digit.

For the second time in three weeks, the Mavericks held the Los Angeles Clippers' leading scorer under 10 points as they beat them 101-88 Sunday night.

Brand, averaging 20.4 points coming in, shot 2-for-11 from the field and finished with a season-low five points in 42 minutes. On Feb. 24 at Dallas, he was held to eight points and one rebound over 21 minutes in a 116-92 loss.

"In Dallas, we got blown out and I didn't play the fourth quarter, so I don't count that," Brand said. "The game before that, I had 25 points and 20 rebounds against that same defense. But tonight I have to credit them. They had great defense, great traps, and they were doubling every time. So I just tried to hit the open man."

Los Angeles coach Mike Dunleavy used his 21st different starting lineup — with

Brand shifting from power forward to center for the first time this season, Bobby Simmons playing in Brand's spot and Keyon Dooling replacing the injured Marko Jaric at point guard.

But it hardly mattered as the Clippers fell a season-worst 14 games under .500 following their fourth straight loss and eighth in nine games.

"I got the jump ball, and after that it was all downhill," Brand said.

Dirk Nowitzki had 34 points and 15 rebounds for the Mavericks, who have beaten the Clippers in 19 of the last 23 meetings — despite losing the first two times they played them this season. Steve Nash scored seven of his 16 points in the final 4:02 and had 11 assists, helping Dallas edge to within a game of the fourth-place Lakers in the Western Conference standings.

Quentin Richardson had 32 points and 11 rebounds and Corey Maggette had 25 points for the Clippers, who

have lost each of the last 10 games in which Brand did not reach double figures in points and rebounds.

"They were so focused on not letting us get the ball in the low post and allowing Elton to post up," Maggette said. "They play a good defense on him, and a lot of times they beat him up down there, so we really tried to open it up for him by hitting some outside shots."

Trailing 75-65 at the start of the fourth quarter, the Clippers tied a franchise record with six 3-pointers — three of them by Richardson in a frantic 68-second span to narrow the gap to 88-85 with 4:19 to play. But Nash hit two free throws, then set up a driving layup by Eduardo Najera as the Mavericks closed out the game with a 13-3 run.

"Maggette and Richardson got hot for a while, but it's still better for them to shoot from the outside than to beat us inside. That's why we won the game," Nowitzki said.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 16, 2004:

Be forthright with your feelings, but express them in the most pleasant way possible. You will get a better reception that way. Understanding someone else's foibles can make a big difference in the words you choose. Others find you to be unusually charismatic this year. Keep your personal life separate from your professional world, and you won't have problems. You gain through frequent periods alone when you can clarify your thoughts. Your verbal skills develop to a new level. If you are single, many will want to be yours. Carefully check interesting suitors, as you could find yourself involved with someone emotionally unavailable. If you are attached, take frequent weekends off together to reconnect and bond more deeply. **AQUARIUS** understands you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
HHHHH Where associates and friends meet is where you want to be found. You might not always agree with those around you, but you'll get great ideas from brainstorming together. Remember, you cannot and will not have the last say. Still, meetings prove to be interesting. Tonight: Hook up with favorite people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your energy is well-placed. Focus on work, your public image and greater community commitment. Others respond to your innate charisma. Prepare to take on a greater role in the above mentioned areas. Your leadership skills come into play. Tonight: Catch up on a loved one's news.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might see what others don't and sometimes could be frustrated

OSU adds tourney title

DALLAS (AP) — The Oklahoma State Cowboys went into the Big 12 tournament knowing they were long shots to get a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

They sure made a convincing case. Showing off their tenacious defense and athleticism for three days, seventh-ranked Oklahoma State saved its best performance for the finals, beating No. 11 Texas 65-49 Sunday to add the tournament championship to their regular-season title.

Alas, it wasn't enough. Even with four of the teams ranked ahead of them losing in recent days, the Cowboys (27-3) wound up with a second seed. They play Eastern Washington on Friday in Kansas City.

While disappointed, they still matched the 1992 squad for best seed in school history, quite a feat for a team widely picked to finish fifth in the league as it tried blending three transfers and two holdovers.

"They play so hard, a high level of intensity that shows up in loose balls, rebounds, hustle plays," coach Eddie Sutton said. "I'm not sure I've ever

been prouder of a basketball team than this one. They'll always be very special."

The Cowboys strutted their stuff from the start of this game, holding Texas (23-7) to five turnovers and a blocked shot during a six-possession span during an 18-2 run.

The Longhorns chipped away to get within three with 14:48 to go, but didn't make another field goal until the final minute.

Tournament MVP Tony Allen set the tone with his shutdown performance against Brandon Mouton, Texas' leading scorer. Mouton had four turnovers and just one basket in the first half. He finished with just six points on 3-of-11 shooting. Allen, meanwhile, scored a game-high 21.

"I wanted to step up to the challenge," said Allen, who felt he needed to redeem himself for allowing Texas Tech's Andre Emmett to score 26 points on 10-of-15 shooting in the semifinal.

The Longhorns are going into the NCAA tournament stuck in their worst rut of the season.

Earnhardt Jr. is back on top a week after bad race

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — During a rare intimate moment with his intimidating father about 3 1/2 years ago, Dale Earnhardt Jr. learned quite a lesson.

Junior was struggling during a rough weekend at North Carolina Speedway, where he needed a provisional just to make the field. He didn't get much faster in practice.

"You'll have days like this," the elder Earnhardt told him that day. "Don't ever let it get you down, because the next day might be the best day you've ever had."

The old man should have seen his son Sunday.

A week after he nearly was parked for running too slow, Junior zoomed by Jeremy Mayfield with 15 laps to go and sprinted to an easy victory in the Golden Corral 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"Last week was as bad as it ever gets," Earnhardt said. "But we didn't get on each other too bad, and we stayed pretty focused."

At Las Vegas last Sunday, Earnhardt started 26th and quickly drifted to the rear of the field. His Chevrolet was so far off the pace that NASCAR warned his crew he was right at the minimum speed.

tial here? Get feedback from experts as well. Tonight: Get together with a friend.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Speak your mind, but also listen to others. Many people around you become more willing to communicate. A boss or associate expresses pleasure at how well you do your work. Perhaps now is the time to ask for a pay raise. Tonight: Catch up on a neighbor's news.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Balance your checkbook and make sure that everything is as you think it is before you make any monetary commitments or pay bills. Recognize that someone might be encouraging you to spend without thinking about the ramifications. Tonight: Spend a little on yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You hit a period where your magnetism, energy and intelligence peak. On some level, you might feel invincible and full of dynamic ideas. Others respond to your suggestions, especially as you express heartfelt feelings. Tonight: What would you like to do?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★ Lie back if possible, but if necessary, respond to those around you. Someone genuinely cares about your well-being and lets you know it through words or actions. Be willing to talk options right now. You have more than you realize. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

BORN TODAY
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Tract #1: Lot 28, 4, Hillcrest Terrace division to the Pampa, Gray et al. vs. Lessie G. Campbell, et al., Texas, as described in Volume 385, Page 28, Deed Records, County, Texas. Acct. #1103036500

Tract #2: Lot 15, 1, John Bradley A to the City of Gray County, Texas, as described in Volume 578, Deed Records, County, Texas. Acct. #1103006500

TAX-1970 City of Pampa, et al. vs. Emmie Teakell et al.

Tract #1: Lot 22, 23 and 24, 31 of Wilcox A City of Pampa, County, Texas, as described in Volume 13, 1987, from Teakell to Emmet Teakell, in Volume Page 830, Deed Records, County, Texas. Acct. #11030795031022

TAX-2173 City of Pampa, et al. vs. Lee D. Lot 16, Block 1, Banks Addition, Pampa, as described in Volume 593, Page 28, Deed Records, County, Texas.

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3-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

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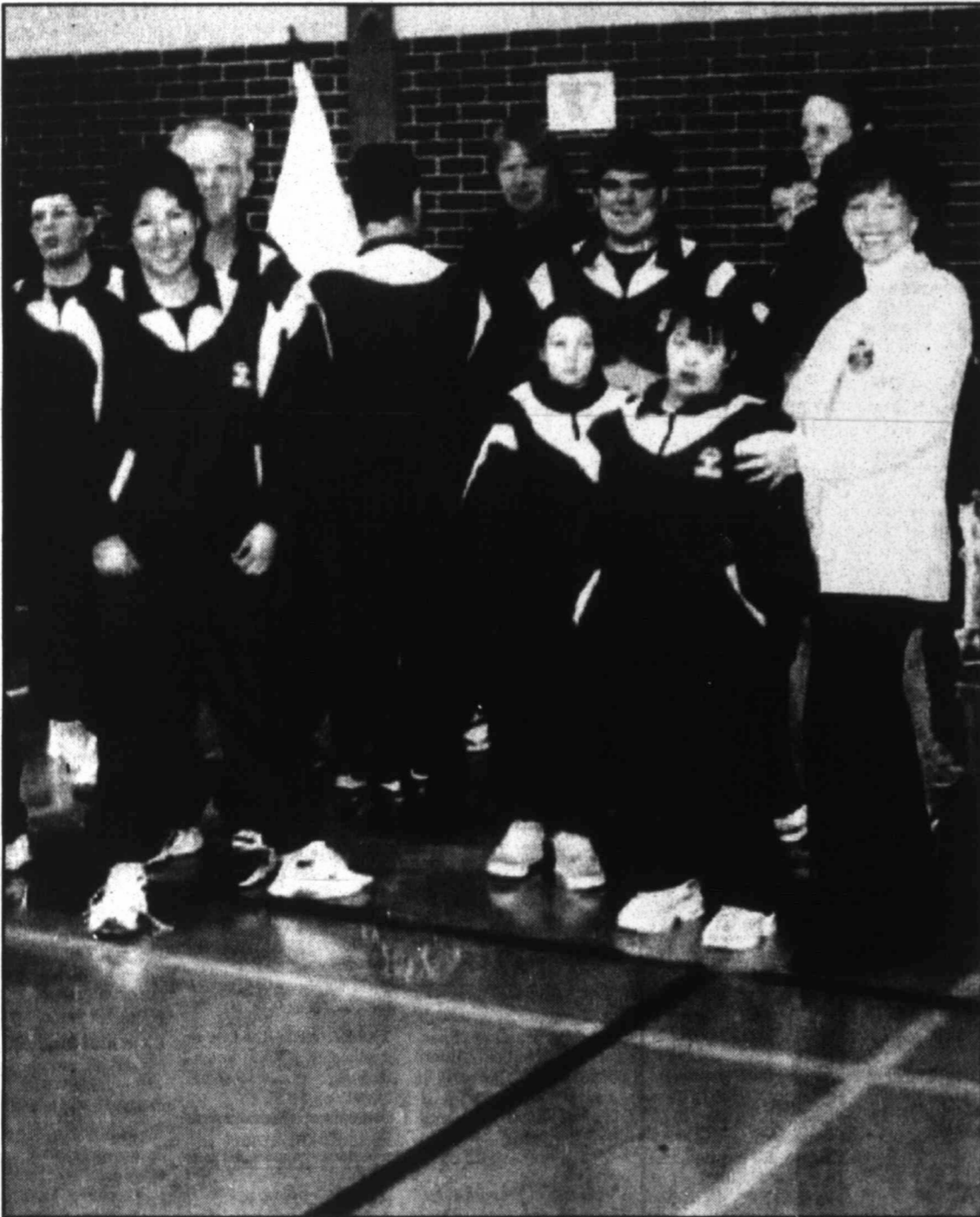
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Pampa Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats welcome Thai D Restaurant. Pictured are owners Don Siharath and Vivian Liang, center, and Goldcoats, from left, Gladys Vanderpool, Ronnie Holmes, Jack Reeve, Paulette Kirksey, Chuck White, Kerrick Horton, Charles Henry, June Beyer, Darville Orr, Bill Bridges, Neil Fulton and Jerry Foote.



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Pampa Chamber of Commerce Goldcoats recently attended the grand opening of Ted Hutto's Quality Sales new office at the Hobart and Kentucky street intersection. Cutting the ribbon are owners, Ted and Becky Hutto, center. Goldcoats, from left, are Bill Bridges, Ronnie Holmes, Charles Henry, Darville Orr, Paulette Kirksey, Jack Reeve, June Beyer, Gladys Vanderpool, Jerry Foote, Neil Fulton, Kerrick Horton and Chuck White.



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Top O' Texan Goldcoat Paulette Kirksey, far right, helps welcome the Perryton Red Hots during the Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament at McNeely Field House on Saturday, Feb. 28.

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Dear Chamber Members,

Just wanted to utilize this month's Chamber page to feature our latest Goldcoatings and to update you on some of Pampa's upcoming events. We hope that you have the opportunity to attend or take part in as many of these events as possible.

- April 3rd - VFW 75th Anniversary Celebration and Parade
- April 8th, 9th & 10th - Frank Phillips College / West Texas A & M University College Rodeo
- April 13th - Pampa Chamber of Commerce 75th Annual Banquet and Citizen of the Year Award
- May 15th - The Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament (Sponsored by the Pampa Country Club, Hidden Hills Golf Course and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Retail Committee)
- June 3rd, 4th, & 5th - Top O' Texas Rodeo
- June 7th, 8th, & 9th - Kid Pony Show
- June 11th, 12th, & 13th - High Plains Cruisers "Burning the Bricks in June" Event
- June 19th - Pampa Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Business Expo

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