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Election draws record number

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

John Spearman Jr. and Kim Flowers win positions on local water board

Spearman Jr. of Pampa to the Manager C.E. Williams. Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors.

water issues are becoming to the gener- Roberts County, and the northwest al public. At the last contested election one-eighth of Wheeler County. A record number of 804 voters held in 1992, there were only 186 total

PGWCD Precinct 3 incumbent except for the southwest corner. Spearman received 508 votes, while The 804 ballots include 19 mail-in his challenger, Stephen Smith of tors will canvass the ballots at their ballots and 425 cast in early voting. Pampa, earned 113. Precinct 3 is com- Feb. 16 meeting and then swear in the

"This only shows how important Gray County, the southwest corner of

Flowers won the Precinct 7 seat turned out Saturday to elect Kim votes cast from four different with 120 votes. Robert A. Clark, the Flowers of Miami and John R. precincts," said PGWCD General incumbent, garnered 63 votes. Precinct 7 is composed of all of Roberts County

The water district's board of direcwhich was held Jan. 21 through Feb. 3. prised of the northern one-third of election winners to four-year terms.

DEATHS

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HIGH

48

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Bobby Ray Helm, 70, services pending.

Barbara Jo Ann Koenig-**Hurt**, 59, services pending. Jewell Belle McCurley, 90, garment factory worker. Dixie Lou Coffey Sims, 78, services pending.



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County OKs insurance attorneys in Tulia suit

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

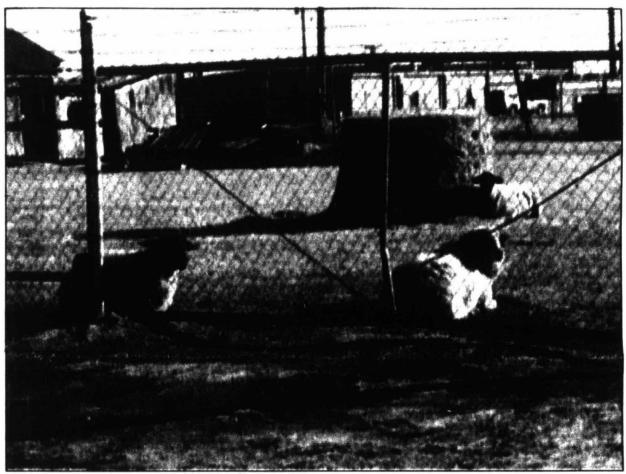
Gray County commissioners met in executive session at 3 p.m. Friday to discuss pending litigation between members of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force and residents of Tulia who were arrested by agents of the task force a few years ago.

"We're really not directly involved, but because we are members of the task force, we're named in the suit," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet.

The individuals named as plaintiffs in the lawsuit have filed suit against the PRNTTF as a result of drug busts conducted in that city by the task

After the executive session, commissioners voted to allow attorneys for the county's insurance carrier to mediate for the county concerning the

Wooly sentries



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Although these three sheep have woolly coats, they seem to be enjoying the warmth of the sun's rays Monday morning in their pen on Doyle Street, south of Alcock Street. Two serve as sentries at the gate, while the third guards a hay bale.

Bush: Economic recovery is taking hold

BY MARTIN CRUTSINGER AP ECONOMICS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring that "America's economy is strong and getting stronger," President Bush told Congress Monday in his annual ecowas doing the job in reviving business and corporate accounting scandals.

Report of the President," is considerrecovery with the unemployment rate transmitting the report to Congress.

has been able to overcome a series of stock market bubble in early 2000 fol-such trips he has scheduled this week. Bush said, "We are moving in the right lowed by the first recession in a nomic report that last year's tax cut decade, the terrorist attacks, two wars encouraging developments in recent not be satisfied until every American

This year's 412-page "Economic challenge and now we have the results: ably more upbeat than Bush's report a new jobs and a mounting prosperity laid off workers. year ago, issued at time when the counthat will reach every corner of

The release of Bush's economic to create 112,000 new jobs. However,

In the new report, written as a strong report, prepared by the president's even with the job growth of recent defense of Bush's economic steward- Council of Economic Advisers, came months, the country still has 2.2 milship, the president says that the country on a day when the president was lion fewer payroll jobs than when Bush appearing in Missouri to tout the countook office in January 2001. shocks starting with the bursting of the try's economic rebound, one of three

months, including strong economic who wants a job can find one.' "Americans have responded to each growth beginning last summer which has finally begun to encourage the tax cut for making a sizable contriburenewed confidence, strong growth, nation's businesses to start rehiring tion to boosting economic growth.

The unemployment rate is now secretary: Paul O'Neill, have attacked try was still mired in a lackluster. America," Bush wrote in the message falling, hitting 5.6 percent in January, a that tax cut as being unnecessary and month in which the economy managed have charged that it made the deficit

Acknowledging his jobs' deficit, Bush took note of a number of direction but have more to do. I will

The president credited last year's

Democrats and Bush's first Treasury (See ECONOMY, Page 3)

State budget board to release spending details to fix it. The newspaper chairman of the House lawyer Jennifer Riggs. "They

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A the Texas Register. new state spending proposal contains.

Budget Board Director days to ratify or change it. John Keel said a "complete able Monday and "all the were poised to declare a fiscal

has been developed, but member board, led by Lt. Gov. ing proposals and explanatory told the newspaper. "If, in fact, Legislative Budget Board David Dewhurst, to withhold materials, under the Texas we did misread what was agencies seeking additional members and other officials details until members com- Public Information Act. are tightlipped about what it plete a recommendation to

packet" running more than 100. News reported in Monday's information should be released posal should have been pro- and the secretary of state. pages would be made avail- editions that state officials before meetings.

One board member, Rep. correct it next time around." Gov. Rick Perry. He has 30 Talmadge Heflin, said leaders The San Antonio Express- Greg Abbott's opinion on what

"If there's a lot of noise, I details" of the spending pro- emergency and urge Perry to would want to have his take on law) that expressly authorizes agenda to tell employees of the posal would be published in shift millions of dollars around it," Heflin, R-Houston and them to hold it back," said

State law permits the 10- requested all materials, includ- Appropriations Committee, ought to release it.' appropriate, we'd be able to funds includes the Regional

> may seek Attorney General authority on open government. University at El Paso, the issues said the spending provided before the meeting.

A posted agenda listing Academic Health Center in the An Austin lawyer who is an Rio Grande Valley, Texas Tech Texas Cooperative Extension

Riggs complained informa-"There's nothing (in the tion was insufficient "on that (See **SPENDING**, Page 3)

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Mr. Helm was born May 13, 1933 in Childress County, Texas. He married Betty Sue Spencer on Aug. 27, 1955, in Memphis, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. He worked for The Pampa News as a printer from December of 1956 until 1971. He worked for IRI as a printer from 1971 until his retirement in 1994. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Sue Helm, of the home; two daughters, Melinda Sue Scott and husband Marty, and Melissa Rae Garner and husband Terry, all of Pampa; one son, Terry Allen Helm of Pampa; one sister, Ruby Louise Smallwood of Liberal,

Kan.; three brothers, Aubrey Helm of Liberal, Kan., Leon Helm of Memphis, Marie, Cassi Shephard and husband John, Shalvn Garner, Tervn Garner, Ashlev Helm, great-grandchildren, Bailie Scott, Emily Scott, Abligail Scott, and Jaryn Shephard, all of Pampa; one brother-in-law and several sisters-in-law.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph Helm, George Helm, and John Helm, and one sister, Betty Helm.

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JEWELL BELLE MCCURLEY

1914-2004

McLEAN - Jewell Belle McCurley, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 5, 2004, in Abilene. Graveside services were to be today, Feb. 9, 2004, at 2 p.m. in Hillcrest Cemetery at McLean with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, pastor of McLean United Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mrs. McCurley was born Jan. 23, 1914, in Elida, N.M., to Elijah Frank and Cora Etta Dunn. In 1927, she and her family moved to Texas and settled in Foard County. She was a member of the Methodist Church. She married Doyle William "Oak" McCurley on Dec. 25, 1930, in Fredrick, Okla. He preceded her

Texas, and Jack Helm of Fort Worth; seven grandchildren, Brandon Scott and wife and Bobby Helm, all of Pampa, and Heather Pierce and husband Kyle of Amarillo; four

by Marie Foundations until retiring in 1976 and resided in McLean until 1999.

She was preceded in death by a son, Doyle Lee McCurley in 1995; four brothers, John Dunn, Bill Dunn, Frank Dunn and Abner Dunn; three sisters, Mattie Bryan, Betty McCurley and Burl Dunn.

Survivors include two sons, Wilburn R. McCurley of Yuma, Ariz. and Weldon McCurley, of Atwater, Calif.; two daughters, Kay Steward of Amarillo and Frankie Stacy of Abilene; 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Henderick Hospice, P.O. Box 1922, Abilene, Texas, 79604 or McLean Cemetery Association, in death on March 3, 1957. She was employed P.O. Box 167, McLean, Texas, 79057.

BARBARA JO ANN KOENIG-HURT 1944-2004

LAS CRUCES, N.M. - Barbara Jo Ann Koenig-Hurt, 59, died Saturday, Feb. 7, 2004, at Las Cruces, N.M. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Koenig-Hurt was born May 28, 1944, in Magdelena, N.M. She married Ted S. Koenig on June 9, 1962, in Farmington, N.M. He preceded her in death on March 24, 1987. She later married James F. Hurt on Jan. 14, 2001, in Deming, N.M. She served as a special education diagnostician and administrator in numerous New Mexico school systems from 1980 until present. She owned and operated a five-acre pecan farm in Las Cruces. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Deming, N.M.

Survivors include her husband, James F. Hurt, of the home; two sons, M. Casey Koenig of Poland, Ohio, and Robert Brett

Cloud, Minn.; two daughters, Bethany Ann Pechumn of Alamosa, and Colo., Christy Jo Keith of Farmington, N.M.; two step children, Jason Lloyd Hurt of Texas and Justin

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James Hurt of Las Cruces; four grandchildren, and one sister, Georgia Pettyjohn of Seattle, Wash.

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DIXIE LOU COFFEY "BEBAW" SIMS

1925-2004

LEFORS - Dixie Lou Coffey "Bebaw" Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Sims was born Dec. 11, 1925, in Van Alstyne, Texas. She had lived in Lefors and Pampa since 1946. She married Hubert Sims on Jan. 20, 1946, in Dallas. He preceded her in death in 1989. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church of

Survivors include four sons, Dickey Sims of Hereford, Gary Sims of Pampa, Ronnie www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Sims of Lefors and Hubert Lynn Sims of Sims, 78, died Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, in Olney; three daughters, Nancy Dunlap Amarillo. Services are pending with Brown of Amarillo, Lou Ann Padavich of Canyon and Jill Marie Dutton of Grapevine; two brothers, Charles Coffey of Pittsburg, Texas, and Loy Lee Coffee of Huntsville; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Sloan.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home in Pampa from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., on Tuesday, Feb. 10.

- Sign the on-line register book at

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests as of 7 a.m. today. Thursday, Feb. 5

Stolen lottery tickets were reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred at Taylor Petroleum convenience store, 2101 N. Hobart. Estimated loss was \$400.

Friday, Feb. 6

Simple assault was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart. Charges were filed. No injuries were reported.

A 2004 Lincoln Navigator was reported stolen from Fenton Motors, 101 N, Hobart.

Indecent exposure was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

An information report was taken in the 500 block of North Faulkner. A welfare check was made concerning the report, and nothing was found to be wrong.

Saturday, Feb. 7

An information report on a vicious animal was taken in the 1000 block of South Faulkner. A citation was issued.

A person reportedly used profane language against a salesperson at Totally Wireless, 2145 N. Hobart. The suspect left before officers

Howard Alexander Santacruz, 17, 713

Locust, was arrested in the 700 block of East Frederic for consumption of alcohol by a minor, no seat belt, and two counts of minor in

possession of tobacco.

Nicholas Lee Brookshire, 24, 533 Doyle, was arrested in the 300 block of North Dwight for speeding, expired motor vehicle registration, failure to appear, two counts of expired motor vehicle inspection, and three counts of no insurance.

Brandon Bowman, 18, 534 S. Reid, was arrested in the 600 block of Sumner for three unspecified warrants.

Jayson Calfy, 18, 534 S. Reid, was arrested at 1801 Hobart on one unspecified warrant.

Sunday, Feb. 8

Sergio Maurice Alva, 18, 1601 W. Somerville #505, was arrested at his residence for criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500, resisting arrest, and minor in possession of alcohol.

Patricia Vargas Perez, 25, 714 N. Christy, was arrested at Highway 152 and Price Road on five unspecified warrants.

Patricia Ramirez, 25, Canyon, was arrested for disorderly conduct/language, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft under \$50, failure to appear, and bond surrender on a charge of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

FIRE

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

Saturday, Feb. 7

8:57 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at the city landfill, off Loop 171.

4:04 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to the 900 block of South Nelson where they replaced batteries for a resident's smoke detector.

5:47 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

6:13 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1400 block of Williston.

Sunday, Feb. 8

6:02 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a reported gas leak three miles east of Pampa on Gray County Road E. A high pressure gas regulator was venting.

CORRECTION

SKELLY TOWN - The Rev Nancy James, who survived the tragic collapse of a walkway inside a hotel, will preach at River of Life Assembly of God 411 Chamberlain In an article on Friday, Feb. 6,



Nancy James

Religion Page, an incorrect date for one of the services was provided to The Pampa News. The correct service times are 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, through Saturday, Feb. 14, and 10 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 15. River of Life Pastor Danny Trussell invites the public to come. To get to the church, go to the Taylor conveneione store and turn west on 5th Street, to Chamberlain. For more information, call 848-2939.

WEATHER-FOCUS

20s. East winds around 10 mph. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s. Northeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the southeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. South winds around 10 mph shifting to the northeast 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Wednesday

Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower night, mostly cloudy. Lows around 18. Thursday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. Highs in the mid 30s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 17. Friday, mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s. Friday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 50s. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s.

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service respond-

ed to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

AMBULANCE

Saturday, Feb. 7

5 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

8:52 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Loop 171 and transported one to PRMC.

11:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred to BSA-West, Amarillo.

2:53 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma. No patient transport. 8:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported

one to PRMC Sunday, Feb. 8

7:56 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported one to PRMC

 4:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Hamilton. No patient transport.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents as of 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 5

2:40 p.m. - A 1996 Ford Windstar, driven by Tommie Michelle Shoffner, 27, 1217 Garland, collided with a legally parked 2003 Chevrolet C1500 pickup, owned by Leticia Sanchez Navarro, 21, Canadian, in a parking lot at 2221 N. Hobart. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today. Sunday, Feb. 8

Roberto Villalobos, 29, 1164 Huff, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, first

Monday, Feb. 9

offense.

Manuel Dean Alderete, 42, McLean, was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Cloudy skies and a chance

of rain were expected Monday for parts of Texas.

By The Associated Press

North Texas was to be chance of rain. High temperatures were to be in the lower 50s. No rain was forecast for Tuesday, but it was expected to be cooler, with temperatures in the 40s.

Afternoon showers were expected in Southeast Texas, expected in Southwest and 40s.

STATEWIDE

with temperatures reaching the mid 60s. Thunderstorms and rain were expected at Tuesday.

South Central Texas was breezy with a 40 percent forecast to have temperatures in the mid to upper 60s, dropping to the low 50s at night. Chances of rain and a southeast wind also was forecast. More rain was predicted for Tuesday.

Far West Texas, with temperatures in the mid 50s. The region was to have partly night and were to continue cloudy skies and a chance of showers on Tuesday.

> The South Plains region also was to be mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon. Temperatures were to range from the upper 40s during the day to the low 20s at night.

Tuesday was to be mostly Mostly sunny skies were cloudy, with highs in the mid

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Couple win lottery unbeknownst to each other

It was a double dose of luck for one when they checked the tickets. couple here.

Unbeknownst to each other, \$25,000. Richard and Lois Thomas each bought winning tickets from Kompak didn't realize we both played the same King, a convenience store in ones," Lois Thomas said Friday. "We Parkersburg, for Thursday night's both found out at the same time." West Virginia Lottery Cash 25 draw-

Thomas, 65, played the same set of share the good news. numbers, based on family birthdays, on separate tickets purchased at dif- retired, plan to use the money to pay ferent times. They discovered they off bills.

PARKERSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — were both winners Thursday night The husband and wife each won

"It was kind of a shock because we

The couple, who have three children and four grandchildren, quickly Richard Thomas, 66, and Lois started calling family members to

The Thomases, who are both

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SPENDING

agencies or any of the other parties affected" what the board is doing.

Perry and Dewhurst came to the Rio Grande Valley last year to announce their agreement on diverting \$9 million for the health center to ensure third-year medical students continue to receive a year of clinical training. Funds were also described as supporting added laboratories and faculty development.

Dewhurst also said earlier that he favors allocating at least. \$2 million to help finance the launch of a four-year Texas Tech medical school in El Paso.

Heflin said the proposal "becomes public when we discuss it at a public meeting.

"If you release preliminary information and then we don't act on it or act on it in a different form, we'll get criticized for changing it," he said.

Failure to release explanatory materials seems inconsistent with open government, said Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause of Texas.

"It's an outrage," Woodford said. "The public has every right to know what is the emergency, how much money is being spent and who is going to lose money before the board acts."

Iexas lawmakers last year struggled to overcome a \$9.9 billion shortfall, writing a new two-year budget that cut health and human services and assorted other programs.

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ECONOMY

problem worse. Bush fired O'Neill in December 2002 after he raised objections to going forward with further tax cuts.

The economic report came a week after Bush sent his new budget to Congress, a document that projects that this year's deficit will hit a record \$521 billion.

Bush blamed the huge deficit on the recession and the costs of boosting security at home and fighting the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. He said that his budget contained a plan to cut the deficit in half over the next five years, a task he said would be made easier by the growing economy.

Woman pulled alive from rubble of Turkish building after a week

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — An exhausted 24-year-old ed to be serious. woman was pulled alive from killing at least 88 people.

lance as relief workers ribs. applauded. The rescuers had worked for hours to free her under bodies.

Relief workers found to escape.

Her condition was report-

"Her overall condition is the rubble of an apartment not good at all, she has bleedbuilding Monday, a week ing under her skin," Riza after the structure collapsed, Saribabicci, the head physician of the Konya Numune Yasemin Yaprakci, cov- hospital, said by telephone. ered with dust, was carried He said she was suffering on a stretcher into an ambu- from gangrene and broken

Yaprakci was given oxygen under the rubble, where feet, which were trapped she has been surrounded with the scent of bodies for days.

"We had detected her alive Yaprakci close to the with electronic devices and entrance of the building, sniffer dogs. As we searched where rescue officials esti- for her, we heard her saying, mate more than a dozen peo- 'Water, water'," Serdar ple were crushed as they tried Demirel, a rescue official, told private NTV television.

Grammys more like 'grimm

Grimmys.

With a bunch of dead winners, a Best New Artist band Starr — the only surviving Luther Vandross. that has already split up and an band members — supplied downbeat.

Even Madonna, who last Jackson incident while walking formance by Sting.

dressed in an outfit better suit- "Speakerboxxx/The before accepting her trophy for awards in top categories. best female pop vocalist, cut dress to her chest.

ripped off part of her top.

"We were making sure that whatnot after that drama. But I place," she told reporters backstage.

hearing about the incident.

was reinforced by a tribute to

Sullivan Show."

event in person.

year famously locked lips with when his father was slain by a Closer I Get to You," a remake final album, "The Wind," Britney Spears on MTV, crazed fan, told reporters he with Beyonce. played it straight Sunday. She was grateful for all the archive

the carpet and stuck to the upbeat moments. OutKast's major category in his more also was honored for "Disorder script while introducing a per- hip-hoppy jive won three tro- than 20-year career. He was in the House," a duet with The usually scantily clad performance for "Hey Ya!" and videotaped message, his first for rock performance by a duo Christina Aguilera sang her best rap album and overall public remarks since his April or group with vocal. winning song "Be utiful" Album of the Year for 2003 stroke.

Their rendition of "Hey clutching the straps of her low- Ya!" with the University of Southern California marching She said she wanted to band was one of the more rousavoid provoking the kind of ire ing performances of the night, Jackson absorbed after the along with a loud, wacky and Super Bowl halftime stunt in tacky tribute to everything which Justin Timberlake funky by George Clinton and Evanescence won best new from Jackson's camp said CBS

Beyonce was the belle of everything was intact and the ball, opening the show with performance alongside was good. I kept everything in Prince, and going on to tie a record for female artists with mous winners collected hon- offer. He performed on several her five awards. "Crazy in ors. Otherwise, the singer whose Love" won two trophies — for last album "Stripped" featured best R&B song and best director Mark Romanek won for "Cry Me a River" and pop the bump-and-grind sexy song rap/sung collaboration. Her for best short form music video vocal album for "Justified." "Dirrty" said she was sick of boyfriend, Jay-Z, won two awards for collaborating on

LOS ANGELES (AP) — anniversary of their introduc- best contemporary R&B album for the haunting song "Hurt." Grammys? More like the tion to America on "The Ed for "Dangerously in Love" and Cash's wife, June Carter Cash, best R&B performance by a who died a few months before Paul McCartney and Ringo duo or group for a song with he did last year, won best tradi-

Vandross, recovering from a posthumous uptight atmosphere created by only prerecorded greetings, stroke, won for best song, best "Wildwood Flower" and best the Janet Jackson uproar, the while the widows of George R&B album and best male female country vocal performmusic industry's biggest Harrison and John Lennon R&B performance for "Dance ance for "Keep on the Sunny awards night bordered on the were at the Staples Center With My Father" and best Side." R&B performance by a duo or Sean Lennon, who was 5 group with vocals for "The who rushed to complete his

refused to comment on the footage of his famous parent. sentimental victory — the two Grammy Awards, one for The night did have its R&B crooner's first win in a contemporary folk album. He phies: best urban-alternative unable to attend but sent a Bruce Springsteen, which won

ed for a stock analyst than a Below." It was the first rap there tonight. I want to thank reports about why she was not pop diva. She changed outfits album to win most of the everyone for your love and at the show, which was telesupport," said a weak-looking vised on a five-minute delay to Vandross. "And remember, avoid anything like the Super when I say goodbye it's never Bowl incident. for long, because" — and he sang a line from one of his Timberlake and Jackson to parmany hits — "I believe in the ticipate as long as they apolopower of love!"

The his gang of musical pranksters. artist, but guitarist Ben Moody - who founded the group with her not to attend, then reversed singer Amy Lee - has already themselves and re-invited her, left the group.

Meanwhile, several posthu-

tional folk album for the

Rock singer Warren Zevon,

before his September death It was the evening's most from lung cancer, won his first

Meanwhile, CBS "I wish I could be with you Jackson offered conflicting

> CBS said it agreed to allow gized on the air for their Super dark-rock band Bowl stunt. But a statement and the Grammys first asked but she chose not to go.

Timberlake took the CBS songs and won two trophies: The late Johnny Cash and male pop vocal performance



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DEAR ABBY: I read your sound advice to "Addicted to Spending," the woman who racked up thousands of dollars in credit card debt. She said she couldn't sleep at night for fear her husband would divorce her when he found out. You were right that a credit counseling agency can provide valuable assistance, but she needs to be careful which one she selects. The Internal Revenue Service

oversees many credit counseling agencies because they are taxexempt. We have received an increasing number of complaints that some of these agencies charge high fees, offer poor repayment plans, and provide little in the way of education and counseling. We have stepped up our audits of

credit counseling agencies and, where warranted, will revoke their tax exemption. In addition, we have issued a

consumer alert with the Federal Trade Commission and state regulators, warning consumers to check carefully before signing up with a particular program. A few tips: (1) Beware of high fees or "vol-

untary" contributions. (2) Carefully read any written

statements before you sign, and make sure your creditors will work with the agency you want. (3) Watch carefully the claims

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COMMISSIONER EVERSON: I know my tax dollars are being well spent when the highest collection officer in the land reaches out to help people with money troubles. Everyone has heard the phrase, "Let the buyer beware." ("Caveat emptor.") However, it is especially discouraging to think that people who are vulnerable and trying to move their lives in a positive direction would be victimized by predators.

No doubt many readers will thank you for the warning. (Readers, you can find the IRS commissioner's alert by visiting the Web site: www.irs.gov/newsroom.)

Marmaduke

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for more than 20 years. My wife and I have been friends with a certain couple, "Claude and Maude," for 15 years. On New Year's Eve we all went out to dinner and a few drinks. I was the designated driver, so I did not drink. When we returned home, all three, my wife, Claude and Maude, proceeded to get trashed to the max.

Maude got sick and passed out; my wife went to bed. Claude and I sat up and watched the ball drop and a couple of other programs. fell asleep about 1:30 a.m. and assumed that Claude would, too. Around 2:00 a.m., I got out of my chair and walked to my bedroom. Claude was sitting on the bed next to my wife, putting his pants on. My wife was passed out, so I don't know what happened. It has bothered me so much since then that I can't sleep and don't know what to do. If ever there was a reason for me to become violent, that was it,

but I kept my cool. The next morning, my wife could remember nothing at all. What do you think I should do?

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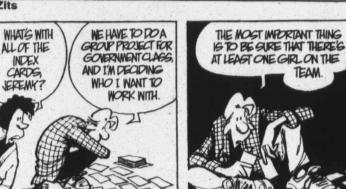
DEAR OUTRAGED: In view of the fact that a 15-year friendship is at stake, talk to Claude. It's possible that he was so loaded that he didn't know where he was, and nothing happened.

The best advice I can offer now is that Claude, Maude and your wife should all do something about their drinking. Let this serve as a wake-up call. ***

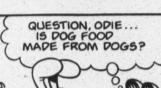
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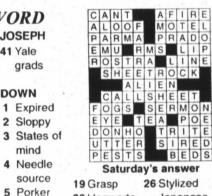
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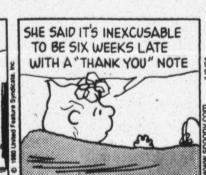




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SPORTS

SOCCER

PAMPA — There will be Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 tonight in the Ready Room at the Pampa High School athletic fieldhouse.

Parents of soccer players are urged to attend.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Vijay Singh blew away the field Sunday at Pebble Beach to continue an amazing run that keeps moving him closer to his ultimate goal — replacing Tiger Woods at No. 1.

Singh birdied his first three holes to bury coleader Arron Oberholser, closing with a 3-under 69 for a three-shot victory in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

Singh finished at 16under 272, three shots ahead of Jeff Maggert.

Maggert overcame a four-putt for double bogey on No. 16 with birdies on his last two holes for a 69. Phil Mickelson also had a 69 and finished third.

FOOTBALL

HONOLULU (AP) -Although Chad Johnson caught a 90-yard touchdown pass on the first play of his first Pro Bowl, the Cincinnati Bengals' brash receiver had a feeling even more spectacular feats were in store.

When the NFL's best are playing for nothing but pride and a millionaire's pittance in prize money, they still hate to lose.

"The other guys told me ahead of time, once the fourth quarter gets here, it's going to be competitive," said Johnson, who finished with five catches for 156 yards.

The veterans were correct. By the time the NFC wrapped up a 55-52 victory on Sunday, Johnson's catch was a mere footnote in the highest-scoring Pro Bowl in history — one that was dominated by newcomers who weren't interested in a laid-back Hawaiian vacation.

MVP Marc Bulger threw a Pro Bowl-record four TD passes, and Detroit's Dre' Bly returned an interception 32 yards for the go-ahead score with 4:50 to play during the NFC's rally from an 18-point deficit in the final 13 minutes.

Peyton Manning set a handful of offensive records, while Bulger masterminded a phenomenal comeback.

"It's going to be tough to match, if I make it back in the future," said Bulger, who didn't play until the second half.

The next wave of NFL talent crashed ashore in Honolulu during thrilling game that featured everything from a 42-point fourth quarter to a pivotal miss on a 51yard field-goal attempt by the once-perfect Mike Vanderjagt.

Ninth-ranked Lady Raiders trim Baylor, 62-59

WACO, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech won another close game against Baylor, this time without the help of a disputed call.

Chesley Dabbs scored the go-ahead basket on a putback with 32 seconds left, and LaToya Davis then hit two free throws after stealing a pass to lift the No. 9 Lady Raiders to a 62-59 win Sunday.

"Nobody deserved to lose this game. It was a great game," Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "There were a lot of big plays. We were able to make the last one."

Dabbs took Erin Grant's

Weight-lifter

missed jumper and made the Baylor last month in winning shot in a game that featured 14 lead changes.

No. 17 Baylor (17-5, 5-4 Big 12), which only had one basket in the last four minutes, then turned the ball over when Davis stole Emily Niemann's pass.

Davis, a 49 percent freethrow shooter, iced the victory for the Lady Raiders (20-3, 6-3) when she made two foul shots with 10 seconds

Niemann's 3-point shot bounced off the rim as the game ended.

In Tech's 64-63 win over

Junior Michael Pergeson handles the barbell during an Olympic weight-

lifting meet between Pampa and Canadian athletes last weekend in the

PHS athletic fieldhouse. The meet was made up of 10 different classes

with athletes competing against others with the same body weight.

Lubbock, Alesha Robertson made three throws in the final 7.6 seconds, hitting the game-winner after a disputed

Robertson tied that game with two free throws before Jessika Stratton had a turnover when she was called for stepping on the baseline — although a television replay showed her heel never touched it. Robertson made the game-winning free throw with 2.2 seconds left.

"We really hadn't talked about that," Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson said. "We know what happened, game, and they're all tough." 17.

On Sunday, Baylor took a 59-58 lead with just under a minute left when Stratton stole the ball from Robertson. Stratton batted it ahead to Chelsea Whitaker for a breakaway layup.

Robertson led the Lady Raiders with 25 points, including five 3-pointers.

"This was a big win for us. We had a reason to prove the first one was not luck," Robertson said. "Baylor's a good team, and I want my biggest games against them."

Sophia Young paced the Lady Bears with 19 points.

This was just another Big 12 Steffanie Blackmon scored

Davis scored 13 of her 15 points after halftime, when Baylor held a 33-31 lead.

Tech opened the second half with an 18-4 run, capped by Davis' three-point play that gave the Lady Raiders a 49-37 lead.

Baylor responded with an 18-6 run and the game was tied at 55 after Sophia Young's layup with 5 1/2 minutes left.

"It was a game of runs," Mulkey-Robertson "They would make one, and we would make one. We just ran out of time."

Wrestlers advance to region

PAMPA — Three Pampa wrestlers will be advancing to the Region 1 Tournament after their performances in weekend in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Kevin Parks won the heavyweight division while John Burns (140-pound division) and Joel Palmateer (171-pound division) placed

second. The top two finishers advance to regionals Friday and Saturday in Amarillo.

The Harvesters finished district competition last fifth in the team standings with 60 points.

> Dumas placed a dozen wrestlers in next weekend's tournament and held off Boys Ranch to secure the Demons' sixth straight District 6 title.

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Harvesters host Caprock teams

PAMPA - Still clinging to playoff hopes, the Pampa Harvesters welcome the Caprock Longhorns at 7:45 Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse

The Longhorns beat the Harvesters 56-51 in their first district 3-4A meeting, but Caprock will be without leading scorer Cheston Mitchell this time around. The 6-1 senior is sidelined with a broken arm for the remainder of the season. He had 16 points against the Harvesters, who had rallied from a 14-point deficit in the fourth quarter to almost overtake the Longhorns.

The Harvesters will still have to contend with 6-3 senior Will Mitchell, a strong inside player who is averaging a dozen points a game. Guard Ryan Ballin (5-6 sophomore) is a good outside shoot-

Pampa is led in scoring by 6-1 senior Collin Bowers (9.4 ppg), 6-1 senior Chance Bowers (9.4 ppg) and 5-10 senior Jed Martin (8.6 ppg). Collin Bowers is averaging 5.9 rebounds per game and Chance Bowers 5.1.

The Pampa-Caprock girls' game tips off at 6. PHS senior players will be recognized at 5:45.

District 3-4A Standings

	Boys		
Team	Dist	Overall	
x-Palo Duro	10-0	29-1	
Plainview	6-3	15-9	
Caprock	6-4	15-13	
Dumas	5-4	19-8	
Pampa	4-5	9-17	
Randall	2-7	6-19	
Hereford	0-10	6-20	
	Girls		
Team	Dist	Overall	
x-Plainview	10-1	24-2	
y-Hereford	7-5.	17-8	
Dumas	6-5	20-11	
Randall	6-5	15-12	
Palo Duro	5-6	10-17	
Pampa	5-6	12-13	
Caprock x-clinched district title	0-11	1-23	





Pampa Shockers



The Pampa Shockers opened the tournament season in convincing fashion with three straight wins over Lefors, McLean and Wheeler fourth grade to win the Lefors Senior Class Pee Wee Basketball Tournament. The Shockers are a group of fourth grade youngsters who will be competing in several area tournaments during the next two months. They are coached by Ken and Marvelle Collins. The Shockers (photo) display the consolation medals they won for placing first in last weekend's tournament in Lefors. Top row, I-r, Latigo Collins, Reid Miller, Shane Smith and Cole Engle; Bottom row, I-r, Taylor Kennedy, Laketon Harris and Landon Powell. Next up for the Shockers is the Fort Elliott Tournament Feb. 12-14.

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Kansas overpowers Texas Tech

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Wayne Simien leaped toward the basket for an offensive rebound, grabbed the ball and brought it down for what should have been a thunderous dunk.

But as Kansas' junior power forward let go of the rim, the ball bounced, hung in the air and dropped through.

Don't call him lucky, though. For Simien, who had 22 points and a career-high 17 rebounds to lead No. 20 Kansas to a 96-77 win over No. 19 Texas Tech on Saturday, the basket was a reward for his typically hard-nosed play.

"I didn't feel like things were going to come easy for me," Simien said. "I had some easy ones trickle out, too."

The Jayhawks (15-4, 6-1 Big 12) set a season scoring high in handing Texas Tech (17-5, 5-3) its third loss in the last four games and improved to 15-1 against the Red Raiders.

Kansas had not gone over the 90-point mark since beating Tennessee-Chattanooga 90-76 in the Jayhawks' season opener. Then again, Texas Tech's 77

points were the second-most

Kansas had given up this year. "Do you play better when you win 96-76 than when you win 76-56?" Self said. "The fans get caught up in that more than we do. They might think we played better today, but I can tell you we're going to have to do better on defense if we want to win Monday (at No. 13 Oklahoma State)."

It was the first road game for Texas Tech coach Bob Knight since the school reprimanded him for getting into an argument with chancellor David Smith on Monday at a Lubbock salad bar.

The capacity crowd of 16,300 in Allen Fieldhouse jeered Knight before the game, many waving signs that read "Red Rager," and again on the several occasions when the coach argued with officials.

Knight kept his cool well enough to avoid any technical fouls, even drawing a laugh when he held up a finger to ask for the crowd's patience while he contested a call.

It was the Jayhawks who got hot, hitting 9 of 20 3-point tries and outshooting Texas Tech 51 percent (36-for-71) to 38 percent (23-for-60) from the field.

Over one stretch in the second half, when the Jayhawks finally began to pull away, the Red Raiders went nine minutes without a field goal.

Fort Elliott sweeps Higgins

BRISCOE — Fort Elliott record. came away with a 71-39 win over Higgins in District 2-1A action last weekend.

Justen Bryant led the Fort 26 victory in the girls game. . Elliott attack with 17 points, followed by Junior Newman 15, and Jason Boydston 12.

for Higgins. The Cougars have a 19-8 26-1 for the season.

Shealee Coulter had 22 points and Katie Donaldson 21 to lead Fort Elliott to a 91-

Julie Mulkey had 15 points for Higgins.

Holly McCurley chipped Devan Morehead had 15 in 12 for the Lady Cougars, who boosted their record to

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Top 25 Capsules

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - J.J. Redick scored 23 points and freshman Luol Deng matched his career high with 22 to lift No. 1 Duke past Clemson 81-55 Sunday night.

The Blue Devils (20-1, 9-0 Atlantic Coast Conference) reached 20 wins for the eighth straight season. Duke has won 17 consecutive games overall and 38 in a row at Cameron Indoor Stadium.

The Blue Devils extended their dominance over the Tigers (9-11, 2-7), winning their 17th straight meeting and 13th in a row by a double-digit margin. The Tigers haven't beaten the Blue Devils since January

Clemson is 4-53 all-time in Durham, and hasn't won here since January 1995.

Sharrod Ford scored 19 points to lead the Tigers. No. 11 Texas 66, No. 22 Oklahoma 37

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) - Brian Boddicker and Brandon Mouton scored 13 points apiece and Texas

The Big 12's highest-scoring team used a rugged defense to shut down the Sooners. Texas (16-3, 7-1) forced 17 turnovers, held Oklahoma to 26 percent shooting and had a 44-30 edge in rebounds.

De'Angelo Alexander scored 12 points for the Sooners (14-5, 4-4), who shot just 1-of-21 on 3-pointers in their lowest-scoring game of the season.

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unusual relationship, if you are single. Some in your circle of friends might not be able to connect with the "new you," while others will. New friendships mark this year with changing goals. If you are attached, share your spiritual quest with your sweetie, keeping the togetherness

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive;

between you. LIBRA opens doors.

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Associates come up with ideas that cause you to step back. Creativity flows into whatever you do with others. As a result, you might decide to revamp your plans. You defer to someone you care about. Know that in the long run you are doing the right thing. Tonight: Try something new and differ-

dealing with bosses and those in charge. You might be a bit put off by someone's

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

some exercise. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your playfulness takes you

down a new path if you go with the research.

*** Play it easy, especially when

lack of practicality. Work with his or her

ideas, making them practical. In the long

moment. Share what you thought was impossible with those around you. You might be surprised by others' suggestions to make this dream real. Tonight: Find

your favorite loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) relationship might be key. Tonight: Home is where the Crab's heart is.

you. Think carefully about your expectations within a relationship. Launch a special project. Tonight: Hang out at your

favorite haunt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Deal with finances, clearly knowing your limits. You might want to look toward the long term before deciding on a major change that could impact your daily life. You might be considering a

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** With the Moon highlighting you, someone who has been difficult might back off. You are also likely to try another approach. You like what you hear. Your libido is unusually creative. Tonight: What would you like?

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*** Investigate what might need to be done with a partner or associate who seems to have great moneymaking ideas but little sense of what will work. Approach this person carefully, as this

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** You could be confused by all that is going on around you, especially with a partner. Your flex will make or break

major pattern change. Tonight: Order in.

** You might choose not to share every

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Your circle of friends or associates helps you get what you want once you express your desires and thoughts. You might need to make an adjustment in your thinking, but it is well worth it. Look at the objective at hand. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Others listen to your logic. Your sense of fiscal responsibility makes a huge difference to others. You also might need to re-evaluate an investment of importance. Listen to your inner voice, but don't take any action just yet. Tonight: Count on a late dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Your ability to see beyond what people say helps you hit the bull'seye. Not everything is as it seems, and you know it. As a result, you not only help others understand themselves, but you make unusually strong decisions for yourself. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** A partner or associate finds you. You like what is going on with a loved one or someone close. His or her efforts touch you on a deep level. After you deal with an authority figure in your life, take time to thank this person. Tonight:

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PPOG

Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild met Jan. 22 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center with President Gayle Wilson presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Donna Reynolds distributed first pages for a new mystery quilt.

-Wilson scheduled several work days to make breast cancer pillows and turbans.

-Pat Stubbs was appointed to chair the raffle quilt project.

-Forty lap quilts were donated to Coronado Healthcare Center.

—Freddy Sieman of Perryton delivered the program, bringing with her and displaying a variety of quilts and quilted articles.

-Peggy Koehler served cookies.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 at Sands

Cattle Women

Top O' Texas CattleWomen met Jan. 12 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Pampa with President Liz Austin presiding. Thirteen members were present.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

-Austin read a thank you card from Tralee Crisis Center for the chapter's Christmas donation. The gift was delivered to the center by Lilith Brainard, Sena Brainard and Elysa Clements.

-Members agreed on Sept. 11 as the date for the annual style show to be staged at Pampa Country Club.

-Five night meetings were approved. The meetings will most likely be held in

-Kay Stiles and Melody Velasquez are historians for the coming year; Carolyn Buckingham is Ag Day chair; Amy Brainard is Beef Ambassador chair; Anita Brown, Legislative chair; Lilith, Environmental chair; Dianne Buckingham, Beef Gift Certificate chair; Julie Cooke, Beef Cook-off chair; Glenda Adcock, Beef for Father's Day chair; Julie Watkins, Mary Mitchell and Bee Williams, Style Show Committee; Sandra Christner, Adcock and Christine Marrett, Scholarship Committee; and Adcock, Mitchell, and Brown, Nominating Committee.

-Christner and Brown will report on a board of directors meeting they attended in Austin at the next meeting.

—The chapter won a free pass for all its members to the spring convention March 6-7 at the Radisson Hotel Town Lake in Austin.

—The Beef Ambassador Contest is open to students between the ages of 16 (by Jan. 1, 2004) and 19 (before October 2004). For more information, log www.texascattlewomen.org or contact Nell Tucker at (940) 888-3650. A \$3,000 prize will be awarded at the state-level. That competition is scheduled April 17.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 9 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

Mama Mania

Mama Mania, a Spanishlanguage support group for mothers sponsored by Gray County Area Partnership for Moms and Babies, will resume meeting this month at the cafeteria at Lamar Elementary School. The new meetings resume after some restructuring of the program which will meet regularly from 1-2 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at the cafeteria.

The program for the upcoming Feb. 11 meeting will be delivered by Eliza Zamudio, Parental Involvement coordinator at Woodrow Wilson Elementary, on toddler behavior and development.

Participants are encouraged to bring a dish to share for a light luncheon. Infants and toddlers are welcome. However, no nursery is pro-

For more information, call 1-888-892-2273.

Pampa Art Club

Pampa Art Club met Feb. 3 at the home of Carol Peet.

During the meeting, the following business was conducted and announcements made:

-Linda Nowell won first place with her clay bowl at the High Plains Fine Arts Festival in Miami recently. Six other members were also entered in the competition.

-PAC's annual art show and tea will be May 5. Members were advised to get their projects ready for dis-

—Ginger Test will be invited to the community to offer watercolor lessons April 26-

-David Rindlesbacher will conduct watercolor classes at the Square House Museum in Panhandle March 6 and 27 and April 3. The allday classes will cost \$12.50 per day. For more information, contact Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

—Each member must bring

addresses to update the club's mailing list. Chris Alexander is in charge of invitations for the tea. She will be assisted by Kathy Gist.

The next meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 17 at the home of Pat Kindle.

Republican Women's Club Top O' Texas Republican

Women's Club met recently at The Coffee Shop in downtown Pampa.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

-Members heard from Gray County Judge Richard Peet and Gray Co. Republican

Chair Doug Ware. Peet presented an update on consolidation of voting precincts within the county and changes to voting cards to be used in this year's elections. New computers will be used as well, he said.

Ware delivered a presentation on primary elections and how fees paid by candidates are used to pay election expenses. Primary elections will be conducted March 9.

-A Candidates Forum will be sponsored by the club. The forum is presently scheduled at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 23, at Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa.

Investigators get description of gunman as police probe link to highway shootings

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Witness descriptions of a gunman and his vehicle after a pair of highway sniper shootings are the most detailed yet in the series of attacks south of Columbus, authorities said.

A van and a Mercedes car were hit minutes apart Sunday and witness descriptions of the apparent gunman on one overpass and a vehicle parked on another have offered investigators potential leads.

Chief Deputy Steve Martin stopped short of linking the two latest cases to the serial gunfire. However, he said that based on initial evidence they seem consistent with the 21 shootings since May on or around Interstate 270. One person has been killed.

Douglas Berry, the driver of the Mercedes, described the gunman as a middle-aged white male, with a medium build. Another motorist called 911 Sunday, reporting a black sports car on an overpass.

"We've had some vague issues in the past, but this is by far probably the best," Martin

No injuries were reported in Sunday's shootings, which happened about 11:30 a.m. on Interstate 71 in Jeffersonville, about 40 miles southwest of Columbus and about 25 miles from any linked shootings.

Berry, 51, of Mansfield, said he was driving north on I-71 when he noticed a car pull to a stop on an overpass. "I saw him park his car, get out of it, walk to the rail and take his shot," Berry told The Columbus Dispatch. "It sounded like a boom, a blast."

There was no comment in a sheriff's report as Cheryl tral Ohio. No one answered the door at her home Monday and she did not return calls seeking comment Sunday night.

Martin said.

MENUS

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9-13

Pampa Schools

MONDAY

Breakfast: Blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick

Lunch: Teriyaki chicken or steak fingers, green beans, sliced potatoes, rice pilaf, apple slices, rolls.

TUESDAY Breakfast: Egg patty, biscuits.

Lunch: Corn chip pie or chicken nuggets,

pinto beans, salad, fresh fruit, cornbread muffin.

WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: French toast sticks.

Lunch: Cheeseburger or pizza, French fries, lettuce/tomatoes, pineapple, red gelatin. **THURSDAY**

Breakfast: Donuts holes.

Lunch: Steak fingers or beef/cheese nachos, whipped potatoes, English peas, peaches, rolls. FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast, sausage. Lunch: Mini burritos/cheese sauce or hotdogs, corn, salad, pears.

Lefors Schools MONDAY

toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Corndogs, hot pockets, scalloped potatoes, blackeyed peas, apple-

Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal,

sauce, salad bar, milk. TUESDAY Breakfast: Donuts, cold cereal, toast,

juice, milk.

Lunch: Beef tips/noodles, chicken nuggets, green beans, salad bar, peaches, WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, eggs, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk

Lunch: Enchiladas or chicken fajitas, beans, rice, salad bar, pears, milk.

THURSDAY

Breakfast: Hot or cold cereal, toast, juice, Lunch: Ham, macaroni/cheese, peas, carrots,

salad bar, pineapple, milk. FRIDAY

Breakfast: Yogurt, graham crackers, cold beans, jello.

cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Hot dogs, chili, beans, French fries, carrots, oranges, milk.

Senior Citizens MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken salad mashed potatoes, spinach beets, beans coconut cream cake or chocolate pudding cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

TUESDAY

Baked cod fish/rice or pork cutlets. cheese potatoes, green bean casserole fried squash, beans, pineapple upside down cake or apple pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

WEDNESDAY

Rast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, succotash, carrots, butter beans, dreamsicle cake or cherry cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

THURSDAY

Chicken strips or liver and onions, waffle fries, mixed vegetables, breaded tomatoes, beans, carrot cake or butterscotch icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or Swedish meatballs/noodles, potato wedges, broccoli casserole, beans, German chocolate upsidecake or tapioca , slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic toast, hot rolls or cornbread.

Meals On Wheels **MONDAY**

Chicken, tomatoes, mixed vegetables, pears.

TUESDAY

Hamburgers, tater tots, apricots.

WEDNESDAY Mushroom meatballs/noodles, lima beans, carrots, pudding.

THURSDAY

Tuna casserole, brussels sprouts, pickled beets, peaches.

FRIDAY

Ravioli, chuckwagon corn, salad, green

Franklin County Sheriff's

from the van driver, identified Shreyer of Baltimore, in cen-

Both vehicles were struck in the hood on the driver's side,



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Thursday, February 12th 1:00pm-5:00pm

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