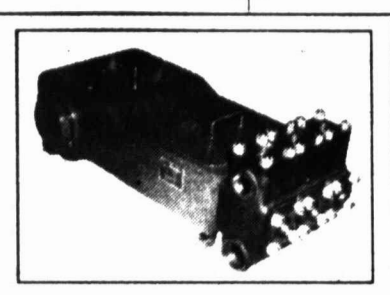


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Little fish subject of big discussion

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

LOGAN, N.M. — A tiny fish has yet again raised its ugly head above the waters of Lake Meredith.

The Arkansas River shiner, a two-inch long minnow that has been declared an endangered species in the Canadian River, was a subject of discussion at the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority board of director's meeting last week.

Representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service appeared before the

CRMWA board suggesting a joint effort to control salt cedar along the Canadian River that would include a management plan dealing with the shiner.

In 2002, a coalition of water districts, livestock organizations and local government entities sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over its designation of long stretches of the Canadian River as critical habitat for the small fish.

Although the coalition won their lawsuit and the original critical habitat designation was thrown out, the Fish

and Wildlife Service is still under a federal court order to establish critical habitat for the minnow.

The Fish and Wildlife Service listed the shiner as threatened in November, 1998. At that time, the FWS said that critical habitat designation would not provide any additional benefit but were forced to designate critical habitat as part of a court settlement when the Center for Biological Diversity sued the agency.

In the settlement, filed Feb. 16, 2000, in U.S. District Court in San Francisco, the FWS agreed to desig-

nate critical habitat for the minnow, long used as a baitfish.

Under the Endangered Species Act, critical habitat, the specific geographic areas that are essential to threatened or endangered species, may require special management considerations.

The original critical habitat for the shiner included nearly 1,200 miles of the Arkansas River in Kansas, the Cimarron River in Kansas and Oklahoma, the Beaver (also known as the North Canadian River) in Oklahoma and the Canadian River in

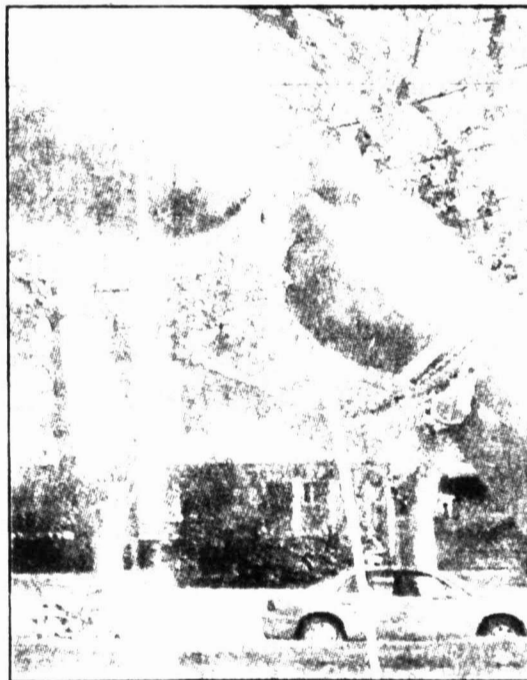
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Every two minutes ...



(Courtesy photos)

Every two minutes someone in the United States becomes a victim of sexual assault. Genesis House residents recently participated in a balloon lift, sponsored by Tralee Crisis Center, representing victims of sexual assault. Karon Harmon, Tralee's volunteer coordinator along with Alan Gertonson, Tralee volunteer, visited the facility at part of the agency's Sexual Assault Awareness Month observances. After a discussion, the teenagers went outside and released a balloon every two minutes to represent an assault taking place somewhere across the nation. United Supermarket donated the balloons for the occasion.



'Cocaine' cache found in console

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

Sunday for allegedly speeding on U.S. Highway 60 near Pampa.

An Amarillo man remains in Gray County Jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond on a charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, according to a jail spokesperson.

Randy Earl Matthews, 28, was stopped by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers Jessie Cerda and David O'Brien of Gray County at about 9:30 p.m.

Matthews gave verbal consent for the troopers to search the 1993 Chevrolet he was driving. Three ounces of a substance believed to be cocaine was found in the center console of the vehicle.

The substance was seized and Matthews was arrested and booked into the jail. The charge is listed as a first-degree felony on the jail arrest record.

Gray Co. to observe Nat'l. County Government Week

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

said Precinct 3 County Commissioner Gerald Wright, who is in charge of the Friday events. Participating counties customarily choose one day of County Government Week to observe a County Government Day, he said.

Gray County will celebrate National County Government Week for the first time on Friday, April 23 with programs for the public at Gray County Courthouse.

"County Government Week has been going on for years, but this is the first time Gray County has participated in it."

A program on county government will be presented at 9:30 a.m. and again at 10:30 a.m. in the third-floor district

(See COUNTY, Page 3)

Travis 4th graders to plant oak tree at Pioneer Cottage

A living piece of history will find a new home in Pampa on San Jacinto Day, Wednesday, April 21, when the fourth grade students of Travis Elementary gather at 10 a.m. to plant a Stephen F. Austin live oak tree beside the Pioneer Cottage at Atchison Park.

Travis students will add dirt from their homes to the ground surrounding the tree and sing a Texas song as part of the ceremony. Those who are members of the Girl Scouts will assist with the pledge of allegiance to the U.S. and Texas flags. Mayor Lonny Robbins will give the invocation. White Deer Land Museum curator, Anne Davidson, will present a brief history of Stephen F. Austin. The public is invited.

The tree is a project of Houston businessman Bill Price who purchased the property located near West Columbia, Texas, where Stephen F. Austin was living at the time of his death. Price and his wife gathered acorns from the grant live oak

tree under which stands a Texas monument marking the place where Austin died on Dec. 27, 1836. The acorns have been propagated into trees certified by the Texas Forestry Association as disease-free and from that tree.

A tree has been designated for every county in Texas following the first planting at Austin's birthplace in Wythe County, Va. The second tree was planted at the entrance to the George Bush Presidential Library at College Station, followed by a tree planting at the Alamo. Las Pampas chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution has helped in distributing trees to Roberts, Wheeler and Donley counties, as well as Gray County.

Sponsoring the short program will be members of the Las Pampas DAR chapter and the Gray County Historical Commission, with the assistance of Travis Elementary fourth grade teachers, Ann Watson, Jerry Lane and Jill Miller.



(Courtesy photo)

Sam Houston IV, great-grandson of General Sam Houston, left, and donor Bill Price stand beside the Stephen F. Austin live oak tree to be planted at the Pioneer Cottage in Pampa.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Thursday, April 15

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of Lowry. A door frame and yard ornament were damaged. Estimated damage was \$225.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner. A suspect has been named and charges have been filed.

Friday, April 16

Theft was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. A vacuum cleaner owned by the City of Pampa was taken. Estimated loss was \$50.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill. A videocassette recorder owned by the City of Pampa was taken. Estimated loss was \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Sumner. A window was broken. Estimated damage was \$800.

Forgery was reported at the police department. The incident occurred in the 200 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Saturday, April 17

Criminal mischief over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported in the 400 block of North Lefors. A vehicle was scratched. Estimated damage was \$900.

A minor in possession party involving 30 or more juveniles was reported in the 400 block of Lefors Street. A number of citations were issued, and several juveniles fled. The juveniles who remained were able to assist in identifying those who ran. The juveniles who evaded arrest will be prosecuted, according to the police report. Narcotic drug law violations were also found at the location, according to the report.

Sunday, April 18

Mary Lou Carter, 52, Briscoe, was arrested at Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza, for assault causing bodily injury to a family member.

Wade Rae Wood, 31, 731 Naida, was arrested at Florida Avenue and Hobart Street for six capias pro fines, including three charges of issuing a bad check.

Paul Cantu, 37, Amarillo, was arrested at Finley Street and Gordon Avenue for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Soloman Morales, 39, 205 Miami, was arrested at Finley Street and Gordon Avenue for public intoxication.

AMBULANCE

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

Saturday, April 17

9:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Hazel and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 Highway 60 on a standby for the lawnmower races.

3:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

10:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported one to PRMC.

Sunday, April 18

1:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Lynn and transported one to PRMC.

7:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Hobart. No patient transport.

11:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to 3501 Soney, Amarillo.

12:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center and transported one to PRMC.

7:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

Monday, April 19

5:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

City Briefs

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OBITUARIES

LUCRETIA INEZ GIERHART HUBBARD

AMARILLO — Lucretia Inez Gierhart Hubbard, 83, died Friday, April 16, 2004, in Amarillo. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 19, 2004, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hubbard was born on Nov. 6, 1920, at Twitty, Texas, and had been a resident of Amarillo since 1965. She was a former long-time Pampa resident. She married William Lewis Hubbard on June 19, 1942, in Wheeler. He preceded her in death in 1961.

She worked for the Soil Conservation Service in both Pampa and Amarillo, and she retired from the research station at Bushland in 1983.

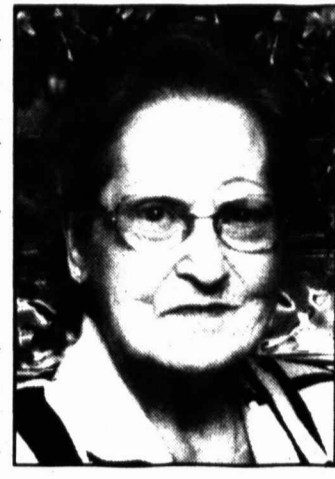
She was a member of San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo and was a former member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa.

Survivors include two daughters, Kaye

Ramey and husband Bob of Dumas and Sue Hagar and husband Roger of Hedley; one son, Billy Hubbard of Bartlesville, Okla.; one brother, Milton Gierhart of Shamrock; four grandchildren, Randy Ramey of Dumas, Kelly Patton of Hedley, Staci Kidd of Vega, and T.J. Hubbard of Denton; and three great-grandchildren, Jayda Cae Ramey of Skellytown, Miles Patton and Wesley Scott Patton, both of Hedley.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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



GLENN A. ROE

Glenn A. Roe, 82, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, in Pampa. Memorial services are to be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 20, 2004, in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church, officiating. Military honors will be conferred by U.S. Air Force personnel from Altus Air Force Base in Altus, Okla. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Roe was born on Nov. 19, 1921, a Lincoln, Neb. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1941 to 1944 during World War II as an aircraft mechanic. He married Marjorie Foster in 1948. She preceded him in death in 1965. He later married Myrtle Dee Gage on April 6, 1966, in Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. Roe worked in offshore drilling for 12 years in California before moving to Pampa in 1965. He owned and operated Glenn Roe's Landscaping, retiring in 2001. He was a former member of the Pampa VFW Post.

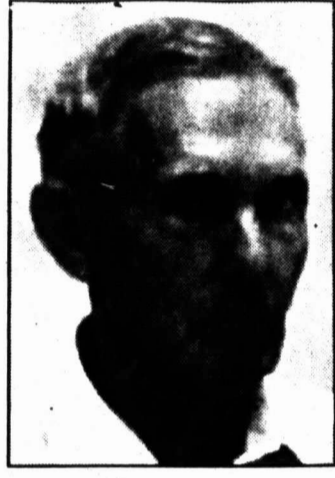
Survivors include his wife, Myrtle Dee Roe, of the home; two daughters, Connie McDowell and Lois Adamson, both of Pampa; two sons,

Lloyd Dean Searl of Ventura, Calif., and Robert Gage of Sweetwater; three sisters, B I a n c h e Amelang of Salem, Ore.; Virginia Suesz of Lincoln, Neb., and Dorothy Schwi of Grand Island, Neb.; three brothers, Kenneth Roe of Crestline, Calif., Don Roe of Grand Island, Neb., and Roger Roe of Alabama; 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the National Parkinson Foundation, 1501 NW 9th Ave., Bob Hope Road, Miami, Fla., 33136-1494.

The family will be at 1933 N. Christy in Pampa.

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



DOROTHY MARIE "DOT" DANCER WILSON

PARIS, Texas — Dorothy Marie "Dot" (Dancer) Wilson, 76, of Paris, Texas, died Saturday, April 17, 2004, at her residence after battling liver cancer. Graveside services are set for Tuesday, April 20, 2004, at 2 p.m. in the Restland Cemetery in Boswell, Okla. Dr. Randall Perry of the First Baptist Church in Paris, Texas, will be officiating. Services are under the direction of Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Home of Hugo, Okla.

The family will receive friends immediately following the burial at the Prater-Lampton-Mills & Coffey Funeral Chapel in Boswell, Okla. Before renovation, the funeral chapel in Boswell was Mrs. Wilson's homeplace from adolescence until departing after marriage.

Mrs. Wilson was born on Jan. 23, 1928, in Boswell, Okla. She was one of 10 girls and three boys born to Harmon and Bertha (Fisher) Dancer. She married Emil Claude Wilson, son of Luther and Clara Wilson of Soper, Okla., on June 4, 1947, in Hot Springs, Ark. They spent 40 years of their married life in West Texas, mainly Pampa. He was employed by Panhandle Industrial Co., Inc., as the shop superintendent. Dorothy, a beautician and seamstress, owned and operated Dot's Beauty Salon in Pampa and I'Deal Hair by Dot after moving to Paris, Texas, in 1989.

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Paris, Texas, where she served as the substitute teacher for the Lydia Sunday School Class.

Being civic minded, Dorothy served her

community well as a member of the Kiwanianne Club of Paris for 15 years. She was awarded Kiwanianne of the Year 1991-1992 and 2002-2003 and served as president in 1993-1994.

Mrs. Wilson was preceded in death by her parents and eight of her siblings.

Survivors include her husband, Emil, of the home in Paris, Texas; her son and daughter-in-law, Greg and Peggy Wilson of Dallas; her daughter, Tamra Whittenburg of Paris, Texas; two grandchildren, Emilia Whittenburg Adams of Shreveport, La., and Heath Whittenburg of Frisco; three sisters, Wilmoth Schuessler of Boswell, Okla.; Prebble Tucker of Longview, and Joan Elmore of Paris, Texas; one brother, D.L. Dancer of Powderly, along with numerous other significant relatives.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Paris, Texas, and the American Cancer Society.

Dorothy Marie Wilson was a generous and robust Christian woman who lived life to the fullest while putting the needs of her family and friends first. She will be greatly missed.



SERVICES TOMORROW

WILSON, Dorothy Marie — 2 p.m., graveside, Restland Cemetery, Boswell, Okla.

ROE, Glenn A. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel.

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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, April 16

3:50 p.m. — A 1994 Dodge Intrepid, driven by Angela Dawn Hall, 16, 1601 W. Somerville #1305, and a 2000 Ford Taurus, driven by Jo Lynn Brauchi, 21, 805 N. Russell, collided in the 900 block of North Hobart. Brauchi was transported by Rural/Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with possible injuries. Hall was cited for failure to yield right of way from a private drive.

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SHERIFF

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

Saturday, April 17

William Baker, 48, 1235 S. Finley, was arrested for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age in the vehicle.

Sunday, April 18

Debbie Alvarado Ramirez, 38, 325 Doyle, was arrested for driving while intoxicated/open container.

Randy Earl Matthews, 28, Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

FIRE

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

Sunday, April 18

10:03 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1300 block of Russell. None was found.

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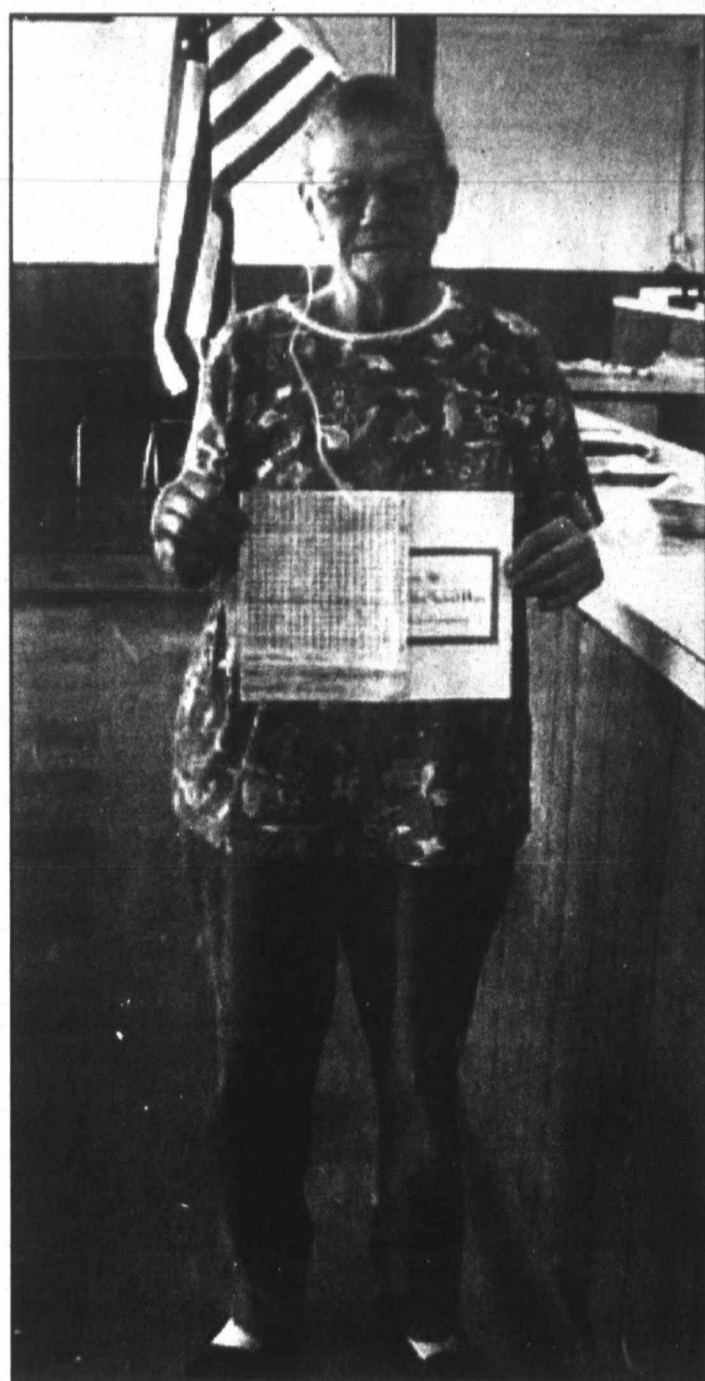
The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.53
Milo	4.96
Corn	5.62
Soybeans	8.87

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

EDJ	49.14	+0.53
BP	53.96	-0.29
Celanese	43.88	-0.65
Cabot Corp.	52.68	-0.25
Cabot Oil Gas	35.03	+0.21
Coca Cola	52.84	+0.91
VLO	58.89	+0.59
HAL	30.66	-0.02
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Easter Contest winner



(Pampa News photo) LaRue Cates of Canadian receives a certificate for a ham donated by Clint & Sons Smokehouse as winner of The Pampa News' recent Easter Scramble Contest.

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COUNTY

courtroom at the courthouse, 205 N. Russell. County Judge Richard Peet will begin the program with a talk on recent restoration of the courthouse.

District Judge Lee Waters will talk on how juries are selected. County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead will speak on voter registration and will provide help for anyone who is not a registered voter but

would like to register. A videotape produced by the Texas Association of Counties will be shown. The tape explains how each county office works and how county government works, Wright said.

County offices will be open, and officeholders will be available to answer questions.

"This is an opportunity for people and students who haven't seen the courthouse since its remodeling to see it

and also ask officeholders questions," Wright said.

Students from high schools in the county, Pampa Learning Center and Clarendon College-Pampa Campus have been invited to the presentation, as well as the general public.

"What we're trying to do is get the public, as well as students, who are interested in county government to come down and listen to the program and visit with officeholders," Wright said.

FISH

New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

Renne Lohofener of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife's Texas office told the CRMWA board that he did not want to designate critical habitat for the Arkansas River Shiner, but his agency was required to by the Endangered Species Act.

Lohofener said, however, that if a management plan could be established for the shiner to ensure its viability, then his agency wouldn't have to designate critical habitat.

He suggested that CRMWA, a member of the coalition that sued the Fish and Wildlife Service, take the lead in a salt cedar control plan, a project in which they are already involved, and as part of the project establish a management plan for the minnow. Lohofener said that his

agency would be happy to assist them and any other group that would join.

Lohofener said a plan to control salt cedar along the Canadian River would help increase water flow into Lake Meredith and at the same time improve the habitat for the shiner. He indicated that federal funds were available to help with such a program.

Rod Goodwin, who heads the salt cedar control program for CRMWA, told the board that a mature salt cedar tree would suck up as much as 200 gallons of water a day. An acre of salt cedar trees, as many as 3,000 to 4,000, would use up to seven acre-feet of water per year. He said there are an estimated 5,000 to 10,000 acres of salt cedar along the Canadian River and its tributaries between Ute Dam at Logan and Lake Meredith.

John Williams, the former CRMWA general manager and now a consultant to the water authority, told the board that state law prohibits CRMWA from contracting with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

There appeared to be some interest in such a program among some of the member cities.

In the original notice printed in the Federal Register, the

FWS indicated that water flow in the Canadian River was tied to the Ogallala Aquifer, the large underground water bearing formation beneath the Texas Panhandle. In later interviews, FWS officials said there didn't appear to be any connection between water flow in the river and the aquifer, but there does not appear to be anything in writing to that effect.



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Strayhorn: Perry's plan creates \$10 billion deficit in state budget

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's school finance and property tax reduction plan would create a \$10 billion deficit in the state budget over the next five years, Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said Monday.

A study by Strayhorn's office includes Perry's call for property tax reductions as well as new revenue the state would collect by expanding gambling with video lottery at race tracks, a \$1-per-pack tax increase on cigarettes and a \$5 tax on some adult entertainment.

"It factors in everything the governor has proposed," Strayhorn spokesman Mark Sanders told The Associated Press. "It still leaves the state \$10 billion short over the next five years."

Perry did not address Strayhorn's estimates during his opening remarks about his plan Monday to the legislative Joint Select Committee on School Finance but later told reporters he had not seen Strayhorn's numbers and wouldn't comment on their accuracy.

"I invite anyone who has a better plan, or another plan, to lay it out in a positive and constructive way. That's all I would ask of the comptroller or anyone else," Perry told reporters.

Perry spokeswoman Kathy Walt later said that Strayhorn had been wrong about some of her budget projections before the 2003 legislative session.

Strayhorn had projected the state would face a \$5 billion shortfall but the day before that session was to start, she put the budget shortfall at \$9.9 billion.

Strayhorn told Perry's office of her findings in a letter to the governor delivered Monday about an hour before Perry was to speak to the committee.

Strayhorn and Perry, both Republicans, have feuded publicly several times over the last two years over policy and state spending. Strayhorn has not ruled out a run for governor in 2006, when Perry would be

seeking a second four-year term.

Perry says his plan would cut school property taxes by \$6 billion and pump \$2.5 billion into public schools.

Perry's plan offers homeowners an immediate 17-percent property tax reduction, which could eventually reach 50 percent in the future if state budget surpluses are available to "buy down" the tax rate.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Dinner Conversation Leaves Deaf Guest Out of the Loop

DEAR ABBY: I was at a dinner party recently. One of the guests, who was totally deaf, was completely ignored. Not once did anyone attempt to include him in the conversation. I don't know how he stood it.

After dinner I talked to him. He told me he is used to being ignored by hearing people at parties and hated attending them. He was there to please his wife, who is not deaf.

He spoke well and was good at lip-reading. He was intelligent, knowledgeable, and has a good job. He told me he would bring a good book to these gatherings if his wife didn't think it'd be rude.

Abby, how would you have handled this? I'm going to send your answer to every person I know. -- SHOCKED BY THE RUDENESS

DEAR SHOCKED: A gracious hostess tries her best to assure that all of her guests will have a good time, and facilitates conversation. If I had been the hostess, I would have spoken with the couple in advance and elicited some interesting facts about the man. Then I would have shared them with the rest of my guests, as well as the fact that he could lip-read.

The alternative would be to "casually" mention that he is distantly related to Warren Buffett or Bill Gates, or that he's connected in the motion picture business. But then you'd probably have to hire police protection to keep the other guests from mobbing him. (Only joking!)

DEAR ABBY: My husband "Rick's" former wife, "Pearl," is determined to spoil Father's Day for my husband. It happens every year. They have four grown children; the youngest is 28. Pearl invites all of the children to her house for dinner on Father's Day. She also invites Rick's father. (Rick and his father don't have the best relationship.)

I know she does it to hurt Rick. There are 52 weeks in a year, and she could invite Rick's dad over on any of the other 51 weekends. She is so conniving that even a 4-year-old could see through her.

Rick and I never interfere with her plans for Mother's Day or any other holiday.

We can't make plans in advance and outfox her because she always issues the invitation so far in advance. Does she have a lack of class or what? How can we get around this? -- FRUSTRATED IN WISCONSIN

DEAR FRUSTRATED: Discuss this situation with Rick's father and the children. Tell the children their father would love to have them spend Father's Day with him from now on. After all, it is supposed to be HIS special day. Say the same thing to Rick's father, and it might be a step in the right direction in mending their relationship. If they are unwilling to cooperate, the two of you should make special plans of your own on Father's Day.

DEAR ABBY: This question is very important to an elderly friend of mine, and I don't have the answer. Abby, if you are born on Feb. 29, what day do you celebrate on the years that are not leap years? No one I've asked seems to know. -- LULA IN LAKE CHARLES, LA.

DEAR LULA: There are several ways to deal with it. Celebrate the big day on Feb. 28 or March 1 -- or if he or she would prefer to age more slowly, celebrate the birthday only every four years!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

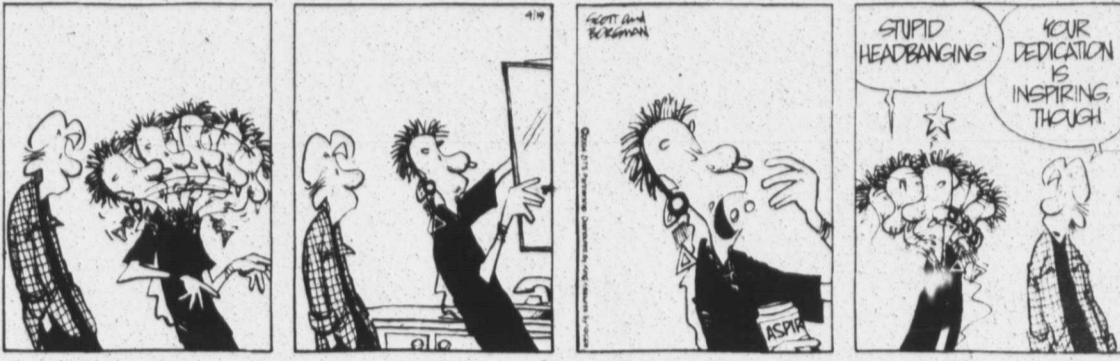
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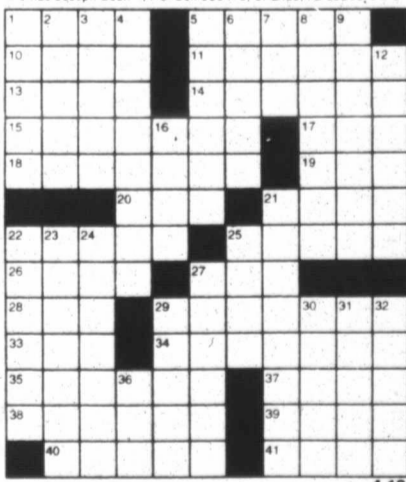
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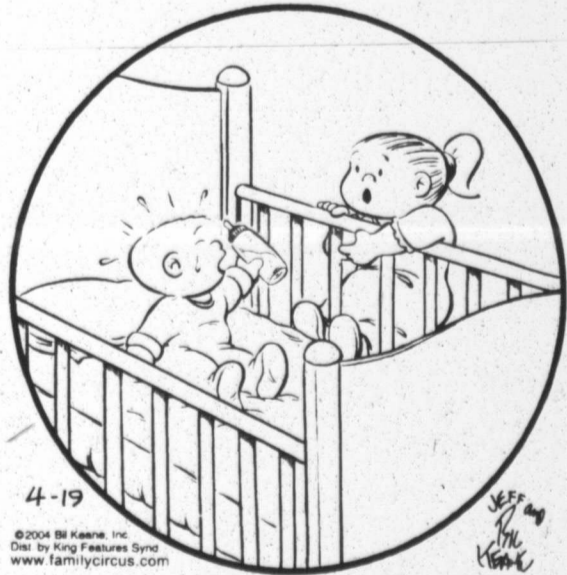
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SPORTS

Dumas edges Pampa to claim district title

DUMAS — Followers of 3-4A softball in the Top of Texas area knew that the headliner for Saturday was a matchup of the #1 and #2 playoff bound teams in district. The Pampa Lady Harvesters traveled to Deamonette field looking to avenge an earlier 2-0 extra inning loss March 23 on their home field in Pampa.

With a large crowd in attendance, Dumas, down 2-0 in the 4th, rallied to tie, then added the eventual winning run with the aid of an error in the 5th to clinch the district championship with a 3-2 win.

Pampa (9-2 district, 16-9-1) came out strong in the first inning getting consecutive hits from Amy Youree, Callie Cobb, and Stacey Johnson to load the bases with only one away.

With Dumas starter Jordan Gresham in a huge jam, Pampa's starter Nicole Clark just got under the ball for a high infield fly out, then with two outs Gresham got designated player Brittany Adams swinging at one of her fastballs to retire the side.

Pampa also put the bats to work in their top half of

the second when Whitney Roden's infield pop up to second was mishandled allowing her to reach base. Teryn Garner then ripped a first pitch single setting up the Lady Harvesters again this time with no outs and two runners on base. Senior third baseman Haley Bowen then lined to Deamonette shortstop Meisha Patterson, who made a diving catch, then flipped the ball to second for a double play ending once again a rally by the Lady Harvesters. Gresham then got a weak ground ball out to finish off the inning with Pampa going quietly.

In the top of the third Pampa finally broke through with the benefit of base hits again by Youree and Johnson, a RBI single by Clark along with a sacrifice fly RBI off the bat of Whitney Roden. Leading 2-0 with Clark on the mound, Pampa fans saw a good chance of knocking off Dumas and possibly forcing a playoff game for seeding in bi-district play at the conclusion of regular play.

However, to the large group of Pampa fans in the first base bleachers

that hope would disappear as Dumas picked up 2 runs in their half of the fourth with only one hit, two bases on balls, and an error that allowed the tying run in for the Deamonettes. Dumas (10-0; 20-5) added another in the fifth.

Patterson led off with her second hit in the game, took another base on an infield error by Pampa and scored off a sac fly by Dumas catcher Shandi Davis. That would be all it took, Pampa picked up only one hit after the third inning as clearly their momentum was gone with the emotion of a tough loss hanging heavy on the girls' minds. Dumas swept the two game series this year but the two teams were a mirror image on hitting and pitching. Pampa coach Bobbi Gill said after the game: "It was a very tough loss for the girls; I didn't have to say much. They knew what had cost them the game."

Pampa had several opportunities wasted by not getting the extra bases when the occasions arose. Also in the game were some controversial plays as one would expect in a game of this mag-

nitude. The use of a third field umpire would have been a key in certain situations. Officials say there are not enough umpires to cover all the high school games that take place in the Texas Panhandle with three in each game.

Clark (12-6 overall) and her battery mate Logan Winkelman worked well together during the game with Clark going 6 innings, allowing five hits, issuing four walks while recording only one strikeout. The Lady Harvesters continued their good play in the field with only one error while Dumas had one also. Another part of the game that was unusual was the fact that the leadoff hitter for both teams went 0 for 4 with both having four infield outs each and not reaching base.

Pampa will be open Tuesday April 20 but will resume play April 24, when the Lady Harvesters host the Caprock Lady Longhorns in their final home game of 2004.

Pampa will be in the Class 4A playoffs for the second year in a row. The playoffs begin in early May.

NOTEBOOK

BASKETBALL

SECAUCUS, N.J. (AP) — Diana Taurasi was selected first overall in the WNBA draft by the Phoenix Mercury on Saturday.

The Washington Mystics selected Alana Beard from Duke with the second pick.

GOLF

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — Stewart Cink came from nine strokes down to force a playoff, then beat Ted Purdy with a birdie on the fifth extra hole to win the MCI Heritage on Sunday.

Cink shot a 7-under 64 to win his first title in four years.

Cink had six birdies and an eagle to catch Purdy at 10-under 274. Purdy struggled to a 2-over 73.

After Purdy and Cink matched pars for four holes, Cink birdied No. 16 after knocking a shot from a waste bunker about 6 feet from the hole.

Television viewers called in saying Cink broke a rule by removing loose stones and impediments before his clutch bunker shot, and PGA officials watched about 10 replays of the shot with Cink before ruling it legal.

HOCKEY

OTTAWA (AP) — Mike Fisher saved his captain's honor and the Ottawa Senators' title hopes — at least for one more game.

Fisher scored 1:47 into double overtime to give Ottawa a 2-1 victory over Toronto on Sunday night, forcing a seventh game in the first-round playoff series.

Following a 2-0 loss Friday night that put Ottawa on the brink of elimination, Senators captain Daniel Alfredsson guaranteed the team would win Games 6 and 7.

"Our captain said big things and that's something that brings you closer as a team," said Antoine Vermette, who set up Fisher's goal. "It's not just one player. Daniel played a great game, and the guys wanted to play hard and come up with some character and passion. That was one key. We didn't give up."

Fisher made the first part of Alfredsson's promise come true when he redirected Vermette's pass across the crease into a wide-open left side, setting off a wild celebration.

"It happened so fast that I'd have to see it again to visualize it," Fisher said.

The Senators, who came within one win of reaching the Stanley Cup finals last season before losing to eventual champion New Jersey, have been eliminated from the playoffs by the Maple Leafs three of the last four years.

"We bounced back and we were able to get a big win, but we still have a lot to prove in Game 7," Fisher said. "It's going to be huge for us."

The series finale is Tuesday night in Toronto.

Harvesters qualify for track regionals

PLAINVIEW — Hurdler Greg Wiley, high jumpers Keisha Lee and Jaelyn Spearman, long jumper Kendall Stokes will be representing Pampa in the individual events at the regional track meet starting April 30 in San Angelo.

The boys 400-meter relay team of Johnny Moore, Greg Wiley, Jesse Tarango and Marc Williams also qualified for regionals.

Wiley was the only Harvester who came away with the gold medal at last weekend's District 3-4 meet. Wiley won the 110 hurdles with a time of 14.67. Taking second behind Wiley was Palo Duro's Chris Johnson at 15.31.

Lee was the Lady Harvesters lone winner, taking first in the high jump, clearing 5-4. Spearman was right behind Lee in second place at 5-2.

Stokes was second in the long jump in the girls division, clearing 16-8 1/4 feet.

The 400-meter boys relay team placed second with a time of 43.68.

The top two finishers in each event at district qualified for regionals.

District 3-4A Meet Pampa results

Varsity Boys
Total Points: 54, 4th place
Field Events:
Discus: Micheal Ferguson, 5th place, 127' 4"
Triple Jump: Julian Salazar, 6th place, 39' 8"
Running Events:
400 Relay (Johnny Moore, Greg Wiley, Jesse Tarango, Marc Williams): 2nd place, 43.68*
110 Hurdles: Greg Wiley, 1st place, 14.67*
James Coffee, 5th place, 15.96
800 Relay (same as 400 Relay): 3rd place, 1:32.16
400: Chris Perez, 4th place, 55.57

300 Hurdles: James Coffee, 6th place, 43.62
200: Jesse Tarango, 3rd place, 22.28

Varsity Girls
Total Points: 81, 3rd place
Field Events:

Long Jump: Kendall Stokes, 2nd place, 16' 8 1/4**
Alyssa Bromwell, 3rd place, 16' 2 3/4"
Triple Jump: Kendall Stokes, 3rd place, 34' 5"
Jaelyn Spearman, 7th place, n/a
Pole Vault: Brittany Irvin, 2nd place, 7' 6**

High Jump: Keisha Lee, 1st place, 5' 4**
Jaelyn Spearman, 2nd place, 5' 2**

Running Events-
400 Relay (Nicole Fernui, Monica Johnson, Erica Cox, Katlin Passini): 6th place, 53.40

800: Jerica Timmons, 5th place, 2:40
100 Hurdles: Kendall Stokes, 3rd place, 15.47
Alyssa Bromwell, 5th place, 16.96

Nicole Fernui, 6th place, 17.96

800 Relay (Erica Cox, Katlin Passini, Alyssa Bromwell, Monica Johnson): 6th place, 1:55.87

300 Hurdles: Kendall Stokes, 3rd place, 49.81
200: Alyssa Bromwell, 5th place, 28.87
1600: Heather Dills, 3rd place, 5:52.23

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Regional Qualifiers Junior Varsity Boys
Total Points: 45, 6th place
Field Events:

Triple Jump: David Meyer, 3rd place, 37' 11 3/4"
Running Events:
400 Relay: 3rd Place, 46.09
800 Relay: 3rd place, 1:38.44
400: David Meyer, 3rd place, 54.72

Junior Varsity Girls
Total Points: 61, 4th place
Field Events:

Long Jump: 1st place, Alicia Kirkwood, 14' 11 1/2"
Running Events:
400 Relay: 2nd place, 55.42

Red Cross scramble



Matt Weatherly (r-l) Howard Wells, Jana Gregory, Executive Director Gray County Red Cross, David Teichmann, and Willie Nickelberry are making plans for the Gray County Chapter's annual golf scramble set for May 1 at Hidden Hills. Golfers interested in entering the four-person scramble can call 669-5866 or 669-7121 for more information. Entry fee is \$40, which includes cart and green fees.

Spurs don't plan to let up on Grizzlies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs learned from the mistake they made last year.

As the top seed in the West, they came out flat and lost their playoff opener to the Phoenix Suns.

That memory motivated the Spurs in their 98-74 victory over Memphis in Game 1 on Saturday night. They have no plans to let up Monday night in the second game of the best-of-seven series.

"It was a big disappointment the way we lost (to the Suns), and we didn't want to repeat it," San Antonio guard Manu Ginobili said. "We wanted to be tough, aggressive and don't slow down for

48 minutes." Spurs coach Gregg Popovich knows his postseason-savvy players won't need to be reminded about how much Game 2 means.

"I'm not going to give them a Knute Rockne or 'Hey, watch out guys,'" Popovich said. "They're too old for that."

But the Spurs might be hard-pressed to improve on Saturday's win.

They shot 54 percent and held Memphis to a season-low 34.8 percent. They scored 50 points in the paint, double the Grizzlies' total. They forced 20 turnovers, 11 of them in the fourth quarter.

"It's team defense for us — we rotate, we help," said Tim Duncan, who had 26 points. "We're not going to say one guy is going to have to stop everybody."

That share-the-burden philosophy limited Pau Gasol, top scorer and rebounder for Memphis, to only one basket in the first half and two rebounds in his first playoff appearance.

"It was more physical than I expected, but now I know what the deal is," said Gasol, who finished with 14 points on 3-for-11 shooting. "We've got to attack them a little harder, go strong to the rim, finish hard and forget about everything else."

Mariners' Moyer tosses three-hitter at Rangers

SEATTLE (AP) — Jamie Moyer isn't too worried about Seattle's rough start.

Moyer pitched three-hit ball for eight innings and Dan Wilson hit a three-run double, leading the Mariners to a 4-1 win over the Texas Rangers on Saturday night.

Moyer (1-1) returned to the form he showed as a first-time All-Star and 21-game winner last year. He got off to a slow start this season with a loss and no-decision in his first two outings.

"I was getting ahead in the counts and throwing strikes," Moyer said. "I had one spell, maybe the third or fourth inning, where I walked two guys. I just felt like I had real

good command and I was able to keep the ball down. I had some good plays behind me and we scored some runs."

He gave up one run with five strikeouts and two walks, improving to 13-3 lifetime against the Rangers by beating them for the seventh straight time. Moyer hasn't lost to Texas since July 4, 2001.

"He is a great pitcher," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "You can do everything. You can look at film. You can look at scouting reports and still it doesn't do you any good when you get in the box against him."

Eddie Guardado pitched the ninth for Seattle's first save of the season. Scott Spiezio, who

came off the disabled list before the game, doubled and singled in his Mariners debut.

"This was our first lineup, the lineup we envisioned on opening day," manager Bob Melvin said. "We brought a little energy. Jamie did his thing. Dan-O got a big hit. It ended up being the type of game that we feel are our games."

The Mariners finally were able to relax and have some fun on the field after they tied the franchise's worst start at 2-8.

"The statement has been thrown around a lot in the last 10 days around here, but it's a long year," Moyer said. "It's a fact. It's a really long year."

Spiezio was on the disabled list for the first two weeks with

soft tissue damage in his back, but finally showed why the Mariners signed him as a free agent last winter.

"It's great to come back and be able to play," Spiezio said. "The biggest thing, though, was to win as a team. Hopefully, we can start rolling."

Activated shortly after batting practice, his fourth-inning single was Seattle's first hit. Spiezio also started the sixth with a double off the wall in left and scored on a single by Rich Aurilia.

"We have guys behind me who are capable of driving in runs from third," Aurilia said. "I was just trying to go the other way."

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Members of Lefors One-Act Play "The Oil Well" received recognition at One Act Play UIL competition recently. Katie Barnes; Savannah Smith and Chris Czubinski all received "Honorable Mention All-Star Cast." Katie portrayed "Mrs. Loula Thornton in the play; Savannah, Thelma Doris Thornton; and Chris, Will Thornton. The high school play was directed by Karen Reeves, far right.

Great Plains Future of Agriculture Symposium set this week in Borger

BORGER — Whether you eat steak or raise cattle, you are sure to find the "Great Plains Future of Agriculture Symposium" of interest. The symposium is slated from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Service Drilling Center for Innovation and Technology located on the campus of Frank Phillips College.

Registration will begin at 8 a.m.

Dr. Herbert Swender, president of FPC, will open the program, and Lewis T. Britt of Amarillo, district office representative for U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, will give opening remarks.

Tom Benton, Extension agricultural and natural resources agent, Hutchinson County, will provide an overview of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, also known as BSE.

Dr. Ted McCollum,

Extension beef cattle specialist for the Panhandle and the South Plains, will address animal identification and country-of-origin labeling concerns. McCollum is headquartered at Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo.

After a steak luncheon at the Borger Dome, speakers from Washington, D.C., will deliver keynote addresses with the help of videoconferencing technology.

Dr. James G. Butler, USDA, deputy under secretary for farm and foreign agriculture services, will explore BSE and animal identification issues. Bryan Dierlam, director of legislative affairs for the National Cattleman's Board Association, will review industry perspective on BSE.

Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Seating will be limited to

the first 200 registrants. The noon luncheon will be provided by J3 Chuck Wagon caterers. J3 will be cooking out of an historic 1890s wagon which has been inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City. The wagon was the first-ever wagon to be inducted into the hall of fame.

For more information, call (806) 878-4026, (806) 659-4132 or (806) 435-4501.

Sponsors for the event will include Texas Cooperative Extension in Hutchinson, Hansford, Hemphill Lipscomb and Ochiltree counties, Frank Phillips College, Borger Chamber of Commerce and Borger Economic Development Corporation.

Without high-profile violence, some afraid school safety gets short shrift

DENVER (AP) — When 16-year-old Sean Fitzpatrick walked into his Spokane, Wash., high school last fall and fired a shot into a classroom wall, authorities quickly responded.

School officials evacuated 2,000 students and within 15 minutes of the first 911 call, a SWAT team had contained the teenager inside a chemistry lab.

Although the Spokane school was well-prepared, experts warned as the five-year anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre approached Tuesday that the focus on school security has declined.

Even in Colorado, some schools have not followed up on recommendations and the use of prevention programs has diminished.

"The problem is that when public attention fades away, momentum also does," said state Assistant Attorney General Don Quick, who served on the Columbine Review Commission and continues to meet with school officials on safety issues. "We're trying to prevent that."

On April 20, 1999, two teenagers walked into Columbine High School in Littleton with guns, knives and bombs and killed 12 students and a teacher before killing themselves.

In response, schools across the nation adopted violence prevention and response programs. They also worked more closely with law enforcement — a relationship that came under scrutiny in the aftermath of the Columbine attack.

At Columbine, no officers entered the building until about 40 minutes after the first 911 call from the school. Critics have said that decision might have contributed to the death of

teacher Dave Sanders, who bled to death from gunshot wounds. For decades, police were trained under a doctrine that had patrol officers wait until SWAT teams could be assembled to enter shooting scenes.

"We realize now that time is not on our side," said Curt Lavarello, executive director of the National Association of School Resource Officers.

After Columbine, a review panel recommended that Colorado schools develop violence prevention and response plans and update them regularly, and install a formal procedure to assess students as potential threats.

Children were encouraged to report suspicious behavior by other students, a tactic that has led to numerous arrests or expulsions nationwide, and schools began using anti-bullying programs.

But while Columbine prompted schools to catch up on a decade of negligence regarding safety planning, progress has stalled and schools nation-

wide are in a dangerous backslide, said Kenneth Trump, president of a Cleveland consulting firm, National School Safety and Security Services.

Administrators faced with a choice of hiring a security officer or a tutor are likely to go with a tutor because of the increasing emphasis on test scores, Trump said. And tight budgets leave teachers precious little time for crisis or anti-violence training.

"Because of our human nature, the reality is that we're at high risk of not moving forward again until there's another spate of high-profile (school violence) incidents," Trump said.

Surveys show that public school students in Jefferson County, the home district for Columbine, feel more secure and believe that employees deal effectively with bullies, said spokesman Rick Kaufman. Students also are increasingly willing to report threats or suspicious behavior by other students.

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Families observe Oklahoma City bomb anniversary as Terry Nichols trial resumes

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Children of Oklahoma City bombing victims — hailed as "portraits of our survival" — read victims' names Monday as survivors and relatives marked nine years since the devastating blast.

The solemn observation at the Oklahoma City National Memorial began at 9:02 a.m., the minute the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was destroyed by a fuel oil and fertilizer bomb on April 19, 1995.

They observed 168 seconds of silence, one second for each of those who died, before children began reading the names.

"These children, like all of you and our city, are portraits of our survival," said Frank Hill, chairman of the foundation that supports the memorial, which is built on the site where the Murrah building once stood.

"Thousands come to this memorial every week to find peace, hope and serenity," Hill said Monday.

Trial continued in McAlester for bombing conspirator Terry Nichols.

Nichols, 49, is serving a life

sentence on federal convictions for his role in the bombing. He was convicted of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter for the deaths of eight federal law enforcement officers.

Nichols is on trial for 161 counts of first-degree murder for the deaths of the other 160 victims and one victim's fetus. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

Before the start of testimony Monday, prosecutors said they expected to finish their case on May 3 or May 4, six weeks after they first began presenting evidence.

Nichols' attorney Brian Hermanson said the defense will begin presenting its case May 6.

Prosecutors have called 105 witnesses to testify. About 180 witnesses were on the prosecution's witness list.

Nichols was at home the day the bomb exploded. But prosecutors allege he helped bomber Timothy McVeigh build the homemade 4,000-pound ammonium-nitrate-and-fuel-oil bomb and pack it inside a Ryder truck the day before.

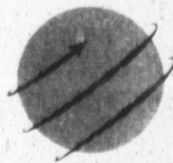
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