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Scott files objection to Roach affidavit

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

An objection to a June 10 affidavit of financial status concerning Rick Roach, former 31st District attorney, was filed today in the 31st District Clerk's office by

Perryton attorney David Scott, who was named special prosecutor earlier this year to explore bringing state criminal charges against Roach.

The objection to affidavit states: "Under oath taken by

Elaine Peebles, Mr. Roach made false statements in the Affidavit of Financial Status."

The objection identifies the false statements:

"Statements made in the affidavit are false as follows:"

The objection duplicates sections of Roach's affidavit. Roach's answers are in italics.

"7. Do you own any land? N/A if so what is the land worth? N/A Where is the land located? N/A.

"8. Do you own a car, and

if so, what kind of car N/A What is the fair market value of any property? N/A Do you owe money on the car, and if so, how much? N/A

"9. What other assets/property do you own?"

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Cleaning up

City to get rid of abandoned buildings

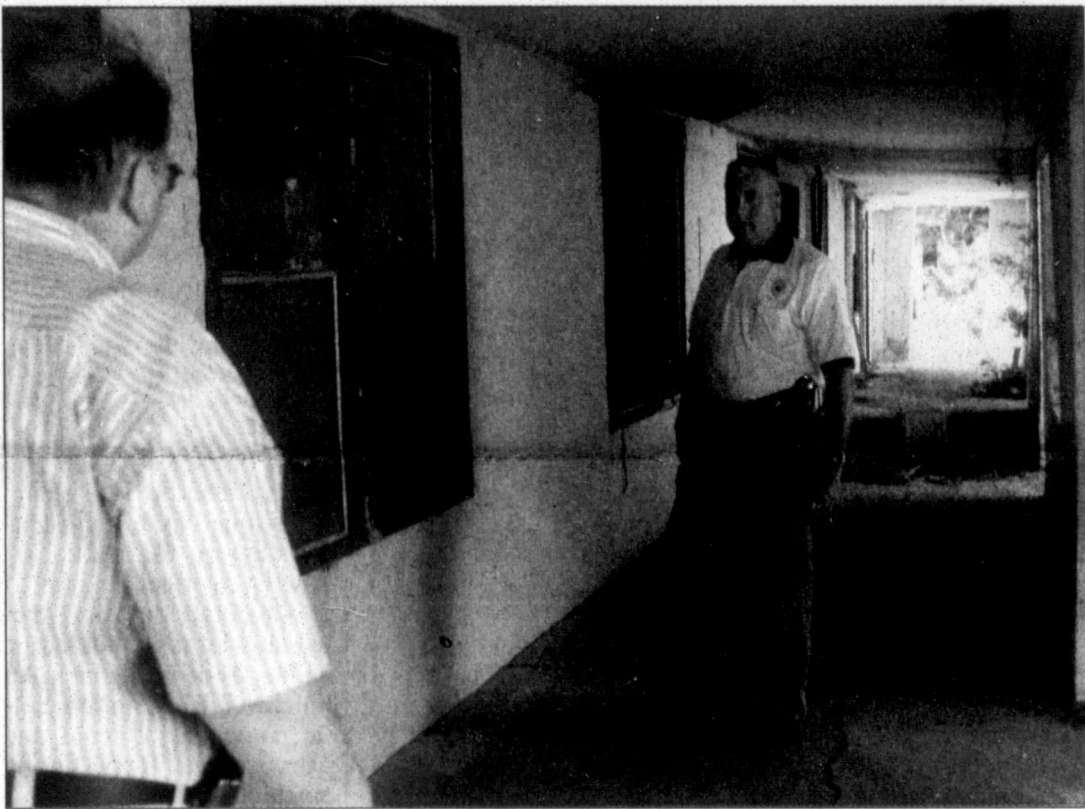
By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

City Manager John Horst and Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner pushed their way through the vines, weeds and shrubbery that have overgrown what was once a prosperous apartment complex at Ballard and Tyng streets.

The stucco structures are now abandoned amidst the jungle of vines of an unkept landscape. Jagged glass stands in the broken windows. Graffiti is splashed across the bare walls inside.

"There are about 17 units here," Horst said, pushing aside a broken door and stepping into a room littered with liquor bottles and a mattress with cigarette burns on it, mute testimony to recent residents.

"We occasionally run transients out of here," Chief Pitner said. Stuck between the railroad tracks and U.S. Highway 60, Pitner said the abandoned buildings are a magnet for the homeless moving through Pampa.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Pampa City Manager John Horst, left, and Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner inspect what's left of an abandoned apartment complex at the corner of Ballard and Tyng. The 17-unit complex is scheduled to be torn down this summer as part of the city's effort at clearing away abandoned buildings.

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Tire Amnesty Day brings in 2,000 old tires

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Tire Amnesty Day was a success, according to Pampa city officials.

Collette Dudley, administrative assistant for the City of Pampa, said the city collected more than 2,000 used tires during their tire amnesty day Saturday.

Hobart Street Park was opened Saturday for citizens wanting to clean up their property and get rid of used tires.

Dudley said the city had two employees at the park and Gray County Commissioner Gary Willoughby had four county employees.

City Manager John Horst said the city has long been concerned

about tires that were being dumped in vacant lots or left in unattended areas. Besides being a blight on the city, he said they presented a health threat. Mosquitoes would breed in water that collected in the tires creating a risk of spreading diseases like West Nile Virus.

"We will take the tires to Tyre King Recycling in Plainview," Dudley said. "They will take the tires off our hands for free."

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New project to be topic of meeting series

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The first of a series of meetings concerning Pampa's new business incubator is scheduled for next week at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices.

The luncheon meeting is planned for noon, Tuesday, June 28, in the M.K. Brown Room at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices.

Dan Redd with West Texas A&M University Enterprise Network said there will be four or five

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Business Expo

Lucas Almanza examines a pair of boots at Slim's Boot and Saddle Shop booth Saturday during Pampa's 2005 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Job Fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

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Obituaries

Maria Elena Mendoza, 53

Maria Elena Mendoza, 53, died Sunday, June 19, 2005, in Amarillo. Vigil service will be at 6 p.m., Monday, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and Mass will 11 a.m., Tuesday, June 21, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Hector Madrigal, pastor of Holy Angels Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.



Mendoza

Mrs. Mendoza was born March 12, 1952, in Alpine. She was a resident of Pampa since 1972 moving from Odessa. She was formerly employed at Furr's Cafeteria in Pampa.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and a Cursillista.

Survivors include two daughters, Margaret Cabrera and Becky Kieser, both of Pampa; her parents, Ines and Petra Mendoza of Pampa; seven sisters, Susana Flores, Celia Mendoza and Maria Estella Martinez, all of Oklahoma City, Elydia Olivas of Odessa, Paula Mendoza of Rio Rancho, N.M., Rita Ulloa of Pampa and Ynez Huerta of Plainview; four brothers, Mike Mendoza and Jessy Mendoza, both of Pampa, Juan Mendoza of Odessa and Raymond Mendoza of Gatesville and two grandsons.

Memorials may be made to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

Mrs. Mendoza will be available for viewing 9 a.m., Monday, June 20, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

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

Xavier Emilio Vasquez, 25 days

Xavier Emilio Vasquez, 25 days old, died Sunday, June 19, 2005, in Amarillo. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Hector Madrigal, pastor of Holy Angel Catholic Church in Childress. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

He was born May 26, 2005, in Amarillo. Survivors include his parents, Emilio Vasquez and Raquel Godoy, both of Pampa;

two sisters, Destany Vasquez and Olivia Vasquez, both of Pampa; one brother, Hector Urrutia, Jr., of Pampa; paternal grandmother, Adelfa Silva of Pampa; and maternal grandparents, Angela and Ascencion Perez of Pampa; and four aunts.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

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

Services tomorrow

- SKEEN**, Pearl W. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Miami Cemetery, Miami.
MENDOZA, Maria Elena — Mass, 11 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.
VASQUEZ, Xavier Emilio — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Fairview Cemetery.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Flagpole Raising

Workers this morning help position one of two flagpoles to be placed on the south lawn of Gray County Courthouse. Funds for the two flagpoles, one for the American flag and the other for the Texas flag, were donated by members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657. The courthouse's south lawn is currently being renovated as part of the Texas Historical Commission's project.

Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South wind around 15 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 71. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 92. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Tuesday night: Mostly clear, with a low near 68.
 South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. South wind around 15 mph.
 Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Thursday night: Clear, with a low around 70. South wind around 15 mph.
 Friday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low near 67.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95.
 Saturday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, June 18

Twelve traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of 20th and Holly streets, the 2200 block of North Zimmers, and the 1700 block of Aspen.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Brown and Municipal streets.

Animal complaints were received from the intersection of 17th and Evergreen streets and the 200 block of East Brown.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

Welfare checks were made in the intersection of Francis and Purviance streets and the intersection of Francis and Kingsmill streets.

Suspicious persons were reported in the Northcrest area, the 700 block of North Gray, and the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of North Gray.

Emergency medical service assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of Dogwood, the 1300 block of North Russell, and the 1900 block of Duncan.

One residential alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 700 block of North Dwight, the 1900 block of North Nelson, and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy and the 600 block of Jupiter.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 600 block of West Finch. An unlabeled prescription bottle containing Tylenol and Darvocet was found during a vehicle search.

Criminal mischief was reported at Classic Lube, 2801 Perryton Parkway. A double-pane window was broken out, resulting in an estimated \$900 damage.

Theft was reported at Heath's Body Shop, 703 W. Brown. A large tool box with tools was taken. Estimated value of loss is \$30,000.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of Davis.

Found property was reported in the 1500 block of North Christy. A bicycle was found.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

Burglary was reported at the intersection of Fisher and Lefors streets.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis. The dispute was verbal only.

Tyson Dean Beck, 32, 2219 Evergreen, was arrested in the 1800 block of Duncan for violation of a protective order and assault causing bodily injury.

Sunday, June 19

Ten traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Zimmers and Gwendolyn streets and the 800 block of North Wells.

One business alarm was reported.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Emergency medical service assistance was rendered in the 100 block of North Sumner.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

An animal complaint was received from the 200 block of East Brown.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of Hamilton.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of Williston.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of Jorden. A bicycle was found.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road. A green John Deere toy tractor valued at approximately \$200 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Davis. A dog was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner. A firearm was reported taken.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 700 block of North Frost, the 800 block of South Sumner, the 2200 block of North Hobart, and the 2200 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 400 block of Hughes, the 1100 block of Wilcox, and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of North Christy. Fighting with possible use of weapons was reported. One person suffered minor injuries and was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center, where they were treated and released. A pipe was used as a weapon in the incident.

Angela Anguiano, 22, 8540 County Road 2 1/2, was arrested in the 800 block of North Nelson for three counts of issuing a bad check and two counts of theft, one of which was out of Potter County.

Shannon Lee Organ, 32, 1109 Terry Road, was arrested in the 1100 block of Terry Road for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone.

Mario Lee Alva Jr., 18, 1526 N. Faulkner, was arrested in the 800 block of North Christy for minor in consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct/language.

Sergio Maurice Alva, 19, 1526 N. Faulkner, was arrested in the 800 block of North Christy for minor in consumption of alcohol and disorderly conduct/language.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Saturday, June 18

9:35 a.m. — A 1999 Ford F-150, driven by Peter James Cunningham, 52, 1145 W. Perry, collided with a manhole cover in the 1000 block of East 20th. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Saturday, June 18

Kobe Looney, 19, 1906 S. Nelson, was arrested on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Lee William Graham II, 32, Tucson, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana.

Sunday, June 19

Sharon Weatherford, 34, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested by DPS for failure to identify.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls on Sunday, June 19.

Sunday, June 19

9 a.m. — A mobile intensive care unit responded to the 400 block of Davis and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:31 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported one to PRMC.

10:45 p.m. — A MICU responded to the 800 block of North Christy and transported one to PRMC.

Fire

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

Saturday, June 18

8:53 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to the Business Expo at M.K. Brown Auditorium for fire safety and information presentation.

10:38 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a hazardous material spill from a vehicle at Kentucky and Somerville.

Sunday, June 19

2 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1100 block of Farley.

3:14 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an electrical short in the 1700 block of Mary Ellen. A wire in the attic of the residence was pinched between some duct work.

7:28 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an investigation of possible hazardous material in the 1700 block of Evergreen. No hazard was found. A neighbor was draining a swimming pool that had algae in it.

8:23 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a car fire in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill. The vehicle sustained heavy damage to the engine compartment.

Perry signs teacher retirement bill

AUSTIN (AP)—Pensions would be reduced for some public school employees under legislation Gov. Rick Perry has signed into law.

Perry signed the bill Saturday that is intended to restructure benefit calculations for many educators, change the retirement age for future teachers and bar school districts from offering early retirement.

The pension plan currently has a nearly \$11 billion shortfall. Much of the blame for the shortfall goes to the stock

The bill Perry signed could save the state about \$455 million in the next two years.

market tumble in the early 2000s and the Legislature's decision a decade ago to cut its contribution to the \$90 billion Teacher Retirement System of Texas. Unexpected

retirement growth also exacerbated the problem.

The bill Perry signed could save the state about \$455 million in the next two years.

Under the new plan, the youngest two-thirds of the 845,000 current members of TRS would see slightly reduced pensions.

School districts could not offer early retirement incentives and the retirement age for receiving full benefits would rise from 55 to 60 for educators hired after Sept. 1, 2007.

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

Oxy	80.49	+0.56
BP PLC ADR	64.63	-0.04
Cabot Corp	32.43	-0.35
Cabot Oil Gas	36.25	+0.15
Coca Cola	43.85	-0.20
VLO	81.55	+1.60
HAL	46.72	+0.33
TRI	54.45	-0.45
KMI	82.80	-0.28
XCEL	19.38	-0.19

Kerr McGee	76.50	+0.44
XOM	60.89	N/C
Limited	21.63	-0.19
Williams	19.30	+0.09
MCD	28.94	-0.06
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Pioneer Nat	43.45	+0.61
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New York Gold	437.65
Silver	7.32
West Texas Crude	58.47

Roach

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N/A - \$197.50 in commissary account pd by my mother - all other assts (sic) used up in federal case What is the fair market value of the property? *N/A* Do you owe any debts on the property, and if so, how much? *N/A*

The objection then states that "Mr. Roach owes (sic) land, to wit: Lots 11-14, Block 5 Bennett Addition to the Original Town of Miami, Roberts County, Texas.

"Mr. Roach holds title to a 1996 Chevrolet Pickup.

"Mr. Roach owns: County and District Retirement Account, accessible to Defendant; Employee Retirement; Antique Coin Collection (valued at \$30,000.00); and other personal property."

Scott states in his objection that "Recently Defendant has alienated substantial sums of property. He has given \$5,000.00 to each of his two sons. He has created a substantial trust fund for their education.

"Defendant may not make himself indigent and then demand a public defender.

"Defendant is clearly not indigent and is not entitled to appointed counsel."

Roach's attorney, Bill Kelly of Canyon, sent the Affidavit of Financial Status, and a Choice Regarding Appointment of Counsel, to 84th Judicial District Judge William D. Smith of Hutchinson County, the judge appointed to hear the case concerning state drug charges against Roach.

"I would appreciate the Court forwarding to me a copy of the Order appointing myself a counsel for Rick Roach in the above indictments and Elaine Peeples as investigator," Kelly said in the letter to Judge Smith dated June 10.

Roach was indicted May 17, by a Gray County grand jury on two state charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

One of the two state indictments concerns methamphetamine, while the other specifies cocaine.

Both state that a handgun was present at the time of the incident, that the amount of the substance was four or more but less than 200 grams, that the incidents occurred Jan. 11, and that they occurred within 1,000 feet of a drug-free zone.

Community Christian School, 220 N. Ballard, is within 1,000 feet of Gray County Courthouse, where Roach was arrested Jan. 11 by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Amarillo office on a federal charge of possession of methamphetamine. Further federal charges involving methamphetamine, cocaine and firearms were added to the federal indictment on Jan. 12.

Roach pled guilty to the federal firearms charge in a plea bargain arrangement, in which the remaining three

charges were dropped. He was sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary, followed by three years' supervised release, by U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson on June 1 in Amarillo federal court.

The Choice Regarding Appointment of Counsel states that Roach was advised at 1 p.m., June 10, of his right to representation by counsel on the two state charges pending against him.

Of the choices on the form, the one which was marked reads, "I state under oath that I am without means to employ counsel of my own choosing and I hereby request the Court to appoint counsel for me."

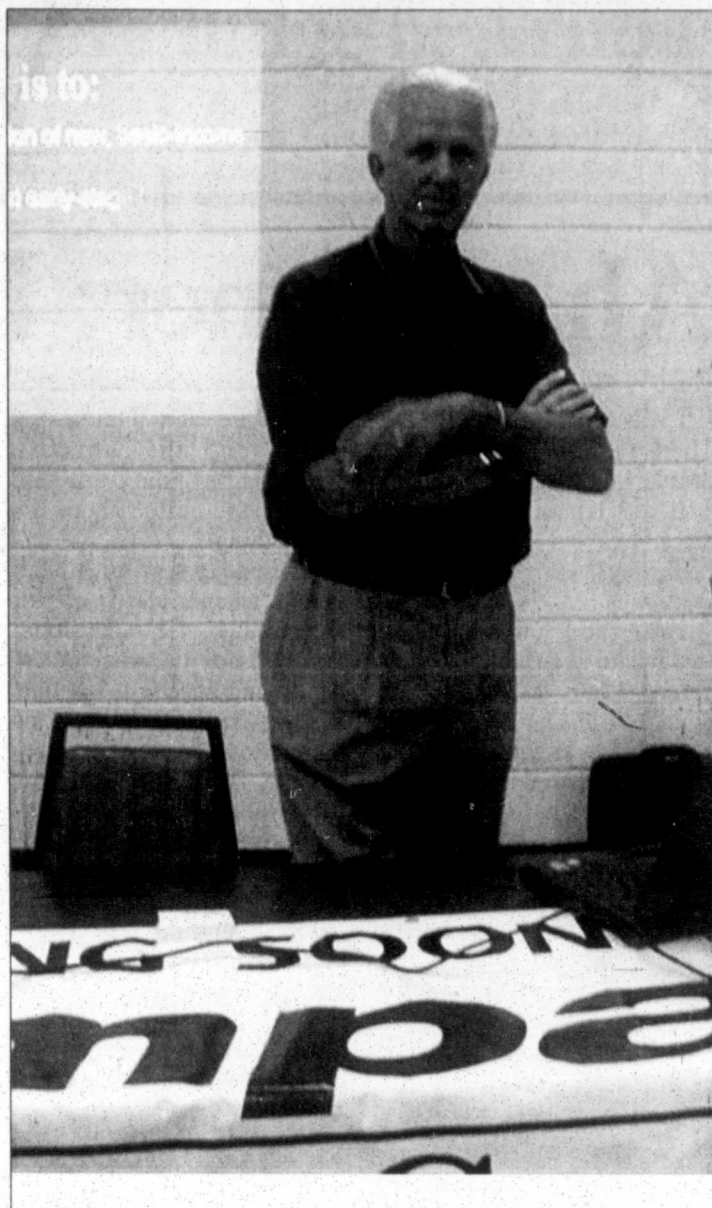
It is signed, "R.J. Roach, Randall County Jail, Canyon, Texas."

Brown, Graham & Company, CPA, has been retained to examine Roach's office accounts during his tenure as 31st District Attorney and investigation into further possible state charges continues.

When contacted by The Pampa News today, Scott declined to comment concerning the objection filed in 31st District Clerk's office.

'Defendant is clearly not indigent and is not entitled to appointed counsel.'

— David Scott
Special prosecutor



Pampa News photo by REDONN WOODS

Dan Redd mans an information booth at the Chamber's Business Expo and Job Fair Saturday.

Project

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meetings over the next month.

"Anybody that knows anybody with an idea for a business should attend," Redd said, "or call Clay Rice at the Chamber of Commerce."

The idea behind the business incubator is to develop basic businesses in Pampa that can draw the major portion of their sales from outside of town.

"We want to bring new

money into Pampa," Redd said.

The business incubator, located at 822 E. Foster, is expected to open in September.

Redd said the success of the incubator program is dependent upon community involvement.

"We've got to have people that are leaders in this community that will funnel people to us," Redd said.

The West Texas Enterprise Network is involved with incubators in Amarillo, Childress, Dumas and Borger.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Somewhere in the tangle of vines, weeds and shrubs at Ballard and Tyng is an abandoned building that is scheduled to be torn down by the city this summer. The city has launched a program to clean off lots with abandoned and burned structures.

Building

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At the back of the property stands the blackened skeleton of one of the apartments, the victim of a fire.

These units and some 100 other abandoned structures across Pampa are on the list of buildings scheduled to be torn down this year as the city moves forward with its efforts to

clean up the community.

"We're going to try to tear down 100 a year," Horst said.

The buildings have ended up in the hands of local political entities because of delinquent property taxes.

"All of them are uninhabited," Horst said.

He said he's a little later than he wanted in starting the project, but the city has been working on a better method of tearing down the old houses in order to make the city's funding

go further.

"The plan is finalized," Horst said. "It's now just a matter of coordinating it."

In many cases the abandoned houses and buildings are near well-kept homes, threatening neighborhood property values.

Horst said the city is also planning on cracking down on debris ordinance enforcement as part of the city clean up.

Tires

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That will save the city a lot of money, Horst said. The city had been paying Tyre King an average of \$1.25 per tire to collect them and haul them away.

"It's saved the city more than

\$2,500," Dudley said.

Tire Amnesty Day is part of a larger program, Horst said, to clean up the city.

As part of the clean-up project, the city and county have joined together to install culverts on Albert Street and on Talley Street to relieve flooding where Pampa gives way to Gray County.

"Rainfall has really hampered us on

that project," Horst said.

Also as part of the Pampa's clean-up project, the city will begin tearing down abandoned buildings next week.

"Next month," Horst said, "we'll have an alley clean up day."

"This is a top priority for the city," Dudley said of the clean up project.

"It's to help attract businesses to Pampa that we need," Horst said.

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Viewpoints

Ah, summer: Bear, barbecue, good bourbon

I was worried about Bear. There's nothing worse than a drunk, one-eyed pit bull.

It was Khaki that I should have worried about. She's been declawed, but she has teeth.

Bear (and Khaki) belong to a friend of mine. As I indicated, Bear is a pit bull. Khaki is a cat that's only slightly larger than Bear and certainly bigger than Dutch, the Schnauzer.

The whole story started about a week ago.

When I'm in town, I usually have coffee with about a half dozen friends in the morning. We sit around for an hour before going to work and talk about current events, the state of the

world, last night's television shows and the attractive young ladies going into and leaving the coffee shop. It's a guy thing.

The one exception is Neil. He's a teacher and is off for the summer. He talks about his summer vacation incessantly and his life is regularly threatened until he returns to school and becomes sullen. Then we make his life more miserable by reminding him of the students he hates, the administration and their endless meetings and the state legislature who obviously does not appreciate him.

The thing that Neil does really well, however, is cook. He is an excellent chef

and despite the surly remarks by, and/or about, him, he occasionally invites the rest of us over for a meal.

Neil cooks. His wife does the yard. Bear, Khaki and Dutch live at their house.

Bear was a Mother's Day present one year for Neil's wife Kim.

Their daughter was dating a guy who raised pit bulls. Bear was the runt of the litter and the guy was going to kill her.

Bear had a misshapen head and was blind in one eye. Melissa, the daughter,

took Bear home.

Bear is as sweet as she can be and is one of those dogs that's just happy to be there, anywhere, especially where there's food.

Khaki was the last kitten in a litter one of Melissa's teachers was giving away. She became a Christmas present for Kim.

It was years before I learned Khaki's name. Neil always called her @#\$%^&*()!! I thought that was her name.

Anyhow, a week ago, Neil said he had run across a

recipe for ribs. The marinade was made from brown sugar and bourbon.

That provided our group fodder for conversation for several days.

Neil, not being much of a bourbon drinker, asked what kind of bourbon we thought he should get for the sauce.

Being something of a tightwad, I suggested he get a cheap brand. I didn't think he should be wasting good bourbon for cooking.

"Of course, I'm going to get a good bourbon," he said. "If the ribs don't turn out, I can always drink the bourbon, and I don't want any cheap liquor."

Neil does marvelous things in the kitchen, but his

pride and joy is a large, stainless steel propane grill on the patio. This thing does everything except mow the grass and run the vacuum cleaner. We're talking serious barbeque here.

I was sitting at home Saturday evening trying desperately to come up with an idea for a column when the phone rang.

It was Neil. He was making a test run on the ribs and said he needed an unbiased opinion.

Now, there are few things I do well. Taste-testing is one of them.

I was soon ensconced at Neil's table doing my duty

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David Bowser
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, June 20, the 171st day of 2005. There are 194 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 20, 1782, Congress approved the Great Seal of the United States.

On this date:

In 1756, in India, a group of British soldiers was imprisoned in a suffocating cell that gained notoriety as the "Black Hole of Calcutta"; most died.

In 1837, Queen Victoria acceded to the British throne following the death of her uncle, King William IV.

In 1863, West Virginia became the 35th state.

In 1893, a jury in New Bedford, Mass., found Lizzie Borden innocent of the ax murders of her father and stepmother.

In 1898, during the Spanish-American War, the U.S. cruiser Charleston captured the Spanish-ruled island of Guam.

In 1943, race-related rioting erupted in Detroit; federal troops were sent in two days later to quell the violence that resulted in more than 30 deaths.

*'Love your enemy
— it'll drive him nuts.'*

— Anonymous

In 1947, Benjamin "Bugsy" Siegel was shot dead at the Beverly Hills, Calif., mansion of his girlfriend, Virginia Hill, apparently at the order of mob associates.

In 1963, the United States and Soviet Union signed an agreement to set up a "hot line" between the two superpowers.

In 1967, boxer Muhammad Ali was convicted in Houston of violating Selective Service laws by refusing to be drafted. (Ali's conviction was ultimately overturned by the Supreme Court.)

In 1975, the Steven Spielberg shark thriller "Jaws" was first released.

Ten years ago: U.S. Air Force Captain Jim Wang, a radar officer, was cleared of wrongdoing in a friendly fire attack on two U.S. helicopters over northern Iraq in 1994 that resulted in 26 deaths.

Five years ago: After a furious last-minute lobbying blitz by the Clinton administration, the Senate voted 57-42 to approve legislation making it easier for federal prosecutors to try hate crimes, attaching the measure to a defense authorization bill. (However, the House stripped the hate crimes provision from the defense bill the following October.)

One year ago: The Arab satellite TV network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape from al-Qaida-linked militants showing a South Korean hostage begging for his life and pleading with his government to withdraw troops from Iraq. Retief Goosen captured his second U.S. Open Golf championship in four years at Shinnecock Hills.



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Texans divided on time change

Every once in a while, one of my columns generates an unexpected response. My early May column about Daylight Saving Time was one of those. Over 300 of you responded to my question about whether Daylight Saving Time should be extended or not.

The whole idea of Daylight Saving Time was conceived by none other than Benjamin Franklin who wrote that we could take advantage of the longer days by moving our clocks forward to coincide with earlier sunrises. His proposal languished until World War I,

when the United States adopted Daylight Saving Time to boost production. Public dissatisfaction led to its abolishment by Congress over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, but it was back to stay during World War II.

In 1986, Congress passed a law establishing the daylight savings period from the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October and allowed states to opt out.

Consequently, Arizona, Hawaii and sections of Indiana do not recognize Daylight Saving Time.

Because some studies say Daylight Saving Time saves one percent of total U.S. energy use,

or the energy equivalent of 100,000 barrels of oil per day, the House of Representatives Energy and Commerce Committee included the two-month extension of Daylight

Saving Time when it passed the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The House bill requires the Department of Energy to do a study on the impact of the extension no later than 9 months after passage. The measure also retains the states' rights provisions which currently lets states opt out of the current Daylight Saving Time program.

While the House has included the extension in its version of the energy bill, it is still an open question whether it will be incorporated.

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



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Useless to apologize for dead past

Sen. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Sen. George Allen of Virginia have continued the modern tradition of institutionalized stupidity by leading their fellow senators in a formal apology for lynching.

What, you might ask, is wrong with that? Plenty.

For starters, the dead past cannot be changed, and so commentary about it has all the value of someone breaking wind. The past, like the present, is full of tragedies and triumphs, injustices and heroisms, atrocities and self-sacrifices. As the Persian poet Omar Khayyam wrote, "The moving finger writes;

and, having writ, moves on: nor all your piety nor wit shall lure it back to cancel half a line, nor all your tears wash out a word of it."

Apologizing for something in the past is a meaningless gesture. One can truly apologize only for something one did, or for something that was done in one's presence or by someone one had responsibility for. Apologies for something a person had nothing to do with are a modern form of demagoguery.

If Landrieu and Allen are really interested in correcting injustices, there are plenty occurring today they should work on.

As a further observation on the decline of quality in American public life, these two senators did not arrive at their decision after deep thought or study. No, they were moved by a book of pictures. Perhaps if they look at a book of war pictures, they will become pacifists. It is appalling to think

of minds so shallow that a commercial picture book can cause waves in them. It's been reported that the first President Bush sent troops to Somalia because he was moved by television pictures of starving Somalis. We know how that thoughtless gesture turned out.

To condemn lynching, you would have to examine each individual case. Many of the people lynched were guilty of the crimes for which they were executed. In those cases, you have only a violation of procedure. This often occurred in a time

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Detainee in case of missing teen appears before judge in Aruba

ORANJESTAD, Aruba (AP) — A disc jockey on a party boat who has been detained in the disappearance of an Alabama teenager appeared on Monday before a judge who was to decide whether there was sufficient cause to continue holding him.

Attorney General Caren Janssen would not comment on how the judge ruled after the half-hour hearing with the detainee, whom his employer has identified as 26-

year-old Steve Gregory Croes.

Croes pulled the white T-shirt he was wearing up over his head to cover his face as he was led into the court in handcuffs. He was later whisked away in a police car.

Croes was taken into custody early Friday, a day after giving police a statement in connection with the disappearance of 18-year-old Natalee Holloway, who vanished May 30 while celebrating her high school graduation with other

students from Alabama.

Croes said he knew one of two Surinamese brothers also being held in the case because they went to the same Internet cafe, his employer, Marcus Wiggins, has said.

It was not known what other connection he may have had to either the brothers or a fourth young man in detention, the son of a justice official in Aruba. Nobody has been charged in the case.

Holloway, of Mountain Brook, Ala., disappeared in the early hours of May 30, the last day of a five-day vacation with 124 students celebrating their high school graduation. Her passport and packed bags were found in her room.

Joran van der Sloot, 17, and two Surinamese brothers Deepak Kalpoe, 21, and Satish Kalpoe, 18, were among the last people reported to be with Holloway the night she disappeared. The three friends

said they took Holloway to a north-beach but dropped her off at her hotel, where they claim she was approached by a security guard.

On Saturday, a judge ordered Joran van der Sloot and his two friends to stay in jail for at least another week.

Under Dutch law, which Aruba follows as a Dutch protectorate, authorities can detain people for up to 116 days without charging them.



'Burnin' the Bricks' drawing

Two drawings for prizes from the recent "Burnin' the Bricks" weekend were held at noon Saturday on the Wayne's Western Wear parking lot. Allysia Duran of Mt. Home, Idaho, drew the names for the give-away from Rheams Diamond Shop. Joan Smith of Pampa won the prize. Elizabeth Duran of Mt. Home drew the winning name for the engine give-away with John Lybrand of Amarillo winning. Pictured at the prize drawing are "Burnin' the Bricks" organizers, Kent Jones and Denver Bruner, Allysia and Elizabeth Duran, and Mud Bog organizer, Jerimiah Montgomery and family, Tyler and Jacyle.

Officials: Afghan intelligence thwarts assassination plot

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Afghan intelligence officials have thwarted a plot to assassinate U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad and arrested three Pakistanis in northeastern Afghanistan, officials said Monday.

The men, who were armed with rocket-propelled grenades and assault rifles, were arrested in the Qarghayi district of Laghman province Sunday, just 150 feet from where Khalilzad had planned to inaugurate a road with Afghanistan's interior minister, presidential spokesman Jawed Ludin told The Associated Press.

Khalilzad canceled his appearance at the road opening at the last minute and was never in danger, the official said. The interior minister, Ali Ahmad Jalali, also canceled his appearance.

Afghan television broadcast a video of the men in custody. The suspects, all

young and with thin mustaches, were seen sitting together on a brown sofa being questioned by a man off camera.

'Their aim was to assassinate Khalilzad, and they came to Afghanistan specifically for this operation.'

— Afghan official

They identified themselves as Murat Khan, Noor Alam and Zahid and said they are from Pakistan. None confessed on camera or were asked any questions about the attack on Khalilzad, who is to be the next U.S. ambassador in Iraq.

Two senior Afghan officials said the men had con-

fessed to intelligence agents and told authorities they were in Afghanistan "to fight jihad," or holy war.

"Their aim was to assassinate Khalilzad, and they came to Afghanistan specifically for this operation," said one of the officials.

The officials, both of whom have intimate knowledge of the investigation, spoke on condition of anonymity due to the extreme sensitivity of the intelligence and their positions within the government.

The Afghan-born Khalilzad has been a powerful force in Afghanistan, often portrayed as the ultimate power behind U.S.-backed President Hamid Karzai. The two are undoubtedly close, having known each other for decades.

Khalilzad warned last week that terrorist and rebel attacks are likely to escalate ahead of legislative elections in September.

Frugal teacher donates \$2.1 million to Prairie View A&M

HOUSTON (AP) — A Prairie View A&M alumnus known for a lifestyle so frugal that he bought expired meat products and second-hand clothing has left the university \$2.1 million — the school's largest gift from a single donor.

Whitlowe R. Green, 88, died of cancer in 2002. His donation shocked family members and friends alike. He retired in 1983

from the Houston Independent School District, where he was making \$28,000 a year as an economics teacher.

"He was a very meager person. I didn't think he had a million," said Beatrice Green, a cousin by marriage. "He'd buy the cheapest things."

Sharon Green Mitchell, another cousin, said Green and her father

stopped talking for a couple of years when Green denied owing her dad \$6.76. She said when the family would take road trips, Green would equally divide the gas bill among the adults.

"Now it's funny, but years ago you would sometimes get annoyed," Mitchell said.

Green's frugality was matched by his belief in education and a

dedication to young people, Mitchell said.

He often talked about leaving money to Prairie View. He graduated from the historically black university in 1936.

"He sacrificed for this. He would always tell us to make your money work for you, and he did," Mitchell said. "I remember him saying, 'I'm going to help black

children get an education.' He did it."

Personal banker Dianne Johnson said that Green mentioned in every conversation several times a week that he wanted his savings to go to Prairie View.

"Even when he was sick, he said you have to make sure they get this money. He made me promise," Johnson said.

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rated into the Senate version. Accordingly, I asked you for your reactions, and I can now reveal the results.

Extending Daylight Saving Time brought 137 positive responses.

Another 150 said they want to keep it the way it is

now. An additional 19 wrote in to suggest we cancel Daylight Saving Time altogether.

Sonny, of Andrews, wrote: "I have been involved with ranching and the oil field all my life. I have never heard a rancher or oilfield hand say he would like a long hot West Texas summer day extended for one more hour."

Anthony, of Dallas, dislikes the idea of extending Daylight Saving Time, saying, "I consider such a thing like pouring salt in an open wound. The only thing worse than Daylight Saving Time would be to extend it to more of the year."

Another correspondent lamented that Daylight Saving Time forces everyone to reset their watches, clocks, car radios and VCRs

after the time change. I dread changing them myself, so I can sympathize.

Most of those favoring an extension cited energy savings, while Sharrell of Floresville wrote that she "relishes having daylight hours to grocery shop, garden, take a walk, etc. It is very depressing to drive home in the dark."

We even received a response from the European

Union Airport Coordinators Association which urged us to keep the system the way it is, claiming that changing Daylight Saving Time could wreak havoc on international flight schedules.

Daylight Saving Time is just one part of the energy bill under consideration by Congress but, because it touches all of our lives, many people have strong opinions on the subject.

Thank you for participating in the survey. I will let my fellow senators know your thoughts on the subject as we debate this important legislation which is designed to improve America's energy security.

Kay Bailey Hutchison is a U.S. Senator representing Texas in Washington, D.C.

Bear

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with Bear at my side, her one eye peering up at my plate.

Dutch is well mannered and Khaki, being a cat,

could care less what her humans are doing. The only time they hear anything out of her is when she wants ice cubes in her water bowl.

"@#%&*() cat," Neil muttered as he went to the refrigerator to get ice cubes for Khaki.

Khaki returned the affec-

tion by trying to bite Neil as he put the ice cubes in her bowl. Then she snarled, sending the dogs retreating to the other end of the house.

It was Bear that I was worried about. She likes to hang out with Neil when he's cooking. Anything that

hits the floor is fair game. I wasn't sure how Bear and the bourbon would make it.

As it turned out, the recipe called for only a quarter cup of bourbon, and it was used in a glaze on the ribs with the brown sugar. The ribs were delicious.

The dogs got the bones

with precious little meat left on them and no bourbon. Khaki jumped up in Kim's lap, snarled at Neil again and ignored the dogs as we sat out on the patio after dinner in the cool evening breeze.

And I was glad Neil got the good bourbon.

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or place where there was little or no formal justice available. Of course, the trouble with Judge Lynch was that he did not always get the right person. That defect, however, continues in the present judicial system. As we all know, even correct judicial procedures can end up executing an innocent person. Eureka! Once again we run into human fallibility.

The final problem with this stupid gesture is that it aggravates the problem of racism in its present form. I once had a friend who spent his career working for Jewish organizations and laughingly called himself a "PJ" — a professional Jew. Well, today there are PRs —

professional racists. Some are white, but most are black these days.

The problem of professional racists today have is that most of the misery of black Americans is self-inflicted. Slavery doesn't exist. Segregation doesn't exist. There is nowhere in the federal or state statutes a single law that discriminates against black people. On the contrary, there are plenty of laws that protect them or even grant them a favored position.

It's true that many blacks are poor. The homicide rate, the venereal-disease rate and the illegitimacy rate among blacks are higher than among whites. As a whole, blacks score

lower on almost any standardized test you can think of (and whites score lower than Asians). Blacks commit a disproportionate number of violent crimes. Black neighborhoods have more drugs than white neighborhoods.

Low-watt demagogues like Landrieu and Allen put themselves on the side of the professional racists by focusing on the past instead of the present.

for not dealing with the present. When a genuine black leader like Bill Cosby addresses the real problem, the professional racists attack him. All you have to

do is listen to some of the worst of the black comedians and gangster rappers to know that white racism is the least of a modern black kid's problems today.

Low-watt demagogues like Landrieu and Allen put themselves on the side of the professional racists by focusing on the past instead of the present. Black children need the same things white children need — good, two-parent homes, moral training, motivation for study and good behavior, and good role models. Those are things not even the most compassionate white person can provide for them. Wallowing in the past, which is always imaginary for those who weren't there, is not a solution for self-destructive behavior.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single woman in my 20s who works hard and has friends I like and respect. One of them, however, "Ava," is making it hard for me to be around her. Ava is 38, never married, has had only one boyfriend in her life, and is very lonely. As a single person, I understand how that can feel.

It has become a daily ritual for her to come over to my desk for one of the following three reasons: (1) to talk about her loneliness and having nothing in her life to look forward to; (2) to borrow change because she has no money for doughnuts, a soda, etc; (3) to rub my back so I'll feel obligated to rub her shoulders that day. (I don't ask for the back rub, but I did once -- two years ago -- and now she thinks we have an unspoken agreement.)

When I offer advice on overcoming her loneliness, Ava ignores it. The money issue is also upsetting because she earns more than I do and is in terrible debt. I tell Ava repeatedly she needs counseling for her money problems and loneliness, but she refuses because she "doesn't need to see anyone." Also, the back-rubbing has gotten old. I'm not her personal masseuse.

How can I refuse without sending her into a deeper depression? I'm becoming mentally exhausted. She's a bottomless pit. I don't have any more answers; I've given all the answers I can give. -- EXHAUSTED IN MISSOURI

DEAR EXHAUSTED: This woman is not looking for answers from you -- she's using you to vent. The next time it happens, carefully observe her demeanor and your reaction to her unloading. The more tired you become, does she become more energized? If the answer is yes, then recognize that Ava is a "sapper" who draws her energy by depleting yours.

My advice is to withdraw slowly. When she asks for change, tell her you don't have any to spare. When the back rub starts, tell her nicely that you don't have time for it

right then. Ditto when she begins dumping on you. You'll be doing the woman a favor, because as long as she has you to listen, she will never look for the help she needs.

DEAR ABBY: I have three sons; the oldest is 7. I caught him messing with his 2-year-old half-brother in a sexual way, and I asked him where he got the idea. He told me that my niece, "Tiffany," has been doing things to him. My mom is raising her because her parents died three years ago in a car accident.

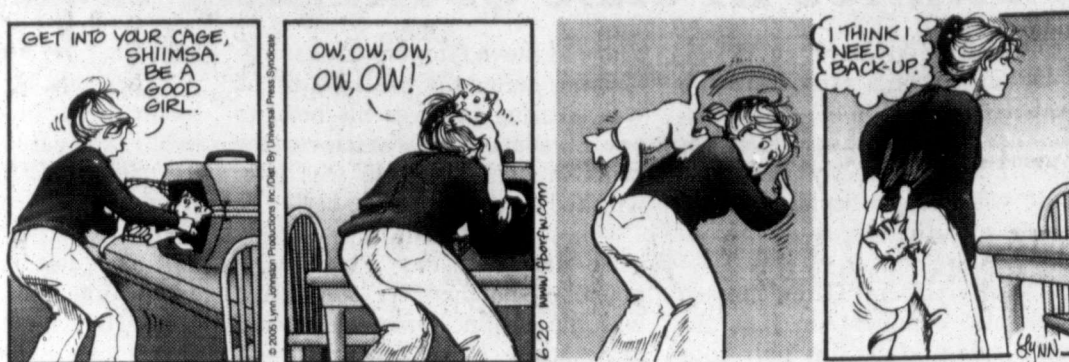
I confronted Tiffany and she denied it. I believe my son because she was discovered being molested by my 14-year-old cousin a couple of years back.

My husband was very upset about this and decided to call the child protective services on my mom. When they came out, my mother called me and read me the riot act. Why did she get mad at me when Tiffany needs help? Do you think we did the right thing? -- PROTECTIVE MOM IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR PROTECTIVE: Your mother may have been angry because she hadn't been informed and was unaware that Tiffany had become a molester. She may have dumped on you because she couldn't dump on the person she was really angry at -- your husband. I hope your niece receives the counseling she needs so she won't continue to act out. Your 7-year-old should also receive some counseling about boundaries, and to heal the effects of his own molestation.

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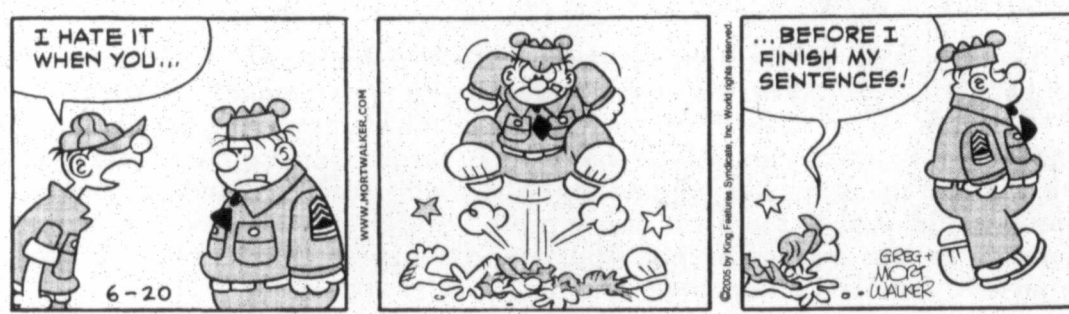
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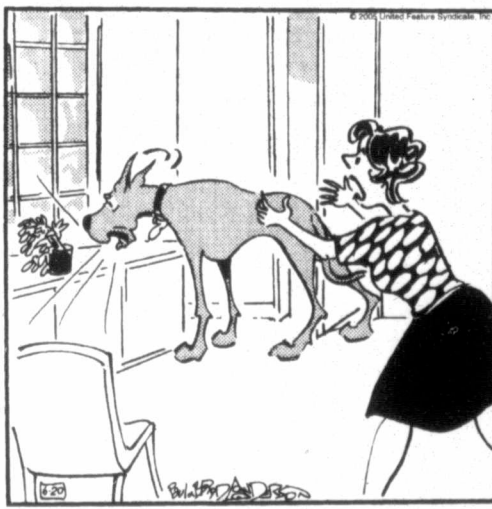
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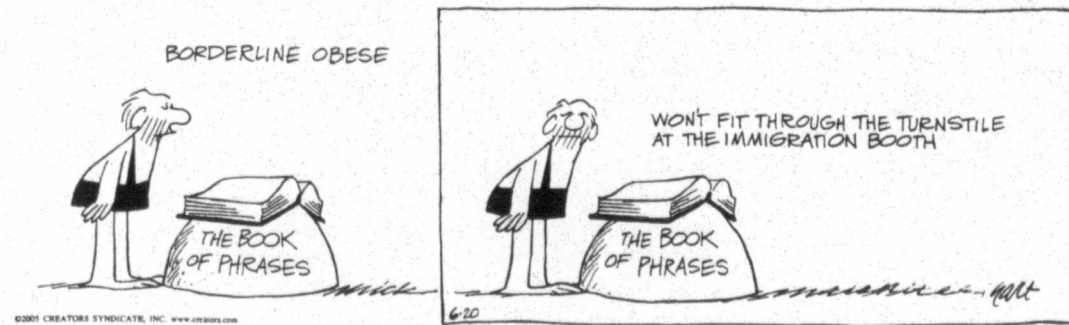


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Sports Day

The real America: You'll see it soon through Charlie's eyes

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

He stands just 5' 11" tall and weighs all of 175 pounds. He is an accomplished writer, published author and a reporter for the New York Times. He was an embedded Times war correspondent in Kuwait and Iraq.

Perhaps most impressive, he was a contributor to the New York Times best seller, "How Race is Lived in America." That piece was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2001.

To know only this, it would be easy to picture this man either sitting behind a large desk in a well decorated office atop some big city high-rise. Or possibly in a cabin hidden deep in the hills where he can separate himself from the hustle and bustle of the work-a-day world the rest of us live in.

Yep, easy to imagine. But that's not him.

This past Saturday night, that man, Charlie LeDuff, was dressed in an Amarillo Dusters uniform. Not something that can be purchased at the souvenir stand. The man was decked out in full battle garb, on the sideline, ready to play. And he did play.

He and a film crew from the Discovery Times Channel have been traveling the country, taking part in various activities for a special to air in September titled, "Only in America." It is a documentary that will depict

what real Americans are really into. That those taking part in what seems to be our advancing interests are real people as well.

In laying the groundwork for the special, LeDuff has taken part in a rodeo in which he rode a bull. He has participated in an Ultimate Fighting event. And Saturday night, he wore No. 28 and — for one play — was an Arena Football player.



Charlie LeDuff (left) and me during pre-game warm-ups Saturday night.

The play he took part in came late in what had been a very close game. LeDuff took part in a kickoff coverage. Though he is said to have some football experience, the forty-

something's gait was a bit different as he raced down field. And when he finally made contact with an opponent, he stood his ground.

He gave as much as he took, then made for the sideline where he watched the rest of the game.

He sort of reminds me of the late George Plimpton in a way. However, during the few minutes we spent in conversation, I was very impressed with his (LeDuff's) mindset. His way of thinking. His approach toward life itself.

"I want others to see these are real men playing this game. These are real

people on the sidelines and in the stands," said LeDuff.

Did he truly believe what he was saying, or was it all pomp-and-circumstance served up to pique my interest in watching his special?

Is his little more than a traveling circus and Amarillo just a good place to pitch his tent for a few days? I don't think so.

The man and his wife live comfortably in Hollywood. I can see no value in him risking his health for little more than his own ego.

I think LeDuff is trying to evoke emotion. To wake up those who are sleeping so they too can live.

He speaks his mind and holds nothing back while doing so. His approach to life, as near as I can tell, is to say what you feel but allow others to do the same. To think for yourself and not allow others to do your thinking for you.

At one point during our visit, LeDuff looked at me and said, "Michael, people just need to be." And he is right. After all, we are human-beings, are we not?

Like him or not, LeDuff could serve as the poster child for the principals on which this country was founded. Principals for which so many have fought and died to protect.

Saturday night, Charlie LeDuff was a player in the af2 Arena Football League. He was an Amarillo Duster. He was a human being.



LeDuff (right) meets with an opposing player after the game.

COACHING CHANGES

Doughty steps down; Reed will not return

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

There are some changes afoot within the coaching ranks at Pampa High School. Most notably, the resignation of longtime baseball coach, Dennis Doughty.

It comes as a surprise to learn that Doughty, not long removed from a playoff season in which his team ended Randall's strangle hold on the district 3-4A title,

going undefeated in the process (10-0), requested he no longer serve as the baseball coach. "Coach Doughty made the request and we honored it," said PHS Athletic Director Dick Dunham.

Dunham made it clear the choice to resign was Doughty's. Doughty will continue to serve as an assistant to Coach Bryan Wood during the football season. However, according to Dunham, he will no longer have an athletic class, opting instead to increase his classroom teaching duties.

Asked when Doughty's replacement would be announced, Dunham said, "We hope to know this afternoon. The decision will still need the approval of the school board, but the

administrative part of the process is pretty much complete." Dunham would not comment as to whether the new coach would come from within the current coaching staff or from outside the PHS coaching staff.

The other change comes within the PHS boy's basketball program. "Coach Jeff Reed will not be back with the Pampa High School boy's basketball program this season," commented Dunham. Though it is unclear as to what led to Reed's departure, the local rumor mill has been rampant with reason.

So far as a replacement for Reed, Dunham said, "We believe we are close to making that announcement soon too."

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— Dick Dunham
PHS Athletic Director

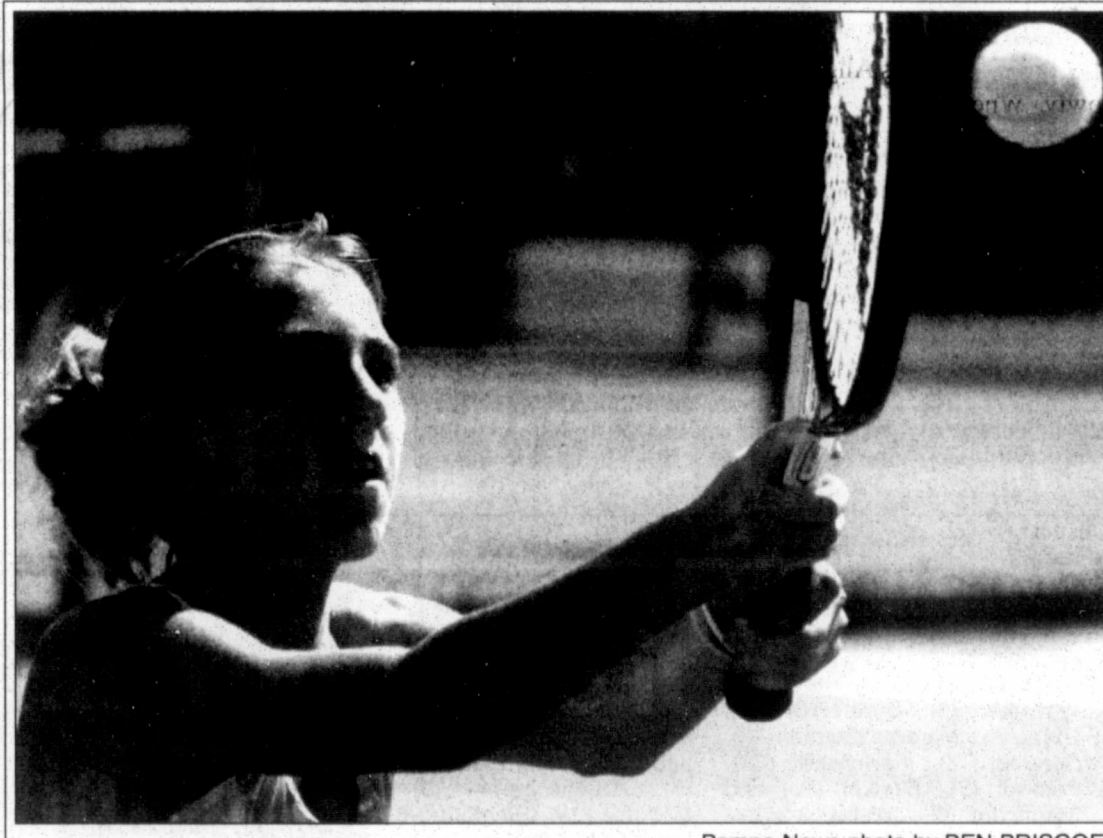
Football boosters to meet tonight

The Pampa High School Harvester Football Booster Club will host a meeting tonight at Val Halla. All high school and incoming freshman parents are encouraged to attend. The meeting will get under way at 7 p.m. and will focus on the upcoming 2005-2006 football season.

Robert Horry does it again

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Robert Horry, the veteran player whose clutch postseason 3-pointers have defined his career, knocked down a wide-open 3-pointer with 5.8 seconds remaining in overtime Sunday night to give the San Antonio Spurs a 96-95 victory over the Detroit Pistons in Game 5 of the

NBA Finals. The Spurs took a 3-2 lead in the best-of-seven series, bouncing back from a pair of lopsided losses to defeat the defending champs in their own building and send the series back to San Antonio needing just one more victory for their third title in seven years.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Tennis camp

11-year-old Courtney Miller works on her forehand during tennis camp on the courts of Pampa High School Monday morning.

Federer wins opening match at Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — In keeping with custom, the defending Wimbledon men's champion played the opening match Monday on Centre Court. Roger Federer was ready.

Back on his favorite stage, the top-ranked Federer hit four aces in his first service game and successfully began his bid for a third consecutive Wimbledon title by beating Paul-Henri Mathieu 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.

Federer walked on the hallowed court to a warm ovation, hit 18 aces and extended his grass-court winning streak to 30 matches, including 15 at the All England Club.

"A good start," Federer said. "I definitely feel sort of relieved after this start and look forward to the rest. You're into the tournament, you've seen the fans and you don't have to leave right away. So that's nice."

No. 3-seeded Lleyton Hewitt, the 2002 champion, hit 19 aces and beat Christophe Rochus 6-3, 6-3, 6-1. Hewitt is playing in just

his second tournament after being sidelined for 11 weeks by foot and rib injuries.

Anastasia Myskina, the 2004 French Open champion, was on the verge of her second successive first-round exit at a major event when she rallied to beat 18-year-old qualifier Katerina Bohmova 5-7, 7-6 (4), 6-4.

No. 10 Patty Schnyder instead became the first seeded player to be eliminated. She was upset by Antonella Serra Zanetti 6-4, 6-7 (7), 6-3.

Top-ranked Lindsay Davenport, the 1999 champion, needed just 41 minutes to beat Alina Jidkova 6-0, 6-2. Davenport had 29 winners and just nine unforced errors.

Davenport thought her loss in last year's semifinals would likely be her last

match at Wimbledon, but she decided to delay retirement after staging a career resurgence.

"I'm still out there because I'm enjoying it," she said. "The ultimate goal is to try to win another Slam, and I still feel like I'm knocking on the door of having that happen. It's hard to walk away when you feel like you can achieve the ultimate goal in tennis."

Davenport next plays 18-year-old American Jamea Jackson, who beat Marta Marrero 6-2, 6-3.

No. 3 Amelie Mauresmo beat lucky loser Melinda Czik 6-3, 6-2. U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova, seeded fifth, drubbed Rebecca Llewellyn 6-0, 6-1. No. 13 Elena Likhovtseva swept Anna Smashnova 6-2, 6-2.

No. 23 Ai Sugiyama lost to Roberta Vinci 6-2, 2-6, 6-4.

Wild card David Sherwood, an Englishman ranked 261st, delighted the home crowd by winning his Wimbledon debut against Ricardo Mello, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

American Taylor Dent, seeded 24th, lost serve just once and beat qualifier Dick Norman 7-6 (4), 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-7 (7), 6-1. Dent hit 23 aces, Norman 25.

Following morning thunderstorms, the tournament began in sunshine with temperatures heading into the low 80s, and as usual, grass brought out the best in Federer. He came to the net infrequently but played with polish from the baseline, hitting 33 winners with just 15 unforced errors.

"I didn't want to storm too much to the net too quickly," Federer said. "I wanted to get my rhythm first."

Federer is trying to become just the third man since the 1930s to win three consecutive Wimbledon titles.

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Chamber

Dear Members,

What a great month June has been. A tremendous variety of events and activities have taken place this month; let's review some of them.

My family and I started the month off with a wonderful bus trip to Jackson, TN with a great group of friends, for the unveiling of a monument designed and created by Pampa's own G.L. Sanders. The monument, now located at the site of the Civil War Battle of Shiloh, is magnificent and has to be seen to be believed. Congratulations, Mr. Sanders, on a true masterpiece that will be viewed and will move millions, generation after generation.

Due to the fact that we were on our trip to Jackson, we missed the Top O' Texas Rodeo this year, but we have been told that, once again, it was an awesome rodeo and the dance was one of the best ever. Keep up the great work, Top O' Texas Rodeo Association, and we look forward to the Ranch Rodeo this fall.

Next up was this year's "Burning' the Bricks in June." The High Plains Cruisers sure know how to throw a party. Everyone who participated in any way, whether it be at the sock hop, burnout contest, cruise, craft show, car show or swap meet, had a great time.

Big crowds of people having lots of fun are what we like to see in town. The High Plains Off-Roaders worked hard again this year to have an even bigger Mud Bog than last year. It was not meant to be this time, due to the heavy rains but maybe the mud bog can be held later this summer. Thanks for all of the hard work that each organization put in to this year's event. We know that it will continue to grow year after year.

This past weekend, of course, was the Chamber Business Expo and Job Fair, held on Saturday at the M.K. Brown Auditorium. This was our sixth annual Expo and we are very grateful that it was successful once again. The Expo has become a very important element in our attempt to promote all of the amazing array of products, services, businesses and organizations available to us in the Pampa area. We can't thank everyone enough for sponsoring, presenting products and information and also for attending the Expo again this year. As good as this function is, we are always looking for new ways to increase interest and to create a better product for all involved, so please share your ideas with us. Thanks again to everyone for another great Expo.

There is still more to come. Tomorrow at the monthly Chamber luncheon, our speaker will be KFDA Channel 10 marketing Director, Terry Lopez. Terry will discuss Pampa's participation in their "summer Celebration Tour" on Friday, July 15. As a community we will have the opportunity to show off our town to Channel 10 viewers during their evening newscast. Plans are currently being made but we have a number of questions for Terry. We need lots of ideas and participation from individuals and organizations in our area, so please come to our luncheon and enjoy a great meal provided by Emily's Mexican Cafe and hear more about the "Summer Celebration Tour."

Our sponsor, Bank of America, along with the Chamber invites everyone to attend beginning at 11:45 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building, located at 200 N. Ballard, tomorrow June 21. We charge \$7.00 per person for the meal and ask that you call us as early as possible for reservations at 669-3241/ We are sure that you will enjoy yourself.

Later in the month of June, be sure and check out the Top O' Texas Cattle Dog Association's Cattle Dog Trials at Condo Arena west of Pampa on Hwy. 152 beginning at 8 a.m. on June 25 and 26. If you haven't ever seen cattle dogs work, they are absolutely amazing to watch.

July comes along with the City's fireworks display on the 4, then the KFDA Summer Celebration Tour on the 15, as mentioned above, the Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Society's Pond Tour on Saturday, July 23, followed by the Tri-State Seniors Golf Tournament during the week of July 24.

In addition to all of the above events, there are many other events scheduled for this summer as well. So enjoy.

Sincerely,



Clay Rice
Executive Director
Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

Tomorrow's June Luncheon is sponsored by Bank of America. The Keynote Speaker will be Terry Lopez, Marketing Director for KFDA Channel 10. It will be Catered by Emily's Mexican Cafe.

New Members

The Chamber is proud to welcome all the new members for the first half of 2005:

Advance Marketing Services, PO Box 1760, Daniel Silva

Diamonds & Doorknobs, 1508 N. Hobart, Steve & Misty Hood

Edward Jones Investments, 1540 N. Hobart, Tom Reynolds

Fenton Motors of Pampa, 123 N. Hobart, Harry Fisher

The Floor Store, 2100 A Perryton Parkway, Jerry & Marian Wilmoth

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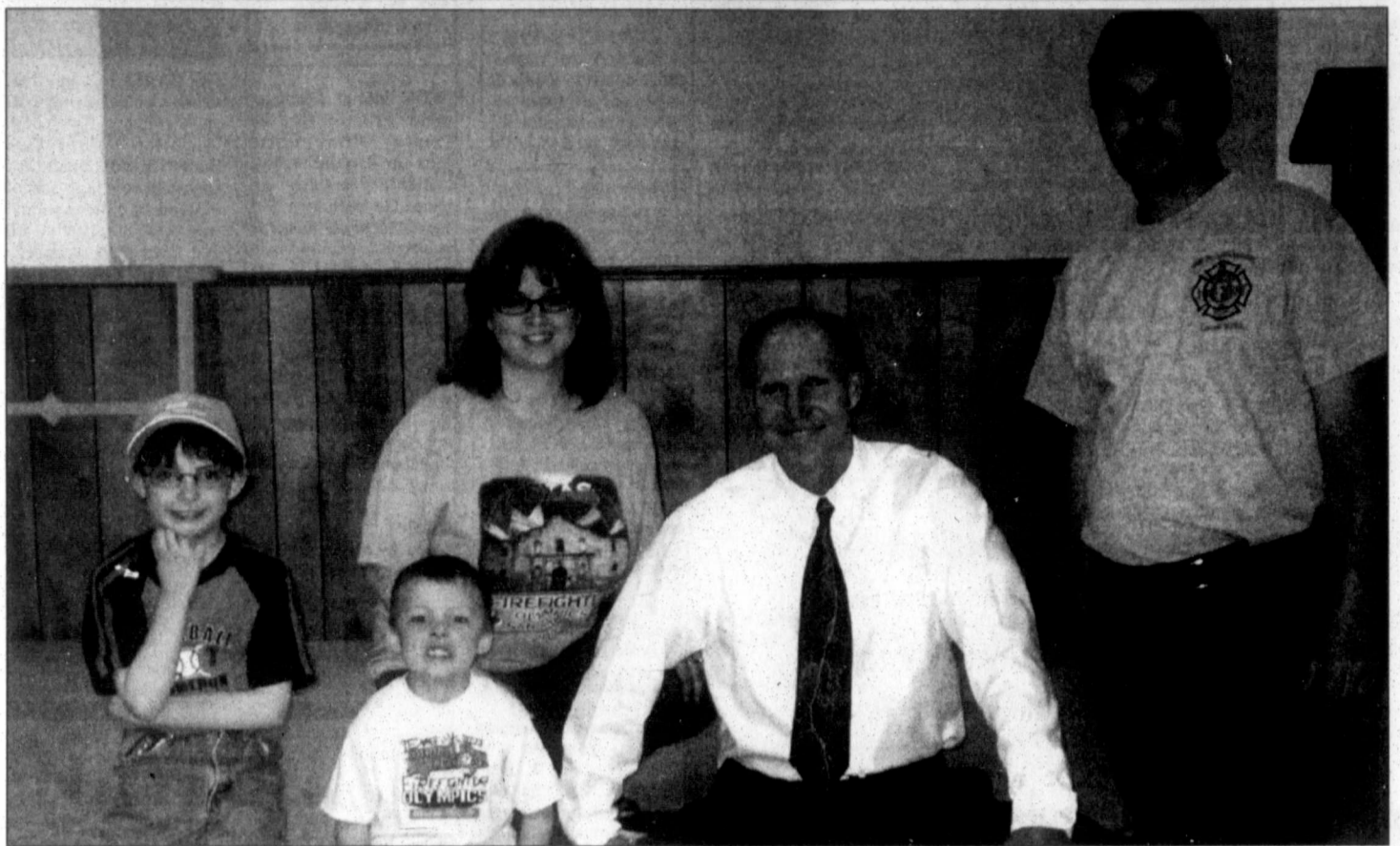
Gray County Farm Bureau, 500 W. Kingsmill, Ricky Martin

Jewett's Automotive, 411 S. Cuyler, Bobby Jewett

Specialty Welding & Machine, 2225 W. Alcock, Sid Mauldin

Spring Meadows RV Park, 1300 W. Kentucky, Gary Willoughby

Gene Thompson Law Office, 408 W. Kingsmill #408A, Gene Thompson



Doppler Dave

Doppler Dave Oliver visited with Pampa residents, Gary and Sheila Winton, and sons, Matthew, 5, and Daniel, 8, after the Severe Weather Seminar in the M. K. Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building on April 15.

The Chamber would like to thank again the following Business Expo Sponsors:

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Ardelle Sirmans - Volunteer and Vaughn Ransom - RN, Volunteer of BSA Hospice sit at their booth Saturday during Pampa's 2005 Chamber of Commerce Business Expo and Job Fair at M.K. Brown Auditorium.





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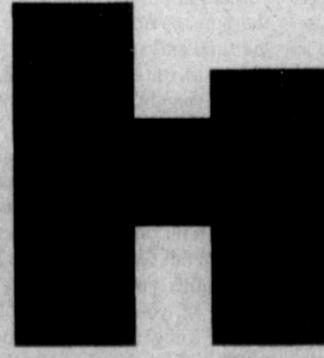
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