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Deaths

Opal Eloise Brown, 95, teacher.
 Charles John Evans, 67, services pending.
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Texas Today

Bus driver cleared in 2003 fatality wreck
 WACO (AP) — A McLennan County grand jury has cleared a bus driver of criminal wrongdoing in a deadly crash on rain-slicked Interstate 35 in 2003.

The 11-member panel on Thursday declined to indict 60-year-old Johnny Maxine Cummings, issuing a no-bill. The grand jury had been investigating the Feb. 14, 2003, crash since November.

The bus, operated by Central Texas Trails Inc. of Waco and chartered by a Temple church group, was south of Waco when it crossed the median and collided with a sport utility vehicle. Five bus passengers and two in the sport utility vehicle died, and dozens more were injured.

Texas Department of Public Safety investigators arrested Cummings almost four months after the crash on seven counts of criminally negligent homicide, charging that he "was approaching slower traffic too fast for the current driving conditions."

Cummings has remained free on bond but has not returned to work at Central Texas Trails, where he had worked for 23 years.

Psychologist: Dad didn't do enough to protect slain daughter

DALLAS (AP) — The husband of a woman accused of killing her 10-month-old baby by cutting off her arms should have sought medical treatment for his mentally ill wife and done more to protect the infant and her older sisters, according to a psychologist's report obtained by The Dallas Morning News. Dena Schlosser, 35, was charged with capital murder in November after she told a 911 operator that she had severed baby Margaret's arms. Police and paramedics found Schlosser in her living room, covered in blood and still holding a knife.

Two candidates file for May 7 election

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Only two candidates have filed so far for the city/school elections May 7, and both are incumbents.

Lance DeFever, a member of the the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education, and Jeff McCormick, Pampa City Commissioner, are the only two who have filed their intent to run, election officials said today.

Three Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education members' terms will

expire on May 7 — Jay Johnson, Place 3 trustee; DeFever, Place 2; and John Curry, Place 1.

Mayor Lonny Robbins and City Commissioners McCormick and Bob Dixon are also up for re-election.



DeFever

The following dates significant to the 2005 school board election are as follows:

- Feb. 5 - First day for a candidate to file an application for a place on the ballot.
- March 7 - Deadline for candidates to file an application for a place on

March 8 - Positions on the ballot will be decided at a 10 a.m. drawing in the school district's personnel office if more than one person files for any one of the places on the board.

• April 20 - Early voting by personal appearance begins at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, if more than one person files for each individual seat.

• May 3 - Last day of early voting

by personal appearance.

• May 7 - Election Day, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

The sole polling place for the city elections, also M.K. Brown Auditorium, will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Election Day, City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said.

Early voting for the city will begin April 20 and continue from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in Room 205 of Pampa City Hall, she said. Applications for mail-in ballots can be sent to Jeffers at P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79065.

Applications for mail ballots must

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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

A new billboard notice concerning the disappearance of Monica Lynn Appleton of Pampa, who has been missing since Oct. 13, 1999, has been placed on the west side of Hobart Street near the railroad overpass just north of Hobart Street Park. The billboard notice, which faces south, is identical to one placed at Amarillo Boulevard and Madison streets in Amarillo on Jan. 25. Appleton was last seen in Amarillo.

Billboards two new tactics in search

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

A new billboard notice concerning the 1999 disappearance of Monica Lynn Appleton of Pampa was posted yesterday morning on South Hobart Street.

"The billboard put up yesterday morning is exactly the

same as one put up in Amarillo, at Amarillo Boulevard and Madison streets, on Jan. 25," said Donny Brown of Pampa, who is Appleton's brother.

The billboard includes Appleton's photo, a \$6,000 reward offer for information about her disappearance, and who to contact

with information.

Appleton was last seen on Oct. 13, 1999 by her mother, who also lives in Pampa. She was seen in Northwest Amarillo, at 17th and Hughes streets.

"At the time she was last seen by our mother, she appeared to be scared about something but would not go

with our mother. She told our mother to get out of the area. Monica kept looking over her shoulder. Our mother asked her what was wrong, and Monica would not say at the time," Brown said in information posted on an Internet website about Appleton.

The last person Appleton

is known to have been with is a man named Ivory Tealer, also known as "T" or "T baby", of Amarillo, Brown said.

"Tealer was interviewed but stated that he did not know where Monica was. After being interviewed

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Cajoling, threats not stopping race for nuclear arms

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Today North Korea, tomorrow Iran? The world's apparent failure to stop the communist nation from developing nuclear weapons seems to be a sobering sign that threats and cajoling will not deter a country bent on acquiring such arms.

At a quick glance, Pyongyang's example seems applicable to Tehran — and perhaps other countries waiting in the wings with still-to-be-revealed clandestine nuclear activities.

Like Iran, the North exploited fears of its nuclear ambitions to wrest international concessions. Also like the Islamic Republic, it then held the world in thrall in on-off negotiations before the final steps that many fear Iran will also

take — breaking with the rest of the world to make the bomb.

In an apparent confirmation of world fears, North Korea boasted publicly for the first time Thursday that it has nuclear weapons.

President Bush has named both North Korea and Iran as part of an "axis of evil," along with prewar Iraq.

But a closer look offers some hope that Iran and others countries that may have the capacity to go nuclear will not automatically follow Pyongyang.

The threat level is one key consideration. For years the Northern regime appeared convinced it was about to become the target of a full

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Suspected meth found in purse

Stop-and-go driver held on drug charge

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

A traffic violation led to a drug charge for a 24-year-old Pampa woman last night when a Gray County Sheriff's deputy stopped her for failure to signal intent.

Deputy Nichol Johnson was on routine patrol around 10 p.m. when she saw a vehicle commit the alleged traffic violation on East Francis Avenue, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

"The vehicle stopped, the officer got out of her car, and the vehicle then took off for about a block," Hoard said. The vehicle stopped again on Browning Avenue just east of Lefors Street, he said.

"The deputy asked the driver why she drove off while the officer was

approaching her car, and she said she thought she was supposed to drive off," Hoard said.

Shari Danielle Albus of 1400 W. Somerville #17, the driver, gave consent to search the car. Johnson saw a small purse open inside the vehicle, with a substance that had a "crystal-like appearance" in the purse, Hoard said.

The substance is believed to be methamphetamine, and a sample has been sent for laboratory testing, he said.

Albus was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 10:22 p.m. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

Albus was released at 10:45 a.m. today on \$3,000 bond.

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Obituaries

Opal Elloise Brown, 95

SNYDER, Texas — Opal Elloise Brown, 95, of Snyder, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Cogdell Memorial Hospital in Snyder.

Services are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with the Revs. Kenneth Martin and Jim Hill officiating.

Burial will be in Ira Cemetery at Ira, Texas, under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home of Snyder.

Mrs. Brown was born June 23, 1909, to Watson and Julia Black at Camden, Ark. She married Jim Brown on Nov. 23, 1935, at Dunn, Texas.

A longtime resident of Ira, Mrs. Brown taught school in the Canyon community and was secretary for Supt. Roy Sallee while with the Ira school system, later serving as lunchroom supervisor for Ira schools.

She belonged to Ira Baptist Church and was a homemaker as well as an educator.

Mrs. Brown was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.



Brown

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Jim Brown of Snyder; a son and daughter-in-law, James Robert and Janet Brown of Ira; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joyce "Mickey" and Joe Flowers of Ira and Peggy and Ken Ham of Spring Branch, Texas; one sister, Matilda "Tillie" Horton of Pampa; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Family visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Charles John Evans, 67

Charles John Evans, 67, of Pampa, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2005, at Pampa. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of

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

Harold W. Houdyshell, 65

AMARILLO — Harold W. Houdyshell, 65, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2005, at Dallas, Texas.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, at the Southwest Church of Christ in Amarillo with Phil Harguess, pastor, and Bob Shepard, Elder and Bible Chair Director, University Church of Christ in Canyon, officiating.

Arrangements are by Brooks Funeral Directors of Canyon and Happy.

Burial will be in Dreamland Cemetery. Harold W. Houdyshell was born on July 7, 1939, in Dallas, Texas. He grew up in Dallas and Midland, Texas. He married Faye Kilpatrick in Odessa on May 16, 1962. He

was employed for 32 1/2 years at El Paso Natural Gas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Survivors include his wife, Faye, of the home; a daughter, Stefanie Turpen and husband Allen of Owasso, Okla.; a son, Sam Houdyshell and wife Judy of Flower Mound, Texas; and three grandchildren, Leah and Lindsey Turpen and Spencer Houdyshell.

The family suggests memorials be to Southwest Church of Christ Benevolence Fund, 4515 Cornell, Amarillo, TX 79109; or to High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114.

The family will receive friends at Brooks Chapel Friday from 7-9 p.m.

Services tomorrow

PEARCE, Sharon Kay — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of rain after 4 p.m. Cloudy, with a high around 54. Wind chill values between 27 and 33. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Tonight: A 40 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, with a low around 38. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Showers likely. Cloudy, with a high around 60. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between

30 and 35. Southwest wind around 15 mph becoming northwest.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 59. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. North wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. West southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 1 a.m. and 4 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 4 a.m. Cloudy, with a low near 29. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: A slight chance of snow before 11 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., then a slight chance of rain after 2 p.m. Cloudy, with a high around 36. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 49.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.

Thursday, Feb. 10

Twenty-nine traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at Brown and Cuyler streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in Harvester and Russell streets, Randy Matson and Hobart streets, and the 300 block of Canadian. A hit and run accident was reported in the 1600 block of West Kentucky. A traffic complaint was received in the lobby of the police department.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Finley and the 400 block of Jupiter.

Emergency medical service assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East Craven.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of West Brown.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace.

One narcotics drug law report was made. A civil matter was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Hill. A purse and contents were taken, for an estimated loss of \$50.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 300 block of Rider. A purse and contents were taken, for an estimated loss of \$30.

Assault was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. No injuries were reported.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at Browning and Lefors streets.

Suzan Campbell, 40, 310 Canadian, was arrested in the 300 block of Canadian for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Thursday, Feb. 10

11:50 a.m. — A 2005 Toyota Corolla, driven by Elizabeth Kat Kirkpatrick, 16, 1529 N. Williston, and a 1999 Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Autumn Shantel Darden, 16, 612 N. Lowry, collided in the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets. Brittany Ann Taylor, 16, 1801 N. Dwight, a passenger in Kirkpatrick's car, reported possible injuries but refused treatment at the scene. Kirkpatrick was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Feb. 10

Evelyn Turrentine, 20, 612 N. Wells, was arrested on a probation violation for forgery.

Shari Danielle Albus, 24, 1400 W. Somerville #17, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one gram and under four grams.

Friday, Feb. 11

Everett Daniel Shockley, 22, 728 Deane, was arrested on a probation violation for assault causing bodily injury.

Fire

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

Thursday, Feb. 10

8:28 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of Craven.

11:56 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Harvester and Russell streets.

1:01 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Randy Matson and Hobart streets.

1:31 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2100 block of North Hobart.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Feb. 10

8:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Craven and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 152 and County Road 4 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Campbell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Correction

The section number of the Texas Open Meetings Act cited in Thursday's article concerning the Gray County Appraisal District board of directors meeting was incorrect. The portion of the Texas Open Meetings Act which prohibits voting in an open session by secret written ballot is Section 551.102.

Arrest made in three-year case

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — More than three years after the body of a 16-year-old girl was found strangled near the Port of Brownsville, a suspect has been charged with murder.

Pedro Tejada, 34, was arrested Thursday at his Brownsville home and charged with murder, indecency with a child, felony enticement of a child and displaying harmful material to a minor.

Denise Villarreal's body was found wearing a bikini with a rope around her neck in 2001. Her mother had reported her as a runaway eight days earlier.

"It was a lot to go through. I thought I didn't have any tears left," said her mother, Beatriz Villarreal.

Physical evidence and new witness testimony led to the arrest. Cameron County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Gus Reyna said the Villarreal case was reopened in January after Omar Lucio took over as sheriff.

"We evaluated all the previous cases that were left behind by the previous administration," Reyna said. "This one had lots of leads and files."

Fort Worth student finds money

FORT WORTH (AP) — Police are investigating after a Fort Worth middle school student found thousands of dollars in a bag behind a school trash bin and then passed it out to other students.

A seventh-grader at Handley Middle School found the sealed bag with "a substantial amount of \$100 bills" in it Tuesday during school, Fort Worth police Sgt. Kathi Jones said.

Police don't know how much money was found because the student never counted it, but one child was given \$600 and bought a PlayStation 2.

Jones said she is checking on reports of robberies, drug activity or other crimes in the area to try to determine where the origin of the money.

Two weeks ago in Dallas, a child at the J.J. Rhoads Learning Center found tens of thousands of dollars that the police believe was drug money and also passed it around to friends. Two men were arrested after investigators accused them of threatening students who received

the money.

In Fort Worth, school officials didn't find out about the money until Thursday, when a parent came to the school with a wad of \$100 bills she had found on her child.

Police were called, and officers were sent to patrol the school and the bus stop used by most of the children involved.

"Right now our focus is on recovering the money, and our main concern is to ensure the safety of the kids and ensure there is a safe environment in the school," Jones said.

Jones said between 10 and 15 students received money. Police recovered cash and merchandise from all but two, she said.

She said that at one point, two students from Dunbar High School threatened the Handley student who found the money, demanding that he give some of it to them, she said. But, she said, the seventh-grader didn't have any left.

Police have interviewed one of the Dunbar students, and officers were trying to locate the other, Jones said.

Stocks

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Election

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be received no later than the close of business on April 29, Jeffers said.

Feb. 5 was the first day to file an application for a place on the city election ballot.

March 7 is the last day to file. March 14 is the final day for a write-in candidate to declare candidacy.

Drawing for place on the ballot will be at 9 a.m., March 15, in the City

Secretary's office. March 15 is also the last day for a candidate to withdraw from the election.

April 7 is the first due date for reports of campaign contributions and expenditures by opposed candidates and specific-purpose committees supporting or opposing candidates. It is also the last day for submitting voter registration applications for voting in the May 7 election.

April 19 is the last day for the city to get an application for a mail-in ballot from a voter in person. April 29 is

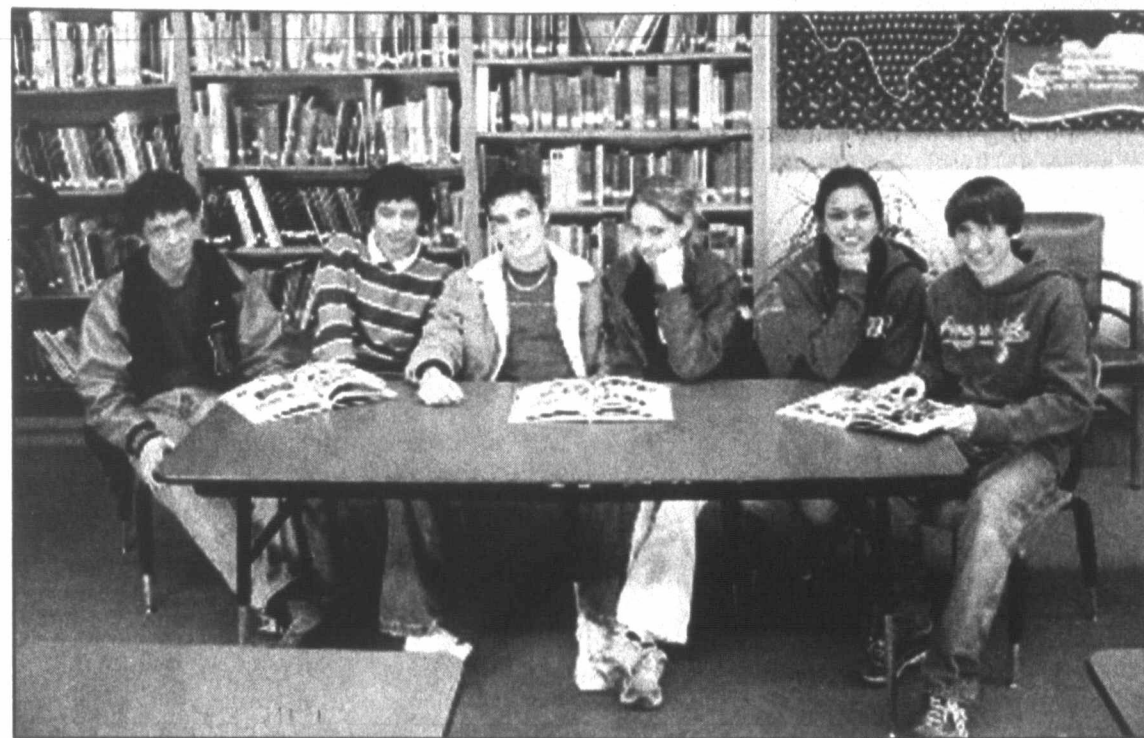
the last day for the city to receive an application by mail for a mail-in ballot.

April 20 is the first day of early voting in person.

April 29 is the due date for filing the second campaign contributions and expenditures report.

May 3 is the last day of early voting in person.

May 7 is Election Day. Pampa City Commission will meet in special session on May 17 to canvass the vote, declare the election results and swear in the newly-elected candidates.



Lefors ISD yearbook staff

Lefors ISD yearbook staff members review last year's book as they make plans for the current edition of the Treasure Chest. Left to right are Matthew Daugherty, Gareth Vaid, Trent Roberson, Rachael Stubbs, Samantha Cenicerros, and Drake Jackson.

Search

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more, he advised the investigators that he would not talk anymore unless his attorney was present. The interview was terminated and there has been no further questioning of Mr. Tealer," Brown said.

Appleton was born May 21, 1970 in Pampa. At the time of her disappearance, she was 5'5", 120 pounds, with blond hair and hazel eyes. She had two children.

"Throughout the five years since Monica went missing, leads and/or rumors have been followed up on with no luck. There are some who say Monica was killed, and others think she is in

hiding. She never had before stayed away from her family, so why start now?" Brown said.

Anyone who wishes to share information on Appleton may call Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 669-2222 or visit the website at www.findmonicaappleton.com, according to the billboard notice.

Nukes

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U.S. invasion — or nuclear attack. The country's isolation fed such concerns to the point that Pyongyang tried to justify its move Thursday by asserting it was only responding to American threats "with a nuclear stick."

A senior official with the International Atomic Energy Agency — the U.N. nuclear watchdog kicked out of North Korea two years ago — said the North's response was typical of a country that "feels it has no choice but to acquire nukes."

"It will only get to that point if it feels totally insecure and without other options," said the official, who spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

Iran is not at that point — yet.

A regional power of nearly 70 million people, it has no enemy at its doorstep, unlike North Korea, whose army faces hundreds of thousands of South Korean and U.S. troops across the border. Neighboring Iraq, Iran's wartime foe under Saddam Hussein, has become less of a threat since his ouster. One main reason is the rise of Iraq's long oppressed Shiite Muslims, the brand of Islam largely practiced in Iran.

Both Israel and the United States have refused to rule out pre-emptive strikes over fears Iran is trying to develop the bomb.

That threat would only increase if Iran suddenly broke off negotiations with European powers or contacts with the IAEA and went underground — as did North Korea — because both the United States and Israel would see the move as further proof it was working on nuclear arms.

Iran insists it does not want the bomb — and if

that's true it has much to gain by not turning into a hermit country. The talks with Britain, France and Germany could give it a toe-hold on things it wants, such as technical help, economic concessions and a greater voice in the world.

interest to keep talking. By doing so, it can keep suspicions at bay and the world guessing about its true intentions.

Gary Samore, director at London's International Institute for Strategic Studies, is among those who believe Iran wants to develop nuclear weapons.

Still, he says, it's worthwhile to keep Tehran talking — to win time if for no other reason.

"The Iranians have shown a reluctance to risk confrontation," he said. "They are afraid the big powers will act against them, and ... they are very nervous about possible U.S. attack."

George Jahn has covered the International Atomic Energy Agency and nuclear issues since 2000.

"The Iranians have shown a reluctance to risk confrontation. They are afraid the big powers will act against them, and ... they are very nervous about possible U.S. attack"

— Gary Samore
International Institute for Strategic Studies

But even if Washington is right in accusing Iran of lying, it appears in Tehran's

International Atomic Energy Agency and nuclear issues since 2000.

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Viewpoints

New to navigating Pampa intersections

As I approach the one-month mark in my new home and job, I am amazed at how fast the last four weeks have passed despite the fact I have been in a hotel and my family is still in Louisiana.

There have been so many people to meet, streets to learn, and a few computer problems thrown in at work just to keep it interesting.

As I work to learn my

way around the city, it is quite amazing that I haven't violated most, if not all, of the local traffic laws dealing with intersections.

I am learning to watch for the traffic lights on the corner of intersections as opposed to hanging from a cable in the middle of the intersection.

In my previous hometowns, an intersection with-

out a light is usually a four-way stop or at the very least a two way stop.

However, in Pampa I have discovered that some of the intersections have no lights or stop signs.

This may sound strange to someone who has lived here most of their life but

to a newcomer it is a big change.

I have had the opportunity to meet a lot of people in Gray County and I am working on learning more about the Pampa's local economy and business environment.

There are some very good civic organizations here in Pampa.

I have had an opportunity to visit several of the local groups including Kiwanis, Lions, and Rotary. All of these groups are making contributions for the good of Pampa.

I have driven south on Highway 70 as far as Clarendon and I have traveled to the airport in

Amarillo, but other than those two trips I have not ventured outside of Pampa.

I am told that the road to Miami is a beautiful drive and heading north toward Perryton also has some nice scenery.

I plan on traveling on all of these roads as soon as time allows.

I hope the intersections aren't too dangerous.

Sean Smith
Publisher



Texas Thoughts

From the Victoria Advocate

Teachers' pay part of education reform

Teachers unions are kicking up a fuss over a legislative proposal that would give them a pay raise. Yes, you read that correctly. As the saying goes, "the devil is in the details," and union representatives say the pay raise plan introduced last week doesn't address the core issue of attracting and retaining quality educators. They have a point. But so do legislative leaders who want to attract and reward good teachers and get rid of bad ones.

Texas House leaders filed a sweeping education bill last week that would, among other things, provide \$270 million a year for teacher pay raises over a two-year period. But the bill doesn't provide an across-the-board salary increase as desired by teachers' unions. Instead, it creates an incentive system that would give teachers pay raises based on how well their students score on state skills exams or for serving as mentors for lesser-experienced teachers.

Texas teachers earn about \$6,000 less than the national average, and that detracts from the state's ability to attract the brightest and the best ...

Texas teachers earn about \$6,000 less than the national average, and that detracts from the state's ability to attract the brightest and best to the teaching profession. An across-the-board pay raise would boost pay for beginners and veterans, which would help attract a better pool of teachers.

At the same time, the state would be wise to consider an incentive system to attract science, math and bilingual teachers who are in high demand but short supply. Incentive pay also would go a long way in helping public schools in inner cities, rural communities and lower-income neighborhoods attract and retain quality teachers. Typically, schools with the biggest challenges in educating children are the dumping ground for ill-prepared or poor teachers.

So the answer must be to design a system that gives a modest across-the-board pay raise to lift all boats, while creating a system of incentives that rewards hard work and performance. In future years, the Legislature could build on such a two-tier system and eventually produce fairness.

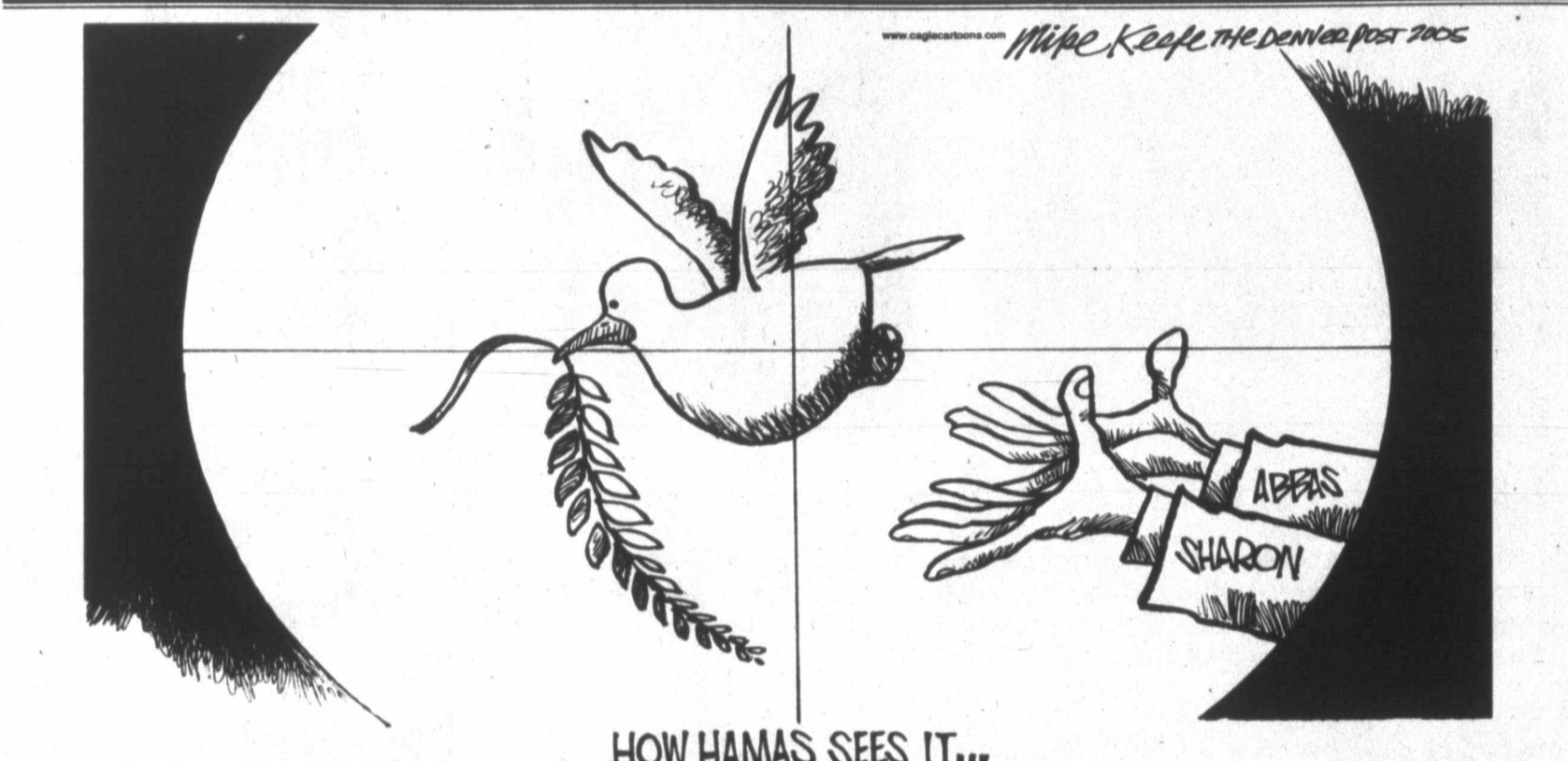
The plan gives districts flexibility. A district could choose to give its additional money as a cross-the-board raises.

The clash over pay raises is driven largely by market factors that shouldn't be ignored.

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During her whirlwind European tour she managed to get our critics there talking about getting involved in the rebuilding of Iraq now that the elections have taken place in spite of their gloomy predictions that the balloting could not possibly happen. And, as the seasoned and gracious diplomat she has proven to be, she was able to revive our relationships with our longtime allies on the Continent by her determination to let bygones be bygones.

Wrote Deutsche Welle, a German newspaper: "Whether



Condoleezza Rice off and running

In just the two weeks since she was sworn in as Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice has racked up a dazzling list of breakthroughs.

Just look at what has happened in a mere two weeks since she took on her new job. You see the King of Jordan, Egypt's Hosni Mubarak, Ariel Sharon, Mahmoud Abbas, all getting giddy together — and doing it without a single American in the room.

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Wrote Deutsche Welle, a German newspaper: "Whether

in Poland, Italy, France or Belgium, Condoleezza Rice above all sold her old message in a new package. The charm offensive of the second Bush administration — to affection-starved Europeans — has been completely effective."

The result, the newspaper reported: "... if the US president in two weeks decides to play the unusual roll of charmer-in-chief, he will have NATO and EU officials lying at his feet."

In France, long at odds with the U.S., the reaction was much the same. "Some time ago Condi Rice said France should be punished (for opposing the U.S.-led war in Iraq). By coming to Paris, she is showing the punishment period is over," Dominique Moisi of the French Institute of International Relations told Reuters.

French media, which have often accused President Bush of going it alone and ignoring his allies' views, struck a new tone

by applauding a visit which concentrated on areas of cooperation rather than potentially divisive issues.

"Condi Rice, a skilled pianist, gave a faultless recital at her European diplomatic gala in Paris," the French Liberation daily said.

Said Foreign Minister Michel Barnier: "Today the time has come to open a new phase, to start a new chapter, to start in a new way with this very old relationship and to start in this new way to write this new chapter."

It's amazing how things have changed, thanks to last year's election that kept George Bush in the White House to continue his policy of seeking to advance the cause of liberty and democracy in the consistently troubled Middle East, the successful election in Iraq, and the selection of this multi-talented woman to head the Department of State.

She is the right person in the right place at the right time, and in less than 14 days she has proven such foes as Barbara Boxer and John Kerry and doddering old Senator Byrd to be

180 degrees off base in their strident opposition to her appointment.

Much has been made of the fact that she is the first black woman ever to hold the job of Secretary of State. Yet she is far more than that. She is an astute student of world affairs, a determined and incredibly well-informed advocate of the policies of her boss, the President of the United States, and, unlike the aforementioned Sen. Boxer, a lady to her fingertips.

Think about it — old Europe is happy and for the first time in nine years Israelis and Palestinians have been able to sit down amicably and begin to hammer out the beginnings of a mutually-agreeable peace process.

Condi Rice is just beginning to travel on a long and difficult road filled with potholes and surrounded by hostile parties, but she's hit the ground running and her entire background testifies to the fact that she won't slow down until she gets where she and George Bush want to go.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally.

Michael Reagan
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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 11, the 42nd day of 2005. There are 323 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 11, 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin signed the Yalta Agreement during World War II.

On this date:

In 1812, Massachusetts Gov. Elbridge Gerry signed a redistricting law favoring his party — giving rise to the term "gerrymandering."

In 1847, American inventor Thomas Alva Edison was born in Milan, Ohio.

In 1861, President-elect Lincoln departed Springfield, Ill., for Washington.

In 1929, the Lateran Treaty was signed, with Italy recognizing the independence and sovereignty of Vatican City.

In 1937, a sit-down strike against General Motors ended, with the company agreeing to recognize the United Automobile Workers Union.

In 1972, McGraw-Hill Publishing Co. and Life magazine canceled plans to publish what had turned out to be a fake autobiography of reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes.

In 1979, followers of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini seized

power in Iran.

In 1986, Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky was released by the Soviet Union after nine years of captivity as part of an East-West prisoner exchange.

In 1989, the Rev. Barbara C. Harris became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the Episcopal Church, in a ceremony held in Boston.

In 1990, South African black activist Nelson Mandela was freed after 27 years in prison.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Discovery landed at Cape Canaveral, Fla., ending a historic rendezvous mission with Russia's Mir space station. President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, threatened to veto any attempt by Republicans to scrap plans to put 100,000 additional police officers on the streets.

Five years ago: The space shuttle Endeavour thundered away from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on a mission to map the world as never before. Britain stripped

Northern Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government of power in a bid to prevent its collapse over the IRA's refusal to disarm. French movie director Roger Vadim died in Paris at age 72.

'Time is really the only capital that any human being has, and the one thing that he can't afford to lose.'

— Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)

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Pastors, laymen to gather to 'declare God's power'

PLAINVIEW — Church staff members and laypersons from throughout the area will gather Feb. 21-22 in Plainview for the 84th Annual Panhandle-Plains Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, hosted by Wayland Baptist University.



Chris Seay

One of the longest running Bible conferences in existence, the event will feature the theme "Declaring His power to all generations." Featured speakers include Chris Seay, pastor of Ecclesia in Houston and noted speaker on the postmodern movement; his father, Ed Seay, pastor of First Baptist Church in Magnolia; and Dr. Joel Gregory, former pastor and current editor of Chili Pepper Magazine.

Gregory and the younger Seay led the 2004 conference, garnering massive approval by attendees. The 2005 planning committee invited the pair to return, adding Seay's father and two others to the speaking lineup. Jesse Rincones, pastor of Alliance Baptist Church in Lubbock, and Dr. Tommy Brisco, dean of the Logsdon School of Theology in Abilene, will also bring messages during the conference.

The event is intended to

help churches bridge the generation gaps when it comes to reaching the world for Christ, said Rev. Jackie Gestes, pastor of New Horizons Baptist Church in Lubbock and president of the 2005 conference.

"There are all kinds of challenges to declaring God's power to the generations, and there are different methods to doing this. We have to be careful not to change the methods so much that we change the message," Gestes said. "We're approaching the conference as a way to provide methods for reaching the generations for Christ in different ways. We want it to be represented by the music we offer at the conference as well as the speakers."

Speakers are intended to represent various generations and ways to reach those groups, Gestes said, noting that Gregory brings a sense of history to the conference, having spoken many years ago at the event, while Seay brings a younger perspective and is a draw to the postmodern crowd. Gestes also pointed out that Robert McKenzie, pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church in

Lubbock, will speak on Tuesday morning, and Russ Murphy, university minister at Indiana Avenue Baptist Church in Lubbock, will speak on Tuesday afternoon, rounding out the diversity of speakers.

The conference begins at 11 a.m. Monday with special luncheon sessions to be held at Wayland. A men's session, titled "Taking the gospel to the next generation," will be held in the multi-purpose room, with Chris Seay giving the Buster generation's perspective and Ed Seay offering the Boomer generation perspective. Lunch is provided by Wayland.



Brisco

A women's Bible study and luncheon will be held in the McClung University Center, room 211, featuring Duanea Armes, Wayland first lady and a member of First Baptist Church in Plainview, as speaker. Corrie Igo, a Wayland alum and former journeyman, will present a missions testimony, and special music will be featured as well.

The general conference sessions begin Monday afternoon, with the first at 1:30 p.m. in Harral Auditorium. Each session features a format of congregational and special music, theme interpretations, Bible study, testimonies and a message. Musical guests include the International Choir from Wayland, a children's choir from First Baptist Church in Plainview, organist Jennie Lynn Hodges from Wayland, pianist and vocalist Denise Bridges from New Horizons church, the men's choir from First Baptist Church in Levelland, Nathan Futrell and the praise team from New Horizons church, and others.



Gregory

Other sessions are planned for Monday evening at 6 p.m., and on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. A special Hispanic session is set for 6 p.m. Monday in Brown Chapel, with Frank Palos, BGCT Church Health and Growth associate coordinator, and Gus Reyes, ethnic consultant at the BGCT, speaking. Representatives and directors of missions from the sponsoring Baptist associations are active on the program as well. Those associations include Amarillo Area, Lubbock Area, Permian,

South Plains, Caprock-Plains, Mitchell-Scurry, Red Fork and Top O'Texas.

Other officers for the conference include first vice president Danny Andrews, layman from FBC Plainview; second vice president Ken Glidewell, layperson from FBC Paducah; secretary-

treasurer Charles Bassett, Wayland vice president emeritus from Weatherford; and president-elect Steve Vernon, pastor of FBC Levelland.

The conference is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Office of Church Services at Wayland, (806) 291-1165.



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First Christian to host stew and chili luncheon

Members of First Christian Church of Pampa, 1633 N. Nelson, will host a stew and chili luncheon for the public on Saturday, Feb.

19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A lunch of stew or chili with pie and tea will be served from 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Take-outs will be avail-

able at 12:30 p.m. A Country Kitchen, Youth Silent Auction and Country Store are also planned. Funds raised from the

event will be used to support outreach programs, both locally and worldwide, and for special projects within the church.



Pampan on BCM Council

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Baptist Collegiate Ministry Council on the Weatherford campus for the 2004-05 year includes a student from Pampa, Joshua Miller. The new officers are (front from left): Angela Merritt, Claremore; Jamie Renfro, Oklahoma City; Loraine Weekley, El Reno; Emberly Flaming, Clinton; Jennifer Roberts, Moore; Alexandria McAlee, Yukon; Jennifer Owens, Meeker; and Jennifer Dobrinski, Okeene. Back from left, Joshua Miller, Pampa, Texas; James Breyen, Lexington; Colby Young, Midwest City; Josh Thomas, Elk City; Brock Gillham, Sentinel; Chad Kincer, Yukon; Joshua Priddle, Altus; and Benjamin Hawkins, Weatherford. Baptist Collegiate Ministry is centered to promote Christian growth and fellowship.

Jewish publisher completes translation of Babylonian Talmud

NEW YORK (AP) — A monumental new English translation of Judaism's Talmud was presented to the Library of Congress this week, anticipating a March 15 gala in New York that marks public release of the work.

The 73-volume set comes from ArtScroll/Mesorah Publications of Brooklyn — it costs \$1,900 and is some 35,000 pages long. The "Schottenstein Edition of the Babylonian Talmud" is named for the Columbus, Ohio, department store fam-

ily that sponsored the project.

ArtScroll says its English Talmud is distinguished by the comprehensive commentary provided by more than 80 scholars from various nations who worked on the series.

Virginia Senate kills religious property bill

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — A bill to give congregations that leave their denominations leverage to retain control of their properties has died in Virginia's state Senate.

Sponsoring Sen. William Mims recommended that the measure be referred back to a law committee, effectively killing it Monday, but said he hoped the issue can be

reintroduced in next year's legislative session.

The bill would have allowed seceding congregations to be independent of any church, diocese or society. Currently, breakaway congregations are limited to joining another branch of their church or society.

The proposal created an uproar among Virginia religious leaders.

Church Briefs
Calvary Baptist offers Sunday School class for single mothers
Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa offers a Single Mom's Sunday School Class at 9:30 a.m., Sundays, at the church, 900 E. 23rd. For more information, call Candy Thompson, 665-0030.

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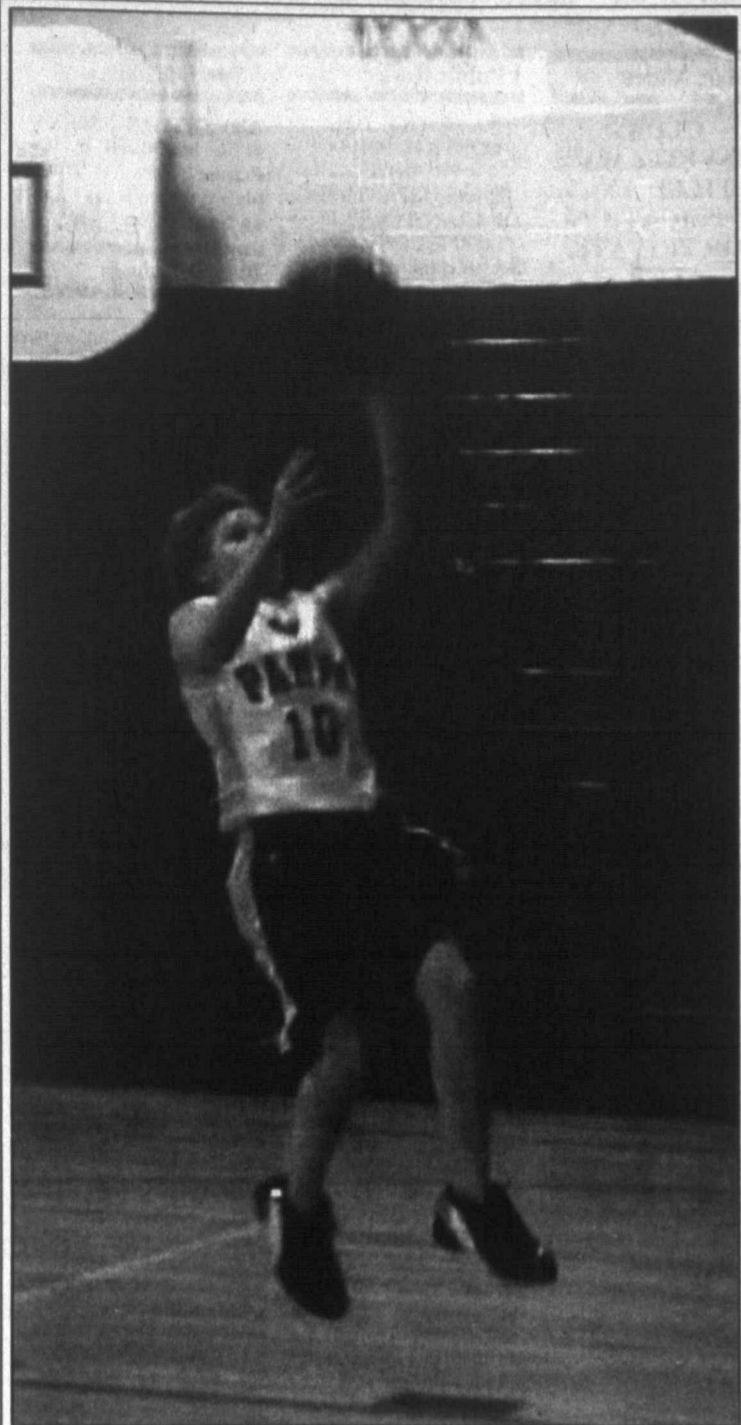
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Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Hayden Skinner finishes off a fast break with a left-handed layup during Pampa Junior High's A team game against Hereford yesterday.

Pampa teams win in opening round of tournament

8th Grade Tournament results from yesterday at Pampa Junior High School:

"A" Bracket

Pampa 75, Hereford 42
Westover 68, Dumas 52
Canyon 43, Hereford 32
Plainview 59, Dumas 44

"B" Bracket

Westover 46, Dumas 16
Plainview 50, Canyon 42
Hereford 37, Dumas 21
Pampa 40, Canyon 32

Games scheduled for Tomorrow:

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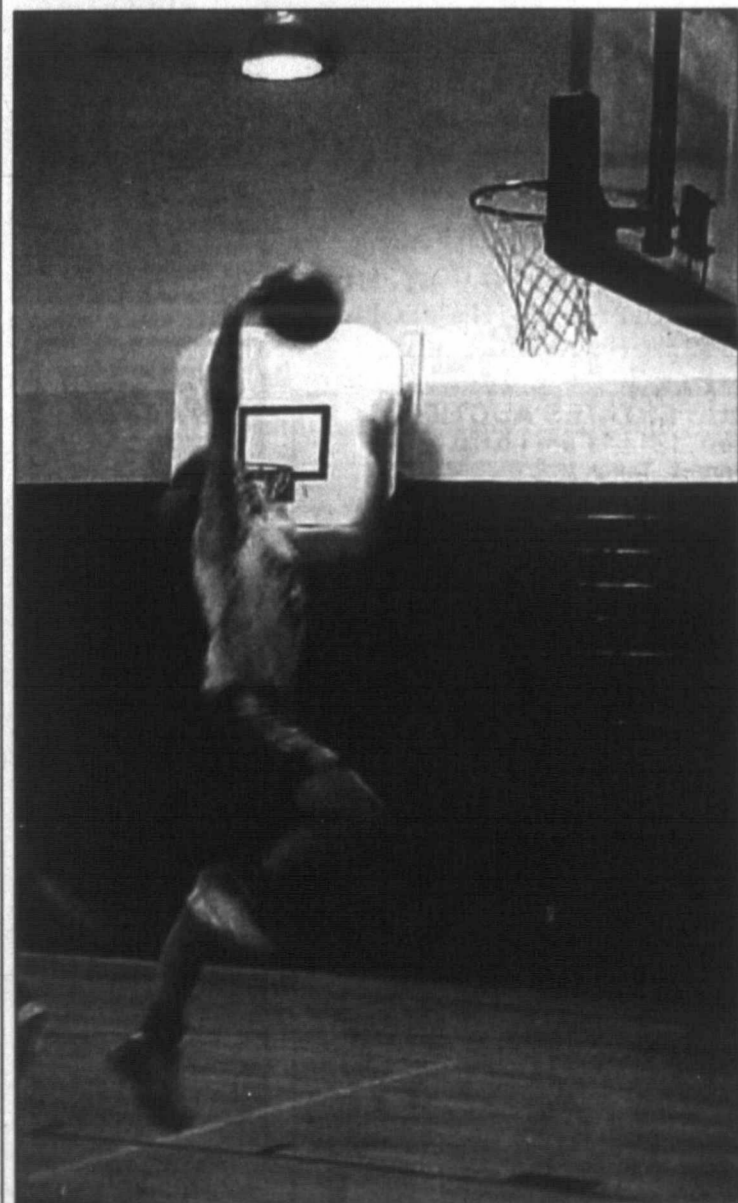
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Plainview vs. Westover
10:30 a.m.

"B" Games

Hereford vs. Westover
9 a.m.
Pampa vs. Plainview
10:30 a.m.

3rd place games
1 p.m.
2nd place games
2:15 p.m.

1st place games
3:30 p.m.



Matt Smith goes for the dunk in the waning seconds of the A team game. Pampa defeated Hereford, 75-42. The B team took care of Canyon, 40-32.

Reed, Harvesters would like to end Palo Duro's district winning streak

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Normally, when the circus comes to town, it is preceded by plenty of pomp and circumstance. Fanfare and celebration commonly combined with giddy folk longing to see what the circus has to offer.

It seems everywhere the Palo Duro Dons go lately, they are followed by coaches, assistant coaches and others with some sort of college affiliation. And the media attention is on the rise. Giddy folk.

Take nothing away from Palo Duro (24-3, 8-0), this is a team deserving of such attention, including its No. 2 state 4-A ranking. With marquee players like Austin Johnson and Justin Mason, Palo Duro has all but crushed the com-

petition this year, winning most of its games by 20 points or more.

So what can Pampa, 16-11, 4-4, do to overcome the hoopla and smite the mighty Goliath at The Pit tonight? Find their weakness and exploit as early and as often as they can. And not get caught up in any on-court mind game.

The Don's are fast. They will run you to death. This is why some teams manage to hang with them in the first half or so. Palo Duro is biding its time — setting them up for the feast to come in the second half. Slow them down and you have a chance.

However, Pampa will need to be crisp as well as confident. Every offensive shot must count, there will be little or no room for missed rebounds. Passes must be precise. The defense

will need to be patient but tenacious at the same time. And, should the Harvesters slow the Dons down, they will need to be ready for a tough press. Break it and there may be a scoring opportunity at the other end.

Pampa has to believe they can win this game.

In preparation for tonight's game, Reed had the team over at his house last night where they watched the movie, "Miracle." He wanted his team to know that, if you play a team 100 times — and they beat you 99 times — that leaves one time for you to win. Reed wants tonight to be that one time.

Game time: Junior varsity at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30 p.m.

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Optimist leagues gearing up for '05

Organizing for optimist Baseball/Softball 2005 begins Sunday at 2 p.m. at the Optimist Club. Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis will hold a commissioner's meeting for all baseball and softball commissioners.

Leagues this year will include a T-Ball league for five and six year old boys and girls. There will be pitching machine leagues for seven and eight year old boys and for seven, eight and nine year old girls.

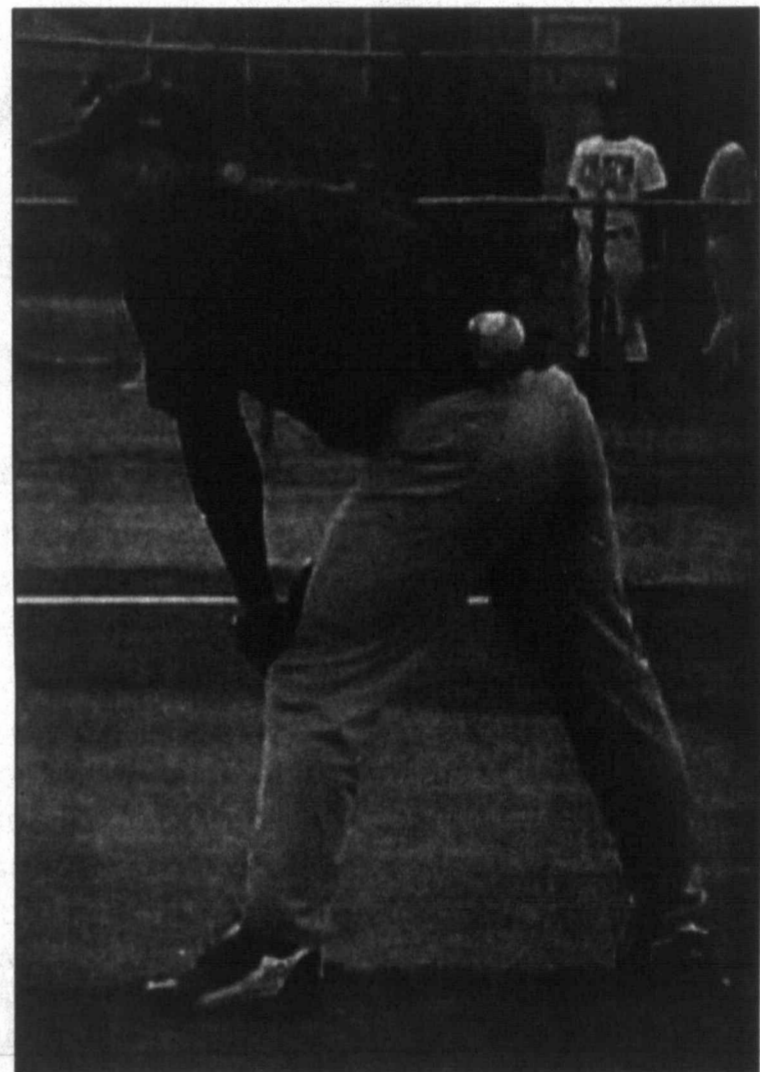
Optimist Babe Ruth Softball Leagues include a Major League for girls who are 10 through 12 and a Senior league for girls who are 13 to 15.

Babe Ruth Baseball has a Minor League for boys who are nine and 10, a Major League for boys 11 and 12 and a Babe Ruth League for boys 13 to 15.

Sign-ups and tryouts will be in March with games expected to start in mid-April.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Pitch man



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa pitcher Dusty Lenderman looks toward home and catcher Shea Brown during yesterday's scrimmage against River Road at Harvester Field. Pampa will host Borger tomorrow for another scrimmage game. First pitch at 1 p.m.

Lady Harvesters scrimmage Canyon tomorrow afternoon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester junior varsity and varsity softball teams will be in Canyon tomorrow afternoon for a couple of scrimmages. Games are scheduled to start at 2 p.m.

This is Pampa's final scrimmage before kicking-off the regular season next Friday and Saturday at the Borger Tournament in Borger.

Sargent takes this week's pin honors

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Here are the results from Wednesday's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

1st Place (63)

Pat Montoya
Jim Bridges

Harvey Malone
Bob Henderson

2nd Place (65)

Jim Brashears
Kenneth Williams
O.K. Lee
Bill Harwood

3rd Place (67)

Howard Wells
Jess Mathis
Bob Brandon
James Lee
Bill Abernathy

Closest to the Pin

(#15)
Oscar Sargent

Pampa soccer teams on road Saturday to face Bulldogs

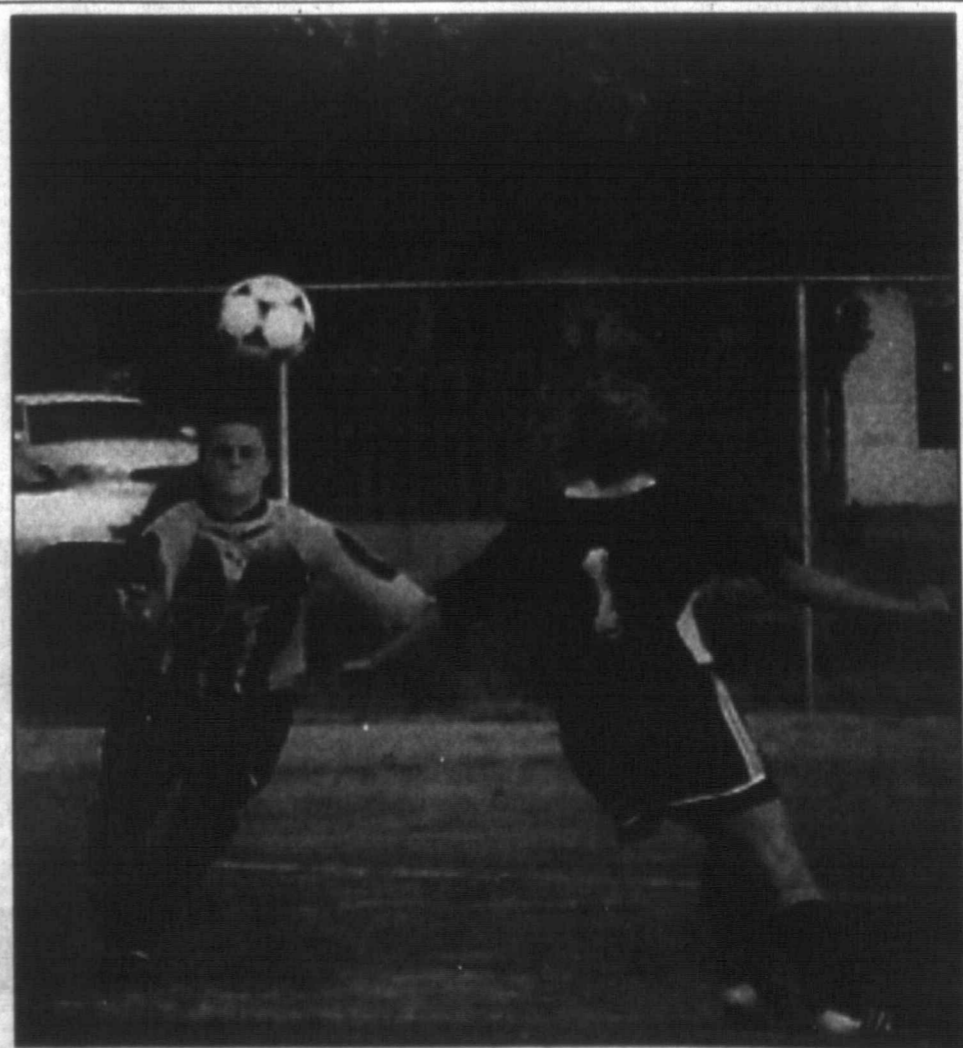
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School soccer teams will travel to Borger tomorrow.

The Lady Harvesters, who fell to Randall 3-0 Tuesday, will get started at 12 p.m., followed by the boys at 2 p.m.

Both teams are on the road again next Tuesday when they travel to Amarillo to face Palo Duro at Dick Bivens Stadium.

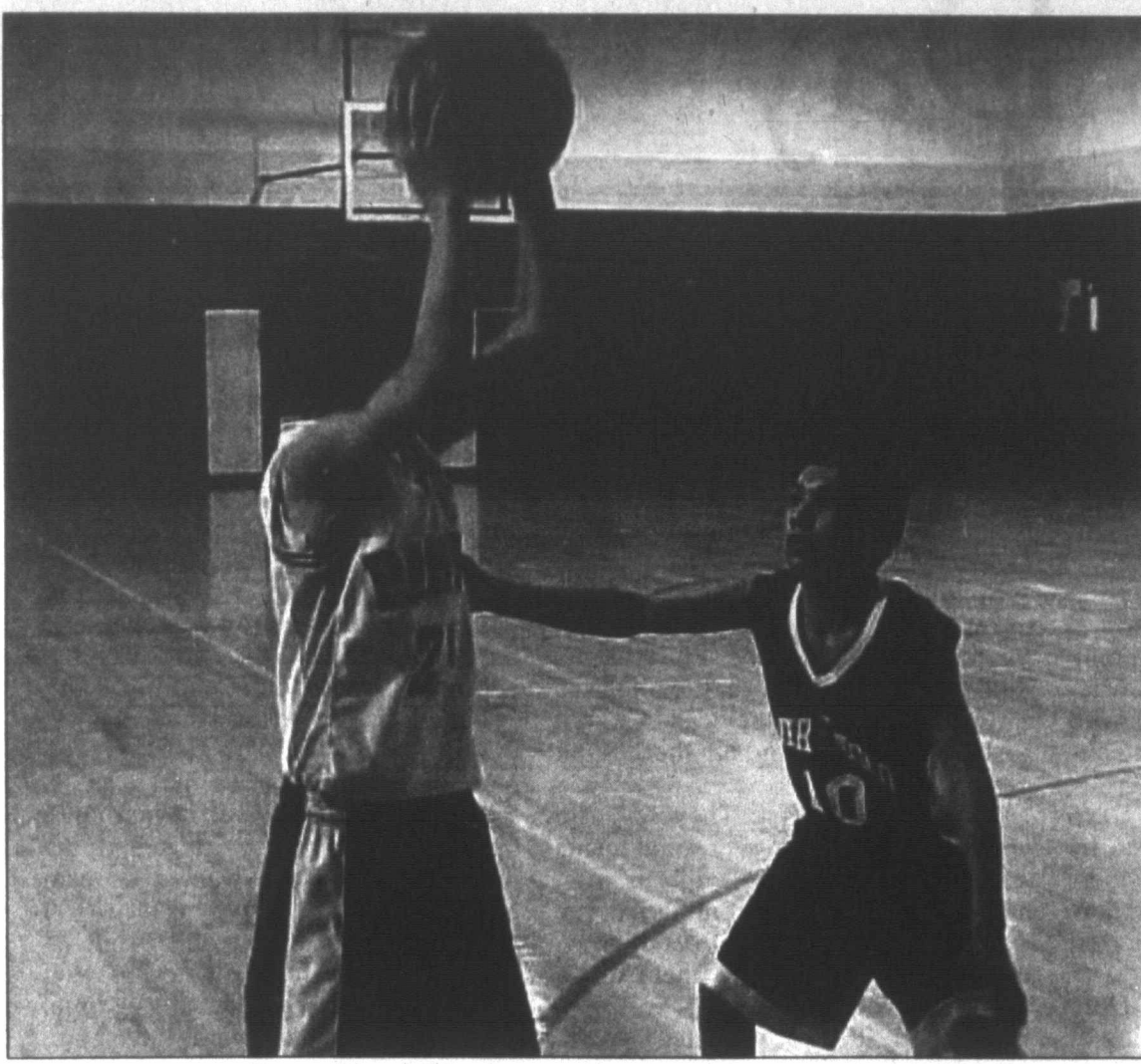
With Lady Harvester teammate Brittany Balay looking on, senior Pampa goalie Chera Chavedo chases down an opponent's kick during a recent game.



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Eye on the ball

Pampa's Blake Sieck #21 looks for an 8th grade teammate during yesterday's A team 75-42 win over Hereford.

Oswalt signs \$16.9 million deal with Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — Pitcher Roy Oswalt accepted a two-year, \$16.9 million deal with the Houston Astros on Thursday, settling a case that was set to go to arbitration next week.

"Roy established himself as one of the best pitchers in the game in 2004," Astros general manager Tim Purpura said in announcing the deal. "He has been a vital part of our success on the mound for the last four years, and we look forward to his continued success in an Astros uniform."

NHL talks break off

NEW YORK (AP) — The NHL and the players' association broke off talks as the clock ticked down to a weekend deadline for saving what little is left of the season.

Nearly five months after the lockout started, the league and the players are still on opposite sides of the salary-cap argument. The owners insist on a link between revenues and player costs, and the union vows never to accept it.

During the meeting at the league's office in Canada, the sides spent 2 1/2 hours huddling separately. No new meetings were scheduled.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I work a night-shift job, as does my sister-in-law, who lives in my home. People who don't work nights cannot seem to understand the need for us to get our sleep during the day. They frequently call at noon, wondering why we're not up yet.

These people need to know that noon is just like midnight for people who work the day shift. Many nights I go to work on less than four hours of sleep, mainly because if people can't reach me on the house phone, they'll call my cell phone, which is the emergency number for my husband and kids.

My answering machine clearly states that I "work nights and sleep days, so please leave a message and I'll return the call."

Your column is widely read, and I'm certain that a good number of other night-shift workers would appreciate it if you could spread the word: Those of us who work nights need the same amount of sleep that people who work days do. — SLEEPLESS IN MISSOURI

DEAR SLEEPLESS: I'm pleased to help spread the word. For callers to bypass your answering machine and use your cell phone number is rude, inconsiderate, and could endanger your health. Sleep deprivation can cause memory and concentration problems, accidents and mistakes at work, increase blood pressure, and even compromise the immune system. In the interests of self-preservation, change your cell phone number, and instruct your husband and kids not to disclose it to anyone.

DEAR ABBY: I am the happily married mother of 1-year-old and 2-year-old boys; "Jonathan" is the older and "Kevin" is my baby. Because my elderly parents live close by, we make sure they see our children often. Also, I

make time every morning to talk to my mother.

It has become clear to my husband and me that Mom favors Jonathan. When Kevin was an infant, Mom would literally step over him to get to Jonathan. Until it caused a rift, she would "jokingly" refer to Kevin as "the other one."

Recently, Kevin had a violent allergic reaction to some medication. Mom's first concern was how Jonathan reacted to his little brother's being ill.

When I share a milestone with my mother, she is quick to compare Kevin unfavorably with his brother. I could list many other examples.

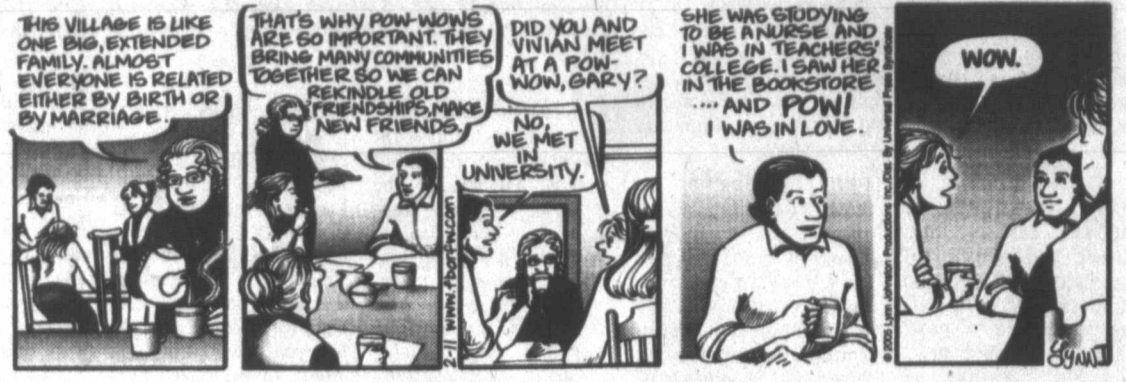
I am saddened, disgusted and furious. I have confronted Mom more times than I can count. Most times she denies it; sometimes she says she feels Jonathan is just "special." The boys are still too young to understand, but it won't always be that way. My husband's family is not involved much in our lives, so mine is extra-important. How do I deal with this problem? — DISTRESSED IN DAYTON

DEAR DISTRESSED: Since reasoning with your mother hasn't helped, it's time to lay down the law. Tell her either she becomes a better actress in dealing with the boys, or you'll be forced to limit her access to them. And if she doesn't shape up, act on it.

Small children can sense favoritism and discrimination, and it is hurtful. Rather than blame the adult, children often blame themselves for it. So draw the line now, before your little one's self-esteem is affected.

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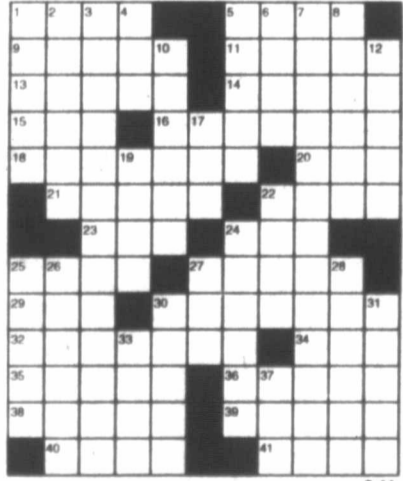
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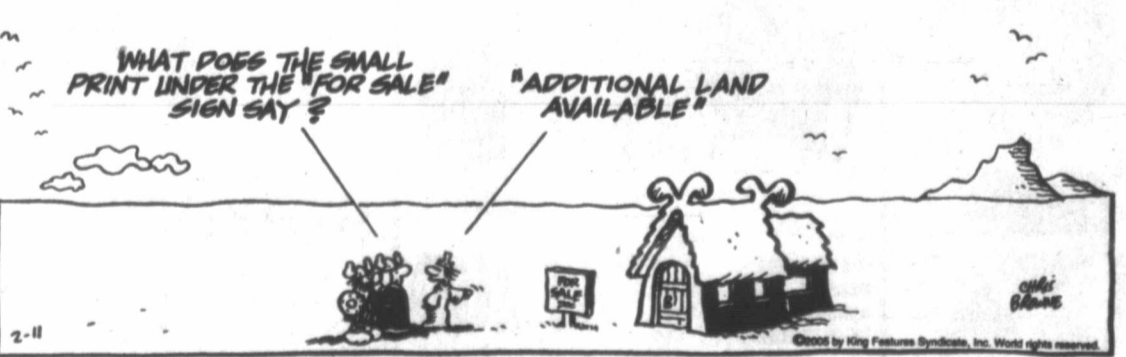
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