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Today's weather



Deaths

Chow Chu 'May' Ma, 71, restaurant owner. Bonnie B. Palmer, 92, teacher.

Odds & Ends

WELLINGTON. New Zealand (AP) - An environmental protester facing indecent exposure charges came to court exposing the naked truth.

Simon Oosterman, 24, arrived at Auckland's District Court naked --but he got dressed before

Two more file for May 7 elections

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Two more incumbents have filed as candidates for re-election to their respective posts on the Pampa City Commission and Pampa Independent School District Board of Education.

The latest additions to school and city races filed yesterday, according to officials for each race.

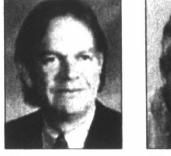
Ward 3 Commissioner Robert year, in addition to those held Dixon filed for re-election to the city commission. John Curry, Place 1 trustee, filed for re-election to the school board.

Candidate applications will be received through March 7. March 14 is the final day for a write-in candidate to declare candidate in the city election.

City commission and school board positions up for election this by Curry and Dixon, are mayor and Ward 1 commissioner in the city race, and Place 3 and Place 2 on the school board.

Lance DeFever, the incumbent for the Place 2 school board election, is the only candidate who has filed for that position as of today. No candi-

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Dixon

Pampa ISD board OKs \$6.5 million bond refund

Curry

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Pampa school board members Thursday authorized First Southwest Company to seek refunding approximately \$6.5 million in bonds issued in 1997 to fund a major restructuring of the district's elementary schools.

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education met in regular session at 6 p.m., Thursday, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Call date for the 10-year bonds, totaling almost \$10 million, is Jan. 15, 2007, said Nick Bulaich, an associate of First Southwest.

With interest rates much lower than when the bonds were issued, the school district could receive significant savings by refunding Bulaich the bonds, Bulaich explained. At slightly more than 5 percent. Interest rates now are below 4 percent.

est payments by refunding the bonds now.

Officials said the advance refunding would lower the school's indebtedness rate included in the tax rate. There would be no cash transaction involved and costs associated with the refunding would be included.

This year, the school district's bonded indebtedness rate was six cents per \$100 valuation. The total tax rate was \$1.56.

The board also heard a proposal from Fred Storm of Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo to serve as bond counsel for the refunding process.

Storm said a bond counselor's role in the refunding would be to issue an opinion about the bond's validity, negotiate forms and paper work, send for approval to the Attorney General's office, as required by the state, and then see that the issuance of the bonds is correctly registered with the State's Comptroller's office. He said the the time of issuance, interest rates were bond counselor would also issue a tax opinion that goes to the prospective buyers "so they know what they are getting.' The standard fee for bond counselors is \$1.60 for every \$1,000 issued, Storm said. No action was taken on hiring a bond counselor at Thursday's meeting.

he entered the courtroom Thursday.

The computer technician was charged during the Auckland Naked Bike Ride last Sunday, an event he organized to protest society's dependence on cars.

When Oosterman was stopped by police during the naked bike ride, other riders covered the lower parts of their bodies to avoid arrest.

Oosterman and three supporters --- two men and a woman - stood naked outside the courthouse Thursday holding a banner reading: "Stop indecent exposure to vehicle emissions."

He then went inside and headed up the escalator, still naked, toward the courtroom.

But he donned his clothes before entering court, where he pleaded not guilty and was released to reappear on March 21.

Outside court Oosterman said he would fight the charge as public nudity was "different from indecent exposure."

"The purpose of the protest was to draw attention to the issue of transport emissions," he said. "There has to be a distinction between people flashing (nude bodies at) young girls and public nudity, which is benign.'

SHELBYVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Karrie Jeremiah pulled a discarded lottery ticket from a restaurant trash can and hit the jackpot.

Two other people had purchased the \$5 Hoosier Lottery scratch-off ticket last week at the Chaperral Cafe. When a clerk at the downtown cafe told them it wasn't the \$40 winner they were hoping for, they threw it away, lottery officials said.



Fred Storm of Underwood Law Firm in Amarillo, standing, describes the role of a bond counselor to Pampa Independent School District Board of Education members at their meeting Thursday night. Board member Charles Smith is in the forearound.

The exact amount of saving will be determined by the interest rate at the time the bonds are refunded, he said. A breakdown of estimated savings First Southwest provided to the board indicates the school district could save approximately \$250,000 in inter-

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Alanreed man charged in assault of child, mom

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

An Alanreed man is free on \$30,000 bond after being arrested by Gray County deputies yesterday on charges of assault causing bodily injury and injury to a child.

Joe Bob Davis, 42, Darsey Ranch, Alanreed, was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 11:15 a.m. Thursday by Deputy Bruce Burrell after deputies responded to a call concerning an injured child.

Deputies went to McLean on Wednesday and met three juvenile girls who were sisters.

"One girl reported ... that friend, had hit her mother mom and 10-year-old sister and her," said Lt. Joe B. during a fight," Hoard said.

Hoard of the sheriff's office. had been hit is 10 years old, ear at the time deputies he said.

"... one of the girls said her mom's friend had struck her mom and 10year-old sister during a fight."

- Lt. Joe B. Hoard Gray Co. Sheriff's Office

A student at school told Deputy Derek Peters that "one of the girls said her J.B. Davis, her mother's mom's friend had struck her

The 10-year-old appeared The child who said she to have marks on her right spoke to her, Hoard said.

The victim's mother, who was also a victim in the incident, told deputies that "the suspect had showed up at her house and demanded she take him home. Apparently, she didn't move fast enough and he started hitting her with his fists. He also hit her on the arm. The 10-year-old intervened and said, 'Stop hitting my mom,' and he backhanded her on the forehead," Hoard said.

David was arrested on warrants issued by Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter.

The charge of assault causing bodily injury is a

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Pepe LePew is on the prowl and ... Love is in the air **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

Pepe LePew is on the prowl.

It seems that Valentine's Day is being taken seriously by local skunks, according to Sandy Burns, Pampa Animal Control officer.

Reports of dead skunks on Hobart and Somerville streets this morning prompted a call to the Animal Control office to ask if there was any reason for concern over the apparent increased skunk activity.

"Skunks are active this time of year. It's just that they're in heat. It's not anything wrong or bad, like rabies," Burns said.

In recent years, Pampa and the surrounding area was plagued by rabid skunks which threatened people and pets and had to be caught and destroyed.

Male skunks start looking for mates now, she said, and the search for a mate is not confined to skunks, either.

Dogs and cats may also feel the effects of Cupid's arrows at this time. An increase in strays right now is at least partly due to mating behavior, Burns said.

The Looney Tunes skunk was smitten by a cat which he pursued with single-minded determination, even though the female cat was not of his own kind and was not interested in him.

Cat owners, beware.

Explosions rip through Baghdad, 28 Iraqis dead Attacks on eve of Shiite Islam's holiday mark deadliest day since election

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) ---Four explosions ripped another explosion occurred through Baghdad on Friday, killing at least 28 people and injuring dozens on the eve of Shiite Islam's most important holiday, officials said. It was the deadliest day since Iraq's landmark elections last month.

two

Friday prayers were ending, near a Shiite religious procession and a third suicide bomber blew himself up at an Iragi police and National Guard checkpoint in a Sunni neighborhood.

The attacks recalled bombings on the Ashoura Suicide bombers attacked holiday a year ago that killed Shiite mosques as at least 181 during the reli-

gious festival.

In northern Iraq, meanwhile, three American soldiers were killed in separate attacks Wednesday and Thursday, the U.S. military said.

The bloodshed began when a bomber entered the vestibule of al-Khadimain mosque in the Iraqi capital's Doura neighborhood and

detonated his explosives as worshippers prayed, witness Hussein Rahim Qassim said.

Shortly afterward, a bomb exploded outside the al-Bayaa mosque in a predominantly Shiite neighborhood in western Baghdad.

The first explosion killed 15 and the second killed 10, an official at Baghdad's al-Yarmouk Hospital said on

condition of anonymity. About 30 were wounded.

Less than an hour later, an explosion near a procession of Shiites marking Ashoura northwest of the city center killed two and injured five. according to Iraqi police Lt. Waed Hussein.

The fourth attack was at

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Thursday, Feb. 17

Seven traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart streets.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2400 block of Comanche Trail, the 100 block of East 27th Street, the 2500 block of Mary Ellen, twice from the 2400 block of Mary Ellen, the 2400 block of Duncan, and the 2500 block of Aspen.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received concerning Highway 60 East and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received concerning the 100 block of West Kingsmill and the 700 block of Deane Drive.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of Lowry, the 400 block of North Ward and the 1100 block of Christine.

One residential alarm and one holdup alarm were reported.

Found property was reported in the 800 block of Deane Drive. A plastic baggie con- Lea, and a 2003 Honda Accord, driven by

taining a white powdery substance was found.

A call concerning an assault was received from the 1300 block of Coffee.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of East Browning.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of East Harvester. The disturbance was verbal only.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 600 block of North Banks.

A missing person call was received from the 600 block of North Starkweather.

A disorderly conduct/noise call was received from the 1800 block of North Christy.

A welfare check was made in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Narcotic drug law information was received at the police department.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Thursday, Feb. 17

11:50 a.m. - A 2000 Volkswagen Beetle, driven by Jacklyn Dean Cargill, 16, 1813

Kandice Lea Couts, 30, 621 Bradley, collided in the 1500 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Cargill was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Feb. 17 Joe Bob Davis, 42, Darsey Ranch, Alanreed, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury and injury to a child.

Steven Michael Willett, 25, 12175 County Road D, was arrested for theft over

Fire

\$1,500 and under \$20,000.

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

Thursday, Feb. 17

12:08 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

6:17 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of Kentucky.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 17

8:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:36 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

6:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Feb. 18

1:08 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:08 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Lea and transported a patient to PRMC.

Obituaries

Chow Chu 'May' Ma, 71

Chow Chu "May" Ma, 71, of Pampa, died Lamplighter Restaurant. Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, in Pampa.

of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

Born June 10, 1933, at Canton, China, Mrs. Ma married Joe Ma in 1950 and came to Pampa in 1975.

Mr. Ma preceded her in death in June 1995

Mrs. Ma was owner and operator of the www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Survivors include a son, William Ma of Services are pending under the direction Borger; four daughters, Darlene Wong of Clinton, Okla., Becky Ma and Juanita Bogges, both of Pampa, and Dianna Tipps of Canyon; three brothers; a sister; 17 grand-

The family requests memorials be to a

Bonnie B. Palmer, 92

Survivors include her children, Richard Palmer of Texas and Becky McCain of New Mexico; sisters, Edith Iverson and Lettie Jean Hammond; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests Pampa, to Willie Pascal and Lettie Mae memorials be to Charcot-Maire Tooth Davis. She taught first grade until her retire- Foundation (MDA), 2700 Chestnut Parkway, Chester, PA 19013.

Bush proposes buying fewer ships, while China busily increases its fleet

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's plan for the Navy calls for buying fewer ships, while China is increasing and repositioning its fleet. It's a prospect that concerns some lawmakers.

The plan is contained in Bush's 2006 budget proposal, which Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld on Thursday defended, saying the military was closely watching China's moves but that the U.S. Navy our naval fleet still

state of Maine is home to the Bath Iron Works, one of the Navy's largest ship builders, expressed her reservations to Rumsfeld.

"I recognize that our naval fleet still remains the most technologically advanced in the world. But the decreasing number of

ships being procured, particularly in the light of the Chinese buildup, really concerns me," she said. "Are you concerned 1.10

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Bonnie B. Palmer, 92, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2005.

Memorial services are planned at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at Life-Paths Funeral Home in Scottsdale.

Mrs. Palmer was born Aug. 7, 1912, at

children; and a great-grandson.

favorite charity.

ment in 1978.

Gray County Weather

fog Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 47. Wind chill val- clear, with a low near 39. ues between 26 and 31. South southwest wind 30 and 35. West wind around between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of rain, mainly between 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. Cloudy, with a low around 38. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. South between 15 and 20 mph. southwest wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high

before 10 a.m. between 15 and 25 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly Wind chill values between

> 20 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. West northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. West northwest wind

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58. North of snow after 4 a.m. Mostly northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly near 68. Wind chill values cloudy, with a low around between 29 and 34. Windy, 32. East northeast wind

Today: Rain likely. Patchy with a southwest wind around 15 mph becoming south southwest.

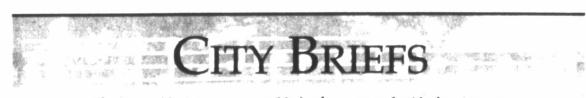
Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 48. West southwest wind around 15 mph becoming east southeast.

Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 28. Wednesday: Cloudy, with

a high around 47. Wednesday Night: A slight chance of rain before 3 a.m., then a slight chance of rain and snow between 3 and 4 a.m., then a slight chance cloudy, with a low around 28. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 39.

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remains the pre-eminent fleet.

"The United States Navy ... is the Navy on the face of the Earth that is a true blue water navy," Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "On the other hand, when one looks at trend lines, it is something that we have to think about."

The Pentagon says buying fewer ships than previously planned won't affect combat ability. Previous budgets envisioned purchasing six Virginia-class attack submarines, seven DD(X) destroyers and 10 San Antonio-class amphibious landing ships through 2011.

The 2006 budget calls for three submarines, five destroyers and nine landing ships. It also proposes eliminating one of the Navy's 12 aircraft carriers. Overall, Bush is proposing to increase the Pentagon's budget by \$19 billion, to \$419 billion next year. The budget calls for buying fewer planes, ships and submarines in favor of spending more on counterterrorism.

Republicans and Democrats argued that cutting back now could jeopardize the Navy's long-term domination of the seas, particularly in light of China's military improvements.

Lawmakers also worry that any reductions would cost them work and jobs at the nation's shipyards.

Republican Sen. Susan Collins, whose

Texas Supreme Court agrees to hear school finance case

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Supreme Court on Friday agreed to hear an ongoing dispute over how the state pays for public schools.

The decision allows the lawsuit to bypass a lower appeals court, speeding up a decision that is dominating the legislative session. State District Judge John Dietz in September ruled that the \$30 billion funding system is unconstitutional. The state appealed directly to the Supreme Court.

Many districts say they do not have enough money to educate their students under the current plan, which relies heavily on local property taxes. The districts blame a local school property tax limit and say state does not provide enough money to schools. More than 300 school districts, some

remains the most technologically advanced in the world. But the decreasing number of ships being procured, particularly in the light of the Chinese buildup, really concerns me."

> --- Susan Collins Maine senator

> > of defense for policy, singled out China as among "important powers in the world," whose

strategic choices will influence U.S. national security.

"Of the new powers that are rising ... the country that can be expected to have the greatest effect on international relations is China," Feith said.

Cnina has invested heavily in its own defense in the past few years. Prohibited from buying U.S. and European arms under an embargo, Beijing purchased at least \$13 billion worth of weapons from Russia between 1993 and 2003, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. China's arsenals now are stocked with Russian-made submarines, destroyers, supersonic fighters and anti-ship missiles, as well as weapons it increasingly is making on its own.

property-rich and others property-poor,

brought the lawsuit that challenged how

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able." He also warned that the state must

stop funding public education by next fall if

the courts, lawmakers have been working to

because it requires property wealthy district

to give local revenue to the state for redistri-

bution to other schools. While poorer dis-

tricts have benefited, wealthy districts com-

plain their are being jilted out of millions.

While the case is making its way through

The system is nicknamed Robin Hood

the constitutional violations are not fixed.

come up with their own overhaul.

Dietz said the finance system is "finan-

Texas funds its public schools.

about projections that the Chinese fleet may well surpass the American fleet in terms of numbers in just a decade's time?' "Senator," Rumsfeld

replied, "it is an issue that the department thinks about and is concerned about and is attentive to." One of Rumsfeld's top

aides, Douglas Feith, echoed the secretary's views in an appearance later Thursday before the Council on Foreign Relations, a private think tank.

Feith, the undersecretary

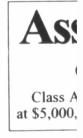
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Pampa High School **Choir Director** Fred Pampa

Election

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date has filed to enter the race for Place 3, currently held by Jay Johnson. Curry is the only candidate as of today for Place 1.

Mayor Lonny Robbins has filed for re-election and is currently unopposed.

Mays, above left, introduces All-State Choir students, above, from Stacy Pepper, left, Carissa Snelgrooes, and Nicole Fernuik. Also pictured is Wanetta Hill, assistant director. At right, ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch gives Adam Hagerman a certificate in recognition for being named to the All-State Band and Orchestra. the presentations were made at the Thursday night meeting of the Pampa ISD Board of Education.

Jeff McCormick, incum-

School

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No one from the public appeared before the board at a community hearing on the 2005-2006 school calendar. Pampa ISD must conduct the hearing because the proposed calendar shows a start date of Aug. 16. State law requires that public schools start the week of Aug. 21 or else seek a waiver from the Texas Education Agency. Public notice and a public hearing are conditions to be met before seeking the waiver, school officials said.

The board approved recommendations of the textbook selection committee. Dick Dunham presented the recommendations, cautioning the board that some of Policy Update 74; and

Assault

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Class A misdemeanor, and bond was set at \$5,000, according to jail records.

Iraq

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the checkpoint in northern Baghdad neighborhood of al-Adamiyah. An Associated Press reporter saw one dead police officer and two wounded civilians.

Shiites had packed into mosques Friday to mark the eve of Ashoura, the 10th day of the Islamic holy month of Muharram and the holiest day of the year for them.

The bombings were a bloody reminder of last year's Ashoura commemorations, when twin blasts ripped through crowds of worshippers at Shiite Muslim shrines in Baghdad and Karbala and killed at least 181 people.

Ashoura marks the death of Imam Hussein, the grandson

Viewpoints

Never too late to be a good dad, granddad

screamed her last sentence to me over the phone.

"I love you too and I miss you. Tell that mean old father of yours to let you fly up to Amarillo so we can have some fun," I said in my good-bye.

Heather's dad, my son Daniel, is reluctant to put her to the mercy of Southwest Airlines kid shuttle program, though Daniel and his little brother Jeremy logged many miles between Houston and Antonio with San Southwest. I don't know the reason for Daniel's reluctance in letting Heather fly alone. The ingrate, he's just putting off the inevitable the inevitable being I'll spoil

"I love you, Pa." Heather her that much more when I do get to see her. Yeah, like his grandparents did him. I fully understand grandparents rights with grandchildren. Spoil them rotten and let their parents deal with the aftermath. I do enjoy being "Pa."

Heather. I call her "Squirt", is the apple of my eye. Why isn't it apple of my mer eyes? When she is in my grasp I cannot get enough of "Dennis, her. You see, on mater and this pater Palmitier's side of the tree. Heather represents the something we need to visit only granddaughter and with Daniel and I don't think

great-granddaughter. Ditto for her dad's mother's side the phone is the right avenue as well. After two snottynosed boys from my ex-wife happen. Can you come to and two snotty-nosed boys San Antonio this weekend?"

each from ex-sisters-in-law. and two snotty-nosed boys from my younger brother one dreaded thought after and his wife, my snottynosed boy - now a man gives me a granddaughter. his high school years, Daniel Ahem. 1'11

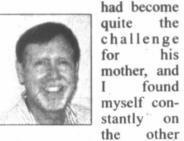
Dennis never forget the call **Palmitier** that sum-Columnist of 1997.

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be there, I was wrought with another with what Daniel had gotten himself into. In

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Monte (my ex-wife). I've end of angry phone calls from her. Let me add that I about concerning a situation moved to Houston after my divorce from his mother in San Antonio. Rather, I to discuss what's going to tucked my tail between my legs and high-stepped it Him for His insight through away from my ex-inlaws -

After saying that I would 109 of them to be exact - in Christy, Daniel's 16-year-old one city - San Antonio.

> In fleeing from the tribe (figure that out), I was also checking out from the responsibility of raising two sons. I'll flat out come clean, I was not a good father to Daniel and Jeremy after the divorce and I've paid dearly for my checkout. It's taken me much work over the years to become a father again. There's still work in But Daniel, progress.

Jeremy, and their father are now tight as bark on a tree. I entered Monte's house a

tad on the anxious side. Thank God for Zoloft and, later, I would be thanking prayer. Monte's news was

girlfriend (Daniel was eighteen at the time) was pregnant and that the three of us were going to Christy's home for a group discussion with Christy and her parents. Where's that shot of Jack

Daniel's when you really, really need one? Why did I have my wisdom teeth taken out when I was 18 for I would have been much happier sitting in my dentist's office than where I found myself sitting that afternoon? Do you get the picture? I wanted to be a thousand miles away from San Antonio.

As the meeting pro-

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By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2005. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.

On this date:

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.

In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention.

In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the



state's death penalty.

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

Our readers write Armed Guard

Although not well known, the Navy's Armed Guard came about in 1941 when Congress voted to arm merchant ships with Navy personnel and armament.

vets' reunion

An armed guard crew usually consisted of one Navy officer, two Navy radiomen and one signalman and 15 to 25 Navy gunners. The armament usually consisted of a 5"-38 or 4"-50 on the ship's stern, a 3"-50 gun on the bow and four to eight 20mm or 40mm guns at various locations on the ship. Crews and armaments were somewhat fewer during the early part of the war.

As a member of the Armed Guard, I started shipping out on merchant ships in June of 1942. Some of the East Coast harbors looked like graveyards with the mast of torpedoed ships sticking out of the water.

The Armed Guard was deactivated at the end of the war. Approximately 144,000 Navy personnel served on 6,230 merchant ships during the war. Of these ships, 710 were sunk by enemy action and many more were severely damaged.

The State Association of Armed Guard veterans will meet on March 3-5 in Fredericksburg. The Armed Guard has no annual dues and all armed guard and

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Making same mistake with Iran

The Bush administration is making the same mistakes with Iran that it made with Iraq. It makes allegations unsupported by facts, refuses to negotiate and threatens sanctions or military action, neither of which is feasible. In short, it has no rational

Iran policy. The Bush administration seems to be under the impression that the Iranians are pursuing the development of a nuclear weapon. familiar? Sound The Iranians deny it. The administration says, in effect, that they are lying. If the administration has any proof, let's see it. It was so all-fired certain that Iraq was not only pursuing nuclear weapons U.N. resolutions, but in fact

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been proven untrue. That was a mistake that has cost us 1,400 lives and 10,000 wounded. Make that mistake

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and you'll see a heck Charley of a lot Reese more body bags com-Columnist ing back to the United

States. Our silly secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice. says that the Iranians must live up to their international obligations. Again, a familiar propaganda note. The Bush people claimed Iraq was not complying with but had stockpiles of other it had. The trouble is that, so

weapons, all of which has far as we can tell, the Iranians are also complying. They signed the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. which the Bush administra-

International Atomic Energy Agency and are allowing inspections, which Israel does not. They have a right under the treaty to enrich uranium, but are negotiating with the European Union to forgo that right.

tiations and several times has tried to get the IAEA to refer Iran to the U.N. Security Council, where it hopes sanctions will be applied. The IAEA has righttion's pet fully refused to do so. Even country, if it did so, China or Russia Israel, has refused to would certainly veto any ressign. The

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olution mandating sanctions. Ms. Rice coyly said recently that a military attack against Iran is not on the Bush agenda "at this point." That's a nothing statement, because it does not rule out a military attack.

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me see your papers." That

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El Paso, voted against the

bill. He calls for "a real and

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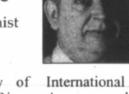
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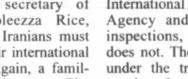
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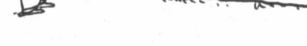
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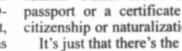
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Opponents of the bill say the terrorist bent on a mission. Rep. John Conyers, D-

Mich., said, "At some point, we have to treat terrorism as

El Paso Times



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Traveling in style

Pampa Animal Control Officer Sandy Burns, center right, accepts the keys to an SUV from Don Potts, new car manager for Culberson Stowers Inc. Culberson Stowers loaned the vehicle to Burns to transport Fena, the city's new search and rescue dog to a two-week training course. With Burns and Potts are Brenda Frazier, sales person, far left, and Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner.

Perry approval at highest level in three years

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry's job-approval rating has rebounded to its highest level in three years, according to a new poll, leaving him well-positioned to face a potential re-election challenge from either U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison Comptroller Carole or Keeton Strayhorn.

Fifty-one percent of the 1,000 Texans surveyed said Perry is doing a good job as governor, while 33 percent disapproved of his job performance. That's a marked improvement from a year ago, when half the Texans surveyed disapproved of Perry's performance as governor.

But Hutchison remained the most popular elected official in Texas, with 72 percent of those polled saying she is doing a good job in the Senate. Her job approval among Republicans was 85 percent, compared to Perry's 73 percent approval rating among party members.

"The poll shows she could win any political contest she Hutchison entered," spokesman David Beckwith said in Friday's edition of the Houston Chronicle.

Hutchison and Strayhorn are widely believed to be challenging considering the 2006 Perry in Republican primary. Fiftythree percent of those surveyed said Strayhorn is doing a good job, with 16 percent disapproving.

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governor plummeted during the 2002 election campaign as Democratic candidate Tony Sanchez poured millions of dollars into negative television advertising against Perry. Partisan battles over redistricting and state budget cuts further pushed down Perry's ratings through 2004. "Regardless of the poll

numbers, the governor has always governed based on his philosophy," said Perry Texans' opinion of the political director Luis Saenz.

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Calendar items

 Texas CattleWomen are currently sponsoring a statewide scholarship for high school students called the Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be a 2005 graduating senior at a Texas high school or equivalent institution and must be accepted into an agricultural-related field at a Texas college or university for the 2005 fall semester. The deadline for applications to be returned to Amy Brainard, P.O. Box 570, Canadian, TX 79014, is Feb. 18. For more information, visit www.texascattlewomen.or g on the Internet or call Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

For senior students enrolled at state certified schools in Gray, Carson, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Hutchison, Lipscomb, Ochiltree, Roberts and Wheeler counties, additional scholarship opportunities are available. Applications will be made available through area counselors' offices. The deadline to return applications for judging is April 22. One \$500 scholarship and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded. These scholarship applications should be mailed to Glenda Adcock, 920 Turkey Track Rd., Miami, TX 79059. For more information, contact Adcock at (806) 868-6828.

 The next Pampa Area Singles dance, featuring Mike Porter, is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

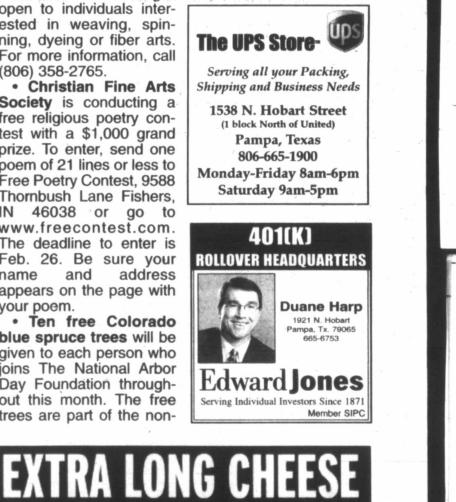
Palo Duro ٠ Handweaver's Guild will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals inter-

for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting in March and May with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Feb. 28. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

profit Foundation's Trees

 The Second Annual **Playwrights Showcase** of the Western Region is Aug. 12-14, 2005, at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colo. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2005. Registration forms and more information are available www.rrcc.edu/playwrightshowcase on the Internet. The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

 Residents have until March 9 to order seedlings from Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The seedlings will be offered at a nominal cost.



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gressed, I was amazed to find the two respective grandmothers-to-be were all agog over a grandchild coming. I could not believe what I was hearing. Didn't they know the statistics about teenage parenting? Didn't they understand the seriousness of the situation? And, Daniel and Christy wanted the baby. I could not believe what was transpiring and wanted out of there. I had two words on my mind and spoke my thought - two words that I later called the "A words"- abortion or adoption. There was no way possible that Daniel and Christy would remain together to raise a child. Odds would be against them

Iran

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ers - the United States, Israel, India and Pakistan. Their reasoning for pursuing nuclear plants is feasible. They know their main export, oil, will run out one day, so by using nuclear to produce internal power, they can extend the life of their most profitable export. They are certainly wise to disperse their facilities, given the fact that the Israelis bombed Iraq's only nuclear reactor in the 1980s.

But let's assume Iran does develop a nuclear weapon. I

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one if it will be a major curb to illegal entry into the country. Possibly statistics to show a reduction of illegal immigration would, as time passes, show that it was a San Antonio on a thorny Heather's life for two more, mesquite log. And, rightful- but Daniel's mother and I so, for ly

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he evidence does show that once countries develop nuclear weapons, they keep pretty tight control over them.

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Oh, the administration don't care. I've lived most of says the Iranians will hand assume that President Bush

> wise enactment. But if it only shows that getting a driver's license is now a hassle, then it will

have been a mistake. Senators should ask some questions about the best way to stop illegal immigration, and if tightening driver'slicense requirements is really the best way.



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Merchant Marine veterans are urged to attend. The state association is trying to locate all of the Armed Guard veterans in Texas. For additional informa-

Dennis Palmitier is a Pampa native, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.

intends eventually to attack terrorist organization. Well, the country. That would be stupid, but if you look at the that? The evidence does stupidity of the Iraqi mess, show that once you can't rule it out. Never believe that Bush won't do countries develop something just because it's nuclear dumb.

> Iraq, with just over 20 million people, a flat terrain and a dilapidated military, has given us quite a bit of trouble. Try Iran, which has nearly 70 But more to the point, if we million people, a mountaindon't want Iran ous terrain and a much more to develop a effective military. You Bush nuclear lovers should write your man and advise him to let that sleeping dog lie.

> > Charley Reese is a retired journalist and syndicated columnist.

tion, contact John Shirley, Chairman and Host; 4128 N. Summercrest Loop, Round Rock, Texas 78681; (512) 671-3464.

Van C. Mills

San Angelo, Texas P.S. I worked for the Soil and Conservation Service in Gray County from 1962 to 1967.

ested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

 Christian Fine Arts Society is conducting a free religious poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane Fishers, IN 46038 or go to www.freecontest.com. The deadline to enter is Feb. 26. Be sure your address name and appears on the page with your poem.

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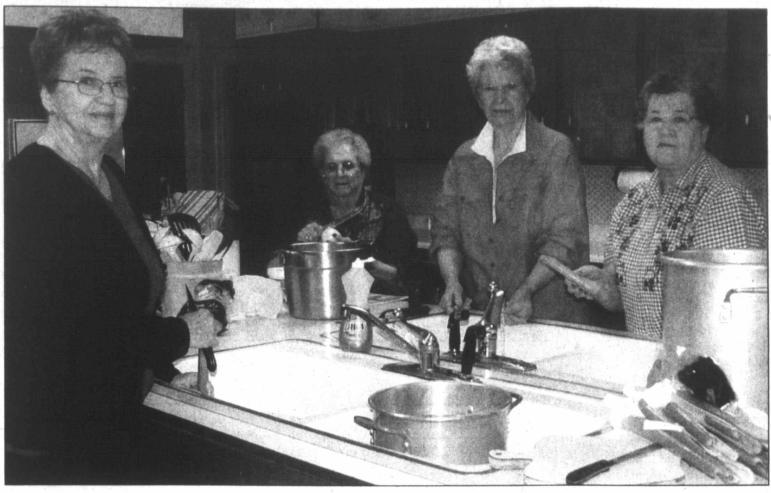
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JESUS CHRIST, THE SAME YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND FOREVER HEBREWS 13:8

Religion



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Gettin' ready for stew and chili

Members of First Christian Church of Pampa's Disciples Women's Ministry wash and chop vegetables for the Stew and Chili Luncheon and Bazaar Saturday, Feb. 19, at the church, 1633 N. Nelson. Pictured, from left, are Betty Anderson, Margaret Washington, Dorothy Walls, and Peggy Cloyd. The event, also featuring a Country Kitchen, Silent Auction, and Country Store, is open to the public. Doors open at 10 a.m. A lunch of homemade stew or chili, cornbread, and fresh pie will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Take-outs are available at 12:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to the church's outreach program and special projects within the church.

Church to celebrate mortgage pay-off with special services

Feb. 20 is Celebration Sunday at New Life Assembly of God, at the corner of Randy Matson and Sumner streets, because the mortgage has been paid off, announced Harold Eggert, senior pastor.

In honor of the occasion, Rev. John Farina, the first pastor, will preach the morning service at 10 a.m. Rev. Mark Stripling, the third pastor, will preach the evening service at 6:30 p.m. Faye Wilkerson,

wife of the late Rev. Allen Poldson who was the second pastor, will be ministering in song and testimony. The public is invited to come and help celebrate.

"We are thanking God for his divine intervention in helping us raise the money to accomplish this project," Eggert said in a press release.

Five and a half years ago, the church owed more than \$100,000 on the church building, he said.

"Because of extra payments during this time, the church balance was reduced at an accelerated rate, leaving us with only \$19,000 by October 2004," Eggert said.

banquet, the remainder of the moneys were brought in from both internal and external sources," the pastor said. "This celebration day is a time where we assemble to glorify God

'We are thanking God for his divine intervention in helping us raise the money to accomplish this project."

- Rev. Harold Eggert New Life Assembly pastor

"Through a two-month campaign presented at a church

for this wonderful miracle and blessing."

Great treasures can be found within a person's heart

treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good. An evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil. For of abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

the like, hoarded up, a store of and strength. It means mind, soul, money in reserve. The text is speaking of the treasure of a man's heart, referring to either good or bad, that might be stored therein. beats too fast or too slow, it causes spiritual system. If it ceases to treasure of an evil man's heart –

A good man out of the good The evil man has evil stored. The good man has good stored.

The physical heart is a muscular organ of the human body that lies in the cavity of the thorax between two lungs. It maintains the circulation of the blood through the blood Luke 6:45 vessels. The heart referred to in the text might be called the spiritual A treasure is money, jewels or heart and is the seat of spiritual life spirit or one's entire emotional

Jimmy Flynn Church of the Brethren

serious physical complications. If it fails to function, the entire physical system collapses and the body dies, life departs.

The treasure of an evil heart is

murder, adultery, fornication, thefts, false witness, and blasphemies. If these things fill a man's heart, there is no good that can come out. Everything in that man's heart is defiled.

Envy, hatred and malice can be stored. Envy your neighbor because he has a better job than you. Hate your brother because he has a better understanding of the church than you. Malice for all,

nature and understanding.

If the physical heart is affected, affected, it causes an upset in our Lord names the things that fill the

Likewise, if the spiritual heart is found in Matthew 15:18-20. The charity for none. It is easy for an

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The physical heart has many

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Its task is to pump the blood to

every part of the body to sustain

life. The heart that Christ referred

to has a storage capacity that may

be filled with either good or bad.

The quality of this storage determines the quality of manhood.

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DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, writers expressed concerns about early hearing screening for newborns and young children. Your readers should know that Early Hearing Detection and Intervention (known as the EHDI program) is a nationwide priority supported by several federal agencies, state governments, and most hospitals that offer obstetrics/delivery services.

We at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are proud to be a part of this effort. We have long advocated screening to detect hearing loss. Early intervention gives children the best possible start in life.

Most states and territories have EHDI programs that support efforts to detect hearing loss in babies early. The foundation of the EHDI program is the 1-3-6 Plan, whose goals ensure that:

-- Babies are screened for hearing loss before 1 month of age (ideally before the baby leaves the hospital).

-- Babies are referred for diagnostic hearing and medical evaluation before 3 months of age (if they do not pass the first

screening or a re-screening). -- Babies are enrolled in intervention services before 6 months of age if a hearing loss is identified.

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tact your state or territorial EHDI program, visit the **Centers for Disease Control** and Prevention Web site: www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/ehdi.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to "Jeremy" for four years. I thought we had a wonderful marriage. A few months ago, I had his cell phone records pulled because I suspected Jeremy was being deceitful about the people who were paging him. I was shocked to discover that he had been in constant contact with the girl he had dated before me, and also another woman who is also married. Then I found out he had been out to dinner with both of them without my knowledge.

Jeremy swore to me that he would no longer have contact with either of them and said our marriage was more important than his "friendships." Because I no longer trusted him, I had his phone records pulled again; nothing has changed. He says he remains in contact with them just to be nice.

Abby, I am not a jealous spouse. Jeremy has many female friends who call the house, and it doesn't upset me because they speak to me as well. I feel so betrayed. Why would my husband destroy our marriage and constantly lie if he has no feelings for these other women? -- HURTING IN NEW ORLEANS

DEAR HURTING: You're asking the wrong person. Only your husband can answer that question. A marriage without trust is no marriage at all, and it's important that you find out why he would jeopardize his relation-DEAR DR. CORDERO: ship with you in order to Your letter will be of interest maintain those friendships. to parents-to-be, so thank you Counseling for the two of you for taking the time to write. might be helpful -- but only if Readers, for more informa- he's willing to work on this tion on EHDI or how to con- issue. You have my sympathy.



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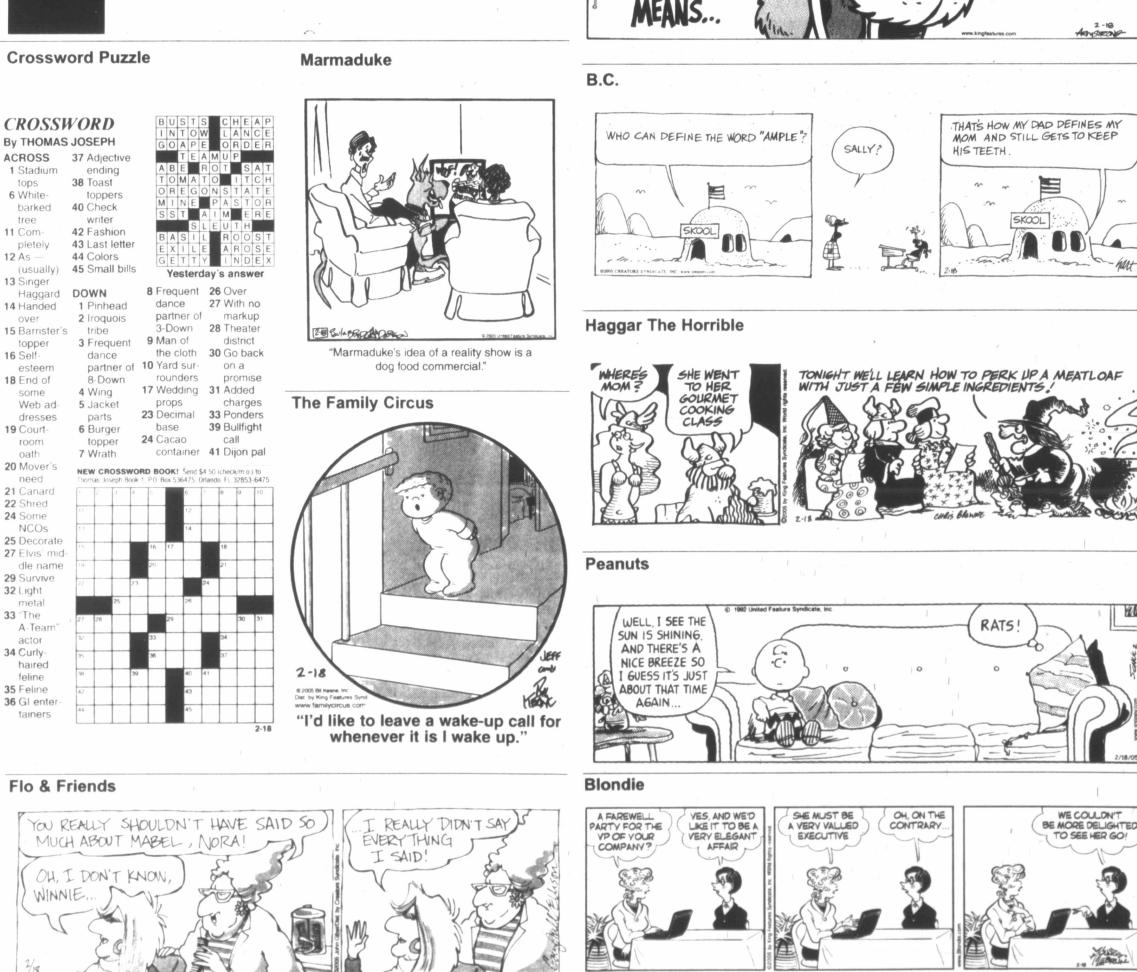
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Sports Day

Former star says he trusted charities

WASHINGTON (AP) ---Hakeem Olajuwon said Tuesday he was funding legitimate humanitarian projects when he gave tens of thousands of dollars to charities which the government later accused of having links to al-Qaida and other terror groups.

But Olajuwon refused to say whether he supports the militant version of Islam espoused by several of the groups he supported Houston through his mosque.

The former NBA MVP held a conference call with reporters Tuesday to respond to a report by The Associated Press last week revealing his mosque gave more than \$80,000 to charities the U.S. government later shut down because of alleged terrorism ties.

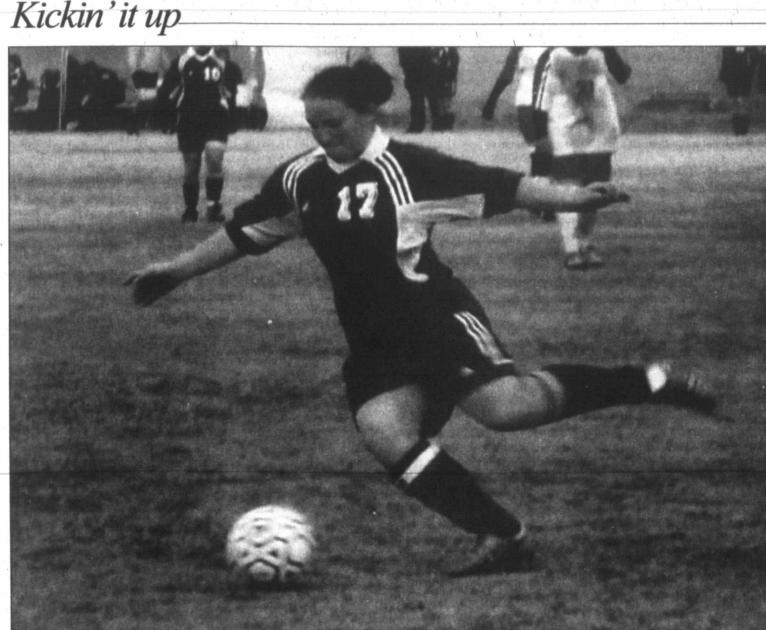
He said the news coverage unfairly suggested he supports terrorism.

"I have difficulty accepting when my name can be linked to anything like terrorism or supporting it," Olajuwon said from Jordan.

Olajuwon said he was careful to make sure his mosque's donations went to the humanitarian projects promised by the groups getting the money. He said he was comfortable making the donations because the groups had not yet been shut down by U.S. authorities.

"We are always conscious, to make sure that ... the money goes to the work," Olajuwon said. "What we don't have control over, now, is to say, 'OK, are you suspected of linking to terrorists?' How would we know that?"

Tax returns from Olajuwon's Islamic Da'Wah Center mosque show it gave more than \$80,000 to the Islamic African Relief Agency and more than \$2,000 to the Holy Land Foundation for Relief and Development. Federal authorities shut down IARA last year and HLF in 2001, saying they were fronts for al-Qaida and the Palestinian terrorist group Hamas.



Junior Adeena Dallas gets ready to put some leg into the soccer ball during the Lady Harvester's recent meeting with Borger. The Lady Harvesters will take on Canyon this Saturday at Kimbrough Stadium.

McHale gets first coaching win

AWARDS & ACCOLADES

Amarillo Chamber of Commerce honors Pampa's Whitney Penrod

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Pampa's Whitney Penrod was among 17

ber's Quality of Life Council, which includes the sports committee. Penrod, a senior at Pampa High School,

was recently named Regional Diver of the

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kevin McHale already has had an impact on the Minnesota Timberwolves: They're listening to their coach for once.

The Timberwolves went from an NBA power to an also-ran this year under Flip Saunders, who was fired on Saturday. McHale, the team's vice president of basketball operations and a Hall of Fame player when he was with the Boston Celtics, took over.

floor in the first half, scored 17 points and raved about McHal.

"He's like a breath of fresh air right now," Garnett said. "He's given everybody from A to Z confidence.'

Added Olowokandi: "Now, if you don't score or if you don't play that much, everybody's still upbeat," Olowokandi said. "McHale does a very, very good job of

area athletes honored by the Amarillo **Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee** during the organization's monthly meeting yesterday. Penrod was named the District 4A, Area Female High School Swimmer of the Year.

Penrod's parents, Rev. Scott and Vikki Penrod of Pampa, along with Coach Greg Miller, were on hand to see Whitney receive her honors yesterday during a noon luncheon at Kids Inc.

"We were glad to recognize Whitney. She is a very nice girl," said Becky Zenor. Zenor serves as vice president of the chamYear and set a new 4A record of 326.55 while defending her Regional title.

She is currently preparing to compete for a State title in Austin, Feb. 25-26. This will be Penrod's second trip to State in as may years.

When Whitney isn't diving she is a member and captain of a very good cheer leading squad in Pampa. She is also a member of the Pampa Choir and works with her church youth group. Maintaining a 3.3 (93%) grade average, Penrod plans to attend college next year at New Mexico State or Eastern New Mexico.

In his second game as coach Tuesday night, McHale led the Wolves to an 82-71 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

"If you can keep banging the boards, hitting, fighting and scratching, stuff will fall your way eventually," said McHale, whose style as a power forward was to do exactly that.

Michael Olowokandi had 17 points and 12 rebounds in one of his better games since joining Minnesota before last season. Kevin Garnett, who shot 0-for-5 from the

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Wally Szczerbiak added 14 points and eight rebounds for the Wolves, winning for just the second time in 10 games while setting season bests in points allowed and opponents' field-goal percentage (31.0).

Vince Carter had 25 of his 32 points in the first half for the Nets, who got a seasonhigh 18 points from Ron Mercer — but little else from anyone else after halftime.

The Timberwolves' various problems have included rebounding, effort and shot selection, but they boxed out consistently, played hard and moved the ball well against the Nets.

Waltrip and Earnhardt up front, Kevin Harvick already in trouble again

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Michael Waltrip and Dale Earnhardt Jr. are running up front at Daytona. Kevin Harvick is stirring up trouble. Sound familiar?

Yep, the new NASCAR season has many of the same ol' themes — and we're still a couple of days away from the Daytona 500.

Start with Waltrip and Earnhardt, who have dominated Daytona for Dale Earnhardt Inc. They were terrible in qualifying (Waltrip was 33rd, Earnhardt 39th) and lackluster in practice. But once DEI got into racing mode, it was business as usual.

Waltrip (a two-time Daytona 500 winner) edged out his teammate (who won the race last year) in the first of two 150-mile qualifying races Thursday.

"I swear on the bible that we haven't been sandbagging," Earnhardt said, failing to convince all those drivers who watched DEI's 1-2 finish.

Tony Stewart won the second 150-miler, but only after he dodged a crash that took out many of the top contenders. Not surprisingly, Harvick was right in the middle of things.

The volatile driver, who served a one-race suspension for his antics in 2002, bumped race leader Jimmie Johnson from behind coming through the second turn.

The resulting melee knocked out Johnson, left Harvick's car in a heap and also took out Mark Martin, Joe Nemechek and Rusty Wallace.

Afterward, Nemechek threw a water bottle at Harvick as he emerged from the infield care center. Johnson called on Harvick to be fired by his team or at least fined by NASCAR.

"He just drives stupid," Nemechek said. "He'll get it back. It was totally uncalled for what happened out there."

NASCAR officials moved quickly to diffuse the situation. They sum-Harvick moned and Johnson, along with their owners and crew chiefs, to an infield summit meeting. Harvick admitted he was at fault and shook hands with Johnson. The two drivers agreed to meet Thursday night at a secret location -to smooth out a feud that dates to last season.

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Bruschi in good condition after suffering mild stroke emergency call to police by his wife were an early indication that New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi suffered a mild stroke.

Bruschi, 31, a mainstay for three Super Bowl championships and one of the most popular Patriots, has been hospitalized since Wednesday after experiencing temporary numbness, blurred vision and headaches. The team said Thursday he was doing well after the stroke.

"It has been determined that these General Hospital.

Coach chat

BOSTON (AP) — Details in an symptoms were the results of a mild stroke," team spokesman Stacey James said. "Tedy is in good condition and, as always, his spirits are high. He is walking and talking normally and stressed that he would like to thank everyone for keeping him and his family in their thoughts and prayers."

In a phone call by Bruschi's wife, Heidi, to 911 on Wednesday, she said: "He's having blurred vision, numbness on the right side of his body." He then was admitted to Massachusetts

The Patriots said Bruschi could be released from the hospital as early Friday.

"The outpouring of support has been overwhelming and the Bruschi family is very appreciative," James said.

An estimated 700,000 people per year in the United States suffer strokes. While broken blood vessels can cause them, a vast majority result from clots that block the brain's arteries.

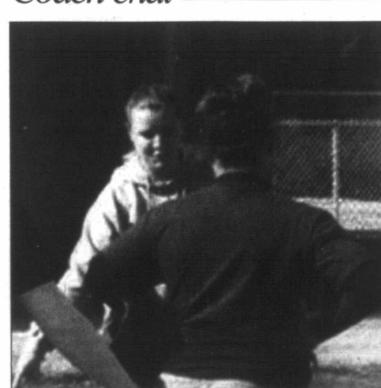


Photo by STEPHEN ROGERS

Lady Harvester coach Bobbi Gill offers some pointers during a recent practice. Pampa will be in Borger today and tomorrow to take part in the Borger Winter Classic softball tournament.

King's Mobley fined \$10,000

NEW YORK (AP) — Sacramento guard Cuttino Mobley was fined \$10,000 by the NBA on Tuesday for his protest after referees did not call goaltending on his last-minute shot during a loss to Dallas.

Mobley had to be restrained from going after the officials by teammate Brad Miller on Friday night.

Stu Jackson, the league's senior vice president for basketball operations, said the fine was for abuse of the officials and failure to promptly leave the court.

The shot, which would have given Sacramento a 3point lead, was blocked by Dallas, merely smirked.

Dallas' Erick Dampier and was followed by Jason Terry's three-point play that gave the Mavericks the 115-113 victory Sacramento. Replays showed Mobley's shot clearly hit the backboard, which under NBA rules is goaltending.

During the ensuing timeout, the Kings played the replay of Dampier's block seven times, and owners Gavin and Joe Maloof pointed pleadingly at the video board. Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, who has had his share of fines for replaying controversial calls too many times in

Kerry Earnhardt claims pole

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Kerry Earnhardt's first career pole came at a fitting place: Daytona.

Earnhardt, the lesser-known son of Dale Earnhardt and the half-brother of Dale Earnhardt Jr., claimed the pole for the season-opening NASCAR Craftsman Truck series race at Daytona International Speedway.

Kerry did it in his first truck race, in a backup truck and at the track where his late father dominated for so many years before he was killed four years ago in the Daytona 500.

Kerry just missed qualifying for the Daytona 500, being edged by Kenny Wallace a few feet from the finish line.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005:

If you let go and relax, you will find that you naturally flourish, making the right decision at the right time. Sometimes you push so hard to achieve your goals that others could be easily annoved at your one-sidedness. Learn to be more thoughtful and empathetic. As you develop more sensitivity, more opportunities will tumble into your lap. If you are single, romance will take up a lot of mind time, if not physical time. Falling in love could become your job. Sort out fantasy from what will be a workable relationship. If you are attached, your relationship will get a shot in the arm from your richly romantic style. CANCER intrigues you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

 $\star \star \star$ Let your intuition lead you with a family member or an investment. If you don't, you could find that you are deeply frustrated. In fact, don't be surprised if you feel stretched like a rubon your plate. Tonight: Cozy and quiet. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Listen to a close friend, relative or neighbor. He or she might have surprising but delightful news. Demands and requests seem the same remain flexible. A change in plans the lead actor. seems likely. Tonight: Chat away. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Expenses could be awesome. Be less driven about your image and more today is that your sixth sense might be in sync with the real you. Why would

you be surprised by another's reaction? He or she might be challenged by your financial strength. Tonight: A must appearance

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★★ News allows you to energize and regroup. You might be surprised by how many options you actually have. Others could be contentious because of an innate rigidity or lack of perspective. Can you deal with this? Tonight: Your smile proves to be a winner

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Do bow out if you don't feel comfortable with what is happening around you. A partner will support your decision no matter which way you maybe let go of plans. Tonight: Happily cuddled away. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star \star \star \star \star$ Friends greet you with a multitude of invitations, suggestions and ebullience. A child or new friend could be a bit contentious because he or she needs time with you. What appears as a tantrum is just this person letting you know he or she misses you. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party

ber band. You might have far too much LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You're on top of your game. Use your energy constructively to eliminate any "must dos" early on. You're a force to be dealt with; hopefully you can thing. choose where, when and how. Indulge a roommate, even if you don't want to right now. Reach out for others, yet deal with him or her. Tonight: You are

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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lectual faculties. Go with your instincts and gut feelings. Tonight: Emotionally charge your night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \star \star \star Work more closely with a partner, loved one or friend. You will like the end results. Unfortunately, some of you might decide that it is time to deal with your taxes. You could end up more frustrated than content. Tonight: Choose people over taxes. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

**** You might come on a lot stronger than you realize. If others react strangely, you might want to hold up a mirror and take a hard look at your behavior. Be imaginative and direct at the same time. Tonight: Accept an invidecide to go. Make it OK to vanish and tation that allows you to get out and about

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Work out energy and stress through physical activity. Sometimes you might be best off discharging your anger and not letting a "steamer" situation evolve. Your funds could play into this. Careful. Tonight: Go bowling, ice skating or dancing. Be active. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Your unpredictability lately could cause some tension with friends. In fact, they might not understand what is going on and take your actions personally. Wouldn't it be better to have a face-to-face chat? Tonight: Be a wild

BORN TODAY

Actor Benicio Del Toro (1967), singer Seal (1963), writer Carson McCullers (1917)

★★★★ You have an interesting way Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at (c) 2005 by King Features Syndicate Inc

Daytona

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"We told them they could either work it out among themselves," NASCAR spokesman Jim Hunter said, "or we'd work it out for them."

wreck The Thursday will go down as a "racing incident," Hunter said. But any more problems between the drivers will lead to stiff cars qualified. This fines - maybe even suspensions.

silenced it."

NEXTEL Cup

No such problems for Waltrip and Earnhardt, who have combined to win three of the last four Daytona 500s. Waltrip

passed Junior on the final straightaway and held off the the final four positions were up for No. 8 car by 0.030 seconds, about half a car length.

"We certainly caught a lot of flak over the last week about the way our cars qualified," Waltrip said. "This silenced it."

Earnhardt knows DEI's dominance at the restrictor-plate tracks can't last forever. But the team is still running ahead of the pack.

"It just seems to go in cycles," Earnhardt said. "Everybody is working hard to catch us, and eventually they will."

Jeff Gordon, a two-time Daytona winner who finished seventh in the first race, isn't so sure about that.

"They've never qualified good. They've always been mediocre in practice," he said.

"I'd like to know what it is that they got, because they obviously know how to sandbag well."

Mike Skinner, a regular in NASCAR's truck series, led the 150 after the third caution flag of the race. He appeared on the way to victory until the DEI cars ganged up on him at the end.

Skinner wound up third, followed by Ryan Newman, Ricky Rudd, defending Nextel Cup champion Kurt Busch and Gordon.

In the second race, Stewart held off Jeff Burton for the win, crossing the finish line about two car-lengths in

front. 'We certainly Kevin Lepage finished third in the seccaught a lot of flak ond race, earning a over the last week starting spot in the about the way our field, as did fourth-

> place finisher Martin Truex Jr., the third DEI car.

A rule change this - Michael Waltrip year guaranteed the top 35 teams in car Driver, NASCAR owner points starting spots Sunday.

Four more drivers made it on speed, and grabs Thursday.

Making it in on qualifying speed were Jason Leffler, Boris Said, John Andretti and Mike Wallace, while Skinner, Kenny Wallace, Truex and Lepage made it in the 150s.

Among those who didn't make the 43-car field: Robby Gordon, a seventime Daytona veteran fielding his own team this year.

Kerry Earnhardt, Dale's older halfbrother, missed the cut, too, when he was passed in the final yards by Kenny Wallace.

But Kerry bounced back in the evening to earn his first career pole, posting the fastest qualifying speed for Friday night's truck race.

"This is great," the lesser-known Earnhardt said.

"It was a bummer not to make the 500.

But my philosophy has always been: If it's not meant to be, it's not meant to be. When the time is right, it will happen."

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NASA under O'Keefe may be under scrutiny

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) - Outgoing NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe is being investigated for potential misuse of government airplanes and taking too many expensive getaways with subordinates while heading the space agency, former and current senior NASA officials say.

The focus of the Government Accountability Office investigation is not fraud, but waste, one of the four NASA officials told The Associated Press. The four two still with NASA, two recently departed asked not to be identified for fear of reprisals.

Two said they had been questioned by the GAO, Congress' investigative arm.

A top GAO investigator, George Ogilvie, declined to comment.

Red Hat Dollies

O'Keefe said Thursday night that he was unaware of any such investigation, and that he had checked with NASA's inspector general, who also knew of no such probe.

He defended his use of government airplanes as a normal, necessary part of his job and said there were no abuses.

"To the extent there is such a thing under way, it will validate and confirm that the course of my entire career as a public servant and financial manager has been responsible, in this circumstance as well as every other previously," O'Keefe said.

A GAO probe was requested last June by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, following testimony at spring hearings about "serious financial management problems" at NASA.

CENTER

Photo by SHIRLEY NICHOLSON

The local Red Hat Dollies greeted diners at Pampa Senior Citizens Center recently with a Valentine and a smile. Above: Vivian Dykes, Peggy Cloyd, Betty Anderson, Margaret Washington, Helene Baumgardner, Eulah Thomas, Betty Buckingham and Charlotte Hogan.





Pampa High art students compete in regional contest

Some Pampa High School art students recently traveled to Amarillo for a **Regional Visual Arts** Scholastics Event (VASE). Christine Krobel qualified for state and Maike Knutz earned alternate status.

VASE

Medals are awarded for superior ratings. Approximately 1,000 entries, from out of the more than 10,000 entries statewide, qualify for state competition slated April 14-16 at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. Here are the results

of the recent VASE competition: Art 1. Krobel, pen-

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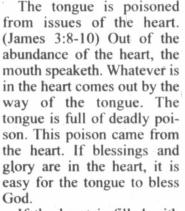
Art 2. Jimmy Alonzo, superior rating, pencil drawing; Christina Deleon, superior rating, pencil drawing; Gina Guerra, superior rating, pencil drawings; Maike Knutz,

state alternate, pencil drawing/still life. Art 3. Mateo Campos, superior rating, pencil drawings; Cameron Seger, two superior rating, colored pencil drawing and pencil drawing, respectively.

Heart

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evil heart to become filled. Its capacity is also very large it's surprising how much sin can be stored in one heart.



If the heart is filled with cursing, bitterness, and wickedness such things will flow from the heart through the mouth, cut into language by the tongue. (James 3: 11-12) Sweet and bitter water do not flow from the same fountain. The sweet would be made bitter by the bitter. Salt water and fresh do not come from the same spring. The fresh would not make the salt fresh, but the salt would make the fresh salty. The most important thing in life is to have a clean heart. We go to school and study books to learn but often neglect the important lesson of life. (Washed by the blood, Revelation 1:5) There is but one flow that will wash the heart. It will wash away every sin, remove every stain, make the heart whiter than snow. The heart that is cleansed by the blood is pure. Nothing can come from it that defiles. Let not evil lodge in your heart. There is much evil afloat in the world. Dirty drifts will seek to lodge in your heart. Every kind of hateful spirit will be asking for entrance; we must keep on guard. Protect the heart by getting under the blood.

pound of cure. Operations are painful, either physically or spiritually, but sometimes important. Confessions and repentance might be termed operations. They hurt but are a wonderful cure for an ailing heart.

How would you like to have the picture of your heart made? This has never been done. The contents of a man's heart do not show up in an x-ray. God is the only one who really understands and is able to read the heart of man. If it were possible that an x-ray could be made, if every spot were made visible and the language of the heart made readable, you might be surprised at how many would need a major operation of the heart. Will you now submit to an operation of your wicked and sinful heart? Would you be willing for the public to have a copy of the thoughts and intents of your heart? These things are hid from man; God alone reads them. There are few people who would be willing for their neighbors to read their heart. Let each of us search our heart and ask the Lord to try our heart and cleanse it until we would be glad for our friends to really know our inside life. (Proverbs 23:26) The heart is the seat of affections, passions, and emotions. It is the innermost soul and conscience of man. If God gets your heart, he has you with your love and devotion. God has asked for your heart.

Pampa High art students recently participated in regional competition in Amarillo. Above: (front row, left-right) Christina Deleon, Gina Guerra, Christine Krobel: (back row, I-r) Jared Winegeart, Maike Knutz, Cameron Seger and Jimmy Alonzo. Not pictured: Mateo Campos.

Operations might be necessary. An ounce of prevention is worth more than a

If you give him your heart, he has all of you.

Your soul will be in his hands. Will you submit your heart, your soul, your body to him?

Investigators say plane's approach looked normal before it crashed

DENVER (AP) — The pilot of a Circuit City jet did not indicate any trouble and its approach to the Pueblo airport appeared normal just before the plane crashed, killing eight, investigators said.

"The descent profile of the plane looked OK," National Transportation Safety Board chief investigator Frank Hilldrup said late Thursday. The last radar reading indicated the plane was about 300 feet above ground, but he said it was too early to say if the jet engines were operating normal-

NTSB chairwoman Ellen Engleman Conners said the investigation will include the weather and potential mechanical problems. Freezing drizzle and fog were reported at the time of the crash Wednesday morning.

Aviation officials had warned about icing conditions and the pilot of another plane reported light to moderate icing, Hilldrup said. The pilot of that plane activated an in-flight deicing system.

The twin-jet Cessna Citation C-560, owned by electronics retailer Circuit City, was stopping to refuel when it crashed. Four employees, two outside business partners and two pilots were killed, the company said.

Neither Circuit City nor the Pueblo County coroner has released their names.