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Deaths

Paula Goff, 63, life member of Girl Scouts.
 Viva Jane Kelley, 64, homemaker.

Texas Today

Crack addict admits to setting fatal blaze

HOUSTON (AP) — A homeless crack addict says he accidentally he started a fire in an abandoned house that killed a Houston firefighter, police said.

While being questioned following Saturday's blaze, 44-year-old Jack Cordua became rattled when an accelerant-sniffing dog reacted to his pant leg, police said.

"There was an obvious change from being relaxed and confident and 'why are you talking to me' to almost like 'I'll tell you what happened,'" said Houston Police Detective Brian Harris. "His eyes got real wide. He tried to create distance (between him and the dog). He blurted out, 'I didn't do it on purpose.'"

Cordua, who claimed a small fire he lit to see his crack pipe get out of hand, is being held on a cocaine possession charge while investigators decide whether to file additional charges, said Houston Fire Department Chief Arson Investigator Roy Paul.

Investigators say additional charges will depend upon whether Cordua deliberately torched the house or the blaze was accidental.

FBI checking laser reports in Dallas area

DALLAS (AP) — The FBI is investigating after six airline pilots told authorities that they saw a laser while approaching Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.

The pilots told authorities that they each saw a green laser while flying over Denton County between 7:30 and 8:45 p.m. Sunday, said John Clabes, a Federal Aviation Administration spokesman.

Over the last four months, the FAA has received dozens of reports of lasers being pointed at airplanes in several states.

But unlike previous incidents, no lasers were aimed at the airplanes' cockpits in the Sunday sightings, said FBI Special Agent Lori Bailey.

PEDC: One more month to go

Board to finalize dissolution at a March meeting

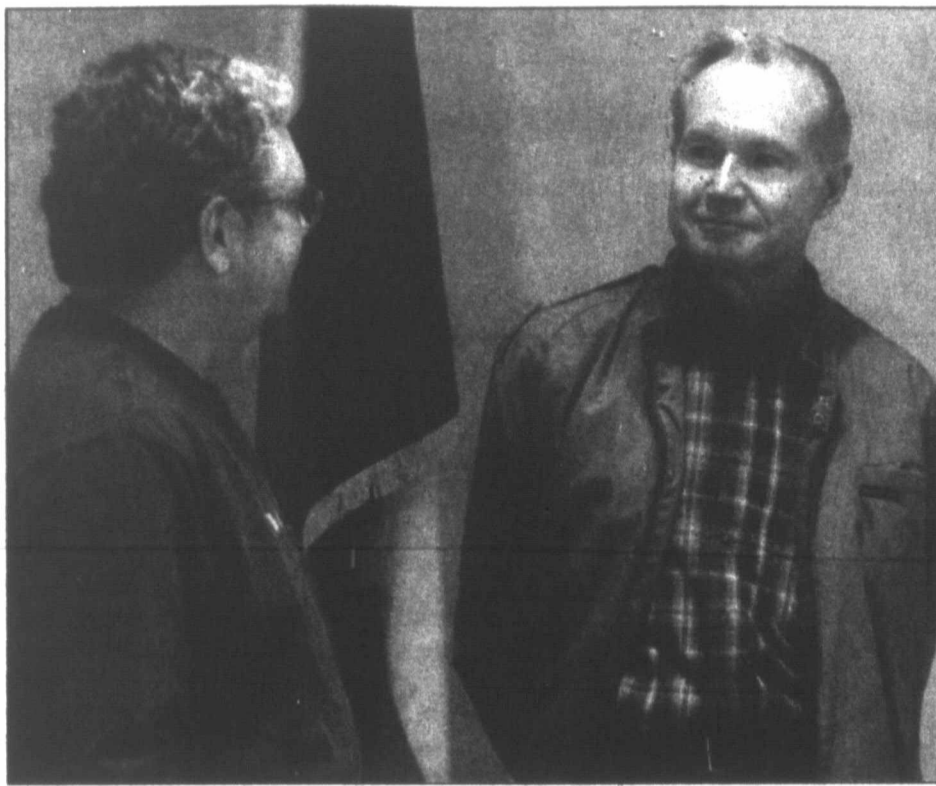
By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

The final meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation is tentatively scheduled for March 21.

Pampa voters decided to dissolve the corporation in an election on Nov. 6, 2001.

The PEDC board of directors Monday afternoon directed Doug Locke, president of the PEDC, to transfer all property, liens, leases, contracts, promissory notes, bank accounts and monies from the corporation to the City of Pampa and directed Vanessa Buzzard, PEDC legal counsel, to notify the Texas Comptroller's Office to discontinue the collection and use of the portion of Pampa's sales tax that has supported the PEDC.

Buzzard said the board had to show that they had transferred all



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Doug Locke, left, and Dalton Lewis visit prior to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation meeting Monday.

assets to the city before they could file the Articles of Dissolution.

In their next to the last meeting Monday, the board reviewed the

assets and liabilities of the corporation.

Their books showed \$276,225.36 in two accounts at First American

Bank. They own and will transfer a section of land east of town and a building on Price Road to the city. Both pieces of real estate have been leased.

The board will also transfer two notes they hold. One is for about \$60,000 and is current. The other is about \$11,000 and is not current.

Their total assets were \$818,392.08.

They have also set aside money for incentive payments to United Medcorp through early 2008.

"We believe \$260,000 will be appropriate to fund that obligation in the future," Locke said.

Because of procedural delays in the dissolution system, the comptroller's office has to be notified to stop the sales tax collection by the end of March in order to halt the collections by the end of June, the end of the quarter following notification. Depending upon sales tax monies between now and the end of June, the city could have between \$240,000 and \$340,000 from the PEDC collections.

The Articles of Dissolution are expected to be approved by the PEDC board at their March 21 meeting, putting them out of business.

Open doors

Pampa ISD joins state in Texas Public Schools Week observances

Pampa students and educators are opening their doors and inviting the community to take a first-hand look into their educational programs during Texas Public Schools Week, Feb. 28 through March 4.

They invite the public to join in celebrating 151 years of public education in Texas.

'We always welcome students, parents and the community into our schools ...'

— Barry Haenisch
 School Superintendent

"As part of the week-long festivities, local schools will distribute special invitations to parents and area residents to visit classrooms and observe the good things happening in public education," said

Barry Haenisch, Pampa Independent School District superintendent.

"We always welcome students, parents and the community into our schools, but this week is especially exciting because our students have planned many special activities celebrating 151

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Flowers and showers

This brightly colored flower in the 1700 block of Dogwood is a sign that spring is on the way. But first, Pampa and Gray County residents can expect showers and thunderstorms this afternoon and evening, followed by a cold front sliding into the area Wednesday. The front will bring more rain and possibly snow on Wednesday and Thursday.

President hails NATO's pledge to help train Iraq security forces

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — President Bush, working to cement an era of stronger U.S.-European relations after the divisiveness of Iraq, hailed NATO's modest pledge to help train security forces there Tuesday, saying "every contribution helps."

"The NATO training mission is an important mission, because after all, the success of Iraq depends upon the capacity and the willingness of the Iraqis to defend their own selves against terrorists," Bush said during a news conference at NATO headquarters here.

Bush also reiterated U.S. opposition to Europe's plans to lift its 15-year arms embargo against China. Bush said the United States fears that removing the ban would upset the balance in the Asian region.

"There is deep concern in our country that a transfer of weapons will be a transfer of technology, that it will change the bal-

ance of relations between China and Taiwan," Bush said.

He said he understands that the Europeans are working on a way to address U.S. worries about allowing China to modernize its military with arms and communications, intelligence and surveillance equipment that would give Beijing an edge over Taiwan.

"They know the Congress is concerned," Bush said. "And so they'll try to develop a plan that will ease concerns. Now, whether they can or not, we'll see."

French President Jacques Chirac, while stressing that security guarantees could be worked out, indicated that Europe remains steadfast in its desire to end the ban. "We intend to lift the last obstacles in our relations (with China), and this within a spirit of responsibility," he said.

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Powerful earthquake flattens villages in Iran

SARBAGH, Iran (AP) — A powerful earthquake flattened villages and collapsed mud-brick homes in central Iran on Tuesday, killing at least 370 people and injuring hundreds.

In a cold rain, survivors dug frantically through slabs of concrete and piles of dirt, searching for loved ones buried under the rubble of destroyed homes. Footage on Iranian television showed survivors slapping their faces in grief as they sat beside dead relatives wrapped in blankets.

"Where have you gone? I had a lot of plans for you," Hossein Golestani sang softly to his lifeless 7-year-old daughter, held in his arms. His 8-year-old daughter lay

dead beside him. State-run Iranian television cited medical forensic officials in the province saying the death toll "has surpassed 370."

The magnitude-6.4 quake was centered on the outskirts of Zarand, a town of about 15,000 people in Kerman province 600 miles south-east of Tehran, according to the seismological unit of Tehran University's Geophysics Institute.

It struck the mountainous region at 5:55 a.m., damaging at least 40 villages with a total population of about 30,000 people, officials said.

Heavy rain hampered rescue efforts, and temperatures

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Obituaries

Paula Goff, 63

Paula Goff, 63, of Pampa, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Pastor Paul Nachtigall, of Highland Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Edith Ford Cemetery in Canadian. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Goff was born Nov. 14, 1941, at Pecos and married James Goff on Dec. 24, 1960, there. He preceded her in death Nov. 21, 1985. She had been a Pampa resident since 1989 and was a lifetime member of the Girl Scouts.

She belonged to Pampa Rotary Club and was secretary for Clean Pampa, Inc.

Survivors include a daughter, Karri Snyder of Amarillo; a son, John Goff of Seattle, Wash.; her mother, Twyla Jo Silvers of Pampa; a brother, Charles Silvers of Kerrville; a sister, Margaret Doggett of Giddings; and four grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors in fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church in Canadian immediately following graveside services and requests memorials be to Girl Scouts, Texas Plains Council, 6011 W. 45th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79109.

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

Viva Jane Kelley, 64

MIAMI — Viva Jane Kelley, 64, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2005, at Panhandle.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Steve Patterson, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Friona, and the Rev. Darrell Burton, spiritual care coordinator for Odyssey Hospice of Amarillo, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Born Oct. 13, 1940, in Jack County, Mrs. Kelley married Jerry Kelley on Sept. 9, 1960, at Buffalo Springs. She had been a Miami resident since 1995, moving from Paradise.

She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Miami,

United Methodist Women and Meet Your Neighbor Club.

Mrs. Kelley was preceded in death by her parents, J.C. and Norma Cox.

Survivors include her husband, Jerry, of the home; a son, Damon Kelley of Plainview; two daughters, Pamela Green of Lexington, Ky., and Kimberly Cumpston of Stafford, Va.; and six grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors between 6 and 7:30 p.m. Today at the funeral home in Pampa and requests memorials be to Methodist Children's Home, 111 Herring Ave., Waco, TX 76708, Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101 or to a favorite charity.

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

Services tomorrow

GOFF, Paula — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 2 p.m., Edith Ford Cemetery, Canadian.

KELLEY, Viva Jane — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.08
Milo	3.16
Corn	3.66
Soybeans	4.83

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

BP PLC ADR	.6372	+0.52
Cabot Corp	.3509	+0.17

Celanese	16.69	-0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	54.51	+1.46
Coca Cola	43.00	+0.51
VLO	67.84	+2.57
HAL	43.00	+0.51
TRI	42.10	-0.89
NOI	42.12	+0.27
KMI	78.66	+0.21
XCEL	17.67	-0.19
Kerr McGee	74.85	+4.35
XOM	59.94	+0.53
Limited	24.24	+0.09
Williams	18.97	+0.35
MCD	32.43	+0.14

Atmos	28.09	-0.26
Pioneer Nat	40.90	+0.79
JCP	43.78	+0.13
COP	108.06	+1.81
SLB	73.94	+0.41
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Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 61. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, then showers likely after 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Wednesday: Rain likely. Cloudy, with a high around 42. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. East northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Wednesday Night: A chance of rain before midnight, then a chance of rain and snow between midnight and 3 a.m., then a chance of snow after 3 a.m. Cloudy, with a low near 30. Wind chill values between 21 and

26. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Thursday: A chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., then a chance of rain after 10 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 43. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

North Korea: Talks will resume only if certain conditions met

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il rebuffed a U.S. demand for immediate disarmament talks to end his nuclear weapons programs, saying that Washington needs to show sincerity and meet his conditions, his country's official news agency said Tuesday.

But in a rare comment on the nuclear standoff, the reclusive Stalinist leader also said his government's commitment to

ernment's new position on Monday in a meeting with Wang Jiarui, head of the Chinese Communist Party's International Department, KCNA said.

He also said that North Korea "would as ever stand for the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula and its position to seek a peaceful solution to the issue through dialogue remains unchanged," the agency reported.

KCNA did not elaborate on what conditions Kim cited to the envoy from China, his impoverished country's only remaining major ally.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Lou Fintor said the United States will "resume the six-party talks at an early date without preconditions."

Japan's Chief Cabinet Spokesman Hiroyuki Hosoda urged North Korea to return to negotiations "unconditionally."

After Wang's delegation returned to Beijing from Pyongyang, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said the nuclear standoff was at a "crucial juncture" and urged both the United States and North Korea to demonstrate more "sincerity and flexibility."

South Korea's Unification Minister Chung Dong-young called for a similar approach, citing what he called "two minimum conditions" that needed to be met before the talks could resume.

"The United States should recognize North Korea as a negotiation partner," Chung told South Korea's MBC Radio, without elaborating. "North Korea in its part should withdraw its conditions for coming to the negotiating table."

Kim spoke of his gov-

'We will go to the negotiating table anytime if there are mature conditions for the six-party talks thanks to the concerted efforts of the parties concerned in the future.'

— Kim Jong Il
North Korean leader

a peaceful solution to the nuclear dispute remains unchanged, raising hopes that Kim would eventually go for a deal.

Both China and South Korea urged the United States and North Korea on Tuesday for more flexibility in the two-year-old confrontation.

"We will go to the negotiating table anytime if there are mature conditions for the six-party talks thanks to the concerted efforts of the parties concerned in the future," Kim told a visiting Chinese envoy, expressing the hope that the United States would show "trustworthy sincerity," according to the Korean Central News Agency.

Kim's comments came less than two weeks after Kim flouted Washington and its allies by claiming that it had nuclear weapons and would boycott the talks.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, Feb. 21

Ten traffic stops were made. Hit and run accidents were reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, and in the lobby of the police department.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Mary Ellen streets, and the intersection of Buckler and Hobart streets. Traffic complaints were received from the 2400 block of Comanche Trail and the 2200 block of Evergreen.

Calls concerning disorderly conduct/other were received from the 1000 block of Duncan; Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester; and Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. The incident occurred in the 500 block of Rider. A vehicle window was broken, for an estimated \$300 in damage.

Criminal mischief at the Super Playground was reported. Damage to a wooden panel and rubber mat was estimated at \$700.

Welfare checks were conducted in the 2000 block of Williston, the 400 block of North Magnolia, and the 1100 block of Wilcox.

A criminal trespass call was received concerning the intersection of Harvester and Williston streets.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of East Foster. Two DVD players valued at \$299 were taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person was called in from the 800 block of Beryl.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of Fisher.

A phone valued at \$187 was reported lost at a laundromat in the 700 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Dwight.

Telephone harassment was called in from the 500 block of East Foster.

An animal complaint was received from the 2100 block of Dogwood.

Brandon Lee Baxter, 26, 217 Gillespie, was arrested at the intersec-

tion of Kentucky and Mary Ellen streets for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Tuesday, Feb. 15

9:15 a.m. — A 1992 Mack RD6 commercial vehicle, driven by Daniel Lee Wood, 31, 1001 Terry Road, and a 1998 Jeep Cherokee, driven by Zonia Zepeda, 25, 516 N. Frost, collided in the 900 block of South Hobart. No injuries were reported. Wood was cited for following too closely. Zepeda was cited for no insurance and failure to present driver's license.

Saturday, Feb. 19

2:22 a.m. — A 1997 Dodge Ram, driven by Bryan Humphrey, 16, 1120 Seneca, collided with a legally parked 2002 GMC Yukon, owned by Katherine Ann Taylor, 1801 N. Dwight, in a driveway in the 1800 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported. Humphrey was cited for failure to control speed.

Sunday, Feb. 20

2:25 a.m. — A 1993 Ford Aerostar, driven by Lecia Kaye Miller, 45, Fritch, collided with a legally parked 2005 Chevrolet Silverado, owned by Wayne Randall Kelvin, 121 N. Faulkner, in the 100 block of North Faulkner. Miller then allegedly left the scene. No injuries were reported. Miller was cited for failure to give information.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Feb. 21

Christopher Woodard, 19, 1021 Dwight, was arrested for aggravated assault.

Lacey Dawn Horton, 22, Borger, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, speeding, and failure to appear.

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

Fire

Monday, Feb. 21

3:44 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a gas leak in the alley of the 100 block of South Faulkner. Atmos Energy was called to detect the leak.

5:53 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at Wilkes and Hobart streets.

10:04 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 100 block of West Kentucky.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

12:23 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 900 block of South Love.

2:11 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar stand-by at One Medical Plaza.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Feb. 21

8:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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

4:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

5:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highways 60 and 70 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, Feb. 22

12:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to NWTH.

12:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Love and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Groups to target education problem

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston schools superintendent, quelling anger from parents and community leaders, said he will form advisory committees from the neighborhoods to help develop reform plans for three low-performing high schools.

Superintendent Abe Saavedra said Monday that administrators will not replace the management of Yates, Kashmere and Sam Houston high schools without the support of parents and community leaders.

In his State of the Schools speech last week, Saavedra said the Houston school district would solicit proposals to "totally redesign" them because incremental reform efforts had failed. The state has ranked the schools as low-performing since 2001.

He said the groups will consult with Houston Independent School District officials as they seek proposals from nonprofit groups, for-profit firms or HISD employees to improve student performance at the three schools.

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Business Review

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A career change eight years ago for a former Stramitt employee in Perryton and the former economic development director in Perryton led to a business that has grown to five area offices.

In August of 1996, Regina Partain, owner and manager of Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC, and Dr. Myron McCartor, former economic development director in Perryton, partnered together and created Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC (Innovative) to be "beneficial to the community."

Innovative specializes in the hiring of long-term employees in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

They provide agricultural, industrial, oilfield, clerical, administrative, medical and sales personnel.

Specializing in the best fit for the client, regardless of the industry, is one of the things that makes Innovative different from other staffing companies.

Screening processes to ensure the best fit include reference checks, skill testing, cognitive abilities testing, and personality assessment, two levels of interview, drug screens and background checks as needed.

Additionally, through its Human Resource

Consulting department, Innovative offers education to employers and other community groups.

Some seminars and workshops include "Hiring Legally and Effectively," "Gender Diversity in the Workplace," "Team Building," and "Workplace

Also, some of Innovative's staff members have been certified through the University of Utah to train substitute teachers in classroom management, how to follow a lesson plan, and how to be a valuable asset to school districts. Courses will be available later this year for interested persons.

Five offices serve the Panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. They are located in Perryton, Pampa, Hereford, Dumas and Amarillo. Innovative's newest venture is Innovative PRN Medical Staffing located at 301 S. Polk, Suite 750, in the Amarillo Building in Amarillo. Pampa office hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Jamilou Garren, Senior Regional Personnel Consultant



Rosa Rivera, Staffing Coordinator

Ethics." Other courses can be customized depending upon the needs of the client.

Safety of employees is a major concern. Innovative has invested in training for a Safety Coordinator who works with both employees and clients to ensure that all employees work in a safe environment and in a safe manner.

Upcoming events in the safety program will include Defensive Driving courses and CPR courses to be offered to the general public.

Innovative Staffing Solutions is built upon the concepts of Integrity and Teamwork. The company is excited to be in Pampa and to be a part of the community. Innovative is thrilled to have the wonderful staff locally to provide solutions to clients' needs.

Stop in, when you have a chance, and visit with Innovative's excellent staff: Rosa Rivera, Staffing Coordinator, and Jamilou Garren, Senior Regional Personnel Consultant. They look forward to visiting and working with each of you.

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Viewpoints

Computers open doorway to good and evil

The 20th-century invention which has had the most impact on every aspect of life may be the computer.

The computer is the latest, most technologically-advanced type of communication to date.

I can access encyclopedias, highway and street maps, genealogical records, far-flung radio stations, and the latest local, national and world news. I can play games, sell my surplus stuff in an online auction (and buy stuff there, too), send and receive e-mail, keep track of information, send and receive faxes, and do my work.

But as with any advance, it seems we have to take the

bad with the good, and learn to beware a whole new set of traps set for the unsavvy.

One problem that is unique to computers, at least all those who are hooked up to the Internet, is the threat of computer viruses, worms, and hackers. I never had to worry about anyone rendering my TV or radio inoperable by sending it a self-destruct message. And I never heard of anyone becoming the victim of identity theft or credit card theft through those appliances, either.

Another problem is the computer's ability to "hook" us, to spark in us an addiction to some activity it offers. Of course, TVs

accomplished that decades ago. But now the problem is compounded by the greater variety of things to do and see on the worldwide web.

Some people spend every spare minute playing computer games. Others discover the pornography sites that are available. Some do most of their non-verbal communication by e-mail, to the point that a hand-written letter or card is becoming a rare relic these days.

There is absolutely nothing inherently evil or wrong

about computers. It's the people using them that create the problems.

No one should become fixated on an activity which keeps them nearly motionless for hours, wraps them up in themselves to the exclusion of everyone else, and acts as a substitute for real life. This isn't healthy for anybody. Moderation, as in so many aspects of life, is the key.

Moderation should not be acceptable for computer crimes, however.

The law has been slow to

keep up with this latest type of crime, which is accomplished through computer manipulation. Legislatures need to play catch-up.

After all, if someone vandalized or burglarized millions of computers, which is basically what hackers and creators of harmful computer programs do, I would expect them to be sought by law enforcement agencies to be brought to justice and, if found guilty, sentenced to some form of punishment.

Yet rarely do we hear of anyone being apprehended, much less charged and tried in court, for these types of crimes, which count their victims in the thousands and millions.

Pornography-hawkers didn't take long to realize the possibilities offered by the Internet. Once again, we have been slow to create and enforce laws to regulate it.

Con artists of all types have also found a home in cyberspace, where they continue to run their shell games to lure victims from a greatly-enlarged audience.

Some of these "cons" are updated to fit the computer age. For instance, remember the printed advertisements which promised that a person could make significant amounts of money by working at home? Those who responded to the ads usually

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 22, the 53rd day of 2005. There are 312 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 22, 1732, the first president of the United States, George Washington, was born at his parents' plantation in the Virginia Colony.

On this date:

- In 1819, Spain ceded Florida to the United States.
- In 1879, Frank Winfield Woolworth opened a five-cent store in Utica, N.Y.
- In 1889, President Cleveland signed a bill to admit the Dakotas, Montana and Washington state to the Union.
- In 1892, "Lady Windermere's Fan," by Oscar Wilde, was first performed, at London's St. James's Theater.
- In 1924, Calvin Coolidge delivered the first presidential radio broadcast from the White House.

In 1934, the romantic comedy "It Happened One Night," starring Clark Gable and Claudette Colbert, opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall.

In 1935, it became illegal for airplanes to fly over the White House.

In 1973, the United States and Communist China agreed to establish liaison offices.

In 1980, the United States Olympic hockey team upset the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1984, a 12-year-old Houston boy known publicly only as "David,"

'The crude commercialism of America, its materializing spirit are entirely due to the country having adopted for its natural hero a man who could not tell a lie.'

— Oscar Wilde
Irish-born dramatist

who'd spent most his life in a plastic bubble because he had no immunity to disease, died 15 days after being removed from the bubble for a bone-marrow transplant.

Ten years ago: France accused four American diplomats and a fifth U.S. citizen of spying, and asked them to leave the country. Security forces in Algiers crushed a prison uprising by Islamic extremists, resulting in 96 deaths by official count.

Five years ago: John McCain won Republican primaries in Michigan and his home state of Arizona.

One year ago: Consumer advocate Ralph Nader entered the presidential race as an independent. A Palestinian suicide bomber blew himself up on a crowded Jerusalem bus, killing seven passengers. Rebels captured Haiti's second-largest city, claiming Cap-Haitien as their biggest prize in a two-week-old uprising.



True and patriotic immigrants

LOWER EAST SIDE, NEW YORK CITY — This area dominated largely by immigrants for two centuries is a good place to think about America's growing immigration debate. This month, dominated by two welcoming but challenging presidents — George Washington and Abraham Lincoln — is a good time to do so.

The Lower East Side once was home to African-Americans freed from slavery, and then Irish, German, Italian and Eastern European immigrants escaping from other forms of oppression. Now it has remnants of all those groups, plus Puerto Ricans, Mexicans,

Dominicans, Chinese and other Asians.

A century ago, a higher percentage of Americans had been born abroad than is now the case. Then, as now, immigrants suffered at first so their children could have better lives. Then, as now, work was hard and long for those who wanted to save some money. Then, as now, homes were crowded, with immigrants sometimes making a one-family apartment suffice for three.

But two differences stand

out. One is that, in the past, leading institutions strove mightily to Americanize students. Walk to 45 Rivington St. here, and see the five-story, red brick school where Harry Golden (originally Goldhirsch) enrolled in 1908. He later wrote a best-seller, "Only in America," in which he didn't complain or blame the United States for the hard life immigrants had. Instead, he wrote, "The only thing that overcomes hard luck is hard work."



Marvin Olasky

Columnist

George Gershwin (Jacob Gershowitz) also showed the success of the school's attempt to inculcate a love for America culture, when he composed between 1923 and 1935 "Rhapsody in Blue," "An American in Paris" and "Porgy and Bess."

Just down the street at 61-63 Rivington stands the three-story, red brick building that was a New York Public Library branch funded by Andrew Carnegie and built with an open-air reading room on the roof. The patriotic books it stocked opened many minds. If it was typical of other libraries

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Deadly behavior is deadly behavior

In a scathing screed delivered last November, AIDS patient and ACT-UP founder Larry Kramer roared, "One of these days the miraculous drugs we have to keep us alive are going to stop working... What are we going to do when they don't work any longer?"

We may be about to find out. Health officials in New York City have identified what they suspect is a drug-resistant "supervirus" form of HIV, one that can take the patient from infection to full-blown AIDS in only three months. The supervirus was discovered in an unidentified male patient who

admits to unprotected sex with hundreds of men, often while high on crystal methamphetamine, which has become popular as a sex enhancer.

It's too early to know whether the mutation will spread, but AIDS activists fear the worst. The New York Times reports that some gay leaders are considering radical steps to fight risky sexual behavior in the gay community. Good. Silence or timidity could cost lives.

AIDS experts have warned for some time that a reckless gay subculture, in which carriers of different strains of the virus have frequent unprotected sex, would eventually produce a drug-resistant HIV mutation. If that has happened, we must face the stark possibility that 25 years of progress in controlling AIDS could be in jeopardy. There are political risks as well: Those who peddle homophobia will surely exploit any evidence

that gay men themselves are prolonging the epidemic through suicidal acts.

For too long, well-meaning people, both gay and straight, have been reluctant to denounce this shadowy underside of the AIDS epidemic because of what New York City's health commissioner referred to last week as "the population and political context in which it arose." Yet who is served by such reticence? Deadly behavior is deadly behavior whether sharing needles or indulging in unprotected sex. If we care about some-

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Local Briefs

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross is offering lifeguard training in March. Classes will be from 5 p.m. until 10 p.m., March 21-24 and March 28-31 at the Pampa Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Participants must attend both sessions to receive certification. Cost of class is \$85 which includes a book and CPR mask. After completion, participants will be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and as a lifeguard.

For more information, call the Red Cross at 669-7121.

AFS-USA, a student and teacher exchange organization, offers 10 U.S. educator scholarships for teachers to spend a semester teaching in Thai schools. This program will focus on teaching conversational and written English, while working with Thai teachers to improve their English curriculum through advice and assistance. Educators will be assigned to schools throughout Thailand.

For more information contact Nancy Levine, (212) 299-9000, ext. 439, or nlevine@afs.org

Schools

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years of public education in Texas. Please come and help us celebrate," said Haenisch. "We invite

the community to visit our schools and witness, first hand, the success of our students."

Texas Public Schools Week was established in 1954 by the Masonic Lodges of Texas to recognize contributions made by the state's free system of education.

Pampa schools has promoted Texas Public Schools Week for more than 40 years.

Each year, the event has grown and it continues to be a meaningful way to showcase the many educational opportunities given to more than four million students attending

public schools across Texas.

A list of Pampa Texas Public Schools Week's events are listed on the PISD television channel or to learn more about events on each campus across the city, visit the PISD website at www.pampa.net or call the campus of interest.

Bush

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In Beijing on Tuesday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said that abolishing the "erroneous and outdated measure" would help move forward China-EU relations. "We hope the U.S. side will follow the trend set by

China-Europe relations instead of setting any obstacles to this process," he said.

NATO has been struggling for months to get a commitment from all allies to join the mission in Iraq.

The development of a reliable Iraqi security force, so that Iraqis can handle their own security, is considered vital to lowering the U.S. troop presence there. Army Lt. Gen. David Petraeus, the

general in charge of training Iraqi troops, has said that about 136,000 Iraqi military, police and national guard members have been trained and equipped.

NATO's secretary general said all members of the alliance would help train Iraq's military. "All 26 allies are working together to respond to the Iraqi government's request for support by training Iraqi security

forces, providing equipment and helping to fund NATO's efforts," Jaap de Hoop Scheffer told the NATO summit.

The mission comprises just over 100 instructors training senior Iraqi officers in Baghdad's heavily protected "Green Zone." More than half the NATO instructors are American.

Alliance planners hope to expand that operation to 160

instructors, which they say is adequate for the current phase of the mission. They hope for a further expansion in September to allow NATO to help run a military academy outside the Iraqi capital.

Quake

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were expected to turn bitterly cold after nightfall, compounding the misery. Emergency officials tried to evacuate survivors to nearby towns and cities.

Officials said Tuesday's quake was not a replay of the devastating Bam earthquake in 2003 because the epicenter was near lightly populated, remote villages. Tuesday's quake was also much deeper — 25 miles

underground. The 6.6-magnitude quake that flattened Bam and killed 26,000 people was six miles underground.

While homes made of mud collapsed, cement buildings did not appear heavily damaged.

The tiny villages that dot the mountain ranges were hit hard. In the village of Sarbagh, near Zaranad, nearly 80 percent of the buildings were destroyed.

Kerman's governor, Mohammad Ali Karimi, told state-run television that several villages had been

destroyed and hundreds of people were injured.

Iranian television reported all hospitals in Zaranad were filled to capacity with the injured, showing elderly women and men lying on beds and victims wrapped in bloody bandages or with broken bones.

The governor of Zaranad told state-run television that power in the region has been disrupted, and supplies were needed.

The Iranian Red Crescent told international relief officials it did not need outside aid, said Roy Probert, a

spokesman for the Geneva-based International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

Some 1,500 workers from the Iranian agency, along with search dogs and mountain rescue teams, reached all the affected villages and were rushing in tents and tarps, Probert said.

"They seem to have the situation well in hand," Probert told The Associated Press.

Relief officials said they learned many lessons from the Bam quake.

Immigrants

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of the era, biographies of Washington and Lincoln were the most frequently checked-out works, and immigrants reading about the presidents would see how they treated newcomers to America.

For example, President Washington took his oath of office a couple of miles from here in 1789, and then wrote to one synagogue, "May the children of the stock of Abraham who dwell in this land continue to merit and enjoy the goodwill of the other inhabitants, while everyone shall sit in safety under his own vine and fig tree." The way to merit goodwill was to work hard to gain your own vine and fig tree.

Lincoln also applauded the contributions immigrants made and expected new arrivals to be, as he wrote about

some German-Americans, "true and patriotic."

That should be our test regarding immigrants. Those who come to America to tear it down or live off of others should not be welcomed. Those

who are "true and patriotic" should be. This means that we must toughen our tests for citizenship and not allow dual citizenship. It particularly means that our schools and libraries should do their part to communicate patriotism, rather than politically correct anti-Americanism, and that all children should learn to speak English, so that we do not end up with a bifurcated culture.

I mentioned that there are two differences from the semi-good old days, and

here's the second: Then, almost all immigrants came by boat through fixed entry points, and now we have porous borders with immigrants coming by land illegally, some potentially threatening national security. Now, we are also stuck with a coalition of liberals who think immigrants can be their political salvation and corporate conservatives who see their economic usefulness.

I don't know the right number of immigrants to let in. I do know that those who are allowed in should be here legally, so that they have protection against those who would prey on them, rather than pray with them. And I know that we cannot dodge this issue.

*** Marvin Olasky, Ph.D., is a professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin and editor of "World" magazine.

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Computers

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found out that they had to fork over money up front.

This investment, in some cases, paid for supplies for completing craft items which the victim was then unable to market, even though the company had promised to pay for the finished items, because the company declared they were faulty in some way.

Others discovered that their work-at-home, get-rich-quick hopes involved buy-

ing mailing lists, envelopes, and printed materials; in other words, the old envelope-stuffing scam.

The latest get-rich-quick 'promise, I believe, is the promise made on some television ads that it is possible to earn sacks of money by working at home on a computer.

I haven't checked these sites out, because I don't want to alert these types of companies to my computer's presence. But I do know one thing that has been around a long time and is just as true today as it was when it was brand-new.

It's the saying, "If something sounds too good to be true, it usually is."

AIDS

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one, we have an obligation to call them on it.

Begging his peers to grasp the seriousness of the threat even before the revelation of this new HIV strain Mr. Kramer told them, "You cannot continue to allow yourselves and each other to act and live like this!"

He's right. Now is not the time for the band to play on, again.

Community Happenings

• **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.org 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.

• **Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild** will meet at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested 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 name and address appears on the page with your poem.

• **Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees 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.

• **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 at www.rccc.edu/playwrightshowcase on the Internet.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005:

Your birthday occurs on a Full Moon. This configuration will toss your relationships and interpersonal communications into the limelight this year. Often you might debate which path to follow. Your intellect says one thing; you hear another. Juggle these different styles and see what feels right. Boundaries might need to be redefined as well. If you are single, you will want a relationship. Choose someone different or unique. You will learn and grow with this person. If you are attached, be more empathetic to your sweetie. Express more of your caring. Remember, a relationship takes two. Refuse to dominate. VIRGO often challenges 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) *** You could be distracted a good part of the day. You are probably responding to the strong energy of the Full Moon. Though tempted to play ostrich, you cannot indulge this whim until you meet certain responsibilities. Tonight: Be imaginative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** You are about to be tossed out of your comfort zone, as the Full Moon activates your social and personal lives. So much might be happening that you'll want to clone yourself. More importantly, enjoy the attention. Tonight: Choose whom you would most like to be with.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You have a way of speaking your mind despite others' recommendations. You have a lot of ground to cover

A XYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

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MOEM YEJGD XQT NGGI
MOEM RQV HD MOG PGDM
MHYG QN XGEK. — NKERJIHR
Z. EWEYD

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF A MAN IS HAPPY IN AMERICA, IT IS CONSIDERED HE IS DOING SOMETHING WRONG. — CLARENCE DARROW

and a lot of people to touch base with. Stretch and juggle. You also might need to establish stronger boundaries. Tonight: Head home. You need a break.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Move from uptight to loose and easy. The Full Moon can challenge you. Today's stellar event tosses you into the limelight. Everyone wants you. Still, you need to touch base with someone or make an important call. Tonight: The hectic pace could continue.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Move on key matters in the early part of the day. You could feel stretched financially, especially as you might want to buy a special item. If you tap into your creativity, you will bypass this hassle and find a less expensive but equally thoughtful gesture. Tonight: Pay bills first.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** The Full Moon in Virgo energizes you until you are like a racehorse at the starting gate. When you finally charge, others will have a difficult time keeping up with you. Some might be difficult and picky. Tonight: Bask in the rays of the Full Moon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Use the daylight hours to network or push any projects ahead. Schedule a special treat for yourself today or in the next few days. The pressure could intensify during the day. You might need to do a quick yoga exercise or take a walk. Tonight: Vanish: Gaze at the Full Moon from your window.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your take-charge attitude pays off, though you might have to work very hard. By late afternoon, meetings turn into parties. You have so much to be happy about. Share good news with friends. Tonight: Don't for-

get a loved one.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Do research yourself rather than delegate it. You could be a bit frustrated or disappointed by another's efforts. You know what you are looking for. Schedule a relaxing lunch, as you might work late or be out late. Tonight: Do what you must.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Focus on one person and one situation at a time. You will help others relax and add to the quality of your communications. Detach if you hit a tough situation. Many people will make requests that feel like demands. Tonight: Think through a problem and allow yourself to be wrong.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Others played their cards. You might be surprised at what comes down. Just don't commit to anything financially -- even lunch could be more expensive than you'd anticipated. Let others treat. You don't always have to be Daddy Warbucks. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Clear out a project or complete as much work as you can. You will find that you are easily distracted more and more as the afternoon passes. Though you find a situation volatile, understand that you cannot control it. Tonight: Let others act out.

BORN TODAY
Author Samuel Pepys (1633), historian William L. Shirer (1904), actor Peter Fonda (1940)

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This Week: Dental Health

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THE HIDDEN DESTROYERS



Hidden inside your mouth is a destroyer that you can't see. If you don't fight this nasty rascal, it will carve holes into your teeth — **CAVITIES!**

Weekly Writing Corner

Tooth Fairy

What does the Tooth Fairy do with all those teeth?
I used to think the Tooth Fairy put all the teeth in a little purse and took the teeth to her house. She saved all the teeth and had a house full of teeth.

Ashley,
5th grade

I think the Tooth Fairy builds teeth homes. She sells the teeth homes to other fairies. The money she makes goes to the children who lose their teeth.

Peter,
5th grade

I think the Tooth Fairy doesn't have enough teeth so she pays you for them and uses them. When she is done with them, she disintegrates them and throws them out into the air. We call it "snow."

Connor,
5th grade

I think the Tooth Fairy gives all the good teeth to new babies who are growing teeth. She throws the bad ones away.

Jasmyn,
4th grade

I think the Tooth Fairy makes a big castle of teeth. All of the fairies live in the castle. Every time someone loses a tooth, they plaster is onto the castle. The castle is very, very tall.

Katie,
3rd grade

I think the Tooth Fairy uses the teeth for a collection. Then she sells them for money and then she gives the money to all the kids. She sneaks in at night. If you write a letter, she will write back.

Megan,
3rd grade

I think the Tooth Fairy sells the teeth for Sacagawea coins. If she has spare teeth, she gives them to the elderly, that's how teeth grow in.

Zachary,
3rd grade

I think the Tooth Fairy collects all the teeth and turns them into stars.

Grecia,
4th grade

I think the Tooth Fairy saves the teeth and gives them back to us when we are older.

Melissa,
5th grade

POWER BRUSHING CHART MONTH:

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Use the Power Brushing Chart to power away plaque with regular brushing.

- Find a brushing buddy at home.
- Ask your buddy to color a star in the correct box each time you brush your teeth. Can you earn at least two stars daily?

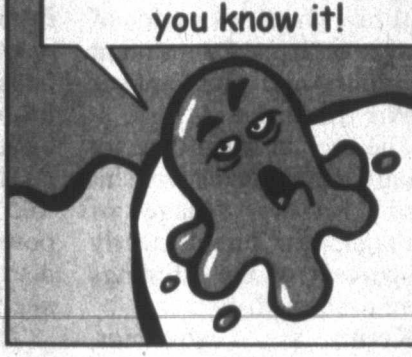
Standards Link: Health: Practice good personal hygiene including care for teeth.

The Slimy Sneak

This terrible troublemaker is called **plaque** (say it like *plak*, rhymes with *tack*). It is all over your teeth.

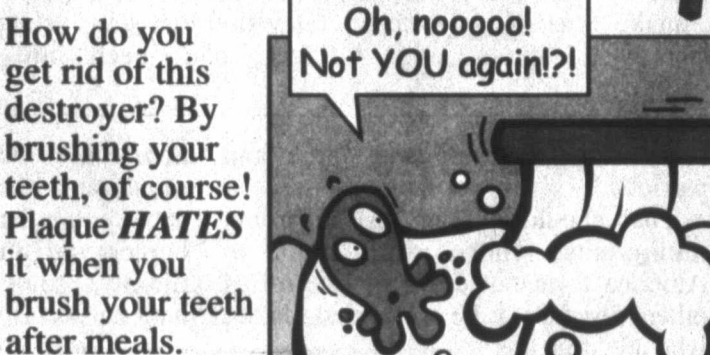
You might be able to get rid of me today, but I'll be back before you know it!

Plaque is a clear, sticky layer of germs on your teeth. You must remove plaque every day, or else it will cause gum disease and tooth decay.



How do you get rid of this destroyer? By brushing your teeth, of course! Plaque **HATES** it when you brush your teeth after meals.

Oh, nooooo! Not YOU again?!



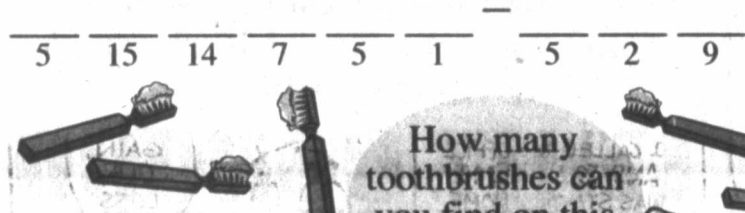
Standards Link: Health: Students understand ways in which they can maintain their own health.

More on the Way

How many teeth will you have when you are an adult? Use the Secret Code to find the answer.

5 15 14 7 5 1 5 2 9

How many toothbrushes can you find on this page?



PLAQUE FIGHTERS

Use the code to discover what plaque DOESN'T want you to know!

Why don't you just skip this and go read the comics or something, kid?



21 7 4 6 15 22 10 19

17 12 9 6 6 1 9 4 7

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Nothing But the Tooth

- How often should you replace your toothbrush?
18 3 18 7 1 5 15 7 18 18
11 9 10 5 15 6
- Who is plaque's worst enemy?
1 9 4 7 17 22 11 14 12 1
19 18 10 5 14 6 5
- What toothpaste ingredient fights cavities?
17 12 4 9 7 14 19 18

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

BRUSHING
PLAQUE
DESTROYER
MEALS
SMILES
REGULAR
RASCAL
MOUTH
GERMS
SECRET
CHOICES
REPLACE
ENEMY
GUM
RID

D T E R C E S E G R
C H O I C E S N E E
E U Q A L P I R R Y
M S L I T H I E M O
O E M A S D N G S R
U S A U C E G U M T
T R R L M S O L Y S
H B E Y S R A A S E
S E C A L P E R B D

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Sell Health

Use words and pictures from the newspaper to create an ad, essay or poster to encourage healthy habits to display in your classroom.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information; Writing Applications: Write persuasive compositions that support a position with relative evidence.

What has lots of teeth but can't chew?

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By THOMAS JO

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for 55 years more than half a century. We come from a generation where living together and having children before marriage was unthinkable.

Our 21-year-old granddaughter, "Stella," and her boyfriend moved in together two years ago, in what they called a "trial marriage." Last month, Stella gave birth to a baby girl and sent my husband and me a birth announcement.

We mailed it back with a note telling Stella we are ashamed of their conduct and lack of morals. We also told them there's nothing to celebrate about this birth of an out-of-wedlock child.

Four days later, my daughter (Stella's mother) phoned us in a rage. She said things are different nowadays and we have no right to impose our "outdated moral values" on their daughter and her boyfriend. My daughter insists we owe them an apology. She says we are out of line. Your opinion, please. — **STANDING BY OUR CONVICTIONS IN ARIZONA**

DEAR STANDING: Although you come from a generation that believes it is best for a child to be born into an established family, with parents who are committed to each other enough to follow through with the legalities, it's time to face the fact that a sizable number of younger people feel differently today.

Your moral values are not outdated, but you do owe the couple an apology for lashing out at them in anger. It was cruel to have returned the birth announcement and told your granddaughter that the birth of her daughter was nothing to celebrate. Simply not responding at all would have signaled your disapproval and been much kinder.

DEAR ABBY: I know that good Christians are supposed to practice forgiveness, but it's not always easy to do. My husband, "Carl," has been having an off-and-on affair with my brother's wife, "Joanne."

I found out when I accidentally caught them together. Carl begged me to forgive him. He said it was all a terrible mistake. We started marriage counseling, but all that came out of it was his confession that the affair had been going on for 15 years. When I confided it to my sister, she told me that Joanne had tried to seduce her husband, too.

Over the years, I had felt uneasy about Joanne flirting with my husband. I talked to them about it at one point, but they said I was being hormonal and it was only my imagination. I feel like a fool for believing them.

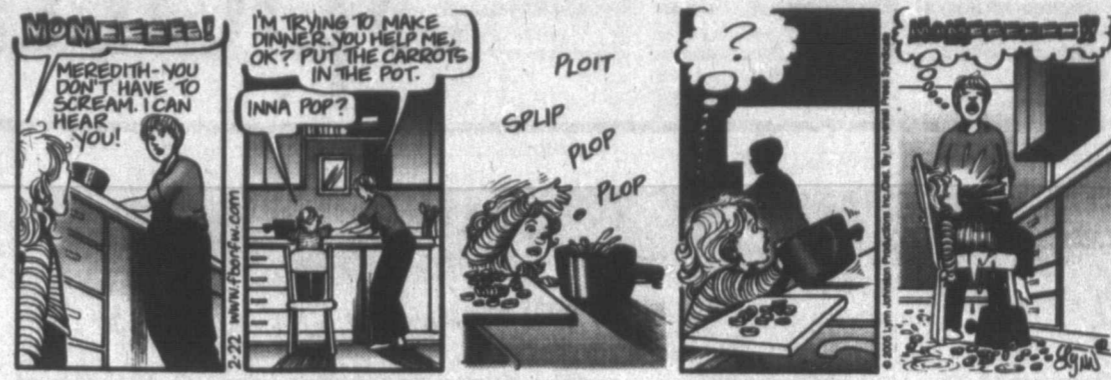
I offered Carl a divorce, but he insists that he loves me. He says he's sorry and he wants to stay with me. We've been married for 36 years, and have raised three boys and two girls together. We have seven grandchildren.

Carl and I are respected members of our community. We have been successful in our business and our church. Our neighbors would be scandalized if they knew about all this.

Carl is begging me to give him another chance, but how can I ever trust him again? — **DISILLUSIONED WIFE IN DELAWARE**

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: You have everything to gain and nothing to lose if you give it a try. Although your hurt and distrust are understandable, it isn't too late to salvage your marriage if you are both willing to work at it. Take a fresh look at your lives, recommit yourselves to each other and promise to spend the rest of your days making each other happy. It may not be easy at first, but other couples have succeeded, and you can, too.

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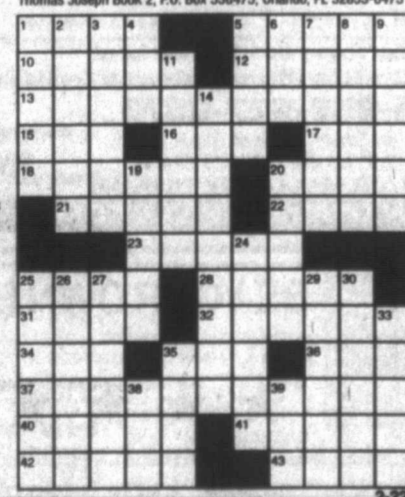
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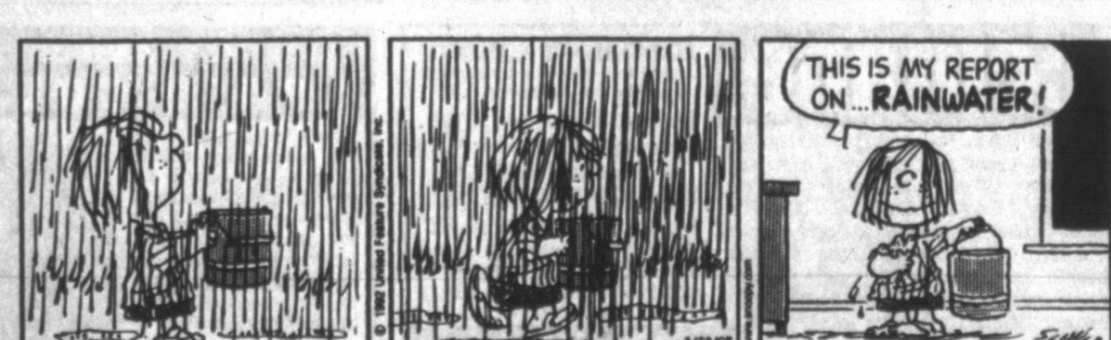
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Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Jordan Albracht (left) goes toe-to-toe with a Lady Eagle while seeking control of the ball during Saturday's meeting at Canyon.

Pampa soccer teams host Caprock today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School soccer teams will take to the home fields this afternoon to play host to Caprock. Both games are scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m.

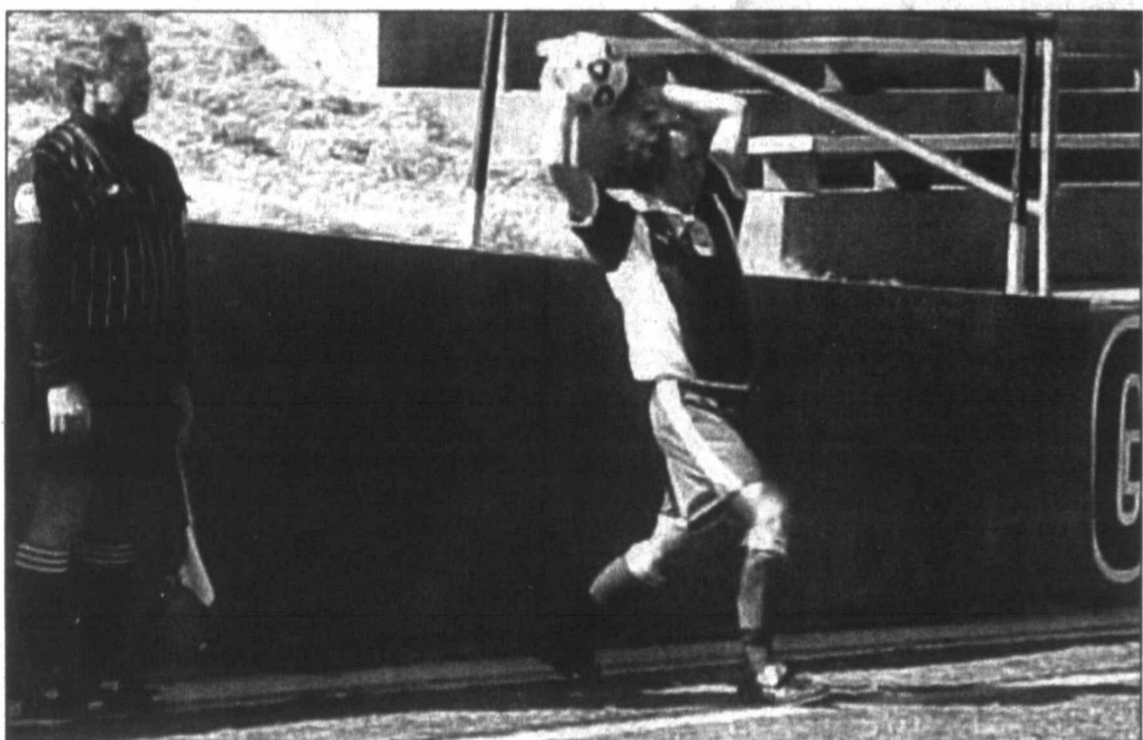
Coach May and his Harvester squad is coming off an impressive 2-0 win over Canyon this past Saturday for the team's first district win of the season.

Pampa's Nick Robbins and Chase Phillips were responsible for the Harvester scoring. Great offensive feeds and solid defense also contributed to the win. Goalie

Brody Smith was only tested four times in the match, passing each with flying colors.

The Lady Harvesters lost their game against Canyon Saturday. However, Coach Quisenberry and his team should be commended for holding the Lady Eagles to just one score, which came eight minutes into the game. The Lady Harvester defense held Canyon scoreless from that point on, coming close to scoring themselves in the waning moments of the match.

Weather at game time this afternoon should be mild with a slight breeze and temperatures hovering around 60.



Austin Morgan throws the ball back into play during Pampa's 2-0 win over Canyon this past Saturday.

Booster Clubs: Get your brisket ticket, basketball meeting Thursday night

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

For more information, contact Ginger Foster at 669-0955. Or Renee Brown at 665-0618.

Baseball Brisket Dinner
Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club and baseball team members will be out the next few days selling tickets to the this year's brisket dinner. The dinner will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. this Sunday, Feb. 27, at the Optimist Club. Take out will be available.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, under five eat for just \$5.

Basketball Banquet
The PHS Basketball Booster Club will hold a meeting this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Ready Room of the Athletic Office. The focus of the meeting will be to plan for the banquet, scheduled for 7 p.m. March 29, at the First Baptist Church.

For additional information, please contact a club member of the PHS athletic office at 669-4830.



The Pampa High School baseball team including (left to right) Tyler Doughty, Shea Brown, Seth Foster, Dusty Lenderman and Eric Willingham, will be busy the next few days selling tickets to this Sunday's brisket dinner

NYC greets Olympic delegation

NEW YORK (AP) — They've been wine and dined by the King of Spain and the Queen of England. They've nibbled on lobster in Madrid and been serenaded by bagpipers in London.

This week, it's New York City's turn to be charming.

The 13 delegates who will help select a host city for the 2012 Summer Olympics have arrived in New York fresh off trips to Spain and Britain. Next month, Paris and Moscow roll out their red carpets.

"Who's got Olympic fever?" Mayor Michael Bloomberg asked a crowd at a pep rally. "Who thinks it's time to bring the world's greatest sporting event to the world's greatest city?"

The mayor and U.S. Olympic Committee chairman Peter Ueberroth, met with the delegates Monday at the posh Plaza Hotel overlooking picturesque Central Park and its recent art installation, "The Gates."

The International Olympic Committee members were scheduled Tuesday to visit a variety of proposed venues for the Games. They will not speak publicly about New York's bid until their visit is completed Thursday.

On Wednesday, the city hosts a gymnastics demonstration at Trump Tower, where "The Apprentice" is videotaped. That night, the delegation will be entertained at Jazz at Lincoln Center. Dinner and drinks are at the

mayor's Upper East Side town house. A fencing exhibition on the steps of the New York Public Library is a Thursday highlight.

The city is already swathed in Olympic logos and signs promoting its bid. Billboards, bus shelters and street poles are decorated, along with the city's 4,000 subway cars, 7,000 buses and 13,000 medalion taxi cabs.

Visits are planned to all the Olympic venues, although the biggest one — the proposed West Side stadium — remains nothing more than an architect's vision.

Bloomberg is pushing to build the 75,000-seat stadium for the New York Jets over a desolate train yard on Manhattan's West Side. But it has touched off a furious debate over jobs, parking, traffic and the propriety of spending taxpayer dollars on a sports arena.

On Monday, meetings between the IOC Evaluation Committee and New York officials continued all day, and each committee member received a thick "2012" binder about the New York bid.

Bloomberg left the sessions to help host a pro-Olympics pep rally on the Rockefeller Center skating rink. The NYC2012 logo was painted in the middle of the ice, and attendees were given signs and flags to wave.

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World

International AP poll gets overseas take on Bush's pro-democracy attempts

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is calling on European leaders to support his campaign to spread democracy abroad at a time people in many of those countries have doubts whether that should be the U.S. role in the world, Associated Press polling found.

A majority of people in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain said they thought it should not be the U.S. role to spread democracy, according to AP-Ipsos polls. A majority of those living in Canada, Mexico and South Korea also disagreed with that role.

Bush is on a five-day fence-mending trip to Europe after tensions were raised there by the war in Iraq. In a speech Monday in Brussels, Belgium, the president promoted democracy as the path forward for a host of countries, from Saudi Arabia to Iran and Syria, and urged European leaders to move beyond the rift over Iraq and join his pro-liberty campaign.

"This strategy is not American strategy, or European strategy, or Western strategy," Bush said in an echo of the broad themes of his inaugural address a month ago. "Spreading liberty for the sake of peace is the cause of all mankind."

The public skepticism reflected in a new AP-Ipsos poll in Europe indicates the American president faces plenty of work on that front.

"There's still wariness and resentment of the United States in general," said Michael Mandelbaum, a professor who specializes in European studies at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Bush's efforts, he said, were having a limited impact in spreading democracy.

"In the wake of the Iraq war, there's particular suspicion of this administration," Mandelbaum added.

White House counselor Dan Bartlett suggested that foreigners may misunderstand Bush's plan to spread the liberties that Europeans and Americans take for granted.

"People get in their mind that spreading freedom means war and that's not the case," Bartlett said in an interview Tuesday on ABC's "Good Morning America." "Some of those opinion polls are reading in to it a little more than what President Bush intends."

Resistance to Bush's plans to promote democracy abroad was strongest in France, with 84 percent saying the United States should not play that role, according to the polling conducted for the Associated Press by Ipsos, an international polling firm.

About as many Germans took that position, 78 percent, while two-thirds of those in Britain said they didn't think the United States should be exporting democracy. Just over half of those in Spain and Italy felt that way.

"It's hard to believe our allies are indifferent to the spread of democracy," said Michael O'Hanlon, a senior fellow in foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution. "But they obviously don't feel comfortable with George Bush as the self-appointed spreader of democracy."

In the United States, a slight majority, 53 percent, said the United States should not be trying to spread democracy, while 45 percent said the United States should play that role.

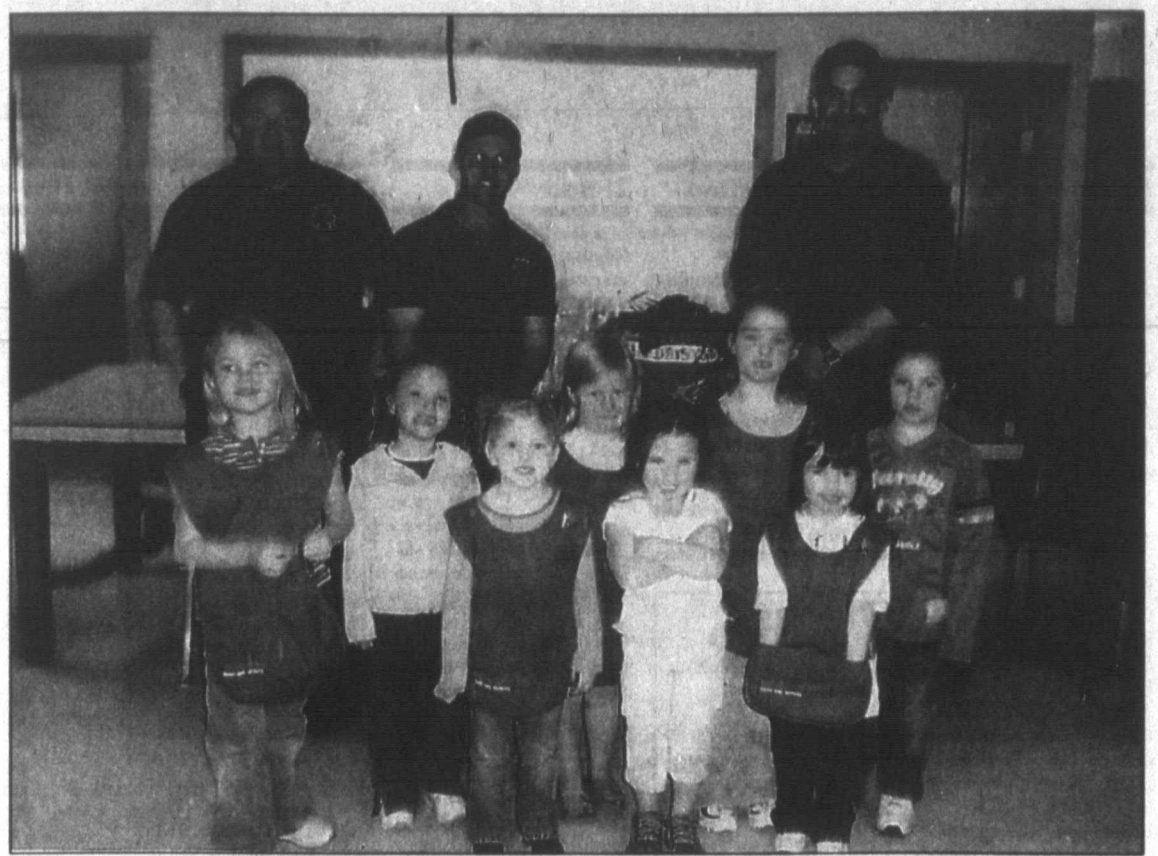
"Europeans in general — especially the European elites — tend to be more cynical about the possibilities of exporting democracy," said Mandelbaum, author of the book "Ideas That Conquered the World: Peace, Democracy and Free Markets." "There is a general feeling that democracy just doesn't fit some cultures."

While people in many of the countries polls don't approve of Bush's policies, that does not appear to be having much impact on how they view U.S. consumer goods.

Attitudes about U.S. goods in France, lukewarm at best, have not shifted significantly since December 2001, before the U.S.-led war in Iraq. About two in 10 of the French said they would rather buy U.S. goods than other types of goods available.

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— Michael Mandelbaum
College professor



Fire station tour

Members of Daisy Troop #210, part of Five Star Girl Scout Council, recently took a tour of a local fire station. In appreciation of all the firefighters do, the girls brought along a basket of Girl Scout cookies and snacks. Above: Mike Day, Levoy Cox, Rick Littlefield, Carly, Jaclyn, Tori, Jaylee, McKenna, Holland, Cierra, Kaylee.

Mutated bird virus causes concern

WASHINGTON (AP) — A bird flu virus may mutate to a human form that becomes as deadly as the ones that killed millions during three influenza pandemics of the 20th century.

Dr. Julie L. Gerberding, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Monday that scientists believe it is highly likely that the virus that has swept through bird populations in Asia will evolve into a pathogen deadly for humans.

"We are expecting more human cases over the next few weeks because this is high season for avian influenza in that part of the world," Gerberding said in remarks at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Although cases of human-to-human transmission have been rare, "our assessment is that this is a very high threat" based on the known history of the flu virus, she said.

In Asia, there have already been a number of deaths among people who caught the flu from chickens or ducks. The mortality rate is very

high — about 72 percent of identified patients, said Gerberding. There also have been documented cases of this strain of flu being transferred from person-to-person, but the outbreak was not sustained, she said.

The avian flu now spreading in Asia is part of what is called the H1 family of flu viruses. It is a pathogen that is notorious in human history.

"Each time we see a new H1 antigen emerge, we experience a pandemic of influenza," said Gerberding. In 1918, H1 appeared and millions died worldwide. In 1957, the Asian flu was an H2, and the Hong Kong flu in 1968 was a H3.

There had been small appearances of the H1-type of avian viruses in other years, but nothing like the H5 now rampaging through the birds of Asia.

"We are seeing a highly pathogenic strain of influenza virus emerge to an extraordinary proportion across the entire western component of Asia," she said. "The reason this is so ominous is because of the evolution of flu. ..."

'We are expecting more human cases over the next few weeks ...'

— Dr. Julie L. Gerberding
CDC head

Court battle pits homeowners against city in Connecticut

WASHINGTON (AP) — Residents trying to hang onto their homes in a working class neighborhood of New London, Conn., are waging a battle in the Supreme Court over their

city government's attempt to seize property for private economic development.

Susette Kelo and several other homeowners filed a lawsuit after city officials announced plans to bulldoze their residences to clear the way for a riverfront hotel, health club and offices. The residents refused to move, arguing it was an unconstitutional taking of their property.

The case's outcome will have significant implications for so-called eminent

domain actions. There have been over 10,000 instances in recent years of private property being threatened with condemnation or actually condemned by government for private use, according to the Institute for Justice. The group represents the New London residents who filed the case.

The issue revolves around whether a government is serving a public purpose when it uses its power of eminent domain to take land. The Fifth Amendment prohibits taking private property for public use without just compensation. This case doesn't involve compensation.

Over the years, the Supreme Court has deferred to the decision-making of elected state and local officials.

The court said in 1954 that it is legal for urban renewal to encompass non-blighted commercial buildings in a blighted neighborhood. In 1984, the court upheld Hawaii's land reform law that broke the grip of large landowners, with property being taken and then resold to others.

More recently, many cities and towns have been accused of abusing their authority, razing nice homes to make way for parking lots for casinos and other tax-producing businesses.

New London, a town of less than 26,000, once was a center of the whaling industry and later became a manufacturing hub. More recently the city has suffered the kind of economic woes afflicting urban areas across the country, with losses of residents and jobs. City leaders say the private development will generate tax revenue and improve the local economy.

Authorities searching for missing pregnant woman, 7-year-old

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Authorities searched a home overnight attempting to find clues to the whereabouts of a pregnant woman and her 7-year-old son who vanished over the weekend, officials said Tuesday.

Bagel shop owner Lisa Underwood and her son, Jayden, were unaccounted-for after she failed to show up at a baby shower Saturday. A pool of blood was found in her home but no sign of forced entry. On Monday, her abandoned sport utility vehicle was found in a rural creek near Denton.

Police acting on an anonymous tip

searched a Fort Worth home overnight and found an item referred to by the tipster, but declined to say what it was or how it figured in their investigation. Fort Worth police Lt. Gene Jones said that he did not have the name of the person whose home was searched.

Also Tuesday, authorities said a Fort Worth-area man was arrested in Tyler, 120 miles to the east, on capital murder warrant. But neither Jones nor Smith County Chief Deputy Bobby Garmon in Tyler would say whether the man was arrested in connection with the missing pair.

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