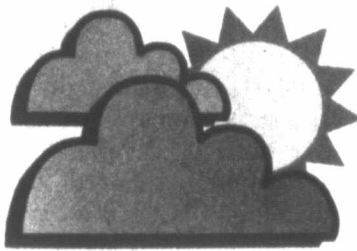


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Laura Marion Smith, 83, homemaker.

Local Briefs

**'Wild At Heart' fundraiser to be Saturday night**

The Tri-County Division of the American Heart Association will host the seventh annual Heart Gala on Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Pampa Country Club. The theme for this year's fund-raising extravaganza is "Wild At Heart" and promises to be a fun and exciting evening dedicated to supporting the lifesaving work of the American Association, organizers say.

One of the highlights of the evening will be a Big Game Hunt for a jewelry item donated by Graham Brothers jewelers of Amarillo valued at \$1,000. All participants in the hunt will qualify for a prize as well. Additional activities include a live Art Auction, Silent Auction, and Casino.

The AHA mission is to reduce disability and death from cardiovascular diseases and stroke.

Tickets may be obtained by contacting Veronica Kirkwood for information at 665-3816.

**Wilson School plans ceremony**

Wilson Elementary School Principal Tom Lindsey and Superintendent of Schools Barry Haenisch invite Pampa residents to join the celebration of public education in Texas.

To help celebrate Texas Public Schools Week, Feb. 28-March 4, Wilson Elementary students and staff plan a flag-raising ceremony at 8:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 28, at the flag pole on the south side of the school.

"Please join us in raising our flags as we underscore the connection between education and our democratic society," Lindsey said. "Stand beside us as we recommit ourselves to learning, liberty, and the foundations of education: High expectations, effective teaching, responsible families and involved communities."

## New DA says doors will be open

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Representatives of law enforcement, county and district judicial offices, and other offices within the 31st Judicial District this morning welcomed Lynn Switzer as the newly appointed district attorney.

"We are pleased in district court. I don't have any doubt whatsoever about her ability

to do the job. We look forward to a smooth transition and to Gray County once again being respected among the legal, law enforcement and judicial communities," said 223rd District Judge Lee Waters, speaking to a group of between 40 and 50 in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, where a reception for Switzer was held at 9 a.m. today.

"We congratulate her on her appointment," Waters said.

"We appreciate the opportunity to welcome our new district attorney. We're sure she's going to do a fine job for us. We look forward to working with you, Lynn," said County Judge Richard Peet.

"Everybody has been so supportive of me. I'm looking forward to working as your district attorney and making a smooth transition," Switzer said.

"Our door is open and our phone is being answered by a human being," she said, referring to the previous policy by former District Attorney Rick Roach of keeping the DA's office doors locked and having telephone calls answered by machine.

"I have to acknowledge

my staff. They have been my rock. They have given me encouragement. I also want to acknowledge the support of my husband and the law enforcement community, as well as (County Attorney) Josh Seabourn and the probation office," Switzer said.

*"We look forward to a smooth transition and to Gray County once again being respected ...!"*

— Lee Waters  
223rd District Judge

Switzer's appointment by Governor Rick Perry was announced yesterday. The appointment is subject to

state Senate confirmation, according to a news release from the governor's office.

The office of 31st District Attorney was vacated when Roach resigned Feb. 8. Roach was the subject of a civil suit centered around a petition to have him removed from office, as well as federal criminal charges involving possession of methamphetamine, cocaine and firearms.

He was arrested by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on Jan. 11, and the civil suit was filed Jan. 12.

Roach pled guilty to the firearms charge Feb. 8 in federal court in Amarillo and is currently awaiting sentencing.

"If you look around, everyone stood up and did

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Switzer, above, says under her leadership the DA's office will be "open and our phone is being answered by a human being" referring to the former DA's policy of locked doors and phones being answered by an automated answering machine.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa Police Detective Connie Lockridge, left, and Police Lt. Stephanie Raymond, right, congratulate Lynn Switzer, center, this morning upon her appointment by Governor Rick Perry as 31st District Attorney. A reception was held in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse for Switzer.

## Gray County releases profiling reports

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

An overwhelming majority of persons stopped, searched and arrested by Gray County Sheriff's Office and Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge during 2004 were white, according to racial profiling reports submitted to county commissioners at their last

meeting on Feb. 15.

Of the 450 persons stopped by deputies, 328 were male. During those stops, deputies conducted 85 searches of vehicles and persons, of which 57 were by consent.

Arrests resulted from 43 of the searches.

Whites made up 366 of the 450 persons stopped. The remainder were composed of

blacks, 33; Hispanics, 42; and Asians, nine.

These numbers mean that 81.3 percent of all stops were white, 7.3 percent were black, 9.3 percent were Hispanic, and 2.1 percent were Asian.

Lockridge stopped 142 persons, of whom 130 were white, three were black and nine were Hispanic.

Four criminal violations

were among the stops of whites, and one criminal violation was represented by Hispanics.

Lockridge issued 32 citations and 100 verbal warnings to whites, and conducted one search.

He issued three citations to blacks, and nine to Hispanics. He conducted one search during the stops of Hispanics.

No report was available from Precinct 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis or the Precinct 4 constable at the meeting.

Frank Sparling of McLean was the Precinct 4 constable in 2004; Don Fletcher of Pampa was elected to the position in the November 2004 general election, and resigned last month, leaving the office vacant.

## Bomb beside road kills three soldiers

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A roadside bomb killed three U.S. soldiers and wounded eight others north of Baghdad on Friday, the military said, while the government announced the capture of three figures associated with Iraq's bloody insurgency.

In political developments, United Iraqi Alliance candidate Ibrahim al-Jaafari said Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, has endorsed his nomination for prime minister.

The attack, which occurred around midday in Tarmiyah, about 20 miles north of the capital, raised the U.S. military death toll

in Iraq to at least 1,489, according to an Associated Press count since the war began in March 2003. On Thursday, the military said three U.S. soldiers were killed in separate attacks.

"There was a group of American soldiers walking in the road while around five Humvees were parking behind them," said Waleed Nahed, 35, who lives in the area. "I heard a very loud explosion and I saw bodies flying."

Residents saw about a dozen injured U.S. soldiers lying on blood-splattered ground.

Lt. Col. Clifford Kent, a

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Returns from Sri Lanka

## Pampa native to discuss tsunami relief experience

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

A native of Pampa will return to her hometown this weekend to talk about her tsunami relief experiences in Sri Lanka.

Carleen Rogers, now a registered nurse in Decatur, will talk 10:45 a.m. Sunday, during services at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 1304 N. Banks, concerning the week she spent as part of a medical team in Pethale, Sri Lanka, the end of January.

Organized by a Decatur-

based missionary group, Beyond These Shores, Rogers and a medical team, consisting mostly of personnel from the hospital where she works, traveled to the eastern shore of the island nation off the tip of India, which was savaged by a tidal wave the day after Christmas.

They took with them about a half-ton of medical supplies.

Working through his church, Cornerstone Baptist Church, Roger's brother, Jim Moyer, helped raise \$5,000 to aid

in financing the relief effort.

A 1983 Pampa High School graduate, Rogers was part of a team that set up an emergency clinic to help with injuries from the tsunami, working with a medical team that was already on site.

They left Jan. 25 and returned Feb. 4.

Rogers said her husband, Raymie Rogers, a 1981 Pampa High graduate, and her brother, Jim Moyer, were extremely supportive of her trip.

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Obituaries

Laura Marion Smith, 83

PLANO — Laura Marion Smith, 83, died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2005, at Fort Worth.

Services are scheduled at 3 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Mrs. Paula Heskett, of New Walk Ministries International, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery of Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 5, 1922, at Tell. She married C.L. Smith on Jan. 6, 1940, at Childress; he died June 7, 1986.

Mrs. Smith lived at White Deer from 1956 until moving to Plano in 1990. She was a homemaker and a member of First United Methodist Church of Allen.

She was preceded in death by a son, Anthony Smith on June 4, 1997; a grandson, Charlie Jack Smith in 1980; a sister, Aletha Garner; and two brothers, Bud Smith and Doodle Smith.

Survivors include Joel Smith of White Deer and Chadd Smith of Arlington; a daughter, Judy D. Smith of Plano; three brothers, Shorty Smith of Hughes Springs, Dub Smith of Borger and J.C. Smith of Tell; a sister, Gladys Timmons of Tell; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to Vista Care Hospice, 5424 Rufe Snow Dr., Suite 414, Fort Worth, TX 76180.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

Services tomorrow

SMITH, Laura Marion — 3 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This rabbit finds a sheltered place between shrubbery and a house in the 1900 block of Fir during a recent cold snap.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 55. Wind chill values between 25 and 31. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly

cloudy, with a low around 35. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 52. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 37. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 54. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. North wind around 15 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54. North northwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 55. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 34.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 59.

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WASHER, DRYER, tv antenna for sale. See 316 Henry

**Happy 80th Birthday, Grandma Garmon!**

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Domestic

U.S. Economy grows at 3.8 percent pace in final quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy grew at a solid 3.8 percent annual rate in the final quarter of 2004 an encouraging sign that the business expansion was firmly entrenched at the start of the new year.

The new reading on gross domestic product, released by the Commerce Department Friday, was better than the government's initial calculation made a month ago. That estimate showed the economy growing at a 3.1 percent pace.

The improvement reflected more robust spending by businesses on capital equipment and to build up inventories of goods. The trade deficit also was less of a drag on fourth-quarter growth than initially thought.

GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States.

"This is a really healthy performance for the economy," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics. "It really shows a better mix of growth."

Sales of previously owned homes dipped 0.1 percent in January. The National Association of Realtors said sales of single-family homes and condominiums totaled 6.80 million units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate. That was down from a rate of 6.81 million units in December.

On Wall Street, stocks

moved higher. The Dow Jones industrials gained 30 points and the Nasdaq index was up 4 points in morning trading.

The new fourth-quarter GDP figure also was better than the 3.5 percent growth rate that economists had forecast in advance of Friday's release.

*'All told, the economy seems to have entered 2005 expanding at a reasonably good pace, with inflation and inflation expectations well anchored.'*

— Alan Greenspan  
Federal Reserve chairman

Although economic growth in the final quarter of last year was a bit slower than the 4 percent pace measured in the third quarter, the performance was still solid.

For all of 2004, the economy expanded by 4.4 percent, the best showing in five years. This annual estimate was the same as first reported last month.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan,

delivering the Fed's economic outlook to Congress last week, struck a fairly positive note about the economy's performance.

"All told, the economy seems to have entered 2005 expanding at a reasonably good pace, with inflation and inflation expectations well anchored," he said.

Against that backdrop, Fed policy-makers who have boosted short-term interest rates six times since June are expected to raise them again on March 22.

For the current January-to-March quarter, the economy is expected to grow at a rate of around 4 percent, according to some economists' projections.

Analysts are hoping that with the economy moving ahead solidly, companies will feel more inclined to step up hiring in the months ahead. The jobs market was slower to recover from the 2001 recession than other parts of the economy. The nation's payrolls expanded by a respectable 2.2 million last year.

President Bush wants to see the economy on firm footing, especially as he tries to sell the country an overhaul of Social Security. A cornerstone of his plan would allow workers to set up private investment accounts in stocks and bonds.

Democrats largely don't like the idea and some Republicans in Congress are wary as well.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.

Thursday, Feb. 24

Twelve traffic stops were made. A hit and run accident was called in concerning the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. The incident reportedly occurred at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville. A purse and contents valued at \$83 were taken.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

An animal complaint was received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. A dumpster was turned over and a fence was damaged.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. The incident occurred between Jan. 19 and 20. A vehicle window was broken, for estimated damage of \$200.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles; and the 1000 block of Duncan.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby and in the 400 block of Crest.

A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of East Crawford.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1100 block of East Foster.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 500 block of North Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1200 block of Duncan.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of West Alcock.

Johnny Dewayne Bridges, 22, 11891 County Road K, was arrested at the inter-

section of Francis and Hobart streets on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Fire

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

Friday, Feb. 25

3:57 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1600 block of Turtle Creek.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 24

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

11:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

4:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to NWTH.

9:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a county residence and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Feb. 25

3:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a county residence and transported a patient to PRMC.

Stocks

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

Wheat ..... 3.16  
Milo ..... 3.26  
Corn ..... 3.81  
Soybeans ..... 4.98

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

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XOM ..... 62.42 +1.29  
Limited ..... 23.22 -0.08  
Williams ..... 19.00 NC  
MCD ..... 32.45 -0.20  
Atmos ..... 27.53 +0.21  
Pioneer Nat ..... 43.22 +0.96  
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SLB ..... 74.61 -0.29  
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not let this situation knock them down. They maintained their professionalism and integrity. Now, we have a very positive thing happening today," said Hemphill County Sheriff Gary Henderson at this morning's reception. Henderson is a former Texas Ranger based in Gray County.

"We know she's going to do an excellent job," said Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland.

Switzer has served as acting district attorney since Roach's resignation, and has performed the duties of the office since his arrest. She will serve as 31st District Attorney until the next general election, in November 2006, when she can opt to run for a full term, according to the governor's office.

The Wichita Falls native

was hired by Roach in May 2002 as assistant district attorney. She has previously served as assistant district attorney of the 51st, 119th and 106th judicial districts.

Switzer is a member of the State Bar of Texas, the Texas District and County Attorneys Association, and the Alpha Chi National College Honor Society. She is also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Kiwanis Club International and Altrusa Club International.

## Realtors Winter Meeting



Diane Jennings, Association Executive; Sue Baker, President; and Becky Baten, TAR Director of the Pampa Board of Realtors, Inc., recently attended the Texas Association of Realtors Winter Meeting in Austin. Pictured with the trio is Lance Lacy, the 2005 Chairman of the Board of Texas Association of Realtors. Key topics discussed at the Austin meeting included consumer protections in a real estate transaction, legislative issues affecting homeowners, commercial real estate trends, professional standards, technology, customer service, property management, risk reduction and real estate spokesperson training. The Pampa Board received an award for the quota in monies given to the Texas Real Estate Political Action Committee for the third consecutive year.

## Tracheotomy eases Pope's breathing; no pneumonia

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II is breathing on his own and is not suffering from pneumonia, the Vatican said Friday, taking pains to cast his condition in a positive light a day after he was rushed to a hospital and underwent surgery to ease another breathing crisis.

Papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls said the frail 84-year-old John Paul spent a restful night at Rome's Gemelli Polyclinic, where doctors advised him not to speak for a few days.

John Paul's latest hospitalization was certain to further fuel speculation about whether he could continue as pope, and what would happen if he was incapacitated.

The pontiff was taken by ambulance to the hospital Thursday after suffering his second bout of breathing trouble in less than a month. Navarro-Valls told reporters that John Paul was given a mild anesthetic and the oper-

ation that doctors performed to cut a small breathing hole in his neck "was not an emergency procedure."

*'It was a question of assuring adequate breathing of the patient.'*

— Joaquin Navarro-Valls  
Papal spokesman

"It was a question of assuring adequate breathing of the patient," he said.

A doctor trained in emergency assistance has been on call at the Vatican but there was never any need for him, Navarro-Valls said.

Italian news agencies had reported that John Paul was placed on a respirator after the surgery, but Navarro-

Valls said the pope "had no need of assisted breathing."

"Assisted means mechanical, which wasn't used yesterday, nor last night, nor this morning. There was no need," he said.

John Paul had no fever, Navarro-Valls added. The pope's postoperative condition was progressing normally and that he was breathing better, he said.

"The Holy Father spent a night of tranquil rest," he said. "This morning, he ate breakfast with a good appetite. He's breathing on his own and cardio-circulatory conditions remain good."

"Upon the advice of his doctors, the pope must not speak for several days, so as to favor the recovery of the functions of the larynx," Navarro-Valls said.

Navarro-Valls said the pope's breakfast included coffee with milk, 10 cookies and yogurt.

"He ate everything," the spokesman said.

## Iraq

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spokesman for the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division, said the patrol was hit by an improvised explosive device — the term commonly used to describe a roadside bomb. Three soldiers were killed and eight were wounded, Kent said.

The road was immediately blocked off by the U.S. military and Iraqi security forces, and helicopters took the injured away, according to Nahed and Alaa Nagy, who works at a nearby factory. Both said they heard gunfire after the incident.

Attacks on Thursday left 30 people dead, including Americans killed in separate attacks.

"In Baghdad, the government said one of the three men arrested was Talib

Mikhilif Arsan Walman al-Dulaymi, also known as Abu Qutaybah, a key aide to Jordanian-born terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Al-Zarqawi leads an insurgency affiliated with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

*Attacks on Thursday left 30 people dead, including Americans killed in separate attacks.*

Abu Qutaybah, who was captured during a Feb. 20 raid in Anah, about 160 miles northwest of Baghdad, "was responsible for determining who, when and how terrorist network leaders would meet with al-

Zarqawi," the government said.

He "filled the role of key lieutenant for the Zarqawi network, arranging safe houses and transportation as well as passing packages and funds to al-Zarqawi," the government said. "His extensive contacts and operational ability throughout western Iraq made him a critical figure in the Zarqawi network."

Al-Zarqawi has a \$25 million U.S. bounty on his head and is believed to have orchestrated a wave of car bombings, kidnappings, assassinations and beatings across the country.

During the same raid, Iraqi forces also captured another al-Zarqawi aide who "occasionally acted as his driver," the government said. The man was identified as Ahmad Khalid Marad Ismail al-Rawi, who also helped arrange meetings for al-Zarqawi.

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# Viewpoints

## Rejection, double standards, bird do and flu

What a ride this long drink of water's short career as Closet Writer has been. No, this is not a sign off or my own obit as a writer — to those of you (one, in particular) that do not like — for any number of reasons — my words. I'm simply exclaiming Closet Writer has and will have (as long as the ride will go) mucho fun in penning words for a newspaper column.

It is a widely-held belief that Clark Kent preferred reporting/writing to flying around in leotards and a cape dodging kryptonite. Writing, whether the words are political opine, life's stories, or social comment — and receiving attaboys or, one's

ire — is a boatload of fun. In fact, I wish it were my sole profession.

Included in this fun was Closet Writer's very first rejection by my editor over one of his column submittals this past week. The rejection had to do with a little word with big consequences for newspapers. The word being — libelous. Upon the rejection, I had to scramble to think/write on a different topic and was pleased to discover new thoughts/words are easily typed. Thank you, Dee Dee, Daniel, Heather, Jeremy and my own dysfunction.

However, I wish to digress on the libelous content of the rejected column. Relax, Dee

Dee, I'm not going to name any names this go-round. I learned my lesson well, thank you very much — one brick between the eyes is sufficient for this raised-on-jerky long drink of water. Ahem.

**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist



My rejected words had to do with the double standard our society employs with politicians and professional athletes who break the law or God's Commandments and get away with it. The simple truth is this: The American people will tolerate to for-

giveness any number of times a politician's or an athlete's indiscretions with moral conduct or lawlessness; but Joe/Jane Citizen

does not stand a chance with misconduct if notoriety is not an issue with law. Joe and Jane do stand a chance with God's forgiveness.

Double standards exist in society. What message are we giving our children by turning the other cheek to those who can plead their shortcomings over the airwaves or in print to rouse

some sympathy, or — buy their way out of the legal jam? 'Nuf said.

Is it windy here in the Panhandle or what — especially this time of the year? Driving down Hobart last Saturday — maintaining a close to 50 mph speed, mind you, when this plastic bag passed me at close to 80 mph. If that wasn't enough, a grackle (thank God it wasn't a sea gull) flying low over the street about 20 feet in front of my new ride let loose and the wind carried the whitewash straight into my windshield. Ack.

Yes reader, it's time for trash talk again. Oh reader, I figured this about your disgruntledness when I talk

trash. You live in the part of town that gets very little wind-blown litter from all the commerce doing business on Hobart Street, don't you? You don't witness the litter escaping from those businesses' open dumpsters when the wind is all ablow, do you? And certainly, you must not drive the streets surrounding those establishments and high school pathways and see for yourself all the litter, do you?

I bet if the city/county

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 25, the 56th day of 2005. There are 309 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1793, the department heads of the U.S. government met with President Washington at his home for the first Cabinet meeting on record.

### On this date:

In 1570, Pope Pius V excommunicated England's Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1901, United States Steel Corp. was incorporated by J.P. Morgan.

In 1913, the 16th Amendment to the United States Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect.

In 1943, during World War II, U.S. troops reoccupied the Kasserine Pass.

In 1948, Communists seized power in Czechoslovakia.

In 1964, Cassius Clay (later Muhammad Ali) became world heavyweight boxing champion by defeating Sonny Liston in Miami Beach, Fla.

In 1973, the Stephen Sondheim musical "A Little Night Music" opened at Broadway's Shubert Theater.

In 1986, President Ferdinand E. Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

*'If people behaved in the way nations do, they would all be put in straitjackets.'*

— Tennessee Williams  
American playwright

dency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

**Ten years ago:** Former President Jimmy Carter wound up a 54-hour visit to Haiti, denying he'd been given a chilly reception by Haitians whom he'd helped save from a potentially bloody U.S.-led intervention.

**Five years ago:** A jury in Albany, N.Y., acquitted four white New York City police officers of all charges in the shooting death of unarmed African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

**One year ago:** The Supreme Court ruled states don't have to underwrite the religious training of students planning careers in the ministry. The Mel Gibson film "The Passion of the Christ" opened in more than 3,000 U.S. theaters on Ash Wednesday.

**Today's Birthdays:** Country singer Ralph Stanley is 78. Musician Tommy Newsom is 76. Actor Tom Courtenay is 68. CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 68.



## Legalized murder looms in Florida

Unless Florida courts or the U.S. Supreme Court reverse themselves, Michael Schiavo will be allowed to kill his wife, Terri, and do it in the most horrific way.

A judge in Pinellas County, Fla., has extended what amounts to a stay of execution until Friday, Feb. 25. If that stay is not extended further, Michael Schiavo's attorney says his client will immediately have the feeding tube now keeping Terri alive removed, allowing her to be starved to death.

Although badly brain damaged, Terri is conscious

(not comatose), shows many signs of being aware of her surroundings, and is not on any life support systems.

Like all of us, however, she is dependent on nourishment. If her husband succeeds in removing her feeding tube, she will die an incredibly painful death by starvation and dehydration.

How painful? According to Newsmax.com, Dr. William Burke, a neurologist

in St. Louis, was quoted by medical ethicist Wesley Smith as describing the agonizing process:

"A conscious person would feel it (dehydration) just as you and I would. They will crack, their tongue cracks, their lips crack. They may have nosebleeds because of the drying of the mucous membranes, and heaving and vomiting might ensue

because of the drying out of the stomach lining. They feel the pangs of hunger and thirst. Imagine going one day without a glass of water. Death by dehydration takes ten to fourteen days. It is an extremely agonizing death."

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## Border alert not a reason to panic

People questioning the safety of coming to the border area during Charro Days and Spring Break should have little to worry about.

Unlike attacks in the Middle East, where the attacks are indiscriminate and anyone could be a target, the gang violence that led the U.S. State Department to issue a travel advisory recently is largely between drug gangs or against police, where people are attacking specific people.

However, local officials do the public a great disservice in trying to sweep the alert under the rug.

Officials from Brownsville, Matamoros and South Padre Island said

(on Feb. 17) they will ask the U.S. State Department to lift or ease its alert for Americans traveling along Mexico's northern border.

The alert, issued Jan. 26, warns of increased violence along the border as a result of fighting between and among Mexican drug cartels. The alert is scheduled to expire April 25, unless U.S. officials elect to shorten or lengthen it.

Mayors Eddie Trevio Jr. of Brownsville and Bob Pinkerton of South Padre Island told The Brownsville Herald they were concerned

the alerts would keep tourists and their money away. Mexican businesses report that their revenue has fallen since the alert was issued.

U.S. consul in Matamoros John Naland says the consulate's duty is to inform the public of any risks that might affect them, not to worry about business or tourism.

With thousands of tourists expected in the area for Brownsville's Charro Days and Sombrero Festival and Matamoros' concurrent Fiestas Mexicanas and mul-

titudes coming shortly afterward for Spring Break, the mayors are panicking.

They shouldn't panic. Panic only reflects lack of preparation.

Naland is probably correct in assuming that many of the young Spring Breakers aren't aware of the tourism alert, or the violence that motivated it. But he is also correct in suggesting that these people should be kept informed, not in the dark.

Violence has always been possible in South Texas, even without the alert. Attacks and rapes have occurred, and recently the area has seen a growing inci-

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imposed an additional fee for litter clean-up on your water/refuse bill — it would get your attention, wouldn't it? Forgive me mater, but I'm all for a new fee or tax on litter pick-up in Pampa; however, I'm also quite sure there is a certain amount of Pampa's citizenry that will litter no matter how much it costs their budgets. Has something to do with genetics.

I ran into a high school friend last week while trailing mater on one of her shopping ventures. I know what you readers are thinking. Why is a grown man trailing his mater while she shops? It's my job, that's why. My friend and her younger sister were in town (from Austin and Dallas, respectively) purchasing items for her beloved mother and assisting their beloved father with placing their Alzheimer's-ill mother in a nursing home. This friend and I go way back — a long way back — and if she knew my admiration I have for her

over such a long time she would be flushed and say, "Ah, shucks, I was just being me."

My admiration has much to do with how her parents raised her and how she benefited from her mother and father and what she has accomplished in her life. My admiration has much to do with the fact she has been juggling her time between Pampa and Austin and her husband and daughter for any number of years to give her father a break from caring for her ill mother.

My admiration has much to do with her father and his fight to keep his beloved wife at home during her illness and how much I respect him and his fight with such a horrific disease. Alzheimer's is nothing but a tragedy, not only for the sufferer but for the family members as well. I know how she, her father, and sibs feel for I and my family have been fighting the same fight — to this very day, a losing battle.

My family and my friend's family are not singular to the Alzheimer's dilemma as I/we have many friends and acquaintances who have fought or are

fighting Alzheimer's before our own experience. I pray to God Almighty that medicine catches up with Alzheimer's and rids the world of its presence for the disease is nothing but a nightmare.

What's this about the potential of a worldwide pandemic caused by the possibility of a mutant virus initiated from avian flu? The CDC sure wants America to be aware the possibility will exist. Great. I just got over the worst case of flu my body has ever recorded. I mean, the grim reaper was asking me for the next dance. I felt that bad.

First came chronic fatigue syndrome to knock us back and while on the rebound from perpetual tiredness that ole tick sneaked up our pants leg to infect us with Lyme's disease. Yeah, a little febrile with some swelling and even more tiredness. Little blood suckers. If chronic fatigue and Lyme's weren't enough, along came that nasty little mosquito to juice us with West Nile Virus and send us back to the deathbed. As an afterthought, West Nile did not take out enough starlings or grackles, did it — just an

occasional human being? Perhaps scientists should research the immuno system of the grackle. You know, like they did with mold from cheese? And, how did West Nile come to America's shores in the first place?

Now, a mutant virus from Avian Flu generated from chickens and ducks in Asia and transferred to chicken and duck raising/eating human beings in Asia. A gazillion chickens and ducks have been destroyed to combat this Avian Flu. Perhaps the CDC should mandate travel restrictions to and from those Avian Flu infected regions of Asia? Perhaps the CDC should mandate our borders be closed to travelers from those Avian Flu infected regions of Asia?

Naw, we're Americans, what's a little mutant virus coming through our borders? After all, we've let a few terrorists through our borders, haven't we?

Give us your tired, your poor and disease-ridden ...

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

# Gunman kills ex-wife, bystander in Tyler

TYLER, Texas (AP) — A man angered over a child support dispute with his ex-wife opened fire with an AK-47 assault rifle outside the Smith County Courthouse, killing her and a man who tried to stop the bloodshed.

Before police killed the gunman a few miles away Thursday afternoon, three law enforcement officers and the man's son, who had been acting as a mediator between his parents, lay wounded on the historic courthouse square.

Police estimated David Hernandez Arroyo Sr., who had a history of spousal abuse and weapons violations, shot 50 rounds outside the courthouse. Arroyo, 43, wore a military flak jacket and a bulletproof vest.

"He definitely came well-armed and prepared. We do understand there had been some threats made by him the previous week," Police Chief Gary Swindle said.

But Joshua Winters, an attorney who represented 41-year-old Maribel Estrada, said he doesn't believe she thought her ex-husband was dangerous. Estrada worked at a meat packing plant in Tyler and raised a 17-year-old and a 6-year-old with the help of her eldest son, Winters said.

Estrada and Mark Alan Wilson, 52, died in the gunfire. Smith County Sheriff's Deputy Sherman Dollison, 28, was in critical condition at East Texas Medical Center on Friday morning after being shot four times.

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which prohibits the inhumane treatment of animals, where the starvation of one's pet is a criminal act, the courts have ruled that it legal to kill Terri by starving her to death.

There is a video taken by Terri's parents that shows her fully alert, smiling, reacting to their presence and following her mother's movements with her eyes. Shockingly, when he learned of the video, Michael Schiavo banned any other efforts to film her.

In the light of this, I find it disgraceful that the judge who over the years has consistently sided with Michael Schiavo, and has accepted the false idea that Terri is nothing more than a vegetable whose life is mean-

ingless, has never once bothered to visit Terri to learn for himself that she is a living, conscious, human being.

Thanks to the secularist mainstream media the general public is under the mistaken impression that Terri is on life support, which is true only if being fed and given liquids is considered life support. If that is true, all the rest of us are on life support too.

Terri suffered a serious brain injury in 1990 and there is evidence that suggests she suffered physical abuse that led to her condition. In a trial in 2000, Terri's husband asked for permission to have the feeding tube removed. As

Concerned Women for America pointed out, "this was after he had long since abandoned his marriage by living with another woman (siring two children by the other woman) and collecting hundreds of thousands of

dollars from disability insurance, pocketing the money and letting Terri live without the medical attention he had promised to provide."

Sixth Judicial Circuit Judge George Greer has continued to allow the husband to act as Terri's guardian without, as Florida law requires, a guardianship plan. Judge Greer says he is now considering whether Michael Schiavo is a fit guardian for his wife. He

also says he needs more time to determine whether Terri Schiavo needs more medical tests. His stay expires Friday.

In a new development, Florida's Department of Children and Families has intervened in the case and is asking for a delay to investigate abuse allegations. And on Wednesday Gov. Jeb Bush told reporters that "I can assure you I will do whatever I can within the means, within the laws, of our state to protect this woman's life."

If all of these moves fail, however, the courts of state of Florida will order Terri Schiavo to be starved to death — a case of judicially-sanctioned murder.

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

*In a new development, Florida's Department of Children and Families has intervened ...*

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dence of "express kidnappings," in which tourists are accosted and ordered to withdraw money from automatic teller machines before they are released. The chance of such attacks are minor, and the risk is decreased even further if people stay in groups, which

most revelers do already. But the risk exists. People who know of the alert, and the area's history, would only see local officials as uncaring, unawares, or inept.

Rather than try to hide or gloss over the risks of mishaps in the area, the mayors should be imposing action plans to ensure public safety, and public awareness campaigns to make sure the people know that officials are prepared, and suggest

ways to make their visits safer. Local officials can't hide this area's violent past. They must not hide their heads, either. Rather, they should take proactive measures to make it clear that they are aware of the problem, and are taking steps to ensure public safety.

After all, the perception that our public officials aren't on top of the situation could well scare off more visitors than the alert itself.

# 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](http://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.

• **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](http://www.freecontest.com). The deadline to enter is Feb. 26. Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem.

• **Chapter C.S. P.E.O. Sisterhood** will

present a book review with Carol Smith Headrick at 2 p.m. March 20 in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The book under review will be "Anatomy of Me," an autobiography of best-selling author of the mid-20th Century Fanny Hurst. Tickets will be available at the door before the event or may be purchased in advance by calling 665-7064.

• **Circle in the Square Theatre** School in New York, N.Y., will hold auditions for its professional actor training program May 7 in Dallas. The school is offering professional two-year workshops (acting and musical) and seven-week summer workshops (acting and musical). For more information, write to: Admissions, Circle in the Square Theatre School, 1633 Broadway, New York, NY 10019-6795, call (212) 307-0388 or e-mail [circleinthesquare@att.net](mailto:circleinthesquare@att.net). Go to [www.circlesquare.org](http://www.circlesquare.org) for a downloadable application.

• **The 5th Army Association** will conduct a 10-day final tour of Italy in June. The tour will depart from New York for Rome, Venice, Florence, Pisa and Sorrento on June 15. The trip will include a special stop at the American Military Cemetery near Anzio. For more information, call Sy Canton at (561) 865-8495 or write him at 5277B Lakefront Blvd., Delray Beach, FL 33484.

• **USS Maddox Destroyer Association** Reunion is planned Sept. 15-18, 2005, in Mobile, Ala. For more information, contact Cliff Gillespie, 215 Wichita Ave., #605, Huntington Beach, CA 92648, call (714) 960-5283 or e-mail [cwgilles45@aol.com](mailto:cwgilles45@aol.com).

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# Religion

## Church Happenings

### Central Baptist to host revival services next week

Central Baptist Church of Pampa, Starkweather and Browning streets, will host revival services Sunday through Wednesday, Feb. 27-March 1.

Guest evangelists, Larry and Freida Sinclair of Fairfield, are a multi-talented couple who strive to give God all the talents He gave them. Larry sings, does black light, chalk art drawings and preaches after each drawing. Freida does ventriloquism and adds to their services in many other ways. The presentation is intended for the entire family.

Services will be held on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Weekday services will be at 7 p.m. There will also be a Weekday Noon Service with a meal provided for \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children. A special time for the children is set for 6 p.m., Monday, with a hot dog supper. The youth will be having a pizza supper on Wednesday at 6 p.m. A nursery is provided for all services.

Pastor C.W. Parker and congregation invite all to attend these services of inspirational music and preaching. For more information, call the church at 665-1631.

### Akins family to present Pentecostal Revival here

The Rev. Kevin Akins and family will be joining pastors Leland and Darlene Lewis and the congregation of First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, on Sunday, Feb. 27, through Friday, March 4, for a Pentecostal Revival.

The Akins family will be ministering in the Sunday morning Celebration service at 10:45 a.m. The Sunday evening service will begin at 6 p.m., and the services on Monday through Friday evening will begin at 7 p.m.

"Come together to hear a word from the Lord with Pentecostal praise and worship," said Pastor Lewis. "Witness real people who have come to tell about a real God through testimony and scripture."



### Great Love

Pampa's First Baptist Church Youth Ministry recently held their Disciple Now Weekend. Titled "Great Love," the weekend was aimed towards teaching students that sex is one of God's greatest gifts to humans and is intended to be within the boundary of marriage. Students were taught from a biblical perspective how to avoid having sex before marriage and how to date God's way. They were given ideas on how to set boundaries when dating and how to set expectations for their future mate. The weekend concluded with 71 students making a commitment to God, themselves, their parents and the church to remain sexually pure until they are married.

## Family specialists coming to local church

Family Specialists Bill and Naomi Hayes will speak at Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, on Sunday, Feb. 27, at the 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. services, according to Nathan Hopson, pastor.

The Hayeses have spent more than 30 years of their lives compiling and sharing this message of hope for the family across America and the world, according to a press release. The Hayeses believe that there are underlying principles of life set forth in the Bible and that there is a clear relationship between violations of these principles and the conflicts which both youth and adults are facing today.

Bill's insightful knowledge of the Word, coupled with a warm candor and love for people, has brought restoration to homes and growth to marriages, the release states.

His subjects include Delegated Authority, How to Find the Right Life Partner, Husband - Wife/Parent - Child Relationships, How to



Naomi and Bill Hayes

Conquer Guilt and Relationships. Depression, How to Transform Irritations and Bitterness, How to Build Self-Esteem, and How to Rebuild Broken Club" with Pat Robertson.

Naomi has reached into the hearts of many by her outstanding musical ability, her warm personality and her sincere love for people, the release said. She also shares with women the principles for the family and character development.

Family members of all ages are invited to be a part of this most challenging teaching experience.



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Matthew 28:6

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## Fellowship of Christian Cowboys meet this Saturday

Fellowship of Christian Cowboys will meet at 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Bull Barn.

Slim Graham will be guest speaker. Participants are asked to bring a dessert to share after the meeting.

Plans are under way for the annual Rodeo Bible Camp set for June 19-22.

Donations and memorials may be sent to Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, 79066.

## Synagogue offers \$150 to take Judaism classes

MILWAUKEE (AP)—An Orthodox synagogue is offering \$150 to young Jewish adults to take classes about Judaism.

The money was promised to nine students who signed up for Lake Park Synagogue's "Learn, Earn, and Lead" program if they attend five Friday night sessions.

It includes the regular Shabbat, or Sabbath, service in the sanctuary, a dinner and a discussion and guest speaker.

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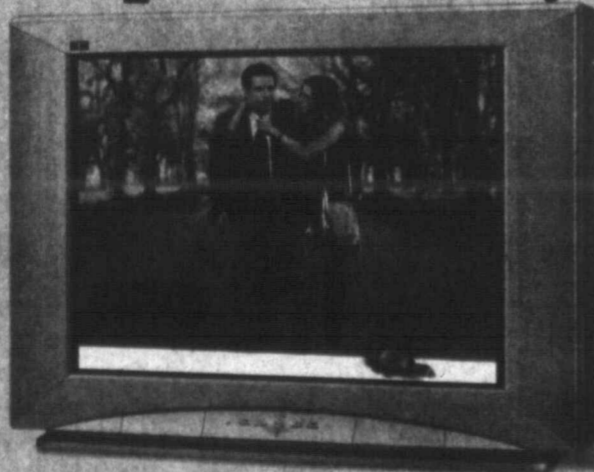
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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 13 years old and I suffer from a condition where the person has a strong, persistent desire to have one or more limbs amputated. This happens every day, and I don't understand it, but I want to have my leg amputated.

I have researched prosthetics on the Internet and have found that life as an amputee is not that different. But I'm afraid if I tell my parents they will think I'm crazy. What should I do? Please answer this. It is ripping me apart. -- **WANNABE AMPUTEE IN BERKELEY**

**DEAR WANNABE:** The compulsion you have described is, I don't have to tell you, an unusual one. Please find the courage to tell your parents what is on your mind. Your parents may want you to explore this issue with a psychotherapist. Do not be afraid to do so; it does not mean you are "crazy." However, it would be extremely helpful for you to understand what is driving this "need."

**DEAR ABBY:** In my line of work I come in contact with a lot of people. Occasionally, my clients bring up the subject of race and make unacceptable comments.

I have two beautiful biracial children and I feel I need to defend their honor and tell these people I do not approve of the comments. However, I have been informed by management that I am not allowed to say anything to the clients. I have spoken to a friend about this. She has also had encounters like mine.

How can I handle this tastefully and still keep my job? -- **OFFENDED IN OBERLIN, OHIO**

**DEAR OFFENDED:** A picture is worth a thousand

words. If there are no rules against displaying family photographs, bring a lovely framed picture of your little ones to work and display it on your desk. Should anyone ask who the children are, smile sweetly and say, "They're mine." Unless the person is deliberately trying to be obnoxious, that should put an end to the comments.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 75-year-old paternal grandmother, "Granny Claire," smells like mothballs and she's totally unaware of it. She stores her winter clothes in a basement storage area filled with mothballs, and the odor has saturated her house and everything in it.

Other people have been offended by it and have made comments to my sister and me. We have tried to tell Granny nicely, but she acts like we're exaggerating and shrugs it off. No one can stay in her home for long periods.

At a recent function, people commented about the "funny odor" in the next room. It was Granny Claire! What can we do to help her? -- **HOLDING MY NOSE IN N.J.**

**DEAR HOLDING:** Your problem is not as uncommon as you might think. As people age their senses dull, and the senses of hearing, taste and smell can be affected. (Example: I recently heard from a man who was worried because his elderly mother did not seem to notice when food had spoiled in her refrigerator.)

In your grandmother's case, I recommend a family intervention that she cannot shrug off -- and that her son, your father, accompany her to an ear, nose and throat specialist for an evaluation.

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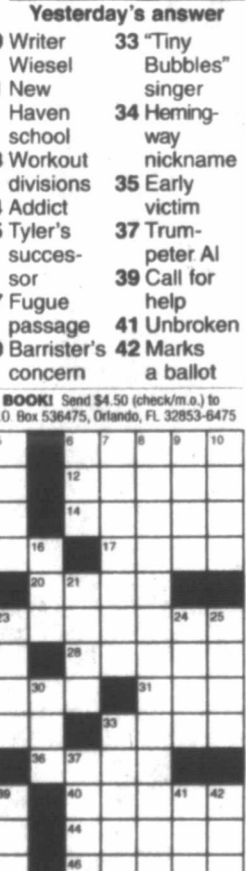


## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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# Sports Day



Photo by STEPHEN ROGERS

Lady Harvester senior first baseman Whitney Roden delivers a bases loaded, 3-run double to help lead Pampa to a 8-1 victory over Tascosa at the Borger Winter Classic Tournament last weekend. Roden and her Lady Harvester teammates are in Wichita Falls today to take part in the Sunrise Optimist Tournament. Pampa was scheduled to meet Borger at 10 a.m. this morning.

## HARVESTERS IN ACTION

### Diamonds and soccer fields for Pampa

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

#### Baseball

The Pampa Harvester baseball team is competing in the third annual Borger Bulldog Invitational in Borger. The Harvesters defeated Perryton yesterday, 5-1. That tournament continues through tomorrow.

#### Lady Harvester Softball

Coach Bobbi Gill has her team off to a 4-1 start. Pampa is in Wichita Falls today and tomorrow to take part in the Sunrise Optimist Tournament. The Lady Harvesters had a 10 a.m. meeting with Borger this morning.

#### Boys' Soccer

The Pampa boys' soccer team is on the road at Randall tomorrow afternoon. That game is set to begin at 2 p.m.

#### Lady Harvester Soccer

Coach Jeff Quisenberry's Lady Harvesters should be feeling pretty good about themselves. Despite the loss, Pampa held Canyon to just one early goal last Saturday, then held the Lady Eagles scoreless the rest of the game. The Lady Harvesters then fought Caprock to a tough 1-1 tie Tuesday. Pampa also travels to Randall to meet the Lady Raiders tomorrow. Game time is set for 12 p.m.

## Doughty, defense drops Rangers 5-1 in opening round of Borger Bulldog Invitational tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

An smothering defense and a complete game from pitcher Tyler Doughty were just what Pampa needed to start the baseball season with a 5-1 win over Perryton in the opening round of the Borger Bulldog Invitational yesterday.

Perryton, state semifinals a year ago, entered the game ranked No. 1 in the state in District 3A.

Backed by great plays in the field from

Dusty Lenderman, Seth Foster, Shea Brown, Brett Ferrell and Jake Craig — Doughty tossed seven complete innings, allowing just four hits while posting 10 strikeouts.

Brown, Doughty and Craig each went 2-4 at the plate. Doughty and Craig added a double and RBI each.

Craig, along with Weston Teichmann and Robbie Dixon each collected their first varsity hit.

The win puts Pampa at 1-0. Perryton falls to 1-1.

## Area teams in big games tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

#### Boys

There are some big games on tap tonight as Texas high school basketball teams continue to vie for state titles. Among the most anticipated will be tonight's meeting between the state 4A No. 2 team, Palo Duro (26-3), and El Paso Ysleta (24-11) in the Class 4A all around boys playoff, 8 p.m. at Odessa College.

The Dons started this season with just one thing in mind — avenging last year's 66-48 loss to Lubbock Estacado in the finals of the Region 1-4A tournament.

After blazing a trail en route to another district championship, for these Don's, anything short of a state championship will not do.

Palo Duro has not had a basketball team in a state tournament since 1961.

District 3-4A runner-up Caprock will also play at Odessa College tonight. The Longhorns (21-12) will face El Paso Parkland (22-8) prior to the PD game.

Amarillo High meanwhile (23-7), will be at Vernon High School to take on Mansfield Summitt (21-10) at 7 p.m.

#### Girls

On the girls' side, the Lady Dons of Palo Duro (24-8) will face 12th ranked Denton (30-6) at 7 p.m. tonight in the semifinals of the Region 1-4A Tournament in San Angelo.

The 28-3 Canyon Lady Eagles will meet Breckenridge (21-11) at 7 p.m. in the United Spirit Arena in Lubbock in the semifinals of the Region 1-3A Tournament.

Tulia (28-6) and Canadian (31-2) are both competing in the semifinals of the Region 1-2A Tournament at the Chap Center in Midland tonight.

## Hoops boosters



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

PHS Basketball Booster Club member Kitty Hall listens and takes notes during last night's meeting in the Ready Room of the Athletic Office. The meeting was held to help prepare for the upcoming banquet, March 29, at First Baptist Church.

## Tiger takes Price at MPC

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Two-time defending champion Tiger Woods won his 13th consecutive match at the rain-soaked Match Play Championship.

Woods coasted to a 4-and-3 victory over Nick Price, as nine of the top 10 seeds advanced to the second round.

Top-seeded Vijay Singh beat Shingo Katayama 4 and 3, Phil Mickelson led by as many as four holes before dispatching short-hitting Loren Roberts 3 and 1, and Retief Goosen went the distance with Stephen Leaney, winning 1-up.

Fifth-seeded Mike Weir was the only loser among the top 10, falling to Kirk Triplett 1-up.

KAHUKU, Hawaii (AP) — Jennifer Rosales shot a 6-under-par 66 for a two-stroke lead after the first round of the LPGA Tour's season-opening SBS Open.

Angela Stanford, Lorena Ochoa, Heather Bowie and Sung Ah Yim trail by two strokes after opening 68s.

Juli Inkster opened with a 69, while 15-year-old Michelle Wie was in a group at 70

with Grace Park.

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Billy Mayfair and Mario Tiziani each shot 9-under-par 63s to share a one-stroke lead at the Chrysler Classic of Tucson.

Steve Stricker had a chance to join Mayfair and Tiziani, but bogeyed the 18th hole and dropped into a five-way tie with Mark Calcavecchia, Michael Allen, Lucas Glover and Darron Stiles another stroke back.

Carlos Franco, Geoff Ogilvy and Esteban Toledo had 65s, while Arron Oberholser, John Huston, Jason Bohn, Gavin Coles, Greg Owen, Doug Barron and Joe Ogilvie were bunched three shots off the lead.

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Japanese teenager Ai Miyazato had a course-record tying 9-under 63 for a three-shot lead after one round of the ANZ Ladies Masters.

Australia's Katherine Hull was in second place after a 66.

Four-time Masters winner Karrie Webb was in a large group after an opening 70.

## New NASCAR rules debut in California

FONTANA, Calif. (AP) — New rules are going to make for some big changes for NASCAR Nextel Cup drivers this weekend at California Speedway.

Shorter rear spoilers, softer tires and a new qualifying schedule greeted the Nextel Cup drivers when they hit the 2-mile oval for two scheduled practice sessions Friday.

"There really is a lot to take in," said Chad Knaus, crew chief for Jimmie Johnson. "This weekend should answer a lot of questions for everyone after all the speculation we've been going through all winter."

The season opened last Sunday with the Daytona 500. But the results of that race were probably a bit misleading because the teams were forced to use horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates and

had rear spoilers 6 3/4 inches high for stability on the 2 1/2-mile Daytona International Speedway.

In Sunday's Auto Club 500, the unrestricted engines will produce considerably more power, but the spoilers will be cut to 4 1/2 inches and there also will also be a new generation tire to contend with. Both changes, to be implemented everywhere except Daytona and Talladega, are intended to slow the cars in the turns by giving them less downforce, thereby making passing easier and improving competition.

Nearly everyone tested the new aerodynamics package here and at Las Vegas Motor Speedway in January, alleviating many of the concerns. But there wasn't any racing.

"Until we get around other cars in race condi-

tions, we're really not going to know how much of an effect the reduced spoiler height and the new tire compound will have," said Tony Stewart, who led a race-high 107 laps last Sunday before slipping back to seventh at the end.

"It didn't seem like it was a huge change for us," he said. "Things are going to change constantly, and no

matter what changes, you've got to learn to deal with it and learn to make the best of it."

Some drivers have looked forward to the changes because they expect them to make the cars harder to drive, perhaps an edge for the more experienced such as Stewart.

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 Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE DIFFICULTY OF LITERATURE IS NOT TO WRITE, BUT TO WRITE WHAT YOU MEAN. — ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Feb. 26, 2005: You have unusual as Venus in your extra magnetism day year. You should help but respect strength of one more than in the nerships and ag from other source tance or a luck nancing. If you want to form a you haven't probably will quite exotic couple. If you are attacked as a team will that exists bet special trip for you get down to

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**GEMINI** (May) \*\*\*\*\* Other

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 26, 2005:**  
 You have unusual charisma this year, as Venus in your sign today beams extra magnetism throughout this birthday year. You smile, and others cannot help but respond. You learn the strength of one-on-one relating even more than in the past. Honor your partnerships and agreements. Funds come from other sources, perhaps an inheritance or a lucky bet. Consider refinancing. If you are single, you will want to form a close relationship. If you haven't met "the one" yet, you probably will after October. Someone quite exotic could knock on your door. If you are attached, working together as a team will enhance the closeness that exists between you. Schedule a special trip for the fall. LIBRA helps you get down to the basics.

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 zero in on others. You don't need to let them know just how right on you are. Let others remain whole and be themselves. Keep some insights to yourself — OK? Tonight: Go along with plans. Don't opt to be alone.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★★★★ A friend whispers in your ear. Thank this person for sharing. Express your caring in your lovable manner, be it with friends or family. Nurturing someone close will help this person feel comfortable as well. Tonight: Put your feet up.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 ★★★★★ Others cannot help but pick

up on that gleam in your eye. Your creativity flows into every sector of your life. You have fun no matter what you decide to do. You might feel like a kid. Why not act like one? Tonight: Have a party. You are in the right mood.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★★ You enjoy yourself most at home. Invite others to a special party with a very unique theme. Allow others to participate in making your party happen. Express your caring through loving detachment. Tonight: Help a pal relax.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ You tell it like it is, but with a special flair that is associated with your sign. A loved one or dear friend expresses his or her gratitude and caring. You have touched this person deeply. Caring flourishes. Tonight: Just be yourself.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Others let you know how much you are appreciated. However, you don't have to go overboard thanking everyone, certainly not by overindulging them. Remain more secure. You are the person others perceive you to be. Tonight: Make it your treat.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ The Moon in your sign draws many to you. In fact, you might be able to pull off a real coup if you so choose. Your laughter delights someone close. This person absolutely adores you. Be careful with his or her feelings. Tonight: Whatever you want.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★ Make yourself disappear, and finally you can have privacy. Whether enjoying a child or just letting your hair down, you will have a good time. Let your imagination run wild and be

the director when making plans. Tonight: You don't have to tell all.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Your very being emanates self-confidence and a willingness to risk. When with friends or in crowds, others gravitate to you. A family member has a lot to share. Consider a beautifying purchase. Tonight: Wherever you can be found, a party is happening.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★★★★ Others admire your style and charming ways, even if you don't agree. Perhaps the compliments you receive might encourage you to add even more softness to your voice or your word choice. Tonight: Others seek you out.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 ★★★★★ If you can, line up an adventure or happening. You'll flourish in a different environment. Let your mind and imagination loose. Be open to odd ideas and people. Perhaps you need to see the other side of life. Tonight: Try something unusual.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★★★★ A special someone absolutely wants to spend time with you. With Venus in your sign, you become more and more desirable. You might want to rethink some personal decisions. They also might involve money. Tonight: Add that special touch.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Singer Johnny Cash (1932), singer Michael Bolton (1954), actor Jackie Gleason (1916) \*\*\*

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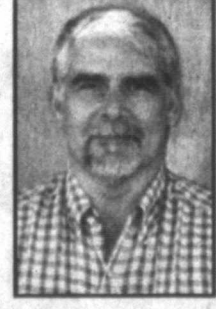
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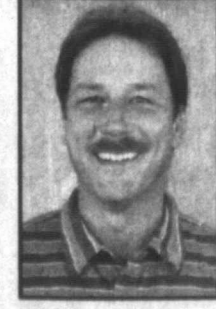
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# Scholars dinner honors contributors, recipients

CANYON — The President's Honor Scholarship (PHS) program has been instrumental since 1992 in attracting some of the area's best students to West Texas A&M University.

On Saturday, Feb. 26, the individuals and corporations responsible for establishing the prestigious, endowed scholarships upon which the program relies will be honored at the President's Honor Scholarship Dinner.

The event is scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Alumni Banquet Facility on campus. Among the guests will be Dr. Barry B. Thompson, the University's eighth president and former chancellor of The Texas A&M University System. Thompson served as WTAMU president from 1991-1994, when the PHS program was launched. A PHS has long been established in his name.

Each PHS endowment is a \$40,000 contribution given by an individual or group. The donation can be a one-time gift, or payments may be made over time. Gifts are permanent endowments that are never spent; only the income is used to make scholarship awards.

every effort to match student recipients with those preferences made by the donor, according to Lance Ortiz, WTAMU development officer.

PHS recipients are listed by their hometowns and benefactors:

**Amarillo.** Anndrea Avila, a junior psychology major, Bank of America-PHS; Casey Fleming, a senior English education major, L.P. "Pete" Gilvin Memorial-PHS; Orlando Segarra, a sophomore theatre performance major, Carl Clyde Periman-PHS.

**Aubrey.** Megan Loden, a sophomore speech communication major, Mary Arless O'Keefe Periman-PHS.

**Boise City.** Audra Manness, a senior communi-

cation disorders major, Louisa Miller Eldredge-PHS.

**Bonham.** Laura Bennett, a junior music performance major, James B. and Mogie McCray-PHS

**Borger.** Jay Ferrell, a junior pre-medicine and political science major, Charles Vaughan/Atmos Corporation-PHS

**Canadian.** Tamera Hartline, a junior biology major, Louisa Miller Eldredge-PHS.

**Canyon.** Lisa Chase, a senior English major, William E. and Mogie Cain Routh-PHS; Steven Combs, a freshman biotechnology and biochemistry major, W.K. and Minnie K. Savage-PHS.

**Clovis, N.M.** Derek Harris, a senior music education major, Dee Anne Trotter Memorial-PHS.

**Happy.** Julie Burch, a junior biology major, Southwestern Bell-PHS.

**Hereford.** Seth Hoelscher,

a freshman agriculture education major, Kenny Bryan Memorial-PHS, Kermit; Dabney Arnold, a senior accounting major, Stanley Schaeffer PHS.

**La Paz, Bolivia.** Nadiesda Fernandez-Oropeza, a freshman physics major, Aramark-PHS.

**Lockney.** Melanie Huggins, a senior elementary education major, O.V. Hodges Memorial-PHS.

**Mansfield.** Jessica White,

a freshman theatre major, Dee Anne Trotter Memorial-PHS

**Odessa.** Melissa Kauk, a senior pre-physical therapy major, Louisa Miller Eldredge-PHS.

**Pampa.** Karissa Intemann, a junior music business major, Dee Anne Trotter Memorial-PHS; Lauren Walters, a junior biology and biochemistry major, Geneva Schaeffer-PHS.

**Seminole.** Ricardo Hernandez, a junior wildlife biology major, Louisa Miller Eldredge-PHS.

**Spearman.** Bethany Evins, a sophomore undeclared major, Rala Bymes-PHS.

**Tulia.** Mallory Vestal, a senior equine industry and business major, Barry B. Thompson-PHS.

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- Clay and Ennyle Cooper PHS
- Ermyle Ruth Cooper PHS
- Luan Henson PHS
- WTAMU Event Center PHS
- Don L. and Dorothy Patterson PHS.

Both Cooper scholarships were established by Charles Cooper in honor of his late parents, who attended the University.

The Henson scholarship was established by Nolan and Bobbie Henson in memory of their daughter, Luan.

The WTAMU Event Center PHS was established with earnings from concerts and other activities conducted at the on-campus venue.

The Pattersons are both graduates of the University and established their PHS in December 2004.

Scholarships that will join the list in fall 2005 are:

- T.L. Roach Jr. PHS
- Royce E. Wisenbaker PHS
- S.L. and Mildred Garrison PHS.

To receive President's Honor Scholarships, students must rank in the top 10 percent of their high school graduating class, score at least a 25 on the ACT or a 1200 on the SAT and prove themselves to be community leaders. To maintain eligibility, students must keep a cumulative grade point average of 3.4 or higher and carry at least a 15-hour class load each semester.

Although restrictions may not be placed on a scholarship, the donor is permitted to indicate preferences such as geographic area or major. The WTAMU Foundation makes

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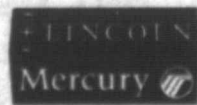
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