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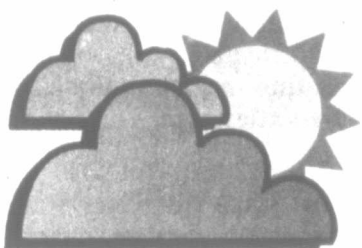
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### Today's weather



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### Deaths

**Joel 'Herb' Coker**, 85, avid sports fan.  
**Lillie B. Holt**, 92, housekeeper.  
**Ellen Louise Baxter Pollack**, 79, homemaker.

### Odds & Ends

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP)** — It was a simple case of mistaken identity, and it nearly cost a casino \$25,000.

New Jersey casino regulators, who had fined the Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa for letting a banned gambler stay overnight, rescinded the penalty Wednesday, admitting that it was the son of reputed mobster Anthony "Gaspipe" Casso, not Casso himself, who checked in and played table games at the casino one night in 2003.

It couldn't have been Casso, regulators learned after imposing the fine two months ago: He's doing life in a federal prison.

"We all make mistakes," said Casino Control Commission member Michael Fedorko.

The incident stemmed from Casso's status on the commission's "exclusion list," a blacklist of 171 people deemed to be bad influences on Atlantic City casinos and banned from entering them.

Casso, 64, of Brooklyn, N.Y., was a suspected street boss in the Lucchese family organization who was added to the list in 1990. He was captured in 1993 and pleaded guilty to murder and racketeering charges in 1994 after turning government witness. He is serving a life sentence at the Administrative Maximum Facility in Florence, Colo.

**WEST COVINA, Calif. (AP)** — As Paul Moghadan puts it, a good toilette is good for the bottom line.

A chandelier, silver columns and a marble counter adorn the bathroom at his Chevron gas station in West Covina, some 20 miles east of Los Angeles. The walls are decorated in rich earth tones and blue stone tiles, giving the 10-foot-wide room a slight Tuscan ambience — or maybe a touch of Vegas.

## Officers testify in trial

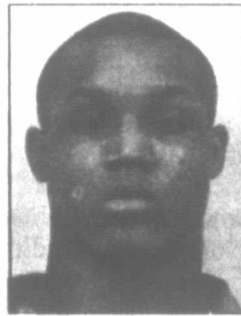
By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Testimony continues today in the trial of Jimmy Gawan Young, who is charged with manslaughter, enhanced, in the April 3, 2003 shooting death of Tracy Rena Williams of Pampa.

Lynn Switzer, 31st District Attorney, has called 13 witnesses to testify as of press time today, said Evelyn Rutherford, a paralegal with the 31st District Attorney's office in Wheeler.

"She anticipates putting on 13 more," Rutherford said.

Witnesses who have been called by the prosecution to testify are Keith Morris, formerly of Pampa Police Department; Joey Williams, Heather Ratzlaff, Aaron McWilliams, Donny Brown and Jack Dupy, all of the police department; Brandon Standerfer, an Emergency Medical Services worker at the time of the shooting; Gary Henderson, retired Texas Ranger who was based in Pampa and currently



Young

Hemphill County sheriff; Morse Burroughs, chief deputy of Hemphill County and formerly of the police department at Gray County Sheriff's Office; and Angela "Candy" Burnley, Moyra Heredia, Santos Mathis and Paul Brown.

"Lynn believes she will be through presenting her case sometime tomorrow afternoon. Defense attorney David Scott will then put on his case. We anticipate presenting the case to the jury next Monday," Rutherford said this morning.

The trial began with jury selection Monday morning in the 223rd District courtroom on the third floor of Gray County Courthouse. The eight women and four men had all been chosen by 2 p.m., followed by the prosecution beginning its case against Young.

If convicted, Young faces five to 99 years to life in prison. He was one of five persons charged with deadly conduct with a

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Pampa News photos by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Pampa firefighters dressed in bunkers and air masks move water hoses from the front of a garage in the 2200 block of North Nelson so they can attack the fire from the side.

## Fire and explosions destroy Nelson St. garage/workshop

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Editor

Lady Luck smiled on former Pampa Fire Chief Paul Jones Wednesday evening.

He lost his garage/workshop, his Dodge pickup and a Honda Goldwing motorcycle, but a spur-of-the-moment trip to the dumpster spared his life.

Shortly before 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jones had been trying to start the Goldwing in the large sheet metal workshop and garage behind his brick home.

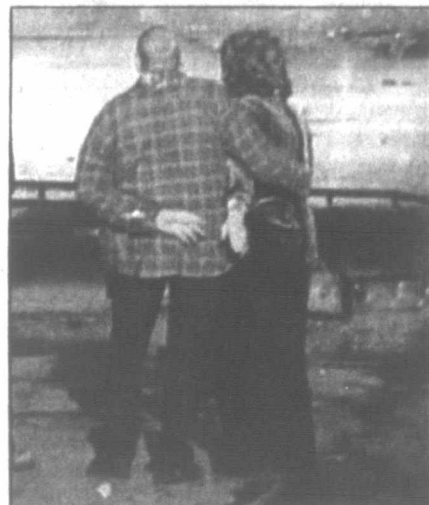
For some reason, Jones decided to stop what he was doing and put a couple of trash bags in the dumpster. While he was in the alley, he told fire officials, he heard a sound he knew well as a seasoned firefighter. He heard the

"whoomp" of ignition.

In seconds, heavy brown and black smoke billowed from the garage. The plume of smoke could be seen miles away. At 5:27 p.m., Pampa firefighters received the call of a "structure fire" at 2222 N. Nelson.

Many of the veteran firefighters who had worked with Jones recognized the address. Their hearts raced in their chests as the fire trucks raced to the scene.

For the third time in three days, firefighters laid the heavy water lines from a nearby fire plug so they could battle a major fire. They'd had lots of experience this week — a garage fire on Monday, a motor home fire that also damaged two adjoining houses in the mid-



Retired Pampa Fire Chief Paul Jones puts his arm around current Fire Chief Kim Powell as they watch firefighters battle a blaze in Jones' garage.

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## Bush: St. Patrick's Day a time to encourage peace in Ireland

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush marked a St. Patrick's Day overshadowed by recent setbacks in the Northern Ireland peace process by pledging to help the Irish people move toward a lasting agreement.

"As you work for peace, our government and the American people will stand with you," Bush said Thursday after receiving a traditional bowl of shamrocks from Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern.

Allegations have risen about the Irish Republican Army's involvement in a bank heist and a tavern murder. As a result, Bush scratched from the invitation list political leaders who attended for 10 years, including Sinn Fein head Gerry Adams.

Sinn Fein is the legal political arm of the outlawed Irish Republican Army. The IRA is accused of mounting the world's largest cash theft — stealing the equivalent of \$50 million from a Belfast bank on Dec. 20. It also has

been blamed for killing Catholic civilian Robert McCartney on Jan. 30.

Bush also was meeting with McCartney's fiancée

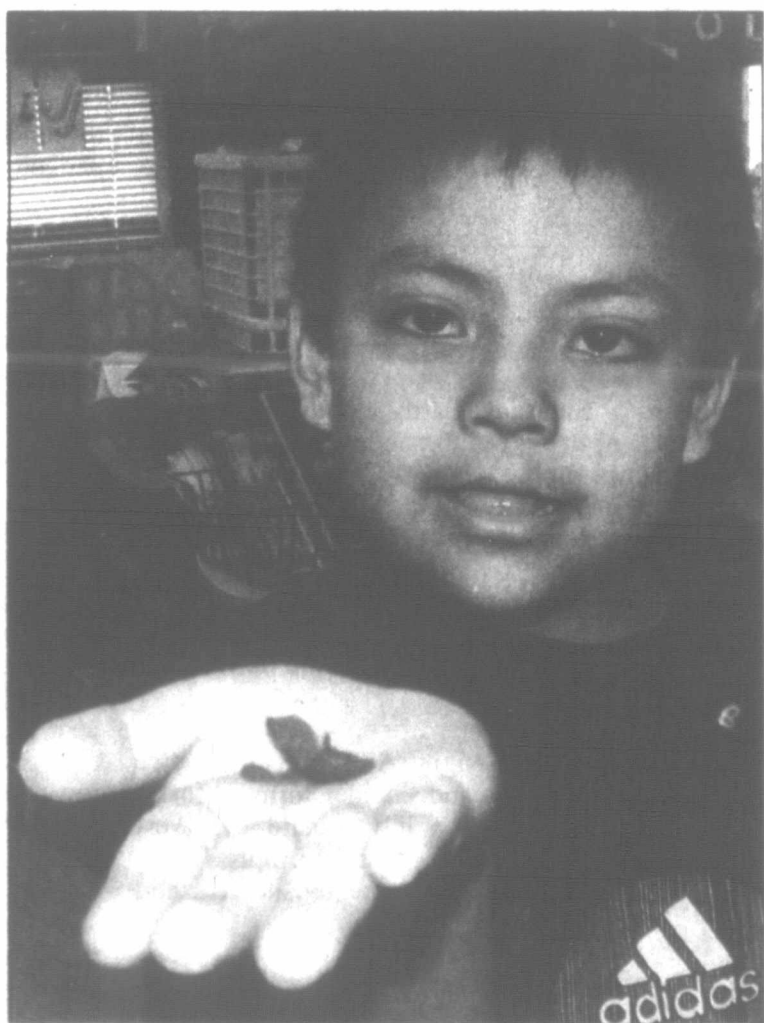
must now be done to finalize the process and achieve stable partnership governments in Northern Ireland," Ahern said.

McCartney was beaten and stabbed to death outside a Belfast pub. His sisters have led a campaign to bring his killers to justice, saying more than 70 potential witnesses are too afraid to identify anyone responsible to police because local IRA figures allegedly were involved.

"I'm looking forward to meeting these very brave souls," Bush said. "They've committed themselves to a peaceful solution, and hopefully their loved one will not have died in vain."

The sisters — Catherine, Gemma, Claire, Paula and Donna — also got support from several senators during a visit to the Capitol on Wednesday. Among them was Irish-American Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., who has met with Adams every

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

### His lucky day!

First-grader Fernando Mendez shows off a real four-leaf clover he found on the playground at Lamar Elementary School. The leaves are curled, but the photographer can attest to its authenticity.

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Obituaries

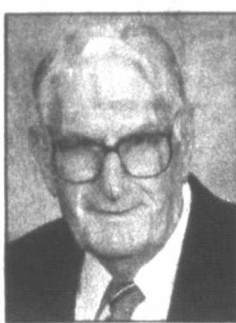
Joel Herbert 'Herb' Coker, 85

Joel Herbert "Herb" Coker, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, March 18, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Mr. Butch Shepherd and Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.

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

Mr. Coker was born Jan. 23, 1920, in Sherman. He married Ailene Weathered on Dec. 21, 1951, in Pampa. She preceded him



Coker

in death on Jan. 19, 1991.

He was an avid sports fan as well as a gardener. He enjoyed traveling in his motor home. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Everyman's Bible Class.

Survivors include one brother, Bennie M. Coker of Sherman; one sister, Irene M. Clark of Dallas; a special friend and caregiver, Jean Carter of Pampa; one sister-in-law, Clara Jane Sexton of Lubbock; three nieces; and one nephew.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

The family requests memorials be to Everyman's Bible Class, c/o First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621, or to the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Charles Hart, 89

Charles Hart, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Panhandle, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, March 18, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery with John Curry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hart was born April 7, 1915, in Waxahachie, Texas. She married Leslie H. Hart on June 22, 1940, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on July 29, 1987.

She retired from teaching home economics in 1948. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the 20th Century

Culture Club and the Knife & Fork Club.

Survivors include one daughter, Jan Campbell of Amarillo; one son, Lynn Hart of Amarillo; one sister, Mary Louise Payne of Bakersfield, Calif.; one niece, Colette Kraft of Bakersfield, Calif.; and three grandchildren, Brandi Roberts, Heidi Roberts and Alex Roberts, all of Amarillo.

In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle, or to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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

Lillie B. Holt, 92

Lillie B. Holt, 92, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, March 14, 2005, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2005, at St. Mark CME Church with the Rev. Raymond McKeever, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Holt was born Jan. 6, 1913, in Caldwell, Texas. She married Alex Holt, Jr., on April 22, 1939, in Brenham. He preceded her in death on Feb. 8, 1997.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1946, moving from Brenham. She was a housekeeper for Dr. Overton.

She was a member of St. Mark CME Church where she was a stewardess and mis-



Holt

sionary. She also taught Sunday school at St. Mark's for many years.

Survivors include three sons, Terry Holt and wife Denise D. Holt of Snyder, Bobby Holt and Edward Holt, both of Pampa; a sister, Nannie B. Hickey of Dallas; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Raymond Oldham.

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

Ellen Louise Baxter Pollock, 79

LUBBOCK — Ellen Louise Baxter Pollock, 79, died Tuesday, March 15, 2005, at Lubbock.

Graveside services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor of First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Pollock was born Jan. 5, 1926, at Hannibal, Mo., to Louis and Ruth Baxter and graduated from Pampa High School in 1944.

She married Aubrey Pollock on Dec. 18, 1944, at Pampa.

Mrs. Pollock was a homemaker. Survivors include her husband, Aubrey, of the home; and many friends.

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

Services tomorrow

COKER, Joel Herbert "Herb" — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

HART, Charles — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

POLLOCK, Ellen Louise Baxter — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Controversy

Terri Schiavo case moves to Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress was immersed Thursday in the controversy over removing the feeding tube from a brain-damaged Florida woman whose husband has been given permission by a state court to let her die.

Within hours of the Republican-controlled House's passage of a bill to block the removal of Terri Schiavo's feeding tube, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., announced the Senate would take up a separate bill to address the situation before leaving for its Easter recess on Friday.

"The question is, should we allow her to be starved to death?" Frist said Thursday in a Senate speech. "It has to do with the culture of life. And I believe this body is going to have to speak on this particular matter before we leave."

— Bill Frist  
Senate majority leader

was willing to work with the Republicans to try and resolve them.

At the White House, press secretary Scott McClellan said the case raises "a lot of complex issues" and declined to comment on specific legislation. He said Bush "stands on the side of defending life."

Schiavo's husband has battled her parents over his efforts to allow her to die, which he contends she would prefer rather than live in a vegetative state.

On Thursday, Schiavo's parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, filed an emergency motion at the Supreme Court to stop the removal of her feeding tube so lower courts can consider whether their daughter's religious freedom and due process rights have been violated.

In Florida, the state House on Thursday began debating a bill aimed at keeping Schiavo's feeding tube in place. But the Senate was expected to take up its own bill later in the day, and the differences could be impossible to reconcile before Friday, some legislators have said.

The House bill is more stringent. It would require that patients in a persistent vegetative state receive nutrition and hydration unless they had a living will or left specific oral instructions refusing the measures.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Wednesday, March 16

Five traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 2200 block of North Nelson. An accident was reported from the 1800 block of Chestnut.

One business alarm was reported.

Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Wilcox. The incident occurred sometime between March 8 and March 15 in the 1900 block of Hamilton. Taken were two heaters and an antique wagon wheel. Estimated value of loss is \$320.

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of North Russell, the 700 block of North Dwight, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the lobby of the police department. The property reportedly is associated with a burglary.

Harassment was reported in the 1600 block of Hamilton.

Forgery was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. Four windows were broken out, for an estimated \$2,000 damage.

Lost property was reported at the police department. A cell phone valued at \$100 was reported lost.

A domestic disturbance was reported from the 400 block of North Frost.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2200 block of North Russell.

Burglary of a motor vehicle and theft was reported in the lobby of the

police department.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, concerning a shoplifter.

Theft was reported to have occurred in the 1500 block of North Christy. Taken were jewelry and coins valued at \$1,700.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1700 block of North Wells.

A welfare check was made in the 1400 block of East Browning.

Service was attempted on one warrant.

Two minors were cited for minor in possession, minor in consumption, and open container during a traffic stop near the intersection of South Hobart Street and Municipal Drive.

Thursday, March 17

Theft was reported at a convenience store in the 1100 block of Alcock. The theft involved a newspaper vending machine. Estimated amount of loss is \$300.

An information report was received from the 800 block of North Nelson.

A child abuse call was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, March 16

Josh Seymour, 17, 527 S. Barnes, was arrested by juvenile probation for the Texas Youth Council.

Kyle Ray Roberts, 30, 2126 N. Banks, was arrested for stalking, violation of a protective order, possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license, and displaying expired registration.

Fire

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

Wednesday, March 16

2:28 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Radio Shack, 1820 N. Hobart. The call was canceled by the alarm company before arrival.

5:27 p.m. — Five units and nine firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 2200 block of North Nelson. A detached metal garage was fully involved when firefighters arrived. The garage and a pickup inside the garage were a total loss. (See related article and photo on Page 1.)

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, March 16

8:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to BSA, Amarillo.

10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2600 block of Fir and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a hospital in Albuquerque, N.M.

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Duncan. No transport.

3:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to BSA and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 57. Wind chill values between 18 and 28 early. Southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 26 and 31 early. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 33. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 62. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. West northwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A chance of showers and

thunderstorms before noon, then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 36.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 61.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 36.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 64.

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Cabot Oil Gas ..... 53.42 +0.89  
Coca Cola ..... 41.83 -0.11  
VLO ..... 69.52 +1.99  
HAL ..... 43.07 +1.17  
TRU ..... 46.98 +0.16  
KMI ..... 78.30 +0.17  
XCEL ..... 17.45 +0.08

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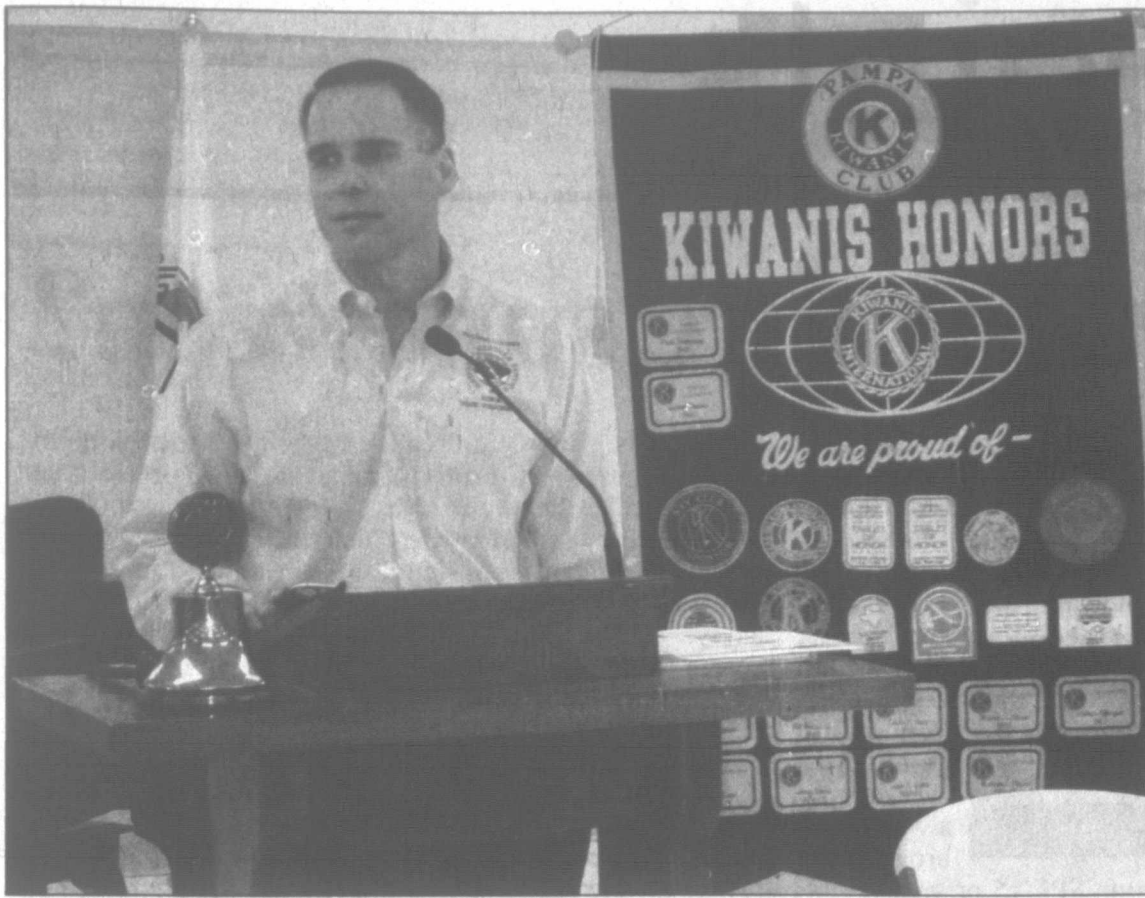
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Pampa News photo by Sean Smith

### Weather warning

Steve Drillette, Warning Coordination Meteorologist in Amarillo, speaks to the Pampa Kiwanis Club about severe weather workshops, storm spotter classes, and the need and uses for weather radios. Weather radios are expanding to not only include weather updates and alerts, he said, but they also warn of other hazards such as chemical spills, road conditions, and earthquakes. Homeland security is also using the weather radios to alert people in the event of a terrorist attack, Drillette told the group.

## Robert Blake acquitted of murdering his wife

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Robert Blake was acquitted of killing his wife four years ago because the state simply didn't make its case, jurors said, citing flimsy evidence and a pair of unbelievable witnesses.

The panelists talked about the four-month trial Wednesday after finding Blake not guilty of one count of murder and one charge of trying to get someone to kill Bonny Lee Bakley. They deadlocked 11-1 on a second solicitation charge, which then was dismissed by the

judge. "They couldn't put the gun in his hand," jury foreman Thomas Nicholson said outside the courthouse. "There was nothing. Supposition, more than evidence."

In court, Blake trembled and sobbed when he heard the verdicts that took jurors nine days to reach.

Later, after jurors spoke with reporters, Blake stepped up, praising his defense team and talking about how the case left him broke.

## Fire

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dle of a snow storm on Tuesday, and now this blazing garage ...

Suddenly, explosions ripped through the air. A bright orange floor jack, tools and other equipment spurted from the front of the building onto the concrete driveway.

Lady Luck smiled again. None of the firefighters and no onlookers stood in the path of the flying debris.

In minutes of the explosions, firefighters had the blaze under control and extinguished within an hour.

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens conducted the fire investigation afterward. Though he had done several

this week, this one was especially important. Jones had hired him in 1979.

After investigating, Stevens determined that gasoline spilled from the carburetor in the Goldwing as Jones tried to start the big motorcycle. When a large overhead heater started up, the flames ignited the gas vapors, creating the sound Jones heard in the alley.

If he had still been in the workshop at the time, this would be a different story.

"Then we would have had a tragedy," Stevens said.

The large workshop, approximately 30-feet by 40-feet, also contained an acetylin tank used for welding. This caused the big explosion, Stevens said.

"It's a wonder one of the firemen didn't get hit when it blew," he said.

## Trial

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firearm in connection with Williams' death. The manslaughter charge against Young is enhanced to a first-degree felony because of prior conviction(s), Switzer said in a recent interview.

At about 6 p.m. on the day of the shooting, Pampa police were dispatched to 1040 S. Huff Road on a call

that a person there had suffered a gunshot wound.

Officers found Williams, 32, lying in the driveway of the Huff Road residence.

She was transported by ambulance to the emergency room of Pampa Regional Medical Center, where she was pronounced dead at about 6:35 p.m. by Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman. Curfman said Williams had received a single gunshot wound to the chest.

## Bush

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St. Patrick's Day for the last seven years but is refusing to see him this year.

"No political party can also have an armed unit that continues the violence and criminality in today's world," Kennedy said.

The sisters are hoping that public support in the United States for their cause will spur Sinn Fein and the IRA to encourage witnesses to offer evidence directly to

Northern Ireland's police force. The Sinn Fein-IRA movement, which rejects police authority, instead has advised witnesses to offer statements to lawyers, a widely criticized policy in Northern Ireland.

Not welcome at the White House, Adams was met with a standing ovation Thursday morning at a speech to supporters at a Washington hotel. Adams told Friends of Sinn Fein that neither the McCartney killing nor the cold shoulder from some U.S. officials would weaken his party.

## Peterson enters San Quentin after receiving death sentence

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Secured with leg irons and shackles around his wrists and waist, Scott Peterson was taken to San Quentin State Prison early Thursday after being sentenced to die for murdering his pregnant wife, Laci.

Peterson was transferred under heavy security from the San Mateo County jail to San Quentin, arriving around 4 a.m. The infamous prison, which overlooks the bay where Laci's body was discarded and houses the men's death row, is about 20 miles north of San Francisco.

Peterson is the 644th person awaiting lethal injection in California.

Prison officials removed his clothing and a bulletproof vest provided for his safety, and he then underwent a medical exam and body search, San Quentin spokesman Vernon Crittendon said on NBC's "Today" show.

On Wednesday, a judge sentenced a stone-faced

Peterson to death after each of Laci's family members had a chance to address him in the courtroom.

"You decided to throw Laci and Conner away, dispose of them like they were just a piece of garbage," Laci's mother, Sharon Rocha, told Peterson. "We had to bury Laci without her arms to hold her baby and without her head," she said, her voice breaking.

Peterson, wearing a dark suit and shackled at the waist, stared at his former mother-in-law without expression, chin up.

Laci's father, Dennis Rocha, said: "You're going to burn in hell for this."

And Laci's brother, Brent Rocha, said he bought a gun during the investigation into Laci's disappearance and contemplated shooting Peterson to death.

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# Viewpoints

## Time change means wear more sunscreen?

How many of you associate sunscreen with Daylight Saving Time?

Relax. This is not a test. If it was, I failed, for I never would have put sunscreen and Daylight Saving Time in the same sentence together.

I am constantly amazed and riveted by the marketing ploys aimed at consumers these days.

I've never even, until today, heard the words "sunscreen" and "Daylight Saving Time" in the same context. But an electronic press release from Erin Mulvey, director of communications (of what, the e-mail failed to make clear — possibly The Skin Cancer

Foundation?), reveals my complete ignorance and utter lack of imagination.

Now ... I have a confession to make. I hate and dread the time change as it occurs each fall and each spring. I wish the powers that be would keep the time one way year-round. I don't care which. Whether it be Daylight Saving Time or regular time, I really don't prefer one over the other. I simply abhor changing my clock and adjusting to new hours.

I couldn't resist the impulse to open the message — proof, I suppose, that a sucker is indeed born every minute of every day, and that I've been born and reborn a

thousand times.

"Don't Get Burned by Daylight Saving Time" the subject line exclaimed. Motivated by disgruntlement, I foolishly clicked on the message, certain that it would be devoted to decrying the upcoming manipulation of my all-too-valuable time. To my surprise, I discovered the "media architect(s)" of the aforementioned proclamation meant the words quite literally.

As usual, I had guessed wrong. Drat, drat, darn, dang.

"An extra hour of sunlight requires an extra hour of sun protection," the text leapt off the screen at me. "As Daylight Saving Time (Sunday, April 3 at 2 a.m.) approaches, The Skin Cancer Foundation reminds everyone to always use a broad-spectrum SPF 15 or greater sunscreen product as part of a daily grooming routine."

Grooming? The application of sunscreen is somehow akin to brushing one's teeth and hair?

"Research shows fewer than 33 percent of adults,

adolescents, and children routinely use sun protection," said the release. "However, the same amount of time spent damaging skin can be spent saving it by applying a protective sunscreen or moisturizer containing sunscreen."

So that's why the crow's feet ringing my eyes and cheek beds are proliferating! My mother forgot to slather me with sunscreen as a teenager and as a child. Hence, when I became an adult, I was not in the habit of using the stuff and deigned it bothersome and unnecessary. Alas, the blame can always be traced back to the parent.

When I) apprised of her

culpability concerning my rapid onset of wrinkles and 2) of my staunch conviction that it is her obligation to make restitution in the form of funding a facelift for your's truly, my mother was distressingly unmoved.

All she said to me was: "Sue, honey, if you think you can get anything."

I took that as a 'no,' but maybe she'll soften up. As soon as one of her other children buys her a pair of new spectacles, she'll no doubt come to her senses. With her sharper focus, she'll see just how tragically I've aged.

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**Skyla Bryant**  
News Editor

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 17, the 76th day of 2005. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On March 17, A.D. 461, according to tradition, St. Patrick — the patron saint of Ireland — died in Saul.

**On this date:**  
In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War.

In 1905, 100 years ago, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt married Franklin Delano Roosevelt in New York.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. It was formally presented to the public on this day two years later.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, Gen. Douglas MacArthur arrived in Australia to become supreme commander of Allied forces in the southwest Pacific theater during World War II.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

In 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard 1 satellite.

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

## Our readers write

### Our 'Higgly Town Hero'

Just had to share this little story with you.

Today (Tuesday) we awakened to snow! My daughter, Aimee Sharpton, works at Community Day Care and they decided to close early for the day because of the snow. She loaded herself and her two little ones, Chaine and Trae. For some reason she decided to take a different route home to avoid all the heavy traffic on Hobart Street.

As they drove down Banks street, they noticed heavy black smoke in the 1900 block. She realized it

was a motor home parked very tightly between two houses on fire. She immediately called 911 and reported the fire. She then got out in the snow and ran to one of the houses and told them of the fire. The fire trucks came and everyone was out of the house and safe so she got back into her car.

Her daughter right away said "Mommy, you're a Higgly Town Hero, like on the cartoon on Disney Channel!"

Call it divine intervention, or being at the right place at the right time, or like my granddaughter said, a Higgly Town Hero — I think Aimee was a hero this morning!

**Lori Martinez**  
Pampa



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## Build choice into Social Security

President Bush has to answer the question all of America is asking: How are we going to pay for his privatization proposal and for the current expected deficit in the Social Security system?

Until or unless he answers this key question, Democrats will be able to paint in their own scenarios, scaring America and terrifying the elderly. Only by filling in the dots can he stop the Democrats from selling the worst-case scenario to America.

The key to cutting this knot is to let Americans

make their own individual choices. We are adults. We know the system is in trouble. We realize that Social Security is short of money and have all heard that the passing of the Baby-Boomer generation into retirement will impose financial stresses on the system.

So level with us. Tell us the truth, and let us decide what we want to do. Americans each make

financial decisions that affect their futures. We are accustomed to balancing the costs and benefits of various options in our lives. Let us do it now.

Social Security — and our retirement — is a very intimate and private question.

We have very precise ideas of our needs and estimates of our earning capacities. Any legislated solution will leave most people unsatisfied and many scared to death. The

key is to leave the decision making to us. Legislate choices.

We need people to understand that the current 12.4 percent rate of taxes on the current base of \$90,000 of income will not permit future retirees to enjoy the benefit levels now mandated under current law. So let people design their own packages based on their own wants and needs.

Bush should propose a series of options to the American people: When do you want to retire? Sixty-

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## Raiding 'Rainy Day Fund' no answer

Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn is right: The 79th Texas Legislature should not raid Texas' Rainy Day Fund, as state Rep. Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, wants to do. Pitts, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee, wants to use the emergency contingency fund — "knocking on the door of \$2 billion" by the end of the biennial budget cycle, he says — to meet state needs without raising taxes more.

"It's a rainy day. We've got some needs we've got to meet," the Waxahachie Republican argues. True on the latter. The state has pressing needs to meet, including more money for public education and

higher education and reforming the state's badly battered protective services programs.

But the weather is only partly cloudy, far from the kind of deluge that would justify raiding the Rainy Day Fund. In other words, the state does not face a fiscal emergency unless lawmakers duck their responsibilities to fund necessary programs adequately.

Texas legislators and the state's top elected officials did just that two years ago. Rather than reforming and

modernizing Texas' antiquated, inequitable and inadequate tax system, the 78th Legislature cut essential programs, sometimes brutally, and hiked fees by the hundreds of millions of dollars.

Now, the 79th Legislature shows at least some inclination to reform how the state funds public education through 12th grade, although the proposal now before the House of Representatives remains seriously flawed.

But that suggests lawmakers recognize that they cannot pull the same sleight of

hand they did two years ago. It suggests at least some more realism and responsibility.

Of course, if state legislators were truly realistic and responsible, they would seriously consider putting a state income tax to a vote of the people, using it both to reduce property taxes and improve funding for needed programs.

We have pretty much given up on that happening this session. But in time, the kind of jury-rigging that is taking place now at the state Capitol will no longer work, and lawmakers will recognize that they have no real

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Tabletop exercise



Lefors Fire Chief Bruce Withers looks through an Emergency Response Guidebook while participating in a tabletop training exercise sponsored recently by the Pampa/Gray County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC). Ken Hall, LEPC chairman of Pampa, presented a scenario to the Lefors City Council, Lefors Fire Department, and Gray County citizens. Twenty-five people attended the exercise. Shown with Chief Withers are, from left, Linda Stanton, Lefors Emergency Manager; Susan Oldham, Charlie Wilkins, and Jim Butler, all of Lefors.

# Sign-ups end Friday, March 18, for 2005 conservation programs

TEMPLE — The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmers and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2005 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) should sign up by the close of business Friday, March 18.

Landowners interested in the Wildlife Habitats Incentive Program (WHIP), Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) and the Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) have until April 8 to sign applications.

EQIP and WHIP offer cost share and incentives payments to producers applying approved conservation measures and GRP and WRP provide for the purchase a conservation easements."

Immediately following the end of the signup period, applications will be ranked and those selected for funding will be approved. A conservation planner will develop a contract and conservation plan for each contract that is approved.

Producers who have been awarded contracts can then begin implementing the approved conservation practices this year.

Local NRCS field offices have complete details for their county and this information can be found at [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov).

Additional information and access to ranking criteria, practices, and cost-share rates for all programs can be found at: [www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/](http://www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/).

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two or later? What year? Pick a year. And how much do you want in benefits when you do retire? Two thousand dollars per month? One thousand five hundred? Two thousand five hundred? Adjusted for inflation of course. Pick it out: Do you want the private investment option? For how much of your tax payments (up to the 4 percent ceiling).

Then we'll figure out how much the program you designed will cost and what your taxes need to be. Too high? OK, choose a lower cost option. It's up to you.

The principle of involuntary coverage by Social Security is necessary to spread the risk of social insurance among the entire population, to have a wide

tax base and to assure that we will not have a lot of destitute elderly people on our hands in the future. But even within the confines of a mandatory system, there can be choices and options.

By giving us the power to make decisions about our Social Security benefit levels, tax payments and retirement ages, Bush does not incur the political wrath he would get if he tried to make those decisions for us. He will be treating us like adults who can make judgments rather than children who have to have the decisions made for them.

Bush has already recognized the need for choice by proposing to make private investment optional and to leave up to us how we want to invest the funds. Embedded in this principle is the key to surviving this debate and emerging with a good Social Security package.

A choice-laden option leaves the Democrats saying that we are not qualified to make our own decisions. It puts them in a politically impossible situation. Jamming a solution down our throats — or avoiding the hard decisions by talking only about privatization — gives the president's opponents too many ways to attack his proposals and kill them.

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choice but to propose a state income tax.

In the interim, raiding the Rainy Day Fund would let lawmakers again evade their responsibility to fund needed programs adequately, repeating the mistake they made two years ago.

Lawmakers should continue their work on the partial tax reform packages they are considering and follow

that process through to the end. If they do what they should do, they will not have any need to tap into the contingency fund that should be set aside for real emergencies.

Mark Sanders, a spokesman for Strayhorn, told Hearst Newspapers that she believes the Rainy Day Fund should be left alone and allowed to continue growing.

"She wants to see the fund built up to at least \$3 billion in case, God forbid, we had a real emergency in this state,

like a terrorist attack," Sanders said.

We agree and applaud Strayhorn, who may challenge Gov. Rick Perry in the 2006 Republican primary, for his common sense on this issue. The governor and other state leaders should join her in telling Pitts not to push forward with his shortsighted, unnecessary proposal.

## Prairie Rivers Musical ends season Saturday

CANADIAN — Prairie Rivers Musical will perform its March show Saturday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m.

The performance is scheduled in the regular location, Canadian Middle School Auditorium, 404 S. 6th St.

Prairie Rivers Musical represents a venue of live music including classic country, western swing, old time gospel, and a bit of

rockabilly. There is no admission charge and the auditorium features comfortable theatre type seating in an alcohol- and smoke-free environment.

"This will be our last show of the season," noted Jay Godwin, one of the original organizers of Prairie Rivers Musical.

For information call (806) 323-6213.

## Community Happenings

• St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School will hold a fish fry with all the trimmings from 6-8 p.m. Friday March 18 at the school cafeteria located at 2300 N. Hobart. Cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children between the ages of 6 and 11. Children 5 and under eat free.

• The next Pampa Area Singles Dance with Mike Porter will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059. Please bring snacks.

• 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.

• BSA Hospice will sponsor a grief education and support group for adults every Tuesday for six consecutive weeks starting March 22. The group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. at the hospice facility at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. The program is free of charge to participants from Pampa and the surrounding area. Hospice officials recommend individuals wait approximately two to three months after the death of a loved one before attending the group. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

• Don Harrington Discovery Center and Space Theater will present "Discovery Center's Eggstravaganza 2005" from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. March 26 at its facility in Amarillo. A press release touts the event as "the largest egg hunt in the Panhandle with 10,000 eggs. Cost is \$8 per child for non-members and \$5 per child for members. Tickets include the egg hunt, special activities and general admission to the center. General admission for adults is \$5.50. All tickets must be purchased at the center, 1200 Streit Dr., or by calling (806) 355-9547. The egg hunt will be broken down as follows: 10 a.m., 2&3-year-olds; 10:15 a.m., 4&5-year-olds; 10:30 a.m., 6&7-year-olds; 10:45 a.m., 8,9&10-year-olds; 11 a.m., special needs children; and 11:15 a.m., general egg hunt for children missing earlier hunts. Children must be escorted by an adult to participate.

• The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 25-year-old son, "Mitch," and his live-in girlfriend, "Mimi," just became engaged, and I'm really worried. They met in college, where Mimi admits she went to "get her MRS."

When Mitch took a job in another state and started working on his graduate degree, Mimi tagged along. At first she had her own apartment. But since she "couldn't afford" a car, Mitch drove her to and from work every day. Then she got a job where he worked, and they began having lunch together every day to the exclusion of co-workers.

Two years later, Mimi still has no car of her own in a state where cars are a necessity. In addition, she's "just so tired" after her "long" 7 1/2-hour day that she "just can't manage to cook," so they either go out or Mitch does the cooking, too.

Abby, my son is lean, outgoing, into sports and martial arts. Mimi is obese and lethargic. She constantly complains about her aches and pains and other people. She has no hobbies and spends every night watching television.

I'm afraid this is somehow my fault. Mitch's mother was "high maintenance." I modeled caretaking for him in his early years when she and I were married -- we have been divorced for more than 10 years -- but never to this extent. Now Mimi has announced she needs surgery and pain-killers because she's got a bad back, and "exercise doesn't work." (How could it? She'd have to actually move!)

I'm desperate to have a father-son talk about the path Mitch seems to be

heading down, but I also know I risk alienating him, maybe permanently. Should I keep my mouth shut, or what? -- PANICKED POP IN PAWTUCKET

**DEAR PANICKED POP:** Talk to your son, but make absolutely sure that when you do, it is not perceived as an attack on his fiancée. Instead, discuss the mistakes you made during your marriage to Mitch's mother, which fostered her dependence on you -- and which Mitch seems to be mirroring with Mimi. However, do it with a light touch, and with none of the contempt for her that you have displayed in your letter -- or it could, indeed, negatively affect your relationship with your son.

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**CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH READERS:** This Irish prayer was sent by a reader in Massachusetts. In honor of St. Patrick's Day, I'm sharing it with you.

Take time to work,  
It is the price of success.  
Take time to think,  
It is the source of power.  
Take time to play,  
It is the secret of perpetual youth.  
Take time to read,  
It is the foundation of wisdom.  
Take time to be friendly,  
It is the road to happiness.  
Take time to love and be loved,  
It is the privilege of the gods.  
Take time to share,  
Life is too short to be selfish.  
Take time to laugh,  
Laughter is the music of the soul.

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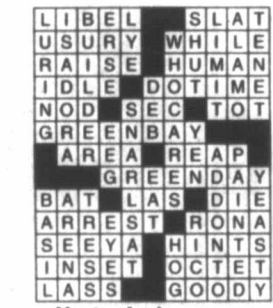
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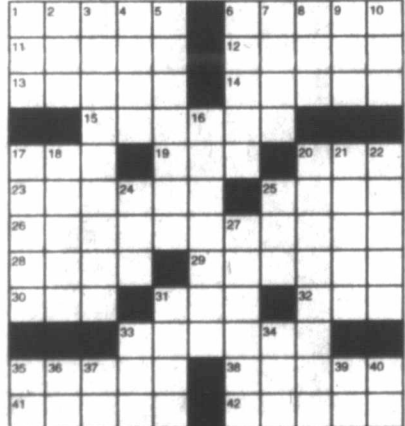
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Pullback from Lebanon

# Syria completes first phase of redeployment in Lebanon

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Syria's army and intelligence agents on Thursday completed the first phase of their pullback to eastern Lebanon and Syria, while a top Lebanese security chief said he and other officials were willing to stand trial to clear allegations of negligence in the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

The Syrian withdrawal comes ahead of Tuesday's summit of Arab leaders in Algeria. Syrian and Lebanon agreed earlier this month that Syrian troops and intelligence agents would redeploy in the eastern Bekaa Valley or withdraw to Syria before the end of the month.

"They have finished their redeployment," a senior Lebanese army officer told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. He refused to give further details, saying a statement would be released within 48 hours.

Of the 14,000 troops that were in Lebanon, at least 4,000 crossed into Syria in the past week and the rest remain in the Bekaa. Syrian President Bashar Assad promised to bring the troops back home in

*'All the heads of security institutions are ready for trial and accountability. We have no secrets to be embarrassed of.'*

— Jamil Sayyed  
General Security Department

the second phase of redeployment, for which no date has been set.

Syria began the redeployment on March 8 after coming under international pressure to withdraw from Lebanon following the Feb. 14 assassination of Hariri in Beirut, which sparked weeks of anti-Syrian demonstrations.

The Lebanese opposition accused Syria and the Lebanese government of being behind the assassination and have called on Lebanese security chiefs to resign, alleging negligence. Both governments have denied the charges.

Jamil Sayyed, head of the powerful General Security Department and a close

aide of President Emile Lahoud, said Thursday he and other officials were willing to stand trial to clear their names.

"All the heads of security institutions are ready for trial and accountability," he said at a news conference. "We have no secrets to be embarrassed of."

He lashed out at opposition demands for the resignation of security chiefs, indicating they will not step down. He said he was starting legal proceedings to clear his name and those of other security chiefs, though he said he hadn't consulted the others.

Sayyed, a retired army major general who has been in the post since 1998, is considered one of Lebanon's most influential

security chiefs. His General Security Department, which is part of the Interior Ministry, is in charge of border points, issuing passports and censorship of publications.

Since his appointment by Lahoud, the department has taken on additional significance and had become the nerve center of the Lebanese security and intelligence network.

The withdrawal of the Syrian intelligence agents has been a key demand of the Lebanese opposition, which sees them as the main face of Syria's long domination of Lebanon. Though Syria had thousands of troops in Lebanon, it was usually the intelligence agents who carried out arrests and set up roadblocks and to whom Lebanese had to turn to get commercial permits and even settle disputes.

Syrian intelligence agents evacuated their Beirut head office Wednesday, while in the northern city of Tripoli, Lebanon's second largest, the last two offices were cleared out early Thursday, witnesses said.

## Stewart's lawyers work to get conviction thrown out

NEW YORK (AP) — Perjury charges against a government witness are grounds for a reversal of Martha Stewart's conviction on charges of lying about a stock sale, her lawyer argued before a federal appeals court Thursday.

Lawyer Walter Dellinger argued that — although government ink expert Larry Stewart was subsequently acquitted — the charges he had faced should lead to "virtually automatic reversal" of Martha Stewart's conviction.

Dellinger also said it was unfair of the government to play tapes of interviews with co-defendant Peter Bacanovic when Martha

Stewart's lawyers had no chance to cross-examine him.

"These errors mattered," Dellinger said. "They went to the heart of the defense."

The government says the conviction is solid, and was based on overwhelming evidence. Legal experts have said it would be a long shot for the appeals court to overturn the verdict.

Before the hearing, the homemaking entrepreneur had entered the Manhattan courthouse through a side entrance, joking with federal marshals as she passed through a metal detector.

She was released from a federal women's prison in Alderson, W.Va., on March

4, after serving five months there.

She is now serving five months of home detention and is allowed to work 48 hours a week outside her Westchester County estate.

Stewart was convicted a year ago of obstructing justice and lying to the government about her 2001 sale of nearly 4,000 shares of the biotechnology company ImClone Systems Inc., run by her longtime friend Sam Waksal.

Stewart's lawyers said the sale was based on a pre-arranged agreement with her stockbroker to sell if the stock dropped to \$60 per share.

## Ex-governor asks judge for leniency in corruption case

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Former Gov. John G. Rowland asked a federal judge on Thursday to sentence him to less than the 15 to 21 months in prison called for when he agreed to plead guilty to a corruption charge in December.

In a memo filed in federal court on the eve of his sentencing, attorney William F. Dow III portrayed Rowland as a devoted public servant who made mistakes in delegating authority to people who turned out to be corrupt.

The memo also predicted that federal prosecutors will ask for a stiff sentence when

Rowland goes before Judge Peter C. Dorsey on Friday.

"The government will attempt to paint John Rowland as a Svengali who is responsible for everything from the Stamp Act to Dutch Elm disease and the Chicago fire," defense attorneys wrote in the memo.

Rowland, 47, faces a possible prison term as part of the plea deal he struck with prosecutors in December. He admitted to one charge of trading political access for more than \$100,000 in chartered trips to Las Vegas, Vermont vacations and repairs to his lakeside cottage.

## Sex offender labeled 'person of interest' by Florida police

HOMOSASSA, Fla. (AP) — A registered sex offender who was being sought for questioning in the disappearance of a 9-year-old girl was taken into custody by deputies in Georgia on Thursday, officials said.

*A spokesman for police in Savannah, Ga., where Couey had been interviewed earlier, said he was arrested near a Salvation Army in Augusta, Ga.*

The sheriff's office in Richmond County, Ga., placed John Evander Couey under arrest because he didn't notify Florida officials that he was leaving the state, a requirement for sex offenders, said Ronda Hemminger Evan, spokeswoman for the Citrus County sheriff's office. She had no details about Couey's arrest but said he would be questioned in the disappearance of Jessica Lunsford.

"Our investigators are en route to speak with him," Evan said.

Couey, 46, was described by authorities as a "person of

interest" in the search for Jessica Lunsford, who vanished from her bedroom Feb. 23. Couey lived near her home before he left for Georgia without telling authorities, officials said.

Authorities had said Wednesday they had issued two arrest warrants for Couey.

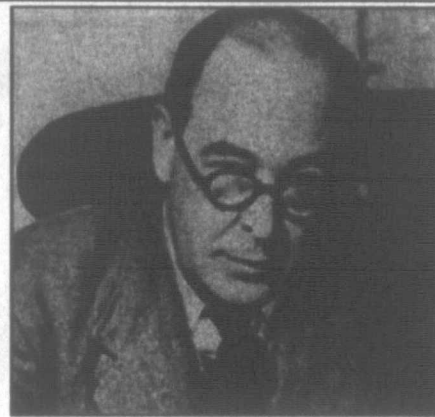
Investigators "may take him out of the picture" once they interview him, Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said. Couey already had been questioned by police in Georgia over the weekend, and "he is getting more and more interesting to us as time as goes on," Dawsey said.

A spokesman for police in Savannah, Ga., where Couey had been interviewed earlier, said he was arrested near a Salvation Army in Augusta, Ga.

Couey's home in Homosassa is about two miles from Jessica's, but he also sometimes stayed with his half sister who lives within "eyeshot" of her house, Dawsey said.

Mark Lunsford, Jessica's father, said Wednesday that the family didn't know Couey.

"It's someone nobody has seen before," Lunsford said. "I know my daughter doesn't go with strangers. So I just don't see it."



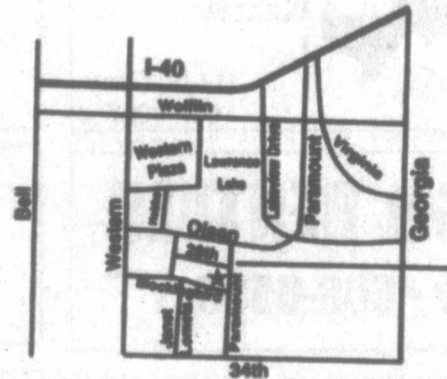
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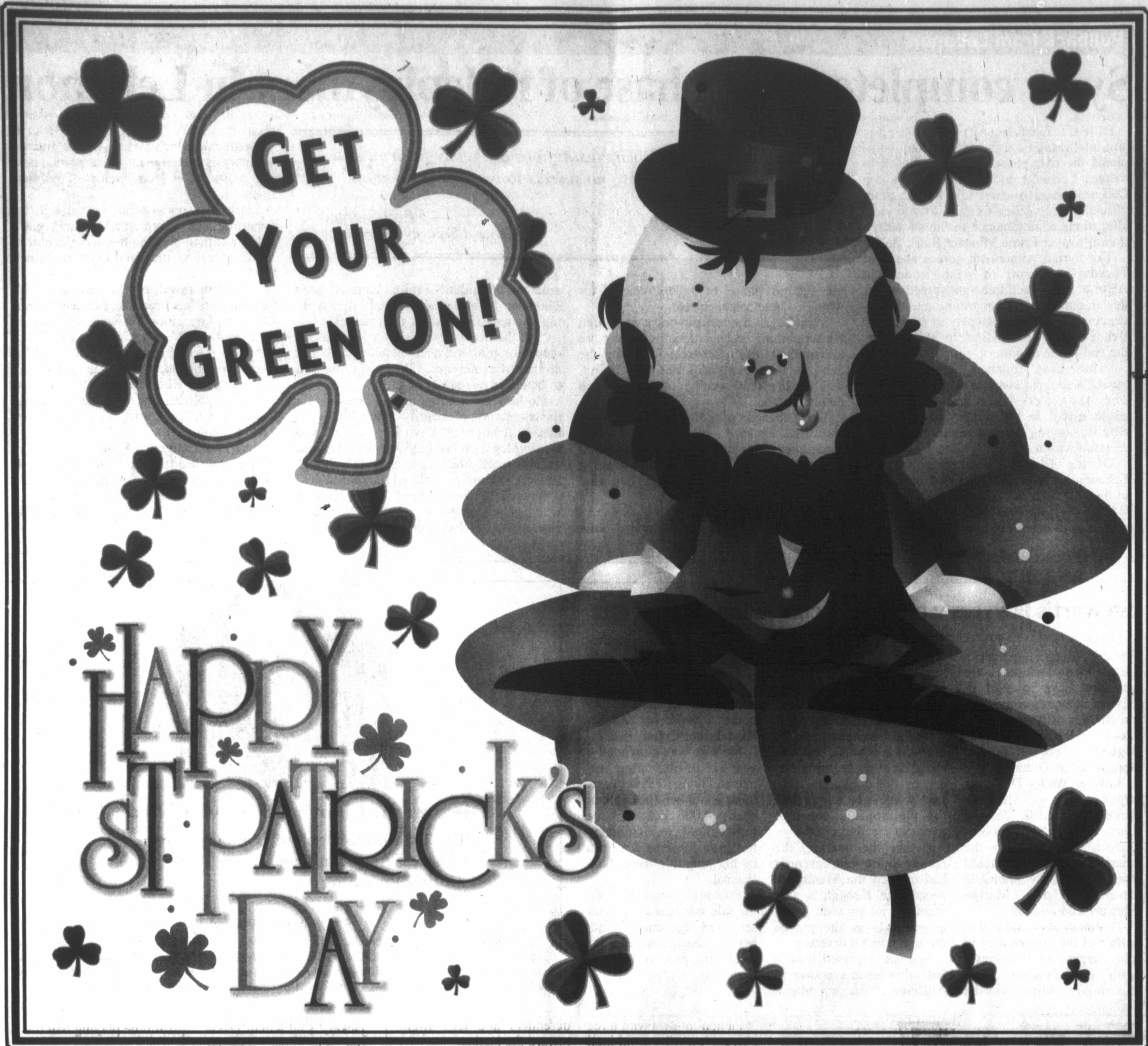
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# Sports Day

## Late sign-ups drawing near for Optimist 2005 season

Late sign-ups and tryouts for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005 will be held March 22, 23 and 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club ball parks, Optimist President Ronnie N. Haynes announced. The program is for boys and girls from five to 15 years of age.

Early registration ended last week with 506 already registered to play this season. "Miami will be bringing two T-Ball teams and, hopefully, a team of seven, eight and nine year olds for girls' softball," said Sandy Carr, who has already registered more than 40 players from Miami who will play this year.

"Everybody needs to sign-up," Haynes explained. "My phone has rung off the wall with players who are afraid they have missed the sign-ups. They can still register. We will not be placing players on teams until next week after the tryouts."

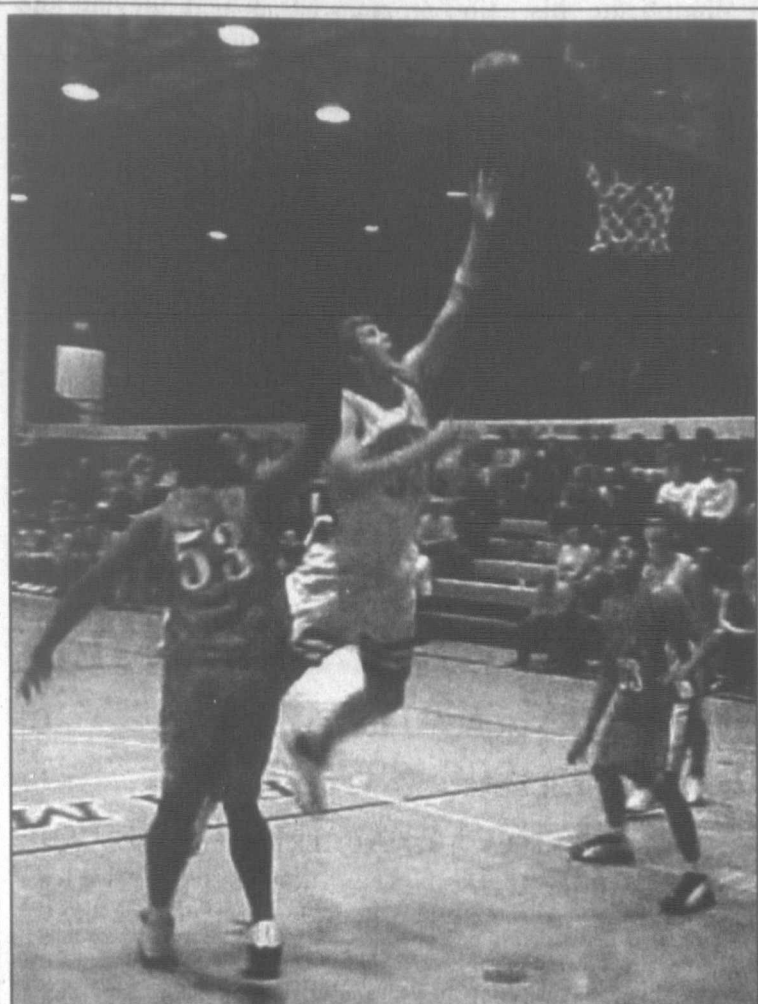
Haynes continued, "Players who are new to the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, the Babe Ruth League for players 13 to 15 years of age, the 10-12 Girls' Softball Major League and the 13 to 15 Girls Senior Softball League will need to attend two of the three tryout sessions."

"We recommend that players bring a glove, a ball cap, tennis shoes or baseball shoes and a light jacket," said Kevin Davis, the Optimist Baseball Commissioner. "It gets a little chilly in March toward the end of the tryout sessions."

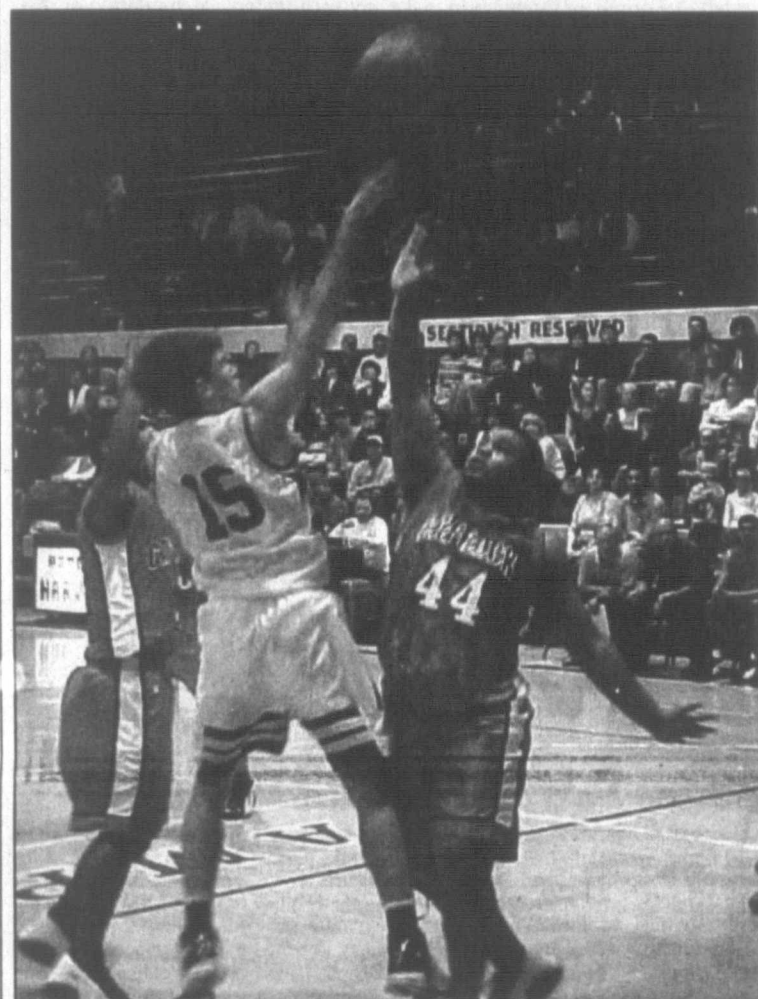
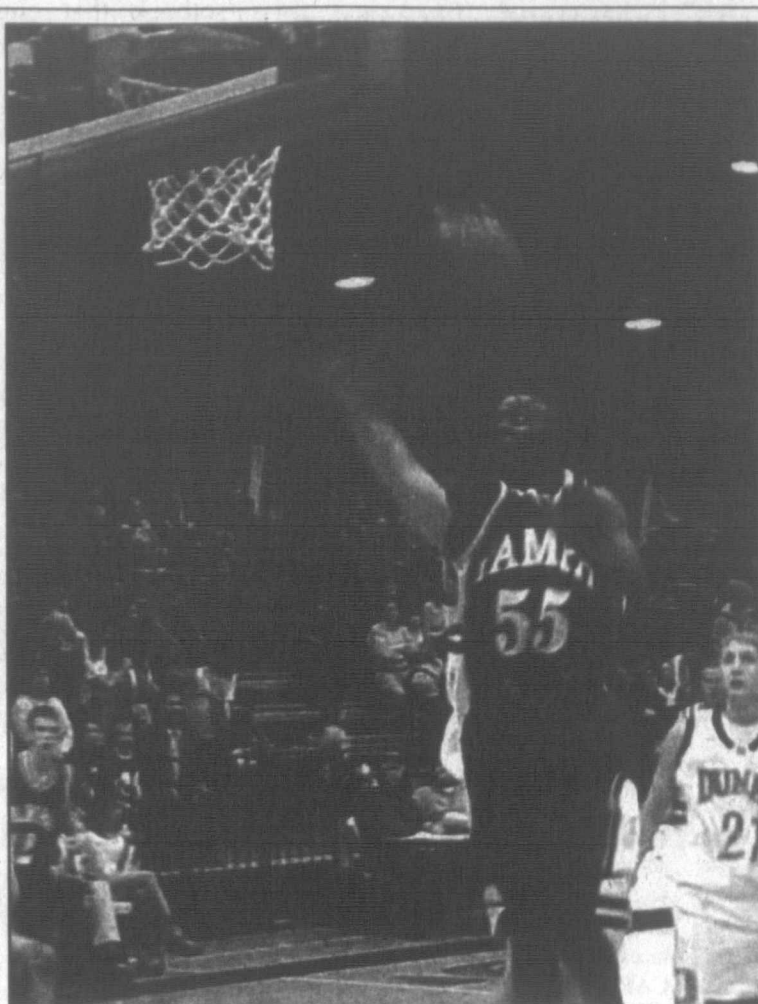
"We are expecting a team from Lefors," Haynes said. "McLean, Fort Elliott and Wheeler have indicated that they will combine to bring two girls' softball teams. Clarendon will bring a Babe Ruth team again this year."

"Last year Panhandle and Claude each played in our Babe Ruth League," Haynes continued. "This year they have told us they are each bringing teams for the Babe Ruth League, 11-12 Cal Ripken League, 9-10 Cal Ripken League and 5-6 T-Ball League. We are expecting the largest number of players in our history. We are going to be adding teams in almost every league. We are going to have a great time playing ball this season."

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



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6'8" Pampa post Jarett Kotara (top left) lunges for a layup during a game against Caprock. Kotara, who averaged 12.7 points and 8.1 rebounds per game, was named to the 3-4A boys All-District first team. #55 Sharod Young (top right) and #15 Clayton Hall (bottom left) were named to the All-District second team.

## Three Harvesters named to 3-4A All-District teams

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

To no one's surprise, Palo Duro players dominate the 2005 All-District 3-4A boys basketball first team with four, including Player of the Year, Austin Johnson. It marks the third year in a row Johnson has won the honor. One Don was named to the second team.

Pampa follows with three players on the combined lists — Jarett Kotara, Clayton Hall and Sharod Young.

The 6'8" Harvester post Kotara, was named to the first team. Kotara averaged

12.7 points per game, along with 8.1 rebounds.

Hall and Young were named to the second team.

Hall was solid shooter throughout the season, able to score from almost anywhere on the floor. Young's points were often the end result of his ability to split defenders and take flight toward the bucket.

Both were stellar defensive performers.

Caprock, Randall and Hereford had two players on the combined lists, while Dumas had one.

## Orlando Magic fire coach Johnny Davis

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Johnny Davis was fired Thursday as coach of the Orlando Magic, who have lost six straight games and are on the verge of falling out of playoff contention. Assistant Chris Jent was named interim coach.

"We work in a bottom-line business," general manager John Weisbrod said in a statement. "It is our responsibility to do everything possible to create the best opportunity for success."

Davis was dismissed along with assistant coach Ron Ekker hours after

Wednesday night's 110-102 road loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, dropping the Magic to 31-33 and leaving them tied with Philadelphia for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot. The team, in the middle of a West Coast road swing, plays Friday at Seattle.

## P&R department extends deadline

The city of Pampa recreation department has extended the deadline for spring softball one week - to next Wednesday, March 23, 5 p.m.

This includes Men's Open, Mixed Open, Men's Church, Mixed Church and Mixed Youth (16-18) leagues.

Roster forms, fact sheets

and bylaws are available at the recreation office, City Hall, room 204. Or, they may be downloaded from the city's web site at [www.cityofpampa.org](http://www.cityofpampa.org).

If you have any questions or would like more information on the spring softball leagues, please contact the recreation office at 669-5740 during business hours.

## Sorlie overcomes challenges to win second Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Norway's Robert Sorlie overcame insomnia and a dwindling dog team to win his second Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race in one of the closest races in years.

Sorlie completed the 1,100-mile race across Alaska in nine days, 18 hours, 39 minutes and 31 seconds. It was his second victory in three tries in the

grueling race.

He was still in the winner's circle when Ed Iten of Kotzebue crossed the line 34 minutes later. Seven minutes later, 2004 winner Mitch Seavey of Seward finished.

Sorlie's nephew, Norwegian Bjornar Andersen, finished fourth, the best rookie showing ever.

### CAPITAL HILL CONFAB

## Steroids: What a pain in the asterisk

The Government Reform Committee will hear from six subpoenaed baseball players, past and present, as well as MLB commissioner Bud Selig today as Uncle Sam's investigation into the use of steroids in baseball begins.

Among those making the trek to our nation's capital are Jose Canseco, Sammy Sosa, Curt Schilling, Rafael Palmeiro, Mark McGuire and Frank Thomas — who will appear via video conference from Arizona due to an ankle injury. Commissioner Selig will also be on hand.

MIA's are Jason Giambi and Barry Bonds. Giambi was excused from the powwow because he is still knee-deep-in-the-hoopla when it comes to the BALCO investigation. However, missing from the list is Barry Bonds. One can assume the reason for his exclusion could be equal to Giambi's, however, nothing to that point has been offered as yet. I guess when you are on the cusp of breaking the Holy Grail of all sports records, you are provided blanket protection. It could be investigators are hoping to protect Bonds. After all, here is a major sports star who admits using something called "The Clear" and "The Cream" but had no idea what it was. What he did know is, after using this stuff he got super-buff and mega-powerful. Hey — as I have said before — I do not

like taking aspirin, let alone mystery meds that begin with 'The'.

What is unclear is what the committee expects to do with whatever they glean from these players. Some are questioning the Capital Hill confab all together, arguing the only reason these players were subpoenaed in the first place is because Canseco named them in his book. In particular, he says he injected McGuire personally.

Michael J. Stevens  
Sports Editor



Many suggest Canseco's book is more akin to a diary of a mad man. I do not agree. Although I question its timing and suspect Jose needed a few bucks, I cannot bring myself to believe anyone, save for the truly whack, would open themselves up to libel and defamation on such a scale. If what he has written is yarn conceived in the demonic pursuit of the dollar, Canseco will get the comeuppance he richly deserves.

However, if even a shred of what he says is true, then there will be great need by all involved in professional baseball to take measures to limit the

blood flow and protect the sport as a whole, including its modern day past.

A recent survey suggests more than 80 percent of those currently playing major league baseball believe steroids have been, and are currently being used.

This is an ugly and frightening stat for Selig and his system. If true (and I believe it to be), then what do we do with those modern day records?

The 'asterisk' thing has been suggested more than once. I don't like it. If steroids played a role in attaining these achievements, an asterisk would be an insult to players such as Roger Maris.

The fact-of-the-matter is any record believed to have been set while hopped up on steroids should be noted as such. If McGuire freaks on the stand and admits he let Canseco play doctor with him, his home run record (later shattered by Bonds) should have "doped-up" next to it. The same holds true for any record or stat that can be associated with steroid use.

But McGuire will not freak. I don't expect any of them, with the possibility of Schilling (nothing more than gut feeling) to say much more than, "I wish to invoke my fifth amendment right" to almost any question regarding the use of steroids. Where the truth will set you free, a few may opt to take it with them to their graves.

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## Rangers 9, Diamondbacks 2

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Texas starter Ryan Drese pitched four strong innings and also hit a solo homer off Arizona's Russ Ortiz as the Rangers beat the Diamondbacks 9-2 Wednesday night.

Drese scattered three hits while striking out three.

He fanned Troy Glaus, Shawn Green and Jose Cruz Jr. — the middle of the Arizona lineup — on a total of 12 pitches in the second inning after a perfect first.

Texas minor leaguers Marshall McDougall and Ian Kinsler had back-to-back dou-

bles to put the Rangers ahead 1-0 in the second inning and Drese homered to open the third.

Ortiz was lifted after 3 1/3 innings, yielding 3 earned runs on five hits and three walks.

Glaus hit a two-run homer, his first of the spring, in the Diamondbacks' fourth.

The Rangers answered with six runs in the fifth including an RBI single from McDougall and another RBI double from Kinsler.

Kinsler and McDougall combined for four hits, four runs and four RBIs.

## Men sentenced in NBA brawl

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. (AP) — Three men were sentenced to probation and community service for their part in a brawl between the Indiana Pacers and the Detroit Pistons.

Alvin Shackelford Jr. and Charlie Haddad had pleaded no contest to violating a local ordinance against entering a performance space. Jeremy Handley pleaded guilty to violating a local ordinance against throwing objects at a sporting event.

## Bonds has second operation

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds underwent a second operation on his right knee Thursday morning, a setback that could complicate his hopes of being ready for opening day.

While the San Francisco Giants offered no timetable for the slugger's return, it took the seven-time NL MVP more time than expected to recover from the original surgery on the knee Jan. 31.

The Giants said in a statement that Bonds had arthroscopic surgery to repair tears in the knee. The operation was performed in the Bay Area by Art Ting, the same doctor who performed Bonds' earlier surgery.

Bonds, 40, has "experienced periods of swelling in his knee following an

incident when he accidentally hit his knee on a table at SBC Park Feb. 4. Neither rest nor his current rehabilitation program has helped alleviate the periodic swelling," the Giants said in a release.

Bonds, who returned to San Francisco on Wednesday from spring training, hasn't worked out on the field since taking batting practice Sunday. He hasn't played in any exhibition games, but had hoped to be ready for opening day April 5 against the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Bonds begins the season with 703 homers, third on the career list behind Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755).

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 18, 2005:

This year sprinkles excitement, creativity and romance into your life. How you choose to handle all the opportunities is up to you. Your imagination could distort reality to such an extent that disappointment frequently heads your way. For others, imagination creates many happy moments and winning situations. Don't try to push others to approach life in your way. If you are single, this year you are in love with romance. Be careful -- you'll really like the new person who enters your life. If you are attached, be especially caring to your sweetie. He or she is adjusting to your constant transformation. CANCER understands how deep you are.

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 will be happiest close to home. Unexpected insights head in your direction. You go into mental overdrive, wanting to be left alone to sort through your thoughts. Slow down and take your time mulling over new information. Tonight: Early to bed.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Friendship means a lot to you, but having your way is also important for the stubborn Bull. Stay on top of calls and e-mail. You might need to swing in a new direction in order to accommodate a key person or associate. Tonight: Indulge in your favorite Friday-night activity.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Handle your finances before they handle you! You could have an

unexpected jolt from those who have power or authority over you. Carefully listen to key associates. Clear out communications. Soon you will find that misunderstandings run rampant. Tonight: Pay bills.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Even you might need to regroup, as the unexpected could mark your plans. Don't be surprised if you suddenly find yourself taking off. Your charisma helps you zoom in and get exactly what you want. Tonight: As you like it.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★ Know that you are on your own today. Others cannot really be relied upon. In fact, someone or a situation you had considered rock-iron sure actually disappoints you. Use this open space to do more for yourself. Think over a problem. Tonight: Vanish. Take some personal time.

### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Follow the crowds. Others do the unexpected, especially people you are emotionally vested in. Meetings and friends continue to be positive forces. Keep this fact in mind when making plans. Go where the grass is greener. Tonight: Celebrate the weekend.

### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★ You might need to regroup. Something unexpected could force a radical change in your daily pattern. Stay on top of your obligations, if possible. Be ready to explain and/or apologize if you need to cancel a meeting or get together. Tonight: Prepare to put in extra hours.

### SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Your mind is elsewhere. Why not let your body follow? Do what you want to do. In essence, you

are in weekend mode. You cannot force yourself to do something you aren't up for. Tonight: Opt for an adventure. You won't be happy otherwise.

### SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ What you believed was a sure deal could fall apart right in front of your eyes. The unexpected hits close to home. A partner or special friend helps you rescue the situation. You leap right over a hassle. Tonight: Say "thank you" nicely.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Clearly you cannot control others, but on the other hand, you don't need to allow people to step on your feet. You might reverse gears if you aren't comfortable with what is happening. Feel free to toss plans to the wayside. Tonight: Remain spontaneous.

### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Your focus is on work and/or responsibilities. At the same time, buy a lottery ticket if you feel lucky. You pull the wild card financially. Anything can happen. Listen to your instincts about a health matter. Tonight: Study the pros and cons of being a couch potato.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You shake up the status quo without even trying. Granted, you are processing and growing rapidly, but at the same time, be understanding to those around you. They might be a bit confused, to say the least. Tonight: Be a true Piscean and enjoy your life.

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MK Operating Co., 11282 Hwy. 60, Pampa, Texas 79065, is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Brown Dolomite and Granite Wash Formation Cabot-Sidwell Kirby (06022) Lease, Well Number 1075. The proposed injection well is located 21 miles Southeast of Pampa, Tx., in the Panhandle Gray County Field, in Gray County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2730 to 3302 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or request for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792, B-86 Mar. 17, 2005)

5 Special Notices

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SUMMER EMPLOYMENT Fun Valley Family Resort. South Fork Co. Needs retirees w/ own RV for all types of jobs. Office, house keeping, cooks, maintenance & RV parks. For info & application. Write to Personnel Director, 9010 Ravenswood Granbury Tx. 76049

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT IS THE TRADE OF LAWYERS TO QUESTION EVERYTHING, YIELD NOTHING AND TALK BY THE HOUR. — THOMAS JEFFERSON

**21 Help Wanted**

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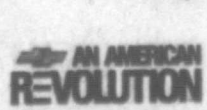
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