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## Left behind, but not for long



A young Dennis Elliott stands in front of his tank more than three decades ago in Vietnam.

### 35 years later, Pampan recalls role in Cambodian incursion

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Dennis Elliott was in Japan when his unit moved out to join in an historic campaign 35 years ago.

"They left without me," he complained, now sitting at a table in the Lamplighter Restaurant in Pampa.

It was the first of May, 1970. Elliott had spent the better part of nine months sitting four kilometers from the Cambodian border, firing into an area where neither he nor other American troops could go and where the North Vietnamese hid in what they thought was a safe sanctuary.

Because of the time zone differences and the International Dateline, it was April 30 in Washington when President Nixon announced that he had ordered U.S. troops over the border in an effort to break up the Ho Chi Minh Trail, the trail the North Vietnamese used outside the border of war-torn South Vietnam to resupply their troops, and to attack the North Vietnamese in their sanctuaries.

According to historian Stanley Karnow, the Cambodian ruler, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, initially sought



Elliott

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## Franklin receives the 'Golden Nail'

M.K. Brown Foundation also honored for support of the arts

By DARLENE BIRKES  
Special to The News

Larry Franklin received the Individual Award "for outstanding support and service to the fine arts both financially and personally by an individual or individuals in Amarillo and the Panhandle" at the 23rd annual Golden Nail Gala Friday at the Amarillo Civic Center.

Pampa's M. K. Brown Foundation received the Foundation Award "for exceptional and generous support of the fine arts in

the Panhandle." Franklin contributed two larger-than-life bronze sculptures with landscaping plus two commemorative plaques to Lovett Memorial Library. These were dedicated at the 50th anniversary of the library located in downtown Pampa. The sculpture by Don Ray of Channing is of a young mother reading a book to her son titled "The Lesson." It is placed in a landscaped patio in front of the library. The bronze sculpture by New York artist

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Larry Franklin, center, poses with sculptors Don Ray, left, and David Frech, right, at the 50th anniversary dedication ceremony at Lovett Memorial Library.

## Local firm to audit DA office accounts at Switzer's request

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Editor

A Pampa firm has been hired to audit the 31st District Attorney's accounts as part of an investigation of former DA Rick Roach.

Special Prosecutor David Scott announced Friday afternoon in a press release that he has retained Brown, Graham & Co., CPA, of Pampa to perform an audit of all the accounts of the 31st District Attorney's Office. He said he hired the firm at the

request of District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

"The State of Texas has the power to investigate and prosecute any crime regardless of a federal plea by Mr. Roach," Scott said in the release. "The Texas Rangers are conducting a thorough investigation regarding allegations against Mr. Roach."

"Upon completion of the wide-ranging and comprehensive investigation, I will present the results to the grand jury for possible indictments

or indictments," he said.

Roach was arrested in the district court-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

### Doggie vows

Alline and Frank Burley brought their pugs Nila, left, and Simba to Coronado Healthcare Center for the pugs' wedding, held at 2 p.m. Friday. Margaret Griffith, a resident at the center, performed the ceremony as other residents and pet friends watched.

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## Obituaries

### Doyle Hindman, 76

Doyle Hindman, 76, of McLean, died Thursday, April 28, 2005, at McLean.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005, in Trinity Church of McLean with Pastor Larry Perkins officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mr. Hindman was in the Army for 5 years during the Korean War. He was a good christian man who loved his family — especially his

grandchildren and will be missed by all.

He was preceded in death by four brothers, Jessie Hindman, E.C. Hindman, Bob Hindman and Edward Hindman; and a granddaughter, Sheri Jasper Reynolds, who died in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Hindman of McLean; two daughters, Shirley Mahorney (Robert) of Nashville, Tenn., and Brenda Jasper (Rickie) of

McLean; a brother, Joe Hindman of Henderson, Ky.; five grandchildren, Robert and Mary Mahorney, Holly Novak, and Rickie Jasper, Jr.; and six great-grandchildren.

Visitation was held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, April 30 and will be held again from 9 a.m. until 12 noon Monday, May 2, at the funeral home in McLean.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice in Pampa.

### Helen Ruth Simpson Howard, 90

Helen Ruth Simpson Howard, 90, of San Angelo, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, in San Angelo.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, May 2, 2005, at the Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Howard was born on Aug. 1, 1914, in Wellington. She had been a resident of Pampa for 40 years and had previously lived in Perryton, Lefors, and McLean. She married Robert DeKalb Howard on Feb. 22, 1932, in Sayre, Okla. He preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1996.

She worked on the family farm and in school cafeterias in Perryton and Pampa.

Ruth's great loves were

her faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and love for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Maudie May Hurst Simpson, in 1915; by her parents, Jim and Edna Simpson; her brothers, Bill Simpson, Cecil Simpson, and Lloyd Simpson; and by two great-granddaughters, Morgan Swift and Hope Dalton.

Survivors include son, Don Robert Howard and wife Jane of San Antonio; daughter, Joy Lynn Dalton and husband Robert, Sr. of San Angelo; sister, Jeanette Kennedy of Pampa; five brothers, Floyd Simpson of Wichita Falls, Edward Simpson of Purcell, Okla., W.C. Simpson and Frank Simpson, both of McLean, and Kenneth Simpson of Hobbs, N.M.; five grandchildren, David Howard and

wife Regina of Lefors, Doug Howard and wife Candy of The Woodlands, Robyn Swift, Ryan Dalton, and Robert Dalton, Jr. and wife Ashley, all of San Angelo; nine great-grandchildren, Stormy Howard, Dusty Howard, and Monroe Howard, all of Lefors, Matthew Howard and Danny Howard, both of The Woodlands, Taylor Tubbs, Marissa Swift, Haley Dalton, and Jessica Dalton, all of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church Building Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

### Juanita Margaret Robertson, 82

Juanita Margaret Robertson, 82, of Pampa, died Friday, April 29, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Monday in

Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Liberty Cemetery at Putnam, Okla., with David Beck, pastor of Putnam Christian Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born June 19, 1922, at Mexia, Texas, Mrs. Robertson moved to Pampa nine years ago from Clinton, Okla.

Mrs. Robertson belonged to First Baptist Church and had a career with the U.S. Civil Service, retiring in 1977.

She was preceded in death by a son, Richard G. Robertson, in 1995.

Survivors include two sons, Thomas L. Robertson and William B. Robertson, both of Putnam; a brother, Leroy Hill of Pampa; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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

### Donald Earl Smith, 47

BRYANT, Ark. — Donald Earl Smith, 47, of Bryant, died Wednesday, April 27, 2005, at Little Rock, Ark.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in Bible Church of Pampa with Dr. Roger Hubbard, pastor of Lake Tanglewood Community Church, and the Rev. Bob Banks, pastor of the Bible Church, officiating.

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

Mr. Smith was born Sept. 29, 1957, at Lubbock. A life-long Pampa resident prior to moving to Bryant 10 years ago, Mr. Smith graduated from Pampa High School in

1976 and held a bachelor of science degree in agricultural education from Texas Tech University since 1981.

He married Ruth Whittaker on Nov. 18, 1995, at Benton, Ark.

He attended Salem Avenue United Methodist Church of Bryant and formerly belonged to Bible Church of Pampa.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his grandparents, Ethel and Clarence Matthews and Leo Smith.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth, of the home; a stepdaughter, Stacy

Whittaker, of the home; a stepson, Trevor Whittaker, of the home; his parents, Earl and Barbara Smith of Pampa; a sister, Dana Holland of Breckenridge, Colo.; and his grandmother, Marie Smith of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to Arkansas Hospice, 6101 St. Vincent Circle, Little Rock, AR 72205; or to Bible Church of Pampa, 300 W. Browning, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Smith

## Services tomorrow

**HINDMAN**, Doyle — 2 p.m., Trinity Church, McLean.  
**HOWARD**, Helen Ruth Simpson — 2 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**ROBERTSON**, Juanita Margaret — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Liberty Cemetery, Putnam, Okla.  
**SMITH**, Donald Earl — 10:30 a.m., Bible Church of Pampa.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department on Saturday reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Friday, April 29

Police conducted 21 traffic stops; responded to two business alarms; rendered motorist assistance at Harvester and Charles streets; provided a welfare check in the 500 block of Sloan Street; delivered a message in the 900 block of South Gray St.; and served, or attempted to serve, one warrant.

Debra Lynn Bowers, 46, 929 S. Wells, was arrested for too many animals, no rabies vaccination, failure to appear, no valid driver's license and no insurance.

Theft — stolen registration — was reported in the 200 block of East Brown St.

Identity theft was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Theft of a bicycle was reported in the 500 block of Powell St.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 600 block of North Gray St., the 500 block of North Faulkner St., the 400 block of Tignor St., and the 500 block of North Starkweather St.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of

North Christy St. The incident allegedly involved a bullet hole in a car window.

Other criminal mischief reports were taken in the 1900 block of North Hobart St., the 800 block of North Wells St., and the 1100 block of South Faulkner St.

Offense against family was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Avenue.

A suspicious vehicle complaint was taken in the 700 block of East Kentucky Ave. The vehicle was reported abandoned on the bridge at Kentucky.

Forgery was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Found property — a lost cell phone — was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Disorderly conduct-noise was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart St., and at Kentucky and Garland streets.

Disorderly conduct-other was twice reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart St.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill Ave.

A hit and run accident came in from the 800 block of West 23rd St.

An anonymous traffic complaint was reported at 23rd and Hobart streets. An additional traffic complaint was reported at Craven and Gray streets.

Public intoxication was reported in the 900 block of South Wells St.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester Ave. The police blotter said possible gun shots were detected northeast of the high school.

#### Saturday, April 30

Gary Eugene Robinson, 33, 216 Tignor, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

## Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

#### Friday, April 29

Cal E. Schroeder, 55, 1809 Beach St., was arrested on a motion to revoke-obstruction of a highway.

Schuyler Bond Danner, 21, 300 Sunset, was arrested for no insurance and failure to appear.

#### Saturday, April 30

Teresa Gail Mundell, 30, 731 N. Sumner St., was arrested for public intoxication.

## Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

#### Friday, April 29

2:48 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded

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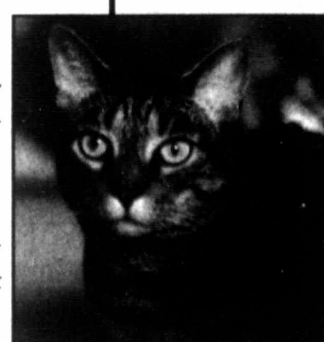
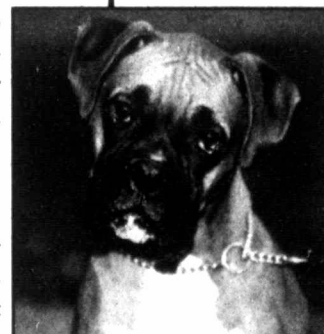
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## Pharmacy awards

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's College of Pharmacy recently held its annual honors and awards convocation on the Weatherford campus. Awards were presented to outstanding students in the college. Among the SWOSU students receiving awards were (from left): Raelyn D. Walker, Fritch, \$400 Clyde Miller Memorial Scholarship; Kathryn J. Walls, Amarillo, \$700 Albert Eaton Memorial Scholarship; Nathan P. Rainey, Allison, \$1,200 Baucum Family Practice Grant; Joshua K. Miller, Pampa, \$500 Dan Rivkin Scholarship; and Brooke N. Wilson, Canadian, \$500 Dr. Al Harris Scholarship.

## Beef Grid Marketing workshop in offing

COLLEGE STATION — The Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Corpus Christi will co-host a free workshop on marketing strategies for finished cattle May 17. Also hosting will be the Texas Cattle Feeders Association.

The program, Beef Grid Marketing 101 – South, will provide information about how finished market cattle are managed and marketed for a packer grid.

"We think feeders who have data on the feedyard and carcass performance of their cattle, and can thereby predict how their cattle should grade and yield, would have the greatest benefit," said Dr. Joe Paschal, Extension beef cattle specialist and workshop speaker.

However, he said, the knowledge could be useful to others as well.

"Although most of the fed cattle marketed are sold either live (on the hoof) or as carcasses (in the beef), marketing cattle on a grid system based on U.S. Department of Agriculture quality grades and yield grades will allow them to obtain the maximum value for their cattle that meet the grade specifications," Paschal said.

More cattle meeting the specifications means more net return, he said.

"(The workshop) will go through the basics of managing cattle for the packer grid, carcass grading, carcass defects and marketing options for finished cattle," said Dr. Dan Hale, Extension meat specialist and workshop speaker. "(Participants) will hear from ranchers and feeders as to how they manage cattle and market them on a live cash basis, packer grid, on the futures market, to special packer programs and branded beef alliances."

Hale and Paschal will give a virtual tour of a packing plant.

The workshop, held at the Texas A&M Center, will begin with check-in at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Registration is free, but the deadline for participation is May 13. Contact Sharon at (361) 265-9203, Paschal at (361) 265-9203 or j-paschal@tamu.edu, or Hale at (979) 845-2053 to register.

### Meeting notice

## Bank contract on county commission agenda

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A public hearing concerning county roads will begin at 1:30 p.m. Monday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The hearing is part of the day's agenda for county commissioners, whose meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Monday.

Commissioners will vote on allowing County Judge Richard Peet to sign

a contract with Bank of America as the county's bank depository.

Bank of America and FirstBank Southwest had been the two banks responding to requests for proposals for the county's bank depository.

Bank of America has already been serving as the county's depository for its 37 bank accounts. The bank's contract with the county ended May 1.

The two proposals by Bank of America and FirstBank Southwest were opened at commissioners' April 1

meeting. Commissioners voted at their April 15 meeting to keep the county's accounts at Bank of America.

A request by Sheriff Don Copeland to apply for a JAG grant for \$11,450 in federal funds will be considered Monday.

Other agenda items include replacement of a Precinct 2 employee, budget amendments, line item transfers, and a request by Ronnie Wood to speak to county employees concerning the Texas Retirement Council.

## Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent

chance of showers. Cloudy, with a low near 41. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around

53. East wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

## Record

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to the 100 block of East 19th.

### Ambulance

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

### Friday, April 29

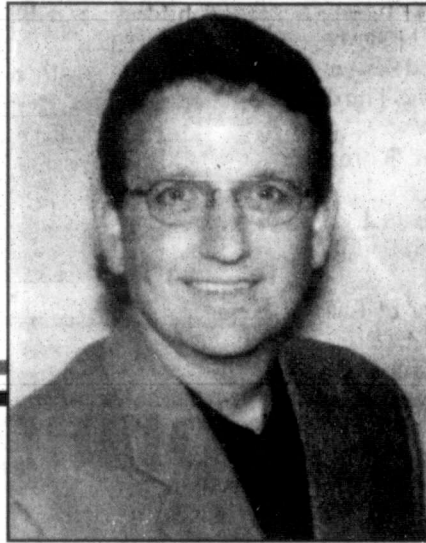
10:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's, Amarillo.

2:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of West 19th and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

### Saturday, April 30

1:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th. No transport.



## RE-ELECT

## MAYOR LONNY ROBBINS

It has been my privilege and honor to serve the citizens of Pampa for the last four years as mayor. By working together we have accomplished many positive goals:

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- We Have A New Ambulance Contract To Service Citizens Of Pampa And Gray County
- We Are Renovating M.K. Brown Auditorium
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- Two New Motels Are Scheduled To Be Built In Our City

Let us not forget that four years ago many had a negative attitude and outlook for Pampa's future; but by working together and with God's help, we are seeing our city change and grow. By partnering together we will continue to build on this positive momentum to make Pampa an even greater city than it is.

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May 3 • Calculus AP Exam  
May 3 • 7:00 • Honors Banquet  
May 4 • Spanish AP Exam  
May 5 • English/Lit AP Exam  
May 5-7 • TSA State • Waco  
May 5-7 • UIL State Academics  
May 5 • Greater Southwest Music Festival  
May 5 • 11:45 - 12:30 • Cinco de Mayo  
May 6-10 • Spring Choir Trip

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, go to the school website at [www.pampaisd.net](http://www.pampaisd.net). From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

This PISD Events Calendar courtesy of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau Agents  
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# Viewpoints

## Belief should not be excluded nor imposed

A question asked one of the school board candidates at a political forum last week burned me like hot fire.

He was asked if his "very conservative" religious beliefs would affect his ability to make decisions in regard to a law that might conflict with his personal values.

What burned me about this question, first, is that it was directed anonymously to only one person who belongs to an evangelical church.

Another school board candidate holds a master's degree in theology from a well-known and well-respected seminary. He wasn't asked about his religious beliefs.

I belong to the same church as two of the other

candidates, one of whom has served as a deacon and treasurer. No one asked about their religious beliefs.

Why do some people believe that if people of "very conservative" Christian faith are incapable of making sound decisions?

The question reminds me of the way many in the media have derided President Bush for being openly committed to his Christian beliefs.

If you ask me, the United States is lucky to have a leader who isn't afraid to say he believes in God and seeks direction from a "higher power" in making his decisions that affect us all.

I also thought about a discussion we had at church about the high school football team praying before a

game. Naturally, the central issue was separation of church and state.

One person said she didn't see any need for the football team to pray before a game. Prayer wasn't for football, it was for church, she essentially said.

"You mean God doesn't belong on the football field?" I asked her.

I believe that the men who established this country did not mean to keep God out of government. Too much evidence, most of it written in their own words, contradicts that.

They did, however, want to keep the government free

of being controlled by one religion.

In hospice, we were taught not to impose our beliefs on others. That didn't mean we had to exclude our beliefs, we just wanted to be very careful not to force them on someone who may believe differently — or not believe at all.

If you look at the New Testament gospels, you'll see that Jesus did not impose himself on others. He offered himself. Some accepted the offer. Others walked away. When they did, he watched with sadness then offered himself to another.

This past month, I've been studying the book of Isaiah in the Bible. I've wanted to study it for a long time, mainly because it is the book that holds many of the prophecies about the Messiah.

In the course of reading Isaiah, however, I'm finding out that the theme in the first 23 chapters, at least, has only a couple of brief passages foretelling the coming of the Christ. The rest are predictions meant to warn Israel.

Over and over, Isaiah predicts the fall of all the mighty powers of that time. God tells the Jewish people, through the prophet Isaiah, not to rely on what the world sees as strong and stable, but to look only to Him for protection and guidance.

Isaiah's predictions came true, one by one. Babylon fell. It is now a pile of rubble. The Phoenicians, rulers of the seas, are only a memory. Powerful Egypt, which depended on the Phoenicians, to trade its many goods throughout the known world, collapsed into Roman rule. In time, the great Roman empire fell apart, as well.

True Christians are not to be feared. They will uphold the laws of the land, because the God they love and respect told them to do so.

If a person professes to be a Christian and is not one in action, that person will have to face a much higher power than that of public opinion.

When that day comes, I'd hate to hear Jesus say, "I never knew ye."

**Dee Dee Laramore**  
Editor



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 1, the 121st day of 2005. There are 244 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 1, 1898, Commodore George Dewey gave the command, "You may fire when you are ready, Gridley," as an American naval force destroyed a Spanish fleet in Manila Bay during the Spanish-American War.

On this date:

In 1786, Mozart's opera "The Marriage of Figaro" premiered in Vienna.

In 1893, the World's Columbian Exposition was officially opened in Chicago by President Cleveland.

In 1931, New York's 102-story Empire State Building was dedicated.

In 1945, a day after Adolf Hitler committed suicide, it was announced that Adm. Karl Doenitz had succeeded Hitler as leader of the Third Reich.

*'He who is swift to believe is swift to forget.'*

— Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel  
Polish-born scholar  
(1907-1972)

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was proclaimed.

In 1960, the Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane near Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

In 1967, Elvis Presley married Priscilla Beaulieu in Las Vegas. (They divorced in 1973.)

In 1971, Amtrak — which combined and streamlined the operations of 18 intercity passenger railroads — went into service.

In 1978, Ernest Morial was inaugurated as the first black mayor of New Orleans.

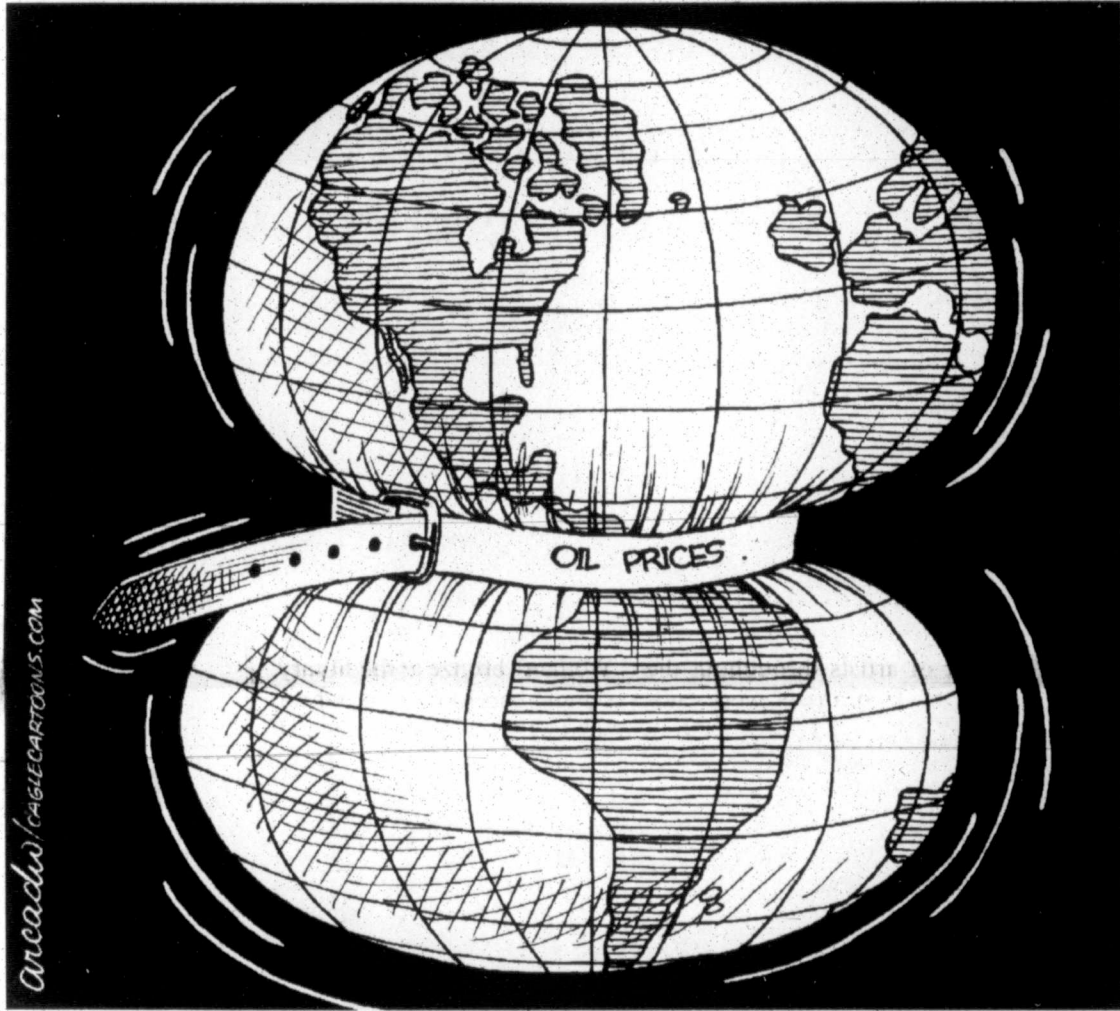
In 1999, the "Liberty Bell 7," the Mercury space capsule flown by Gus Grissom, was found in the Atlantic 300 miles southeast of Cape Canaveral, Fla., 38 years after it sank.

Ten years ago: Charges that Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, had plotted to murder Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan were dropped as jury selection for her trial was about to begin in Minneapolis.

President Clinton defended his choice for surgeon general, Henry Foster, as a "pro-life, pro-choice doctor."

Five years ago: About 3 1/2 million Time Warner cable subscribers temporarily lost access to seven Disney-owned ABC stations in a quarrel over transmission rights.

Joerg Haider, leader of Austria's far-right Freedom Party, stepped down after 14 years as party leader. Actor Steve Reeves died in Escondido, Calif., at age 74.



## Spring and a young man's fancy

A full gamut of emotions blankets the nation in the springtime, when the fancy of young men — and women — lightly turns to thoughts of proms. "Lightly" may fit participants, but "heavily" better suits harried parents who sign off on a litany of expenses so their kids can be with the "in group." (One parent groaned, "Just when we think we've caught up with the Joneses, they refinance.")

No sooner than the check is written to the IRS and a bank note is signed to buy a tank of gas, parental brows furrow at the cost of dresses, tuxedos, limousines and fancy dinners as seniors across the land kick up their heels. Their dreams are awash in dollar marks as budgets are blown.

Youngsters are on cruise control with gleeful "no problem" outlooks. Creative juices flow as they ponder new ways to remember their senior year — and to be remembered! One young lady sported a prom dress made from 8,400 Starburst candy wrappers, most of them provided by classmates throughout the year.

A senior guy, in shock since the day the campus beauty said "yes" to his prom invitation, fidgeted nervously in the living room. "I'll be down in five minutes," she shouted to her suitor. He so hated the awkward moment, well aware

that the delay caused him to sweat, and her dad was seeing the droplets moisten his collar.

It was just the two of them in the living room. The youth couldn't imagine "Dear Old" in front of "Dad" in this household. Dad broke the silence with occasional growls, his eyes shooting bullets at the befuddled youth, and he continued to mindlessly stroke a small, hairless dog nestled in his lap.

"Is that a hairless Chihuahua?" the kid inquired.

"Nope, it's a Yorkie gone bad," father responded. (The youth wished he'd stuck with small talk about the weather.)

Meanwhile, in Wisconsin, hair of cats is standing on end as legislators dance around a controversial proposal to legalize cat hunting. Feral cats abound there, and if the issue carries, these wild felines will be in the same category as skunks and mice. One study suggests that the wild felines — unowned, uncollared and untamed — may exceed 1.5 million — perhaps consuming up to 200 million birds per year.

The prospect of hunters

laying down cash for a small-game license to take down cats has feline lovers up in arms. Bird fanciers are cheering. For the legislature, it is a hot potato — a bonafide "Catch 22."

Picture this: Wife says, "Honey, you reek of tuna. What's the deal?"

Husband: "Got my license yesterday. Hunting season begins tomorrow, so I've been in the backyard putting out bait around my cat blind."

Anyone notice that there's a whole lot of chafing going on? The judge in the Martha Stewart trial is chafing about her complaints that her ankle surveillance collar is chafing. Owner George Steinbrenner is chafing that his New York Yankees are off to a lackluster start. Most Dallas Cowboys, fans don't remember when they weren't chafing. And Democrats can't begin to count their chafes that seem chronic in this new century. They're everywhere! They're everywhere!

Had President Bush attended the opening day game for the Texas Rangers (he had ownership in the team prior to the presidency), he would have been chafed to the max when he saw Florida as a red state! ...

Here's what happened: During pre-game ceremonies, pomp was leapfrogging with circumstance, a military band played, troops back from deployment in Iraq and Afghanistan marched in, and the fly-over of a B-1B bomber at crop duster altitude shook the stadium. It was a picture-perfect day, the kind you'd special order to begin a new season for the boys of summer. Their cares on the shelf for a few hours, the fans cheered.

Troops then unfurled a U.S.-shaped flag that covered much of the outfield. They "cut the pattern to fit the country." There was a 50-50 chance, of course, that Florida, dangling from the southeast corner of the country, might be white. Alas, it was red.

For it to be blue, it would have been necessary to present the flag upside down, with coasts reversed. All kinds of protocol would have been violated.

Meanwhile, many Republicans also are chafing, perfectly happy to press on — without DeLay.

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## Senior Party plans

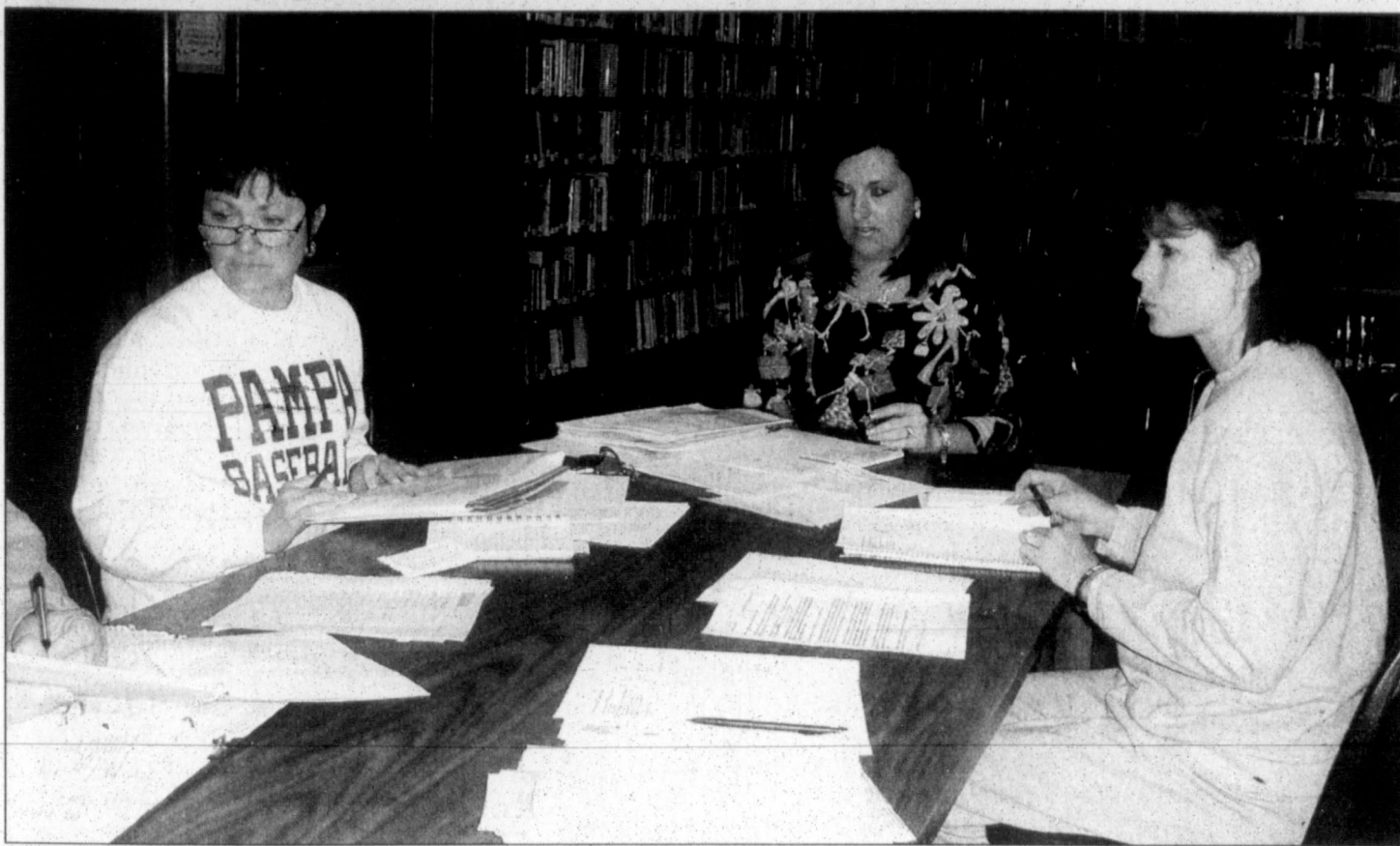


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Committee members Renee Brown, Angie Martin and Diane Adams, from left, and other Senior 2005 parents go over some final details in preparation for the parent and community-sponsored Senior Party to be held following graduation on May 28. Planning has been under way since August 2004 for the drug and alcohol-free party held each year as a celebration for the hard work accomplished. During the event, besides the many games and entertainment, gifts, cash prizes and and three \$500 scholarships will be given away to the graduates. Many local businesses and individuals have donated their time and money to honor these future leaders.

## Award

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David Frech is of a young woman with baby titled the "Prairie Woman" and is placed in the library garden.

Franklin is a past president of Pampa Fine Arts Association. He was the first president of the White Deer Land Museum Board and oversaw the purchase and renovation of the Holland wing of the WDL Museum.

For the museum dedication, he did extensive research and photos for an exhibit of a re-enactment of the military cantonment that spent the winter months of 1875 in the eastern part of Gray County. In June 1875,

the cantonment moved to Sweetwater Creek and established Fort Elliott, the Panhandle's only fort.

They left behind artifacts and the name Cantonment Creek, located on the present day Franklin ranch.

Franklin was awarded the Texas Historical Commission Distinguished Award for his volunteerism at the WDL Museum. He is also active on the Lovett Library Board.

The bronze sculptures were commissioned in 2003 and completed in 2004. Franklin met with Michael Grauer, curator of art at the Panhandle-Plains Museum, to send out queries to a number of artists throughout the U. S. Two artists were chosen out of 28 who sent in

proposals, marquettes (clay blueprints) and sketches.

Don Ray of Channing was chosen for his sculpture of the young mother. Ray most recently did the bronze of the Harvester which is located at Pampa High School. He did the 6-foot by 10-foot painting, "When Word Was Bond," that hangs in the Cattle Exchange Restaurant in Canadian.

Frech has a masters of fine arts degree, cum laude, from the New York Academy of Art. He has done numerous sculptures, and his most recent commission was a life-size sculpture of Abraham Lincoln with Tad for Richmond, Va. The "Prairie Woman" bronze at the library stands barefoot in a wheat field, graceful but defiant and

strong to meet the hardships of frontier life. The tiny baby represents family and the generations to come.

At the dedication, Grauer said of the two sculptures, "They are an object of beauty that can lift us up, promote the traditional art technique, tell a story and stand the test of time. It is important for Pampa and the Panhandle region to have taken a stand ... using the human figure, basis of all art. It was an honor to be a part of this project ... a tremendous gift of art and values."

## Lefors ISD board to meet

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

An executive session to review superintendent applications and set interview dates will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 3 by Lefors Independent School District's school board.

The meeting will be held in the high school library at 209 E. 5th Street.

Joel Henry, the school district's most recent superintendent, resigned earlier this year, with his resignation effective June 30.

At its March 8 meeting, the Lefors school board placed Henry on administrative leave effective March 9 through June 30, after

accepting his resignation.

"We just thought it was in the best interests of the school district," said Ken Miller, school board president, in a March 10 telephone interview, when asked why Henry was placed on administrative leave.

Henry was named Lefors ISD superintendent at the end of July 2004.

He replaced Alan Law, who had been Lefors' school superintendent for about five years. Law resigned to accept the post of superintendent of Moody Independent School District.

At the time he was hired by Lefors ISD, Henry was superintendent of schools at San Jon, N.M.

## Audit

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room of Gray County Courthouse by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Amarillo office on Jan. 11. He was charged with unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

Three more counts, possession with intent to distribute or dispense cocaine, possession with intent to distribute or dispense methamphetamine and a federal charge of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms, were later added to the initial charge.

Suspected methamphetamine and cocaine, along with 35 firearms, were reportedly found amid Roach's possessions during an execution of a search warrant of his office, an apartment, and his home, according to unsealed search warrant inventories.

A petition for removal filed Jan. 12 sought Roach's removal as district attorney, but was dropped after Roach resigned the position on Feb. 8. On that same day, he entered a plea of guilty to the firearms charge in U.S. District Court in Amarillo.

Roach presently awaits sentencing on the federal charge. U.S. District Attorney officials said recently that they expected the sentencing to be conducted in early May.

Lynn Switzer, assistant district attorney under Roach, was appointed District Attorney by Gov. Rick Perry.

"In keeping with my promises to the people of the 31st District, I have asked the judge to appoint, and he has appointed, a special prosecutor to investigate possible criminal charges against Rick Roach. This investigation will also include an audit of the financial records of Mr. Roach," Switzer said in an interview with The Pampa News published March 28.

— Staff Writer Marilyn Powers contributed to this report.

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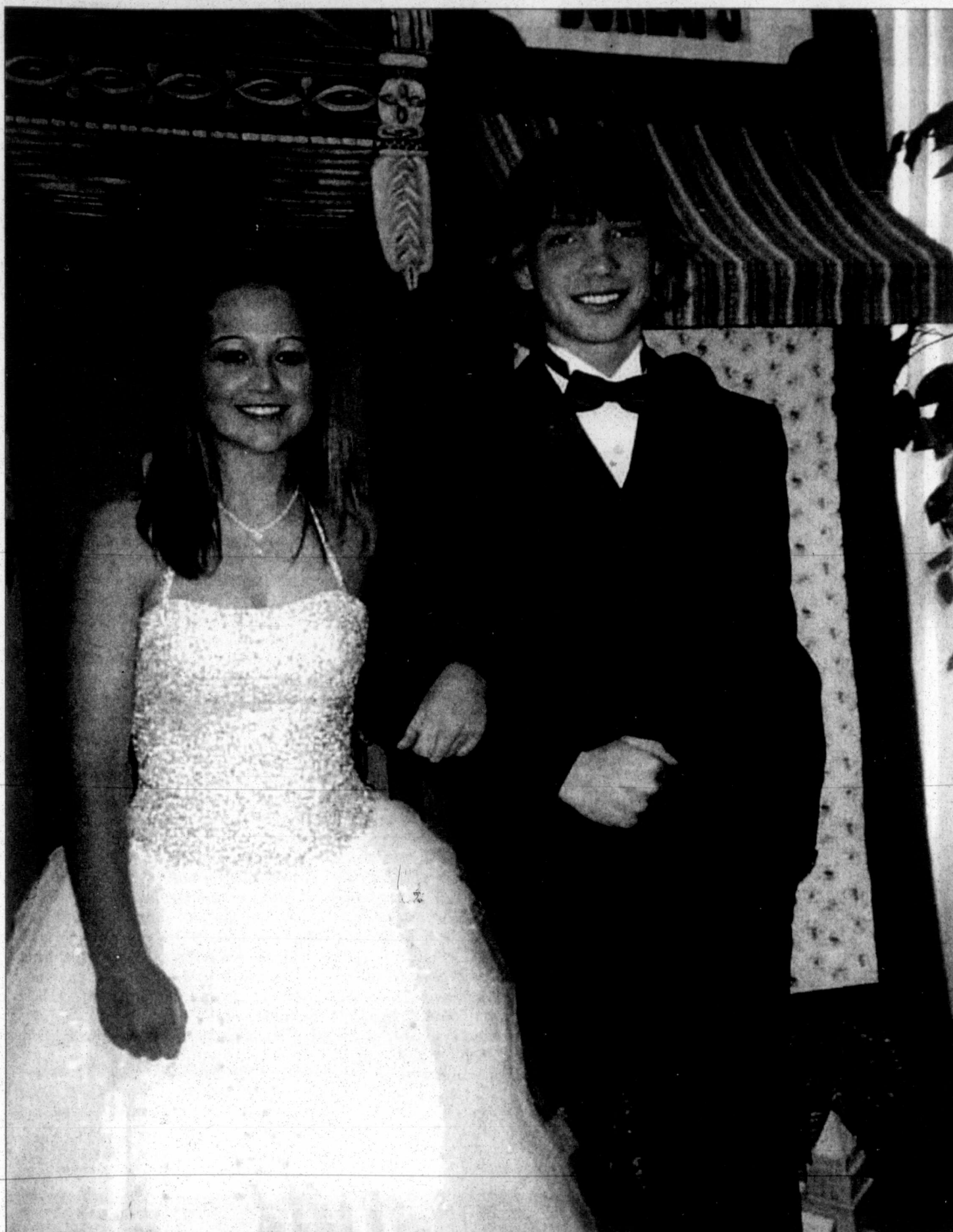
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### ASTRA models

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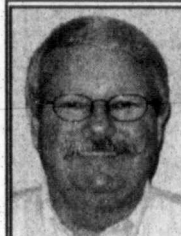
## Beef industry meeting this week in Canadian

CANADIAN — On Wednesday, May 4, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, Texas Cattle Feeders Association and Texas Beef Council will host a beef industry meeting and dinner for cattlemen in the Canadian area at River Valley Pioneer Museum in Canadian.

At the meeting, the beef checkoff will be discussed as will state and national issues impacting cattlemen, including a recap of the Texas legislative session and an update on beef trade with Canada and Japan.

Registration will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the meal at 6 and the program a 6:30.

To attend, participants must RSVP by calling 1-800-299-8232 or 1-800-242-7820.



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## RRC sets May allowables

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission recently set May 2005 natural gas production allowables for prorated fields in the state to meet market demand of 25,450,539 Mcf (thousand cubic feet).

For these fields, the May 2005 allowable represents a decrease of 2,736,893 Mcf when compared to actual production of 28,187,432 Mcf in May 2004.

In setting the May 2005 allowable, the Commission used historical production figures from May 2004 and producer forecasts for the May 2005 demand, and then adjusted the figures to account for such factors as well capability, new wells in a field, etc.

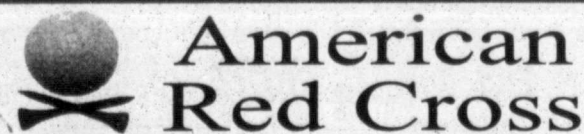
Texas natural gas storage reported by the Commission for March 2005 is 216,447,611 Mcf compared to 173,108,631 Mcf in March 2004. The April 2005 gas storage estimate is 232,323,713 Mcf.

Gas well gas from prorated fields accounts for 7 percent of total gas well production in Texas.

Preliminary statewide production reported for February 2005 is 24,986,516 barrels of crude oil and 325,459,454 Mcf of gas well gas.

The Commission's estimated final production for this month can be obtained by multiplying these preliminary production totals by a production adjustment factor of 1.0403 for crude oil and 1.1015 for gas well gas.

(These production totals do not include casinghead gas or condensate.)



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# Japan cracks down on human trafficking

By NATALIE OBIKO PEARSON  
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO (AP) — Monica's life as a Tokyo prostitute was her own choice. Like thousands of others over the past two decades, she took what she thought was a good offer of lucrative work in Japan's multi-billion-dollar sex industry.

But the Colombian woman had no idea of what awaits foreign

prostitutes in Japan: debt bondage, sometimes violent working conditions, "fines" imposed by pimps or brothel owners for any attempt to escape — and an utter lack of help from authorities.

"The reality is different once you arrive. It's much harder than you ever imagined," says Monica, 31, a single mother who still works the Tokyo streets. She spoke on condition she only be identified by her first name.

The thousands of cases like Monica's are at the center of a new crackdown on human trafficking in Japan following the country's placement on a U.S. watch list last year. Japan was again cited for trafficking in a U.S. human rights report in February.

Affluence and a lack of laws against sex trafficking have combined to make Japan one of the world's top destinations for women like Monica.

In the popular imagination, human trafficking involves women who are kidnapped or otherwise tricked into working as prostitutes. But experts say such cases are rare in Japan. More common are women who come voluntarily, but find themselves caught in slave-like conditions upon arrival.

"The Japanese human trafficking problem is the sex industry," said Kazuo Inoue, an opposition Democratic Party lawmaker and

anti-trafficking activist who says the crackdown also needs to address the root cause — demand stoked by loosely regulated red-light districts.

Tokyo is moving to clean up its act. The government is expected to pass a law by this summer to make trafficking of foreign victims into Japan a criminal offense for the first time. Authorities also have

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## Crop & Weather report

# Rice farmers praying weather will hold

COLLEGE STATION — The state's rice producers are crossing their fingers and holding their breath hoping the ideal weather lasts, according to experts with Texas Cooperative Extension.

Kelby Boldt, Extension agent in

*'If the crop is planted after optimum planting dates, it is more susceptible to disease, insects and other problems reducing the opportunity to produce high yields.'*

— Chris Schneider  
Extension agent

Jefferson County, said the warm, sunny conditions are perfect for planting, and producers are hurrying to plant the last seeds.

"About 90 percent to 95 percent of our rice is in the ground, and most of it is up," said Chris Schneider, Extension agent in Jackson County.

Bob Papanos, vice president of the United States Rice Producers Association, said this is true for most of the state. However, past dry weather delayed some planting. Producers wanted to be finished planting by April 15, he said.

"If the crop is planted after optimum planting dates, it is more susceptible to disease, insects and other problems reducing the opportunity to produce high yields," Schneider said.

Boldt said Texas producers are facing more challenges than inclement weather.

Local producers will plant less than 15,000 acres this year, he said.

"That's down, way down," he said.

The drop in production is due to the low price of rice, Boldt said.

"Production costs are way up and

the price of rice is low," he said.

Even when prices are high, producers face many pests and diseases, Schneider said.

"Blast, sheath blight, narrow brown leaf spot and brown spot are several of the disease problems," he said. "Rice water weevil, stem borers, chinch bugs and stink bugs are several of the insect problems."

Fungicides and insecticides are tools for fighting these diseases and pests, Schneider said. Quadris, Stratego, and Tilt are commonly-used fungicides, while popular insecticides are Karate Z, Mustang Max and Sevin.

Producers do not have an alternate crop to plant, Boldt said.

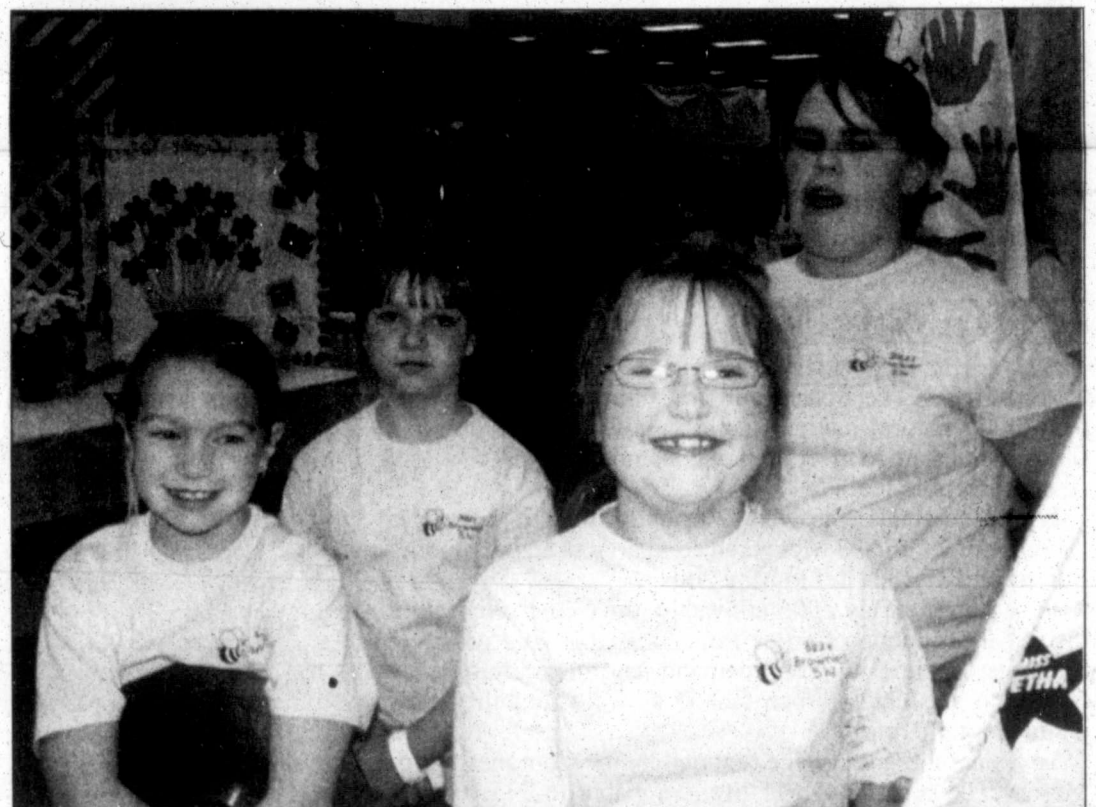
Producers will either let their land lie fallow or will graze cattle on it, Papanos said.

Texas rice is dry seeded with a drill or broadcast and flushed as needed until it is permanently flooded, Schneider said.

"Texas ranks fourth nationally, (in

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## Flag crew



Troop 514 flag crew are (left-right) Kaylee Suttle, Lacey Dodson, Nikki Anderson and from troop 55, LaTeasa Wheat at Girl Scout Day in Amarillo recently.

## Beef Quality Producer Program to be conducted

SAN ANGELO — West Texas beef producers will have two chances to learn the principles of the Beef Quality Assurance program at either of two educational meetings set for May.

In Abilene, the meeting will be May 18 in the Taylor County Expo Center's Big Country Hall.

The San Angelo meeting

will be May 19 in the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center.

The Level I training at both sites will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. with a sponsored lunch provided. Level II training will be from 3-5 p.m.

The Beef Quality Assurance program is a

series of management practices aimed at improving the quality and safety of beef. Each training will provide updates on industry changes, cattle demand and the impact producers have on beef quality.

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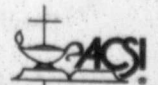
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# Report

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rice production,) behind Arkansas, California and Louisiana," he said. Texas producers planted an estimated 216,810 acres of rice in 2004.

Texas rice acreage is expected to be around 200,000 this year, Papanos said.

The following livestock, crop and weather conditions were reported by Extension districts:

**PANHANDLE:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Temperatures were above average. Isolated thunderstorms with rain and hail were reported. High winds caused rapid evaporation of surface soil moisture. Corn planting made good progress. The crop was 25 percent planted and stands are rated good to excellent. Wheat was 25 percent headed and rated good to excellent. Dryland wheat needed significant rain to continue to make good progress. Some hail damage was reported. Rangelands continued to green up and were rated fair to good. Cattle were rated fair to good. Horn fly infestation levels rose.

**SOUTH PLAINS:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Warm, clear weather was reported. Winds sapped soil moisture. Land preparation and pre-irrigation continued. Corn planting was in full swing. Winter wheat was rated fair to good. Rust continued to be a problem. Some wheat was cut for hay. Many producers will soon begin planting cotton and peanuts. Pastures and rangelands were rated fair to good. Cattle were doing well with good weather conditions.

**ROLLING PLAINS:** Soil moisture is short. Temperatures were cooler. Pastures looked better with recent moisture. Livestock were in fair condition with spring cattle work being done. Some planting began. Peanut and cotton farmers prepared for planting. Wheat and oat fields were baled. Alfalfa fields were watered. Baling will begin soon. Horn fly populations

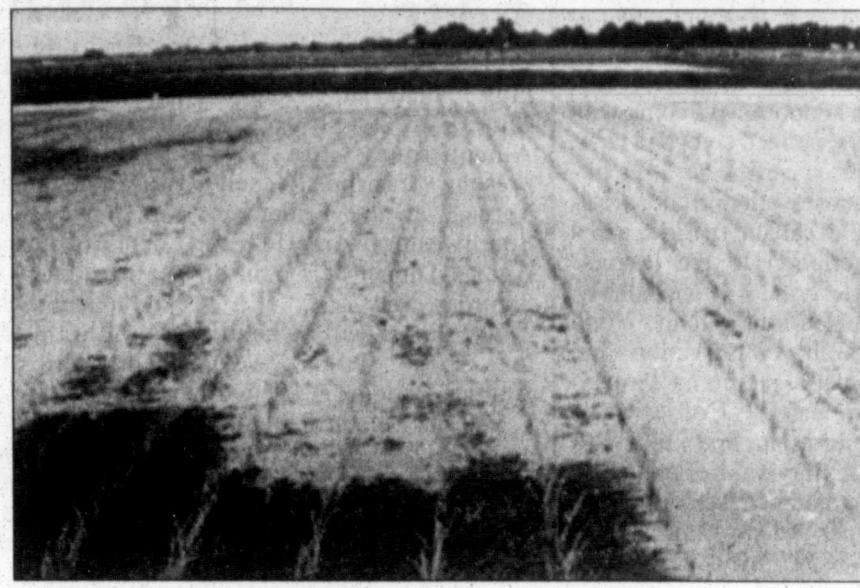
were growing, but heel fly infestations are a bigger irritant. Horse breeding continued. Livestock and calves looked good but forage is low. Cattle numbers are being reduced and yearlings are being shipped off wheat fields. Heavy stocked fields are getting short. Rangeland conditions were declining with lack of spring rain. Weeds continue to be a problem. Hot, dry weather is causing die back. Watermelons were planted.

**NORTH:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Mild weather conditions and light morning dews were reported. Corn, soybeans and wheat were rated fair to excellent. Corn was 60 percent to 100 percent emerged and needed rain. Wheat was 20 percent to 90 percent headed. Sorghum and soybeans were 40 percent to 100 percent planted. Cotton and rice were 20 percent planted. Pastures and rangelands were rated good to excellent. Rain is needed. Early season hay will be harvested soon. Cattle body condition improved with spring grasses.

**EAST TEXAS:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Seasonal weather prevailed with no significant rainfall. Top soil began to dry out. Pastures were in good condition. Warm season grasses showed signs of growth. Producers planted coastal. High fertilization costs were reported. Horn fly infestations were reported. Livestock were rated good. Early vegetable crops were harvested.

**FAR WEST:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Warmer weather and winds continue to decrease soil moisture. Pastures, rangelands and livestock were rated poor to good. Winter wheat was rated fair to good. It is completely emerged and headed. Producers are preparing to begin planting other crops by the end of the month.

**WEST CENTRAL:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Warmer daytime and cooler nighttime temperatures were reported. Extremely high drying winds depleted soil moisture. Cotton producers put down herbicides. Sorghum planting was in full swing. Pastures and rangelands



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by JAY COCKRELL)

**When rice reaches the five-leaf stage, the fields are flooded for the remainder of the season.**

did very well. Spring green up has started. Winter weeds and cool season grasses browned out. Small grains matured rapidly and were being grazed or baled. Some improved varieties of hay-grazer were planted. Wheat fields had little disease damage due to rains in the past months. Corn was being planted. Cattle movement has increased due to lack of rainfall. Livestock are in good condition. Pecan trees are in full leaf. Tent caterpillars caused some concern. Fruit set looked good on trees.

**CENTRAL:** Soil moisture is short. Pastures and rangelands provided quality grazing and cattle condition improved rapidly. Pecan and peach trees progressed well. Wheat rust was reported. Some chinch bugs and rootworms were reported in corn. Hay grazer planting was nearly complete. Cotton planting was winding down.

**SOUTHEAST:** Soil moisture is short to adequate. Dry weather and cool evenings were reported. Cool season annuals are flowering and producing seed. Foliage-feeding worms continued to feed on landscapes. Pastures started to show some stress. Pasture fertilization continued. Rice crops looked good.

**SOUTHWEST:** Soil moisture is

short. The region has been dry since March 5. Pastures and rangelands are showing stress. High winds aggravated the moisture problem by drying soil surfaces and tender young plants. Some fields and home lawns are showing signs of mid-summer dormancy. Cotton, corn, sorghum and spring vegetables are making good progress under heavy irrigation. Some wheat is drying down. Yields are predicted to be highly variable. Onions, watermelons and cantaloupes make good progress with irrigation. Cabbage harvest wound down. Potato harvest is gaining momentum. Yield and quality are good.

**COASTAL BEND:** Soil moisture is short. Warm, dry and windy days were reported. Early planted grain sorghum is growing well. Winter grasses began to head out and clovers were abundant. Spring calving is almost complete.

**SOUTH:** Soil moisture is very short. Row crops are stressed due to very dry conditions. Producers are applying irrigation to crops. Rainfall is needed by all producers, but onion harvesters are hoping the rain will hold off. Spring onion, carrot, cabbage, greens and citrus harvest continues. Cotton and grain are growing well.

# Beef

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keting strategies, record keeping, handling, culling, vaccine and drug use.

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For more information on the Abilene program, contact the Extension office in Taylor County at (325) 672-6048. For more information on the San Angelo program, contact the Extension office in Sterling County at (325) 378-3181 or call Mark Perrier at (800) 242-7820 ext. 118 or email him at: mperrier@texascattleraisers.org.

## Adopt a sea turtle for Mother's Day

Sea Turtle Survival League is urging Americans to think outside the box this Mother's Day and adopt a sea turtle as a present for mom. According to a press release from the league, Mother Earth in Native American folklore is represented as a turtle floating in a huge, primal sea.

"Although sea turtles have lived on the Earth for more than 100 million years," the release said, "today all seven species face extinction. May represents the beginning of sea turtle nesting season, a time when sea turtles return to the land to complete the ancient ritual of laying their eggs in the sand. That's why the Sea Turtle Survival League is offering a sea turtle adop-

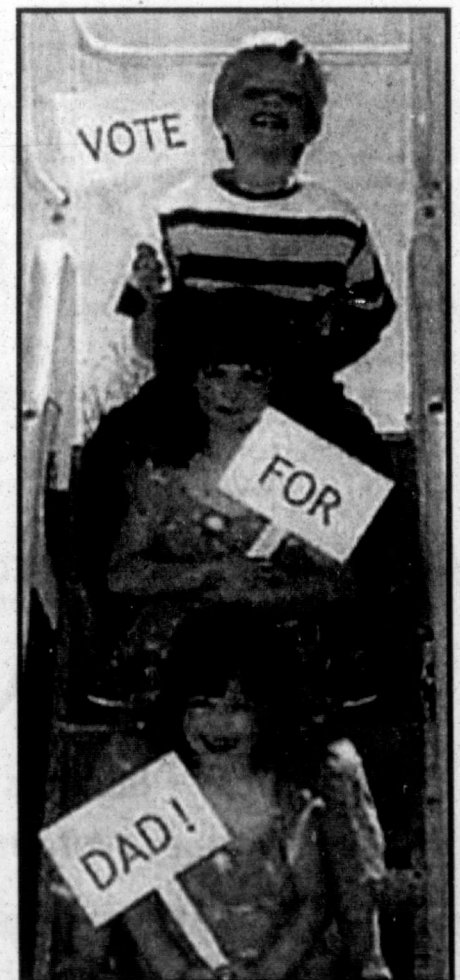
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# Turtle

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tion as the perfect Mother's Day gift for the environmentally conscious Mom."

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# FOSA to sponsor 'Charlie Russell's Yarns'

CANYON — Award-winning historian Raphael James Cristy of Albuquerque, N.M., will present "Charlie Russell's Yarns," at the Friends of Southwestern Art (FOSA) Annual Dinner at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 7.

The dinner will be held in the West Texas A&M Alumni Banquet Hall. Cost is \$40 per person for FOSA members and \$50 for non-members.

Payment and reservations are requested by April 29. For more information call

Amy David at 806-651-2233 or email [adavid@pphm.wtamu.edu](mailto:adavid@pphm.wtamu.edu).

Cristy uses his skills both as an historian and an actor to convey the breadth and depth of dozens of amusing tales that were first told aloud and then written down and illustrated in books and short stories by Charles M. Russell (1864-1926).

Since 1984, Cristy has performed tales by Charles M. Russell on stages in 30 states, Canada and Australia, and he has been included in such events as A Cowboy

Poetry Gathering in Elko, Nev., Michael Martin Murphey's WestFest in Vail, Col., the Northern Appalachian Storytelling Festival in Pennsylvania, Edmonton's International Fringe Theatre Festival in Alberta, Canada, and Australia's Sydney Festival.

In 1994, the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum awarded Cristy the Western Heritage Award for his essay on Russell's stories, "Charlie's Hidden Agenda," first published in Montana, The

Magazine of Western History.

Charles M. Russell was an open-range cowpuncher before becoming one of the most famous and sought-after artists of the American West. His patrons included many collectors and celebrities such as Douglas Fairbanks, silent film star William S. Hart and Edward, Prince of Wales.

To Montana contemporaries, Charlie Russell was a popular and gifted story-

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# Museum

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ings, sculptures and works in stone, by 10 Prix de West artists will be auctioned during the dinner.

Other special awards include the Frederic Remington Painting Award for Exceptional Artistic Merit; the Robert Loughheed Memorial Award, chosen by exhibiting artists for a display of three or more works; the James Earle Fraser Sculpture Award for artistic merit; the Major General and Mrs. Don D. Pittman Wildlife

Art Award for artistic merit; the Nona Jean Hulsey Rumsey Buyers' Choice Award, chosen by the Prix de West patrons for the most popular work of art in the exhibit and Express Ranches Great American Cowboy Award for best portrayal of the American cowboy in painting or sculpture.

A per person package price of \$320, a \$45 savings, includes the Friday evening cocktail reception, two days of seminars, a Saturday morning continental breakfast, two luncheon buffets, a bolo medallion created by Prix de West sculptor Mehl Lawson, the exhibition catalog and the

Saturday evening sale and banquet.

Tickets for individual events may be purchased separately. The cost of the two-day seminar and medallion is \$120. The elegant award-winning Prix de West catalog, which features biographies on the exhibiting artists and their entries will be available for purchase through The Museum Store for \$60 plus tax, shipping and handling.

The Prix de West Exhibition will remain on display through Monday, Sept. 11, and unsold works of art may be purchased through the closing date. For reservations and further information, call (405) 478-2250, ext. 219. For catalogs, ext. 268.

Throughout 2005, the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum celebrates the 50th anniversary of its founding, preserving history and making memories.

Anniversary activities abound related to temporary exhibitions, education programs and Museum events. Special anniversary highlights include a remembrance of Abilene, the Longhorn steer that served as the Museum's first public relations ambassador and the publication of a keepsake book highlighting the Museum's collections.

Nationally accredited, the Museum is located in Oklahoma City's Adventure District at the junction of I-44 and I-35. For more information about Prix de West and other Museum events, call (405) 478-2250.

# Japan

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tightened visa requirements for "entertainers," a category that is suspected of providing legal cover for foreign sex workers.

"We are in the process of drawing up the necessary measures to effectively battle this," said Masaru Sakamoto from the Cabinet office overseeing the government's anti-trafficking plan. "I think once those are in place, the fruits of our efforts will become more evident."

Critics, however, are waiting to see if Japan is serious about protecting victims. Japan has long treated women like Monica as accomplices to the traffickers who bring them here, deserving of few rights as sex workers and illegal migrants.

A mother at age 13, Monica was struggling to survive in a poor, violent barrio of Bogota more than a decade ago when she was approached by a broker with the offer of sex work in Japan, something that would pay enough to buy her daughter a better future back home in Colombia.

"No one comes because they want to do this work. But we choose to because there's no better option," in Japan or back in Colombia,

says the petite redhead dressed modestly during a late-night interview at a cafe near one of Tokyo's busiest red-light districts.

Arriving in 1993 at age 20, Monica was slapped with a debt of \$48,000 — much larger than she had been led to believe — and warned of reprisals against her family if she tried to escape.

Minor infringements,

Japan's sex industry has about 150,000 foreign workers today.

The Philippines, Colombia and Thailand are the top sources, according to the International Labor Organization's Japan office, although anecdotal evidence on the street points to a surging number of Russians, Koreans and Chinese as well.

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— Masaru Sakamoto  
 Cabinet official

including illness, can inflate that debt, she says, and women suffer a brutal physical toll in serving dozens of customers a week, with no days off, to get rid of the debt.

She was able to repay her debt in several months, since Japan's economy was stronger then, and now works on her own.

She says women who come these days aren't as lucky, with some finding themselves in bondage for more than a year amid ever-increasing fines for various infringements.

Statistics on women trafficked here are hard to get. Activists estimate more than 1 million may have come since the early 1980s.

The Switzerland-based International Organization for Migration calculates

The sex industry has long been treated with leniency in Japan: Red-light districts have openly thrived from the patronage of legitimate businesses.

Critics have repeatedly alleged ties between traffickers and law enforcement, from immigration officers taking bribes to allow prostitutes into the country on fake passports, to police who return escaped, abused sex workers to their captors.

Those allegations are denied by the National Police Agency.

Kinsey Alden Dinan, a Columbia University researcher, said the Japanese government does little to safeguard sex workers' rights and well-being or ensure they have ways to quit the business.

"When there's clearly a

demand for these people to work in your country, you have an obligation to work out a system that they can do it in legally and safely," she said, charging that for Japanese officials "it's easier to deport them than to deal with them."

Sakamoto of the Cabinet office said the government's anti-trafficking plan will include some counseling for prostitutes and plans to postpone immediate deportation to encourage victims to testify and cooperate with authorities.

But it's expected only a few women will qualify since the government does not recognize those who have willingly entered the country for unauthorized labor as victims, regardless of what happens to them.

"I don't see a clear plan to protect and support victims," said Yoko Yoshida, a lawyer and director of the Japan Network Against Trafficking in Persons. She said there is a need for medical attention, legal advice and job training for victims.

Japan's wealth has long drawn the hopeful, and many believe turning them away could prove difficult.

"Entertainment" visas, intended for musicians, dancers and other entertainers, are issued to 80,000 Filipina women each year. Critics contend the visas are a cover for sex trafficking, saying most women who get the visas end up working illegally as strippers, hostesses and prostitutes.

The government tightened visa requirements in mid-March, which is expected to dramatically reduce the number it issues.

Yet that plan threatens the flow of \$400 million sent home each year by Philippines citizens working in Japan, and the Philippines government has urged leniency for its citizens already working here with entertainment visas.

Chaturont Chaiyakam, a consular official at the Thai Embassy in Tokyo, estimates that of 15,000 illegal Thai migrants in Japan, roughly 6,000 are in prostitution.

Flipping through stacks of victims' affidavits collected by his embassy, Chaiyakam said it is not unusual for those sent home to Thailand to get smuggled back into Japan.

"There is still demand, so people want to come," he said.

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teller. Will Rogers often said that his longtime friend Charlie Russell was "the best story-teller I ever heard."

Sharing selected samples of Charlie Russell's droll humor and delightful narratives, Cristy presents fresh insights about this important artist, the times in which he lived and the American West. Charlie Russell's stories included good-natured roasts of friends, tall tales, sharp social satire and serious yarns that often challenged stereotypes of Native Americans.

According to B. Byron Price, director of the Russell Center, "Raphael

Cristy deals with an important, yet relatively unexplored aspect of the career of one of the most influential interpreters of the American West." For more information about Charles M. Russell, The Storyteller's Art, as well as Cristy's lectures, performances and audio tapes, see <http://www.charlierussell.com> <<http://www.charlierussell.com/>>/raphael.

Cristy's program will be the first in a series of programs and events relating to the nationally-touring exhibit "Capturing Western Legends: Russell and Remington's Canadian Frontier" appearing at the PPHM May 29 - August 21, 2005.

This exhibit is organized and circulated by the Glenbow Museum in Calgary, Alberta, and features the

work of Charles M. Russell and Frederic Remington. Both of these artists created legendary images that continue to define the 'Old West' today.

Showcased are many paintings from rarely seen collections, bringing to light new knowledge about these artists in a storyline that will delight both the casual visitor and the connoisseur.

The PPHM is the only venue west of the Mississippi to host this outstanding exhibit.

For more information about "Capturing Western Legends" or the museum, visit the museum's website at [www.panhandleplains.org](http://www.panhandleplains.org) or call 806-651-2244.

## People in the news

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Former Olympic swimmer Anthony Ervin is auctioning off the gold medal he won in 2000 to raise money for victims of last year's tsunami in Southeast Asia.

Ervin won the medal when he tied Gary Hall Jr. for first place in the 50-meter freestyle in Sydney. Ervin is coming out of retirement and hopes to win another gold at the 2008 Olympics in Beijing.

"The medal itself is just a symbol of the work I put in," he said. "But the work was what was mine. And the time I invested, I still have that. That dedication and tenacity and trying to pursue things with excellence — I still have that. By doing this, it's a good way of being able to give back."

The auction was expected to begin Thursday on eBay.

## Agriculture

# Extraction disks help test for Atrazine

By BLAIR FANNIN  
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

COLLEGE STATION — It's 'plastic please' when it comes to scientists' choice of pesticide-water sampling devices in field crops.

Wide acceptance has been building for the compact plastic disks over glass containers which are used to collect water samples and determine threatening levels of pesticide runoff.

Experts say the glass containers were prone to break during transit from field to the laboratory, and have allowed chemicals to degrade prior to being analyzed.

The disks are used extensively as part of water quality research involving atrazine with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Texas Cooperative Extension. Atrazine is a herbicide used to control broadleaf and grassy weeds.

The plastic round disks, known as "Solid Phase Extraction Disks," fit in the palm of your hand and filter water and other chemical compounds.

Although the disks have made transit of water samples easier, Dr. Scott Senseman and a group of fellow southern region scientists are trying to determine if air temperature impacts samples on the plastic disks during transit.

"We're trying to determine if variations in heat cause differences in

chemical stability," said Senseman, an Experiment Station scientist who also heads the Texas A&M University Pesticide Fate Research Laboratory.

"We can send samples in the mail with trace amounts of pesticides, and the temperature could be substantially high anywhere during the trip," he said. "We already know that several compounds are stable when attached to these disks when refrigerated, but what we don't know is how stable they are at higher temperatures like 40 or 50 degrees Celsius."

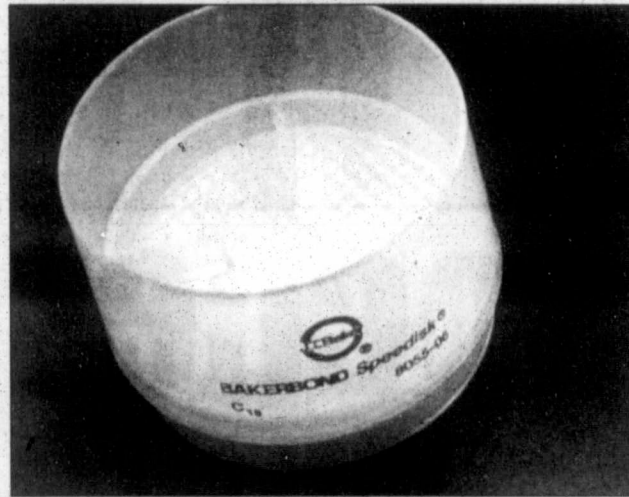
Research has proven that pesticides attached to the disks are stable when testing a variety of compounds used as common crop protection chemicals, Senseman said. And the disks are easier to handle than glass containers.

"Usually, in pesticide water monitoring, we have to go and collect samples in glass jars, put them in a cooler filled with ice and hope that the samples don't degrade from the

time the sample was collected to the time it gets back to the lab for analysis," Senseman said.

Since the disks act as filters, they also have been an effective storage medium for pesticide samples than glass containers, Senseman noted.

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(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by BLAIR FANNIN)

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## Keeping kids safe high-stress job

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — An alarming report lands on Laura Gutierrez's desk at the end of the day: A 5-year-old boy is afraid his abusive stepfather might kill him.

In a nearby office, a separate complaint reaches Audra Moy: A 6-month-old girl is hospitalized with unexplained fractures from her neck to her feet.

In the fast-paced, high-stress world of Child Protective Services, new reports of abuse and neglect pour in daily and every second of delay could leave a child in an unsafe — and potentially deadly — situation.

Gutierrez, a caseworker with the Department of Family and Protective Services, scans the report on the boy and quickly realizes she won't be going home at 5 p.m. This case needs immediate attention.

As an investigator with Unit 86, one of two initial assessment units formed in October to deal with a backlog of cases in Bexar County, which includes San Antonio, Gutierrez doesn't always have the luxury of signing out after an eight-hour day.

In reviewing the report, she learns that a 35-year-old man allegedly put a pillow over

his 5-year-old stepson's head and held the child under water on different occasions. Child Protective Services does not identify reporting parties, but the lead could have come from a school official, a neighbor or even a relative.

The man has a violent temper: Gutierrez said allegations suggest he beat up his 21-year-old wife — pregnant with her fourth child — and forced her to eat only one meal a day because he considered her "fat and ugly."


Gutierrez, a 25-year-old with a degree in psychology, decides to visit the family's home.

"To have a 5-year-old tell you that he's afraid to go home because his stepdad is going to kill him, you begin to worry," Gutierrez said.

Last year, 77 Bexar County investigators were assigned 14,525 cases, Texas records show. That's roughly 189 cases per person, many taking days and weeks to complete.

Five of the six investigators assigned to Unit 86 joined the agency within the last five months, with starting salaries of about

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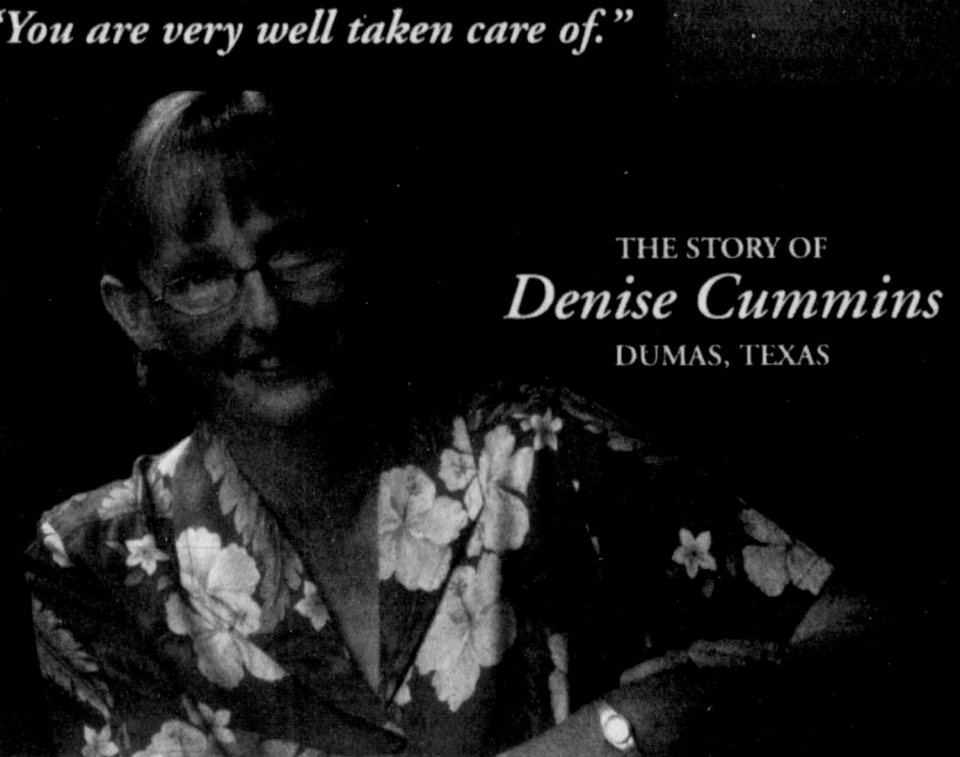
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# Sports Day



## Saturday in the park: Kids get kicks playing in PSA soccer league

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

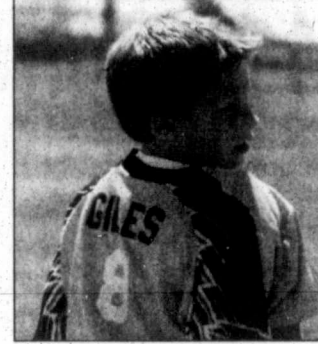
The Pampa Soccer Association kicked-off its 24th season of spring soccer recently.

The PSA is led by President Roy Anderson, and Vice-President Cole Giles. Miles Cook serves as Referee Commissioner.

Over 250 kids are taking part in PSA this year, playing in games every Saturday. The season ends next Saturday, May 7.

All games are played at the PSA soccer fields and start at 9 a.m., usually wrapping-up around 3 p.m.

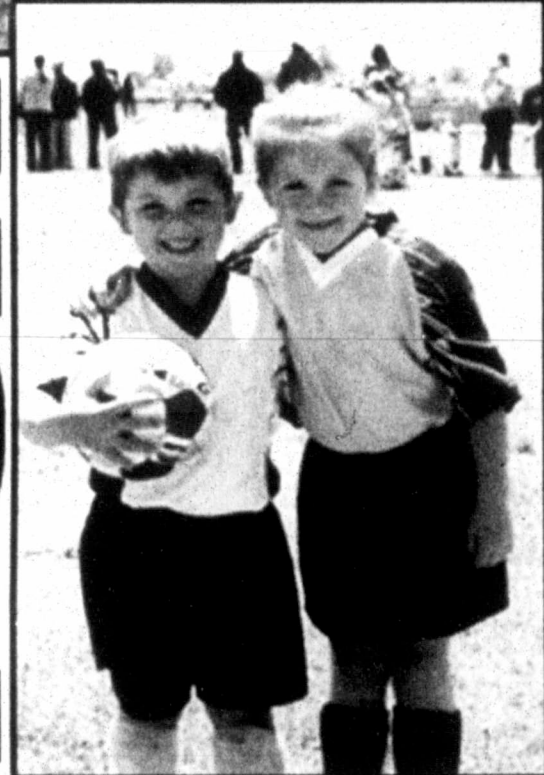
The Pampa Soccer Association invites everyone to come out and cheer these kids on.



Brak Giles

Celebrating 24 years of play, the Pampa Soccer Association is nearing the end of its current season. Lauren Littlefield (top picture, far left) and Meredith Pooley jostle for the ball while Madison Davis hustles to join in. Siblings Seth and Shelby Langley (bottom left) flash big smiles during a day of soccer at the PSA soccer fields. Referee Edgie Yerba (bottom right) takes a moment to offer young Junior Copado some advice.

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# Soccer

## Game one Pampa, 5-3

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
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The Lady Harvesters can make a return trip to the Area championship following Friday's close 5-3 bi-district win over the Maidens of San Angelo Lakeview.

Pampa was scheduled to meet SA Lakeview in game two of the best-of-three series Saturday at 12 p.m. Game three, if needed, was to follow a half hour after the conclusion of game two.

Should the Lady Harvesters win Saturday, they will get a shot at redemption themselves, as they would meet El Paso Ysleta in the Area round of the post-season. Pampas was lost to Ysleta under the same circumstances last year.

In Friday's game, Cassy Tice improved to 13-3, with six strikeouts, no walks and one hit. Tice has been nothing short of dominating throughout the season.

Though Pampa held Lakeview to just one run into the seventh inning Friday, untimely errors made the score — and the game — a little closer than it needed to be.

Said Coach Bobbi Gill afterward, "They hit some hard balls. But still, the errors were probably should have made."

When asked what she saw Friday that might have concerned her, Gill replied, "We were not very crisp on defense." She also noted, "But to not play flawless ball and still come out with a win is a pretty good feeling."

Nicole Clark went 2-4, including a triple, double, and one RBI.

Brittany Adams had a hit and scored a run.

Tice scored twice. Callie Cobb had a solid afternoon going 2-3, including a single and a double.

Kali Jimenez stepped in as a pinch-hitter, knocking a base hit in the process. She was also credited with one RBI and scored a run.

Logan Winkelman was stellar as she spelled Wendi Miller behind the plate. Miller is out with an injury.



Logan Winkelman, pictured making a great catch in right field against Caprock last week, filled-in for the injured Wendi Miller at catcher Friday afternoon. She played an important role in Pampas's 5-3 bi-district win over Lakeview in game one. Game two was scheduled for Saturday.

### REGIONAL RESULTS

## Taniguchi takes third in discus Track and field regionals ...

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Reports out of San Angelo yesterday were that the Pampas contingent didn't fair as well as was hoped.

Friday was the first day of Track and Field Regionals, where five Lady Harvesters hoped to advance to State. Alyssa Bromwell and Kendall Stokes took part in Long Jump early in the meet, but failed to qualify. Matchico Taniguchi did take third in Discus, but her throw was roughly ten feet off her normal toss.

Regionals continued Saturday, with Triple Jump, High Jump and Shot Put events.

#### Partial Results:

**Discus**  
1, Vanderbilt, Amisha, Big Spring, 123-06. 2, Shepherd, Shauna, Denton High School, 120-10. 3, Taniguchi, Machiko,

Pampa, 116-02. 4, Burst, Traci, FW Arlington Heights, 116-01. 5, Elliott, Makayla, Stephenville, 109-11. 6, Pulido, Amanda, El Paso Austin, 109-05. 7, Alvarado, Ana, Canutillo, 108-07. 8, Fierro, Monica, Big Spring, 108-02. 9, Jackson, Ashley, Stephenville, 103-08. 10, Smith, Lauri, Azle, 100-09. 11, Hickson, Nichole, FW South Hills, 100-01. 12, Woodberry, Sequoia, Address High School, 99-06. 13, Gerber, Jamie, Hereford, 98-02. 13, Yanez, Rubi, Clint Mountain View, 98-02. 15, Fannon, Kiera, Burkburnett, 98-01. 16, Ellison, Osha, Cleburne, 97-05. 17, Young, Stacy, Plainview, 95-02. 18, Bustamante, Veronica, Fabens, 95-01. 19, Hendrix, Samantha, Amarillo Palo Duro, 94-07. 20, Lawson, Abbie, Azle, 93-01. 21, Jenkins, Breanna, FW Arlington Heights, 91-08. 22, Diaz, Valerie, Wichita Falls High School, 91-00. 23, Mireles, Yareth, El Paso Ysleta, 85-00. 24, Burnett, Vanessa, Springtown High School, 74-10.

## PHS basketball booster club to meet Tuesday

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, May 2.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 7 p.m., will be held in the school library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

## Bobby Simmons most improved player of year

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Bobby Simmons of the Los Angeles Clippers was a run-away winner of the NBA Most Improved Player award, easily topping Miami Heat star Dwyane Wade and Detroit Pistons standout Tayshaun Prince despite playing on a losing team.

## Six MLB players suspended

NEW YORK (AP) — Managers Lou Piniella and Terry Francona were among six members of the Boston Red Sox and Tampa Bay Devil Rays suspended Friday for their roles in two bench-clearing scuffles last weekend.

Piniella and Francona were suspended three games apiece and fined an undisclosed amount for their teams' actions during Boston's 11-3 victory last Sunday. The game featured six ejections, two beanballs and some high-and-tight pitching.

Boston pitcher Bronson Arroyo was given the harshest penalty, a six-game suspension. Tampa Bay pitchers Dewon Brazelton and Lance Carter were each suspended five-games, and Boston outfielder Trot Nixon was suspended for two games. All four players were also fined undisclosed amounts.

All six suspensions are scheduled to begin Friday night, unless the players

choose to appeal, in which case they can play until their appeal is heard. The managers can't appeal their penalties. Boston visits Texas, and Tampa Bay is at Baltimore on Friday night.

Boston slugger David Ortiz and Tampa Bay outfielder Chris Singleton were each fined for their roles in the fracas.

Arroyo hit Singleton in the seventh inning after both teams had been warned. Arroyo also hit Aubrey Huff in the sixth inning.

In the top half of the seventh inning, Carter nearly beamed Manny Ramirez before the Boston star homered on the next pitch. Then, Carter almost hit Ortiz in the head, causing both benches to clear. Brazelton shoved into the crowd as the teams met on the diamond and was ejected for "escalating the situation," according to umpire crew chief Rick Reed. Nixon was also ejected.



## Powder puff prep



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Felicia Urban practices a reception for the upcoming powder puff football game at Pampa High School. The second annual powder puff junior-senior class showdown is scheduled for May 16, and it sponsored by the PHS student council.

## Teams win big with NCAA board

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Make it an even dozen college football games. championing academic reform.

Looking to help financially strapped athletic programs make ends meet, the NCAA board of directors approved three measures Thursday, including one that adds an extra football game to the schedule beginning in 2006.

The other measures — counting another game toward bowl eligibility and loosening requirements for teams to qualify for Division I-A — are effective this fall.

"I think in terms of finances, these institutions need money for the commitments they've made," NCAA president Myles Brand said.

"I think those who voted in favor of a 12th game saw it as a way to increase revenue."

Brand has turned his attention toward reining in athletic department-related expenses this year after spending his first two years

opposing an extra game, arguing that it could force student-athletes to miss more classes, the board viewed the proposal as a way to create some new opportunities.

It passed 8-2, with one member abstaining. "There was also a feeling that if you had another game, that it does give you some flexibility in your scheduling," chairman Robert Hemenway said. "A school like Oklahoma State, for instance, could possibly play a game in Tulsa or Oklahoma City and play to that fan base."

Some who criticized adding another football game also argued that it would extend the schedule. That point has also been made by opponents of a football playoff system, but Brand insisted the NCAA had no intention of joining that debate.

## DEI on move following slow start

TALLADEGA, Ala. (AP) — Don't start icing down the champagne quite yet, but Dale Earnhardt Inc. is showing signs of being a real contender after a slow start to the 2005 season.

And that doesn't just apply to Dale Earnhardt Jr. — Michael Waltrip also is running well in recent weeks.

Junior finished fifth in the points last year after contending for the title until the final day of the season. He started off 2005 with a second-place finish in the Daytona 500, but then slipped as far back in the points as 27th with a string of three races in which he failed to finish better than 24th.

Earnhardt has since rebounded, though, with finishes of fourth, 13th, ninth and, last Saturday night in Phoenix, fourth. Heading into Aaron's 499 NASCAR Nextel Cup race Sunday at Talladega Superspeedway — a race where both he and Waltrip will be among the favorites — Earnhardt has climbed all the way back to 12th in the standings.

Waltrip is considered by many to be little more than a journeyman driver who becomes a superstar at Daytona and Talladega, the two tracks at which NASCAR requires horsepower-sapping carburetor restrictor plates to slow the cars.

Most of the attention in recent years at DEI has been directed at fan favorite Earnhardt. But Waltrip, in a pivotal year at DEI after struggling to a 20th-place points finish in 2004 and nearly losing his ride, is working hard to give the team a solid 1-2 punch.

Coming off a second-place finish in Phoenix, Waltrip has climbed 12 spots in the points in the last three races and heads into Talladega 18th. He has three top-10 finishes in his last five starts. The younger brother of three-time Cup champion Darrell Waltrip only had nine top-10s all of last season.

The slow starts by both drivers probably can be attributed to the surprising offseason shakeup in which the drivers essentially

swapped teams.

Earnhardt's crew, including car chief Tony Eury Jr., took all of his No. 8 Chevrolets and moved to Waltrip's No. 15 shop, while Pete Rondeau, who finished 2004 as Waltrip's crew chief, took his crew and cars and went to Earnhardt's shop.

The idea was to raise everyone's game. The first few races — other than Earnhardt's strong Daytona run — made it look like a failed experiment.

"I've stepped up my commitment," Earnhardt said. "I started out the year relaxed and allowing those guys to get used to the change first and with me in there. I didn't want to push them hard at the start."

"But we're starting to get into the season. Me and Pete, we're starting to work a little harder and demand a little more from ourselves around the racetrack. We're driving real, real hard to get good finishes for the team and keep them going."

Earnhardt's resurgence was a necessity for a team with high expectations. Waltrip's recent showing

has been a somewhat unexpected bonus.

But it's no surprise to Waltrip, who was sure both teams would prosper from the crew swap.

"Pete and the boys that work on the No. 8 car are smart, talented individuals," Waltrip said. "I knew that when you put Dale Jr. with them, they would have success. And I saw what Tony Jr. and those guys did with Dale Jr."

Still, it took a while to get it all together.

"If you can picture this," Waltrip said, "When we would run last year with the No. 15 and the race would be over and we'd finish 16th or 17th, they'd look at me like, 'What's wrong with you?' and I'd look at them like, 'What makes you sure y'all didn't mess up?' And nobody knows the answer."

"But, when I got in my car this year, I look at my crew and said, 'I'm yours. Take me and mold me. Make me one of you.' I wanted those guys to pour their knowledge on me and let me suck it up and be one of them."

## Wheldon looking forward to challenge of Japan race

MOTEGI, Japan (AP) — Dan Wheldon's first IndyCar Series win came last year in Japan — and it was a great relief for host Honda.

The victory by Wheldon at the 2004 Indy Japan 300 in a Honda-powered car was also the first win for the Japanese manufacturer on its home track after six unsuccessful tries — a win by Scott Sharp in a Toyota-powered car in 2003 in the inaugural Indy Racing League event at the Twin Ring Motegi track, and a Toyota victory and four by Fords in the five preceding CART races.

Wheldon, a 26-year-old Englishman, will be among the favorites for Saturday's IRL race at the track Honda built north of Tokyo.

The Indy Japan 300 is the fourth event of the 17-race IndyCar series. In addition to overcoming jet lag, Wheldon said he also will have to overcome the unique challenge of the 1.5-mile Motegi oval.

"What makes it challenging is that one end is open and one end is pretty tight," Wheldon said Wednesday, ahead of Thursday's opening practice session. "It's one of those tracks where to be quick, you have to be on the edge. It's a facility where you also have to have the power and every time we've been here, we've had good power with Honda."

Wheldon, the 2003 IRL rookie of the

year, is coming off a victory at the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg on April 4. He also won the season-opening Toyota Indy 300 at the Homestead-Miami Speedway and leads the 2005 standings.

Last year was a big step for Wheldon. He won three races and finished second to friend and Andretti Green Racing teammate Tony Kanaan in the points.

In St. Petersburg, Wheldon led an unprecedented 1-2-3-4 sweep by the AGR team that included Kanaan, Dario Franchitti and Bryan Herta following behind.

Kanaan, second in the standings, 24 points behind Wheldon, will be looking to keep the pressure on his teammate in Saturday's 200-lap race.

Sam Hornish Jr., who won the XM Satellite Radio Indy 200 at Phoenix International Raceway on March 19, also will be among the favorites.

Local fans, meanwhile, will be hoping for a strong performance by Japanese driver Kosuke Matsuura, who finished eighth here last year.

"I'm very excited," said Matsuura. "Last year before the race it was crazy as I had to meet with someone every three or four minutes. I'll be more used to it this year."

For Saturday's race, the Motegi track has been revamped with the installation of 4,184 feet of SAFER Barrier.

*"It's one of those tracks where to be quick, you have to be on the edge. It's a facility where you also have to have the power and every time we've been here, we've had good power with Honda.."*

— Dan Wheldon  
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of the samples may take an hour or two to filter in the laboratory. The plastic disks can be used in the field to extract samples during transport from one collection site to the next, Senseman noted.

## Safe

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\$29,000 a year. The exception is 29-year-old Moy, a senior investigator with six years of experience. All are women — not that unusual in an agency where most employees are female.

A state review ordered by Gov. Rick Perry found that CPS investigators — many juggling 70 or more cases a month — often took too long to visit suspected abuse victims and closed their cases too early. A 51 percent annual turnover rate among investigators also hampers the agency, the review found.

Perry and state lawmakers are hoping to ease the burden. Legislative proposals include hiring additional caseworkers, increasing investigators' pay and using new technology to reduce workloads.

"I hope change comes about, because I think it's going to be hard for the agency to keep people if change doesn't come about," Moy said.

When visiting homes, CPS caseworkers carry a badge but no weapons — although they occasionally bring police along with them when they fear the situation might spiral out of control. (In early March, two CPS workers fled on foot after facing shotgun fire at a house they visited near Alice. A woman eventually was arrested.)

The 5-year-old boy's

stepfather was not at home when Gutierrez showed up without a police escort that night.

After talking with the boy and listening to his mother describe four years of domestic abuse, Gutierrez gives her a choice: "Either she was going to have to protect her children or I was going to take them away to protect them for her," she said.

The woman agrees to leave the home and spend the night at a battered women's shelter.

At home that night, Gutierrez can't get the family out of her mind. She feels confident she helped matters.

"The majority of time, you hear nothing but bad stuff," she said. "But trust me, there's a lot of good stuff that happens."

The next morning, Gutierrez spends time at the shelter, talking with the woman and trying to discourage her from returning home.

Moy, herself the mother of a 21-month-old son, said investigators learn to put aside their personal feelings and "go from there."

But she said, "There are days when I go home and I tell my husband, 'I don't want to do it anymore. I want to quit.' ... You just have to take a step back and try to realize why you're here."

Melissa Tijerina, Unit 86's supervisor, later joins Moy and five other CPS investigators and supervisors in a "pre-removal

staffing" meeting to determine whether to take custody of the 6-month-old girl with fractures all over her body, including her ribs, arms and right leg.

When time allows, CPS convenes such meetings so staff members can compare notes before taking a child from a parent, Tijerina said.

The baby's mother had brought her to a military hospital for vomiting and diarrhea, Moy explains.

Just days before, doctors had treated the infant and her 2-year-old brother for pneumonia and respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV.

At that time, they had done a chest X-ray. When doctors reviewed the X-ray again after the child was brought back to the hospital, they discovered that her ribs were fractured.

The same child was seen in the emergency room at 1 week old for bruising to the buttocks, which her 23-year-old mother blamed on the baby's breach position before her birth. At two months old, the girl was taken to the hospital for a fever and doctors noticed a bruised eye, which the mom attributed to the older brother throwing a ball. CPS was not notified in either case.

After discovering the fractures, doctors ran tests for brittle bone disease, a birth disorder.

The results would take at least a week. But two physicians said they suspected abuse was the cause of the fractures.

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# Lifestyle

## Left behind, but not for long

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### NEWSMAKERS

**LUBBOCK** — Students in the Texas Tech University College of Human Sciences' Department of Apparel Design and Manufacturing took top honors in the 2005 Career Day Fashion Design Competition in Dallas.

Winners in the Trend Board Design competition — in which students forecast future fashion trends — included Sarah Schwab of Pampa, who won first place in the mohair category.

The competition was held at the Dallas International Apparel Mart and was sponsored by Fashion Group International Dallas Chapter and Texas Food and Fibers Commission.

**DURHAM, N.C.** — TIP, the Duke University Talent Identification Program, is sponsoring a series of recognition ceremonies to honor some of the most academically talented seventh-graders in the United States.

This year 22,087 students within Duke TIP's 16 state region are invited to attend State Recognition Ceremonies. Students invited to the Duke TIP ceremonies earned scores that would be the envy of many graduating seniors and while only in the seventh grade.

Among those honored are Alexander Clendening of Pampa Junior High School; and Ashley Murray and Jeshiah Roskens, both of Groom.

"The gifted youngster is arguably America's most precious natural resource," said Duke TIP's Executive Director Martha Putallaz. "The recent outstanding performance of these seventh-grade students on standard college entrance examinations is a remarkable accomplishment. It is essential that we identify such children early so that their talents can be nurtured and developed. Duke TIP plays an important role — to the student, her/his family, school and community — in identifying America's most academically talented students and providing educational resources for them throughout their middle and high school years. With all of the demands on our educational system to provide education across the broad spectrum of students, it is important that we help identify and nurture these most precious natural resources."

Duke TIP sponsors both State Recognition Ceremonies and a Grand Recognition Ceremony, for the very highest scoring students.

Students invited to the Grand Recognition Ceremony earned a math or verbal score on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) or the American College Testing Assessment (ACT) higher than most college-bound high school seniors as part of TIP's 25th annual Talent Search.

Of the 73,258 students who participated in the 2004-2005 Talent Search, 1,375 qualified for this honor.

In addition to the Grand Recognition Ceremony, many Talent Search participants are also honored at ceremonies in their home states.

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American support to protect Cambodia national status from hostile neighbors in Vietnam and Thailand. When the United States backed the struggling Bao Dai regime of South Vietnam instead, Sihanouk broke all ties to the U.S. and appeased his enemies by allowing them to establish supply routes and bases in what was considered the Cambodian Frontier Zone bordering South Vietnam.

By late 1967, North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces had gathered in such great numbers in that frontier zone in preparation for the surprise Tet Offensive of January 1968, that Sihanouk resolved to reopen communications with American diplomats. On Dec. 29, 1967, in an interview with Karnow, Sihanouk said he was willing to allow the United States the right of hot pursuit against the North Vietnamese and Vietcong in Cambodia as long as no Cambodians were harmed.

President Lyndon Johnson hadn't wanted to expand the war into Cambodia, but within a week of his inauguration, Jan. 20, 1969, President Richard Nixon had started down the trail that led to the Cambodian Incursion.

Initially, there were B-52 bombing raids.

By March 1970, Cambodia was in total upheaval. His prime minister, Lon Nol, had ousted Sihanouk. The North Vietnamese were supporting the Khmer Rouge, the Cambodian Communist movement. This in addition to American troop withdrawals made to appease domestic protesters, led Nixon to consider another attack against the enemy supply routes and bases in Cambodia.

On May, 1, 1970, a traditional Communist holiday, a combined force of U.S. and South Vietnamese soldiers attacked North Vietnamese supply bases inside Cambodia.

Some 20,000 U.S. troops crossed the border in the Cambodian Incursion.

"Incursion," Elliott snorted. "It looked like war to me."

Elliott had been on R&R in Japan when the move occurred. By the time he returned, his unit had already moved into Cambodia. It wasn't long before Elliott caught up with them.

"I didn't miss much of it," Elliott said. "I didn't miss much of it at all. Just a couple of days."

Elliott took the bullet train back to Tokyo and caught a flight to the Republic of Vietnam. A couple of convoys later, he caught up with his unit.

"I was born here in Pampa," Elliott said. "Graduated from Pampa High School in 1968."

He went to college one semester, hated it and transferred to the University of Southeast Asia -- Vietnam.

Elliott went into the Army in January 1969. His father told him to be a mechanic. That way he'd avoid combat and stay in the rear areas where it was safe.

First, it was Fort Bliss for basic training, then Elliott went to Fort Huachuca for mechanic's school dealing with wheeled vehicles. After that, he went to Fort Sill, Okla., for mechanic's school dealing with tracked vehicles.

With his training as a mechanic, Elliott was immediately put on a tank when he arrived in Vietnam.

"They said, 'Oh, you're a track mechanic,'" Elliott said. "'See that tank? Get on it and let's go.'"

He said he never worked in Vietnam as a mechanic, except on his own tank. He spent most of his time in combat or recovering broken tanks.

"It was Aug. 9, 1969, when I landed in Vietnam," Elliott said.

Elliott was awaiting assignment from a replacement pool at Cam Ranh Bay when he first came under fire. He had-



Dennis Elliott, left, atop his tank recovery vehicle in the Central Highlands of Vietnam in 1970 with two other members of his four-man team, Christie and Wilsey. The fourth member of the team, Lorang, shot the photo. Elliott still has the flag flying from his M88 tracked vehicle.

n't even been issued a weapon when Viet Cong sappers attacked the base that night with satchel charges.

Elliott said it was a lot better the next day when he got his M-16 and his tank.

"The worst day was the first day," Elliott said.

The second-worst day, he said, was when he got caught in a cross fire, pulling a tank up Mang Yang Pass in the Central Highlands.

and close the hatches, but at Mang Yang Pass, Elliott said everyone was inside. Only his arm was exposed as he fired his twin mounted .50-caliber machine guns.

Elliott was assigned to the 4th Combat Engineers with the 4th Infantry Division in the Central Highlands. The Central Highlands were dry and dusty. The red dust settled on everything until the rainy season came.

"We tried to stay at Plei Djerjang all the time," Elliott said. "That was deep in the heart of Indian Country, four clicks from the Cambodian border."

But his crew spent a lot of time moving.

"We just went everywhere with that 88," Elliott said. "Whatever needed doing, we'd go anywhere. We were recovery. If a tank got its track blown off, we had to go tow it in."

Elliott's crew was with the First Air Cav when the Cambodian Incursion began.

Every time the cavalry's tanks got stuck in the middle of the night, Elliott said, they'd come get his crew.

"They'd take us out there to where they were stuck in the middle of nowhere in some really scary country," Elliott said, "and we'd have to pull them out."

Fortunately, Elliott said, they'd put up a tight security perimeter and protect the recovery unit.

"They'd pull a 360 with their tanks around us so we could light it up and do our work and get the guy out," Elliott said. "As long as you had those, the First Cav, for security, you didn't have to worry about it."

The First Cavalry Division spearheaded the invasion of the Fishhook area of Cambodia. Huge caches of enemy munitions and supplies were found and destroyed.

There were two areas of that invasion, Elliott said. One was the Fishhook, and one was the Parrot's Beak.

"We were in the Fishhook," Elliott said.

On May 6, 1970, U.S. forces captured some 500 huts, tons of rice and arms and ammunition in their sweep through the Fishhook region of Cambodia.

"We were finding tons of stuff," Elliott said. "It was unreal how much stuff we came across."

The North Vietnamese retreated west further into Cambodia rather than stand and fight.

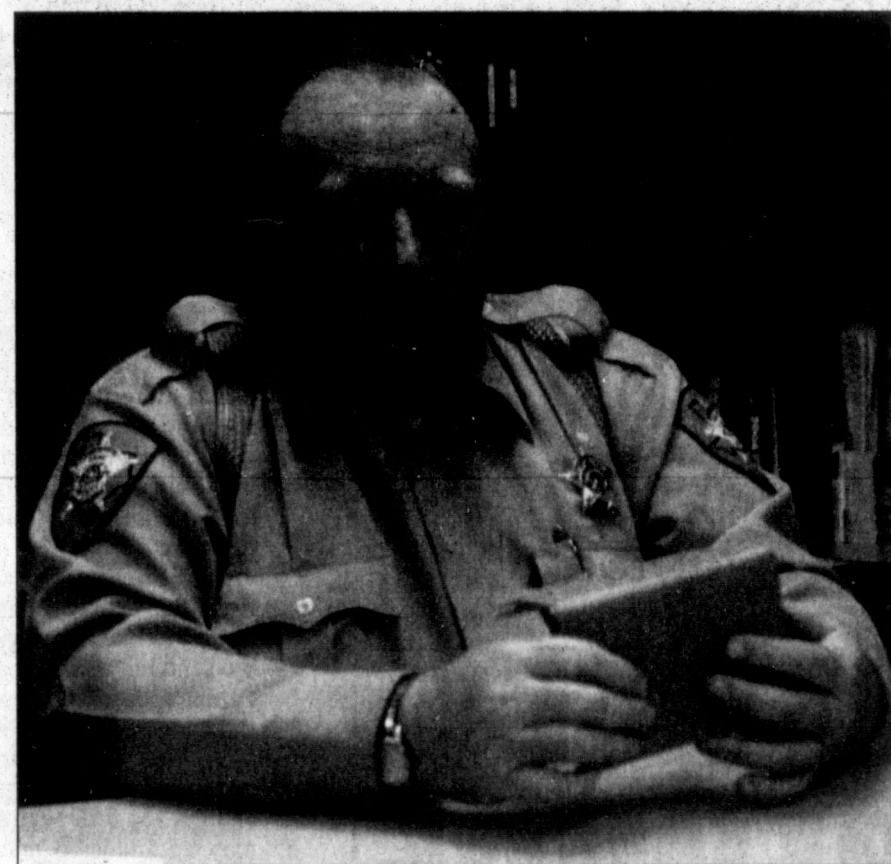
"There was really no resistance," Elliott said. "They weren't expecting us."

U.S. troops withdrew from Cambodia on June 29, 1970. Over 350 Americans died during the incursion.

After he got out of the Army, Elliott worked in the oil patch around Pampa, then took a job as a bank guard in Amarillo. He met then Potter County Sheriff Jimmy Don Boydston, who hired him as a Potter County deputy.

Elliott retired in 2003 from the Potter County sheriff's office and moved back to Pampa, but boredom soon set in and he approached Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland.

Elliott now works nights, far away from the shiny boots and pressed fatigues.



Gray County Deputy Dennis Elliott at his Pampa office.

The North Vietnamese were at the top of the pass and Republic of Korea troops were down in Tiger Valley.

"Mang Yang was so steep and we were towing so we were reduced to a crawl and taking fire from both directions," Elliott said.

Usually, he said, his crew didn't button up, or get down in the tank

"Then it was red mud," Elliott said.

He had an M88 tank recovery vehicle, a basic heavy tank body without the gun turret. It was designed to pull recover disabled tanks. It could pull up to 15 tanks like a train on level ground.

"That's how powerful it was," Elliott said.



Dennis Elliott peers from the turret of his M88 tank recovery vehicle in 1970 in the Central Highlands of South Vietnam.



## Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

### 20th Century Club

Twentieth Century Club of Pampa met April 26 at the home of hostess Pat Terry who was assisted by President Fay Harvey. Harvey presided over the meeting. Secretary Louise Bailey led the pledge and the club collect.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Bailey took roll and read minutes from the previous meeting which were approved as read.

—Various reports were heard including community activities, education and home life, science and technology and more.

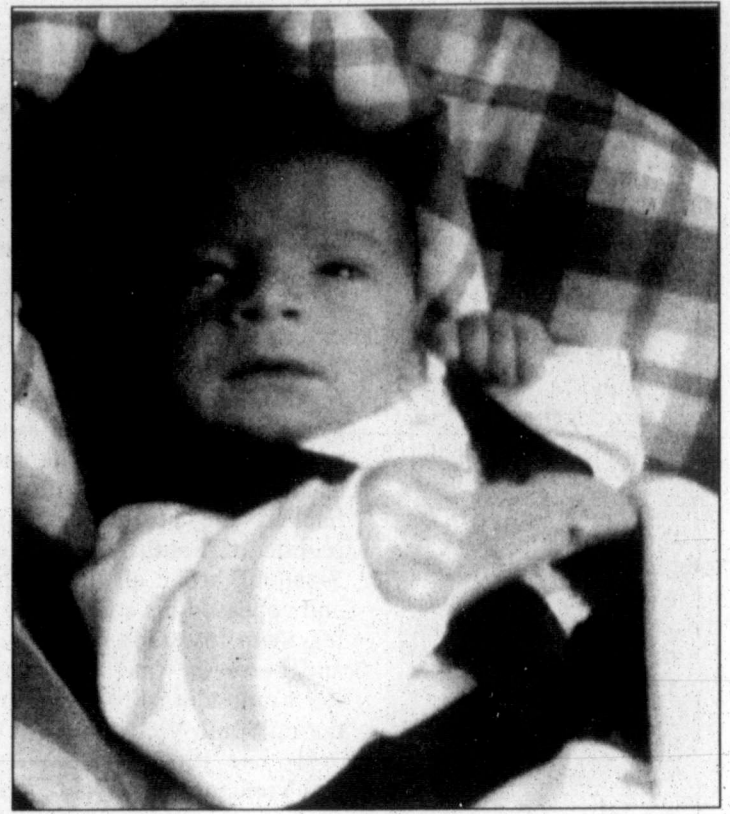
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## Cradle call



### Jadyn Lucas Box

Jadyn Lucas Box was born at 10:50 a.m. Jan. 30 at Pampa Regional Medical Center in Pampa, to Sherry Box and Chad Box of White Deer. At birth, the infant weighed 5-pounds, 14 1/2-ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Relatives include a sister and brother, Amber Sons and Preston Sons of White Deer; grandparents, Judy Howard of Pampa, Woodie Sons of Stanton, Ky., and Bryan and Lawausa McCurley of White Deer; and great-grandparent, Loel Box.



### Haiden Michael King

Haiden Michael King was born at 7:40 p.m., March 24, at United Region Health Center in Wichita Falls, Texas, to Devin and Lauren King of Wichita Falls. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 12-ounces and was 20 inches long. Relatives include grandparents, Dennis and Doris King of Pampa and Dale and Jan Putrino of Euless.

## Bridal Registry

**Jera Skinner & Josh Salazar**  
**Gina Berger & Micah Cobb**  
**Andrea Abbe & Cary Erskine**  
**Erin Bilansky & Greg Easley**  
**Lacey Seuhs & Troy McClendon**  
**Sarah Fraser & Adam Rodgers**  
**Shannon Stroud & Tony Cavaller**  
**Cara Swart & Brock Hodges**  
**Misty Guess & Jeff Adams**  
**April Rodgers & Dane Ward**  
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1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

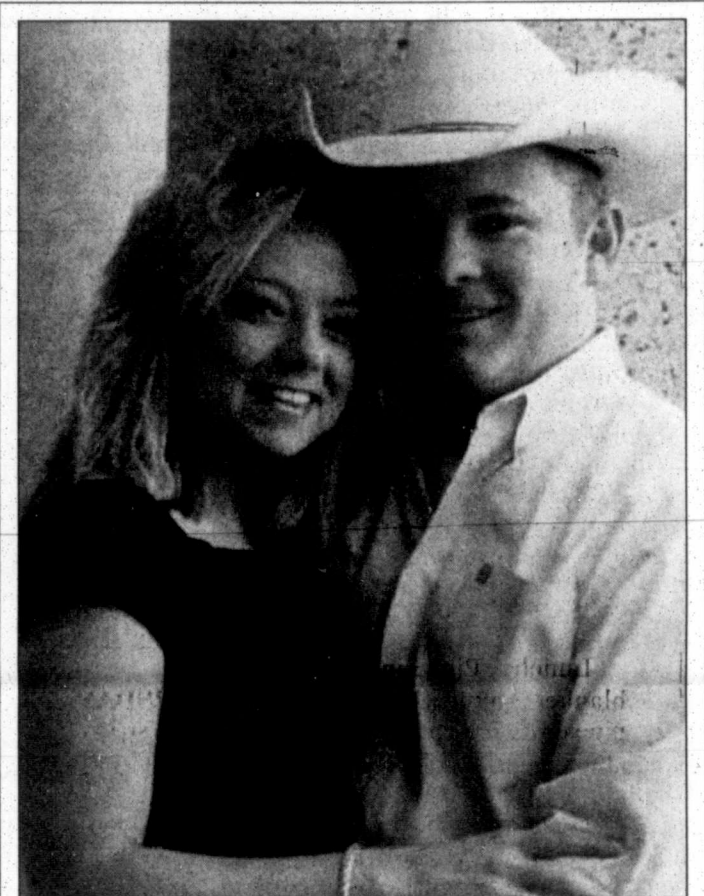
5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).



### Scribner/Hudson

Lindsay Dawn Scribner of Houston and John Matthew Hudson of Friendswood plan to wed Saturday, June 18 at First Baptist Church in Pampa. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Billy and Cathy Scribner of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1999 and received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Tech University in 2003. She is currently enrolled in the University of Houston College of Optometry with plans to graduate in May 2007. The future bridegroom is the son of John and Sheri Hudson of Hamlin. He graduated from Hamlin High School in 1996 and received a BS degree in agriculture education from TTU in 2002. He is presently an agriscience teacher at Clear Brook High School in Friendswood.

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# Club

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—Bailey delivered a program on the book "Reflections at 60 and Beyond" by Larry McMurtry.

The club will next meet for a salad luncheon and

installation of officers at 12 noon, May 9 at the home of Nancy Coffee.

**Altrusa**  
Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met April 26 at Pampa Country Club with Vice-President Joan Gray-Soria presiding. Judy Warner and Barbara Hahn served as greeters.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Beth Miller, co-chair of Altrusa Style Show, extended appreciation to all who helped with the show. Miller was presented a bouquet in

appreciation of her efforts.

—Members were reminded of the Program Planning Meeting at 7 p.m. May 3 at Gray County Extension Annex.

—A Schneider House ice cream social is planned for 2

p.m., May 1.

—The Accent was presented by Dorla McAndrew on the topic of leadership.

—Brenda Tucker conducted a new member initiation for Becky Epps and Julia Sparkman.

—Tucker presented a program on Leadership Development and conducted a written test on "First Impressions."

The next meeting will be at 12 noon May 10 at Pampa Country Club.

# Menus

Week of May 2-6

**Pampa Schools MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Waffle sticks.

Lunch: Corndogs or steak fingers, French fries, spinach, pineapple, pudding cups.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: Toast.  
Lunch: Lasagna or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, apple-sauce, gelatin, bread sticks.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: French toast bagel.

Lunch: Pizza or macaroni cheese, English peas, sliced potatoes, fruit, rolls.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Soft burritos or beef/cheese nachos, pinto beans, salad, spiced apples, Spanish rice.

**FRIDAY**  
No school.

**Lefors Schools MONDAY**  
Breakfast: Yogurt, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, pineapple orange salad, chips.

**TUESDAY**  
Breakfast: French toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chalupas, lettuce, tomatoes, tortillas.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Breakfast: Omelets, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Steak, potatoes, gravy, beans, rolls, strawberry short cake.

**THURSDAY**  
Breakfast: Oatmeal, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Chicken/rice wrap, beans, corn, fruit, hot sauce.

**FRIDAY**  
Breakfast: Cold cereal, toast, juice, milk.

Lunch: Sub sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickle, carrots, French fries, brownies.

**Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY**  
Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, dessert, treat.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Hot dogs/chili, chips, dessert, treat.

**Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY**  
Spaghetti, meat

sauce, green beans, salad, rolls, pudding cups.

**THURSDAY**  
Hot dogs, chips, pork and beans, dessert.

**Senior Citizens MONDAY**  
Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos/cheese sauce, mashed potatoes, Mexican rice, pinto beans, German chocolate cake or blueberry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**TUESDAY**  
Baked fish/rice or moch filet mignon, cheese potatoes, California blend, corn cobbettes, beans, Boston cream pie or coconut cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, fried okra, breaded tomatoes, beans, French vanilla cake or cherry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**THURSDAY**  
Chicken strips or liver and onions, potatoes O'Brien, carrots, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, black forest cake or pineapple squares, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

**FRIDAY**  
Catfish/hushpuppies or spaghetti/meatballs, potato wedges, zucchini squash, beans, cinnamon swirl cake or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

**Meals On Wheels MONDAY**  
Sausage/cabbage, blackeyed peas, fried potatoes, cake.

**TUESDAY**  
Pork roast, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, peas, pineapple.

**THURSDAY**  
Oven-fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, autumn salad.

**FRIDAY**  
Soft tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad, peaches.



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 and thinking of running away. The reason is, my mother doesn't want me, my brothers or my dad. She's selling our house so she can go and live with her mother, and so Dad and we kids can live with my dad's mother. Abby, she wants to divorce my father, and she doesn't care that she's hurting us.

My brothers don't quite understand what's going on. They are hurt when they tell Mother that they love her and she doesn't answer back. I can't stand it!

All I want is for our family to stay together. How can I let my mother know how much she's hurting me? She has never been an understanding person, and I know she'll fly off the handle if I tell her, but I still want to. What can I tell her? -- RUNNING AWAY IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR RUNNING AWAY: I don't know what has broken up your parents' marriage, but I can guarantee you that it has nothing to do with you and your siblings. You need answers, and you are entitled to have them. It is important that you talk to your mother. Tell her that you love her and are very hurt and confused, and that you need her to help you understand why all this is happening. Believe me, it is not that she doesn't love you. She may be ill or unable to properly take care of you.

DEAR ABBY: Is it absolutely necessary for a married person to wear a wedding ring? I am an independent woman with my own career in a technical and demanding field. I will never be a "traditional" wife. In fact, I resent the stereotyped gender roles that traditional marriage represents. Furthermore, I detest wearing rings in general. I find them uncomfortable and itchy.

I have brushed up against engagement before and have not been able to think of a solution. I value the idea of marriage as a

partnership that should be honored. It's just that the traditional assumptions of others make my skin crawl, and so do rings in general.

There must be other women -- or men -- out there with this problem. What would you suggest? -- FREE SOUL IN TEMPE, ARIZ.

DEAR FREE SOUL: Although wearing a ring when someone is in an official relationship (engaged, married) is customary, no law demands it. If the idea of the piece of jewelry is what bothers you, take your lead from some of the celebrities who have had theirs tattooed on.

However, if your reluctance is caused by what the ring symbolizes, then you are either going to have to find a mate with feelings similar to your own or not get married.

DEAR ABBY: What is proper etiquette when someone has been staring at you in a restaurant or at an event? It makes me uncomfortable when I'm in a situation -- like a social or networking event -- where I can't leave. Usually, when I'm alone or with another person, I'll just move away. But there have been times when I find myself trapped. Should I ask the person staring at me, "How can I help you?" I can ignore being stared at for five or 10 minutes, but on occasion it has lasted for an hour or more. -- UNCOMFORTABLE IN HAWAII

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: I prefer the direct approach. Say to the person, "I've noticed that you have been looking at me. Is there a reason?"

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

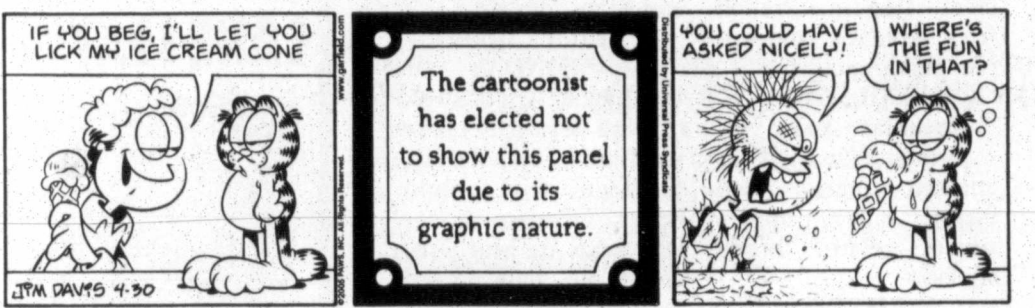
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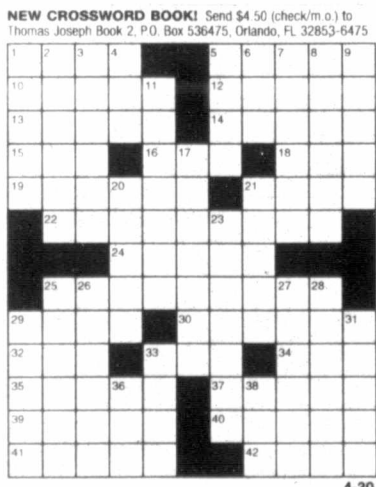
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Ammo
  - 5 Grave
  - 10 Gave an edge
  - 12 Short poem
  - 13 Words of support
  - 14 Incites
  - 15 Vulgar
  - 16 Bad review
  - 18 Young one
  - 19 Use for effect
  - 21 Debt notes
  - 22 Hole in the head
  - 24 Blasting stuff
  - 25 Be approved
  - 29 Nerve
  - 30 Spring holiday
  - 32 Diamond VIP
  - 33 Sleeve fill
  - 34 Course start
  - 35 Singer Rimes
  - 37 Stay away from
  - 39 Did some modeling
  - 40 Moved the boat
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- 1 Nest
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  - 11 Account addition
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  - 23 Coffee additive
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  - 26 Rio Grande city
  - 27 Senators' home
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  - 29 Swallows star
  - 31 Marsh growths
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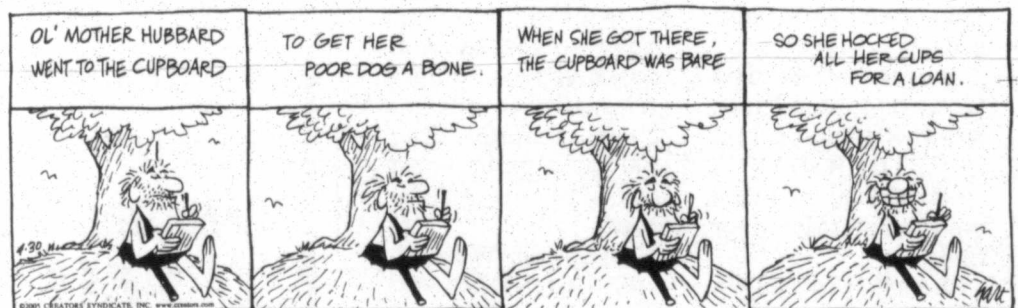
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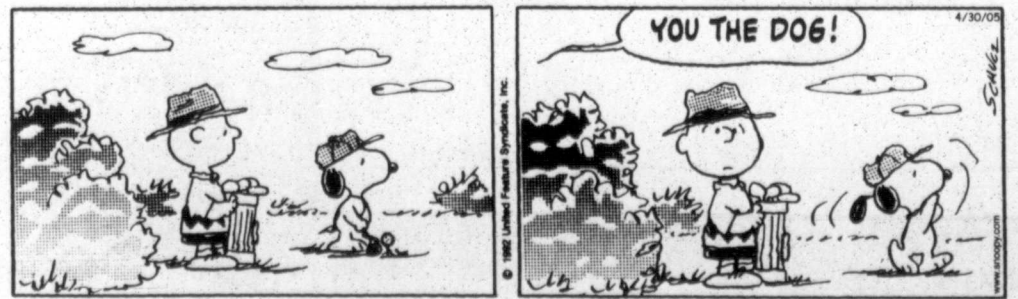
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### 3RD - 6TH GRADES

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### 2005 Registration Form

Please use **one form per child** and please print clearly.

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 Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone Number: Day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send registration form(s) and your payment to:  
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### Reservation Policy

- Reservations are based on first come, first serve basis and depends on class availability.
- Refund Policy: Cancellations must be made by June 3, 2005 in order to receive a full refund minus a \$5.00 processing fee. If cancellation is made one week prior to the program, all but \$25, T-shirt fees, and lunch fees will be refunded.
- St. Matthew's reserves the right to cancel a program. If St. Matthew's cancels a program for any reason, you will receive a full refund.





# Medical



## HEALTH AWARENESS

### Colorectal cancer screening can save lives, early detection vital

(NAPSA) — Colorectal cancer is the third leading cause of cancer-related death in the United States. Each year, more than 58,000 people die from CRC and the American Cancer Society (ACS) estimates that more than 106,000 new cases are diagnosed each year.

More than 76 million Americans are older than 50, yet it is estimated that only about half of them have been screened for CRC. Fortunately, CRC is one of the most preventable forms of cancer when caught early, which is why regular screening and early detection are vitally important in the fight against CRC.

Colorectal cancer originates in the lower gastrointestinal (GI) tract, and tends to develop slowly over time. CRC begins as a non-cancerous growth called an adenoma which, if left untreated, can develop into a cancerous polyp.

Patients with early-stage CRC may not experience any symptoms at all—blood in the stool; unexplained anemia; unusual abdominal or gas pain; fatigue and vomiting — which is why the ACS recommends annual screening begin at age 50. CRC is highly treatable in its earliest stages.

In fact, according to the ACS the five-year survival rate of early-detected CRC is 90 percent.

“Colonoscopy is considered the gold standard for colorectal cancer screening but it is not available to everyone and it certainly is not the only effective screening tool,” said

Richard McCauley, MD, director of medical affairs at Beckman Coulter. “Among the effective screening tools recommended by the ACS is the fecal occult blood test (FOBT), recommended annually for those over age 50.”

An FOBT is a simple, at home and non-invasive test used to screen for

blood in the GI tract, which may be the result of colorectal adenomas or cancer,” said McCauley. “Colorectal cancer is a real issue, not only for those over 50 but for people at any age with risk factors like family history of colorectal cancer or a diet high in fat. This cancer, if caught early has high cure rates and thus if

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— Richard McCauley M.D.

blood in the lower GI tract.

According to a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine, “Reducing Mortality from Colorectal Cancer by Screening for Fecal Occult Blood,” FOBTs have been shown to reduce mortality rates by up to 33 percent when compared to no screening at all.

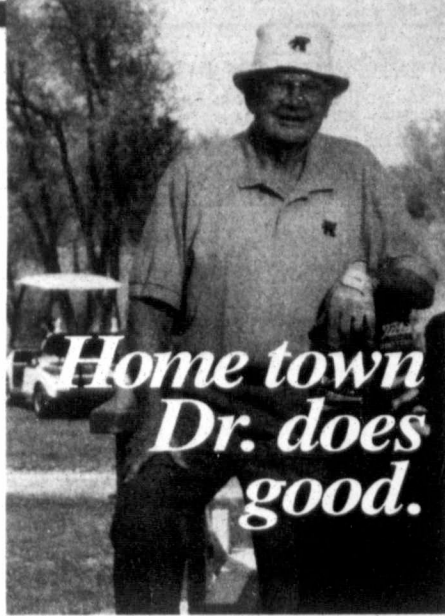
The testing process takes just minutes, over three consecutive days.

“I recommend (to my patients with no other risk factors than age) an annual FOBT with a follow-up colonoscopy if the FOBT detects

we can increase the number of Americans participating in colorectal cancer screening we can dramatically decrease the number of CRC-related deaths.”

For more information on CRC, visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). For more information on FOBT, talk to your doctor and visit [www.easy-cancer-screening.com](http://www.easy-cancer-screening.com).

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### Generic drugs making name for themselves

(NAPSA) Increasingly, consumers recognize that the benefits offered by a medicine come from the ingredients and not just the name on the label.

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Today, at pharmacies across the country, more than half of all prescriptions will be filled with a more affordable generic drug.

In addition to quality care, that translates to savings for

consumers, since a generic pharmaceutical can cost up to 80 percent less than the equivalent, brand name product.

In 2003, the average price of a prescription dispensed with a generic drug was \$30.56. The average price of a prescription dispensed with a brand name drug was \$84.21.

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Pharmacists can play a key role in explaining to

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## Horoscope for Monday, May 2, 2005

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 2, 2005:

Think in terms of gains and growth this year. Your public image often could be up for scrutiny. You take strong actions and expect others to do the same. Know when to put a halt to impulsiveness. You could easily walk into problems by being too spontaneous. Know when to say "enough." Bosses, authority figures and/or parents could be unusually demanding. You will want to please others. If you are single, a friendship could develop into a lot more, if you wish. Romance could knock on your door anytime from November on. If you are attached, you will want to nurture your sweetie more. As a result, your relationship blooms. PISCES helps you get what you want.

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)

★★★ Knowing when to stop pushing might be instrumental today. Others simply don't see life from the same perspective as you. Look to the higher good. Work with others and decide what your mutual interests are. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You go to the head of the class! Others listen when you share your ideas. Knowing when to back off could be important when chatting with a strong adviser or associate. Clearly, you need to allow others to vent. Tonight: Wind down in the company of a friend.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Sometimes what you see could be very different from what others see. Detach and try to visualize what it must be like to walk in another's shoes. The

more you can identify with others, the more expansive your relationships will be. Tonight: Out late.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ One person will do whatever he or she can to have you listen to him or her. Sometimes others get frustrated trying to communicate with you. Could you be lost in your thoughts? Wake up and look around. Tonight: Let another person express his or her feelings.

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

★★★★ Others dominate the scene. You cannot change someone's strong stance. Work with what this person is saying. Logic might work, but not as much as experience. Let go and detach. Events will teach you more than your opinions. Tonight: Say "yes."

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

★★★ Plug into work and act as if there is no tomorrow. If you don't work, a chore or key errand awaits you. Your best bet is to dive in while you have the energy. Share more with others later. "Accomplishment" needs to be the theme. Tonight: Say you are tired when you are.

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

★★★★ Realize when you need to put a halt to the present frenzy. Sometimes so much goes on that even though you are having fun, you could miss a key responsibility or request. Slow down and get more information. Tonight: Spend time with someone you care about.

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

★★★ Family and domestic matters score high on your to-do list. A situation involving home, real estate or family demands action. You can no longer put off the inevitable. Accomplish as much from home base as you can. Tonight: Order in.

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

★★★★ Take a leap of faith and zero in on what you want. Your ability to mobilize others, as well as yourself, comes off. Think through a decision rather than simply jump on a situation. Consider before leaping. Tonight: Breeze into a favorite spot.

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

★★★ Take in new information rather than worry. You are capable of finding a solution that will help you skip over an expenditure or problem. Check out different ways to handle your budget. Tonight: Pay bills first, then decide.

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

★★★★ You're a veritable tiger when you are focused and know what you want. Refuse to settle, and you'll get results. Much depends on your willingness to push and prod others. You might need to assume responsibility in order to complete a task. Tonight: What would make you happy?

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

★★ Know when to duck out of a situation and not get involved in details and problems. Your perspective helps others see what is happening. Note a tendency to swallow your anger. This behavior could take quite a toll on you. Tonight: Extra downtime.

### BORN TODAY

Singer Engelbert Humperdinck (1936), singer Lesley Gore (1946), human rights activist Bianca Jagger (1945)

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## Horoscope for Sunday, May 1, 2005

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 1, 2005:

You have an unusual year in which the focus will be on your public image and success. Others will see you much differently than you realize. Understand that you might have to give others a taste of reality once in a while. Your sixth sense comes through for you with the public. You have an unusual way that draws others to you. If you are single, you will have your hands full if you want to keep that status. You draw many to you. In fact, you could meet "the one." If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from public appearances. Your sweetie wants to know that you are proud of the person he or she is. Make plenty of time for this person. AQUARIUS inspires you.

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### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Once more, you are inspired to do something totally different. Your imagination chooses to play out a long-desired fantasy or dream. Worry less about practical matters; you can worry tomorrow. Enjoy who and where you are. Tonight: Don't think about Monday. This Week: Do all the groundwork and research necessary. You'll see the results Thursday.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Surround yourself with music, or go the movies. You need a vacation from the here and now. An older relative or friend might have a special surprise. Don't close off any options. Anything is possible. Tonight: Could be a late night. This Week: Enjoy yourself at meetings, and experience your success. Finally, you are where you want to be.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Take off for the day. Go where there is music or where your mind can wander. Others could delight you with their very presence. In a different setting, you discover how very strongly you feel

about a situation. Tonight: Ease up. This Week: Responsibilities drop on you. You handle them well.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A key person wants to take you with him or her. Enjoy yourself, as you don't often get private time. Laugh and relax. A gentler perspective becomes possible. Learn to be more vulnerable with this person. Tonight: Dinner for two.

This Week: Investigate. Find experts. You get to show your knowledge Wednesday and Thursday.

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

★★★★ Others have very distinct opinions, whether you want to hear them or not. A money discussion is long overdue. You could be overwhelmed by what someone offers you. Listen to someone close. He or she spills new information. Tonight: Go along with plans.

This Week: Others have ideas that they think are brilliant. You will have to listen and cater to others.

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

★★★ Clear up a project or two. Someone you care about will want extra time. Make it your pleasure to see or speak to this person. News from a distance tosses a different perspective on a relationship. Look for something comparable with a purchase. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: Allow others to have their way. You won't have a choice anyway.

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

★★★★ You have a naturally charming way that draws many to you. What might be a problem is that you are not seeing a loved one or a friend clearly. As a result, you could have a jolt in the near future. Tonight: Forget tomorrow; live today.

This Week: Make it a point to clear out your responsibilities as fast as possible. You want to socialize.

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

★★★ Family matters demand all your attention, whether you like it or not. You will see life differently if you relax and flow with the moment. Information comes from a friend in your daily life. Listen.

What seems adorable now could be more of a problem than you think. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Laugh and enjoy what is going on. By Wednesday, you need to focus on more serious matters.

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

★★★★ You often say what you think. Your wit and ingenuity draw many admirers to your side. Express your love of life by sharing a favorite pastime. Emotions and feelings come forward. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite place.

This Week: Maintain a low profile, if possible. You will need your energy from Wednesday on.

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

★★ A gamble could easily backfire if you aren't careful. Think in terms of gain and change before taking a risk. Sometimes the trodden path is the right way. Make Sunday calls and touch base with others. Tonight: Early to bed.

This Week: You have the right words for the right moment. Stay secure in what you do.

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

★★★★ You have a spring in your step. This innate enthusiasm draws many to you. Don't make a decision about a money matter just yet. Do your research when you have time. For now, take each moment one at a time. Tonight: Make the most of every moment.

This Week: Juggle your budget, but be ready to slash an expenditure or two if necessary.

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

★★ Step back and allow someone else to assume control. You laugh, and someone else delights in what he or she hears. Do not reveal too much information. Sometimes the less said, the better. Visit with a neighbor. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

This Week: You roll into the week all smiles. Use your innate magnetism.

### BORN TODAY

Singer Judy Collins (1939), singer Tim McGraw (1967), author Joseph Keller (1923)

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# NASA lone female commander goal to bring space shuttle back to life

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — In a few weeks, Eileen Collins, commander of the next space shuttle mission, will strap herself into a rocketship loaded with explosive fuel and fearlessly shoot from zero to 1,000 mph in a minute flat.

Just don't ask her to get on a roller coaster.

Collins will preside over NASA's nail-biting return to space more than two years after the Columbia tragedy. Known for being cool and calm, Collins already handled one of NASA's most perilous launches ever, in 1999. She doesn't have the stomach for riding a roller coaster. "Maybe a psychologist can go figure it out," she says with a smile.

She's been on roller coasters twice some 20 years ago, including Disney World's Space Mountain.

Even steep water slides are out. Last summer, Collins took her daughter to a water park, stood in line an hour, got to the top, looked down and declared: "I'm out of here."

"We went back down the stairs."

Flying in space is different. "I have a certain amount of control over what we're doing. Heck, we have a good amount of control

over what we're doing. It is a mission that I believe in that has a reward at the end, it has a purpose and that's the difference to me."

This confidence is encouraging since the fate of the shuttle and the entire space program lies in Collins' hands. She intends to bring the shuttle back to life calmly and coolly even as the craft makes its way down through the same infernally hot atmosphere that incinerated Columbia and its crew of seven.

"I have no nerves. No emotion. No pressure," Collins said before climbing aboard a shuttle simulator at Johnson Space Center in April to practice yet another re-entry.

Her late-May flight aboard Discovery is packed with the purpose Collins craves.

The 12-day space station delivery and repair mission will be the first time a shuttle has flown since Columbia's catastrophic re-entry over Texas on Feb. 1, 2003. It is considered a test flight because of the new external fuel tank and the many new methods of hunting for damage. It was a chunk of foam that snapped off and ultimately brought down Columbia.

The 48-year-old former test pilot and retired Air Force colonel will fly never-before-attempted twist and flip maneuvers in an effort to pose the shuttle for crucial zoom-in photographs.

She will oversee three spacewalks by her crew, including one to test techniques for repairing minor damage to sample thermal tiles and panels, and a prolonged inspection of Discovery's wings and nose using a brand new 50-foot boom that will be attached to the ship's 50-foot robot arm.

If things go bad and Discovery is damaged by the inspection boom or launch debris, she may have to send her crew out to use the rudimentary, experimental repair techniques on board. If things go really bad and the damage is irreparable, she will be in charge of moving her crew into the space station for a monthlong stay to await rescue by shuttle Atlantis.

A safe flight is essential to

NASA's plans for 27 subsequent shuttle missions to finish the half-built space station.

Also riding on this mission: President Bush's ambition to land astronauts on the moon by 2020 and the Hubble Space Telescope, which may get one last astronaut service call if Discovery performs well.

It's pure chance that Collins is at the helm for all this.

When Columbia went down, Collins was next in line as shuttle commander, assigned to a mission that was supposed to launch exactly one month later. She was at home in Houston with her toddler son that Saturday morning, watching TV in horror and disbelief.

NASA decided to keep the lineup intact, and that thrust

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— Eileen Collins  
Commander

Collins into perhaps the biggest role of her professional life.

Astronaut Charles Hobaugh is glad it's not him.

"I think this next flight will be probably the safest flight that NASA's ever flown, for that I envy her," Hobaugh says. "But for all the rest of it, it's a potential distraction and overload."

NASA couldn't have picked a more composed skipper.

Collins' first flight in 1995, as NASA's first female shuttle pilot, sparked intense interest among girls and women and got her into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls, N.Y. So did her second mission two years later. Her debut as shuttle commander in 1999 drew first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and daughter Chelsea to the Florida launch site.

That last flight was hit with a short circuit five seconds after liftoff that knocked out the primary computers for two main engines. Backup computers kicked in. Then hydrogen fuel leaked all the way to orbit from ruptured tubes in an engine nozzle. The tubes were damaged right before launch by a pin that came loose inside the engine.

So it's little wonder that Collins looked amused and more than a little surprised when asked at a recent jammed news conference to compare the expectations and pressures surrounding this flight with her previous experiences.

"Compared to the previous missions I've flown on?" she asked with both a sigh and a chuckle. "I've had a little bit of experience in the fish bowl, so to speak, and I have found from my point of view, that focusing on the mission is the most important thing to do."

In a world where leading academics suggest that biological differences may explain why fewer women than men rise to top science jobs and where Russian space leaders contend women have no place on a mission to Mars unless carried in men's "strong hands," Collins stands out all the more.



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# BBB: Scammers come out after violent storms

AMARILLO — Last June, the Amarillo area was hit by a serious hail storm that caused more than a million dollars in damage throughout the city. Already this year the area is experiencing inclement weather and predictions claim more bad weather is on the horizon.

This year be prepared in the event of a storm, say officials from the Better Business Bureau of Amarillo. Keep the necessary information you may need handy, including the knowledge to wisely select a business to make repairs to your home, yard or vehicle.

During a time of crisis you're guard may be down. Exercise caution when selecting a roofing company, home repair, tree/yard service, or window or siding company. You will be eager to get things back to normal after a storm. The offers by legitimate companies will be there when you're ready to commit to a mutually agreeable contract.

"The most common traits of people who later regret their decisions because of problems are acting in haste and not reading contracts," said Janna Kiehl, BBB CEO. "When a disaster strikes, be patient and ask if temporary repairs can be made. It will take some time for companies to make all the repairs needed."

Insurance adjusters and legitimate companies will be busy after a storm. Don't allow that fact to push you into the arms of a questionable company. Using reputable companies will put you in a better position to take care of any problems that may occur.

One of the common problems the BBB sees is with warranty issues. Many times a consumer has a warranty and the company is long gone, can't be found and won't respond to their customer.

"In some cases we can find them, in other cases, they have no 'roots' that can be traced or they simply have moved on to another storm and previous customers are not a priority," Kiehl said.

*'It's always wise to check on the company even if they claim they are members of the BBB or make any reference to the BBB.'*

— Kiehl

To minimize your risk, ask for warranties up front and ask what will happen if the company is no longer in businesses. Who will honor their warranty? If they are not a longstanding well-established business in your area, or they cannot be traced by the BBB, don't take what they say too seriously. Know what you're getting into.

"It's always wise to check on the company even if they claim they are members of the BBB or make any reference to the BBB. While member companies can do that, occasionally, a non-member company will take advantage of the Bureau's status in order to take advantage of consumers, so it's best to check, especially now BEFORE the urgent need arises," said Kiehl. Companies doing business in the Amarillo area must abide by the local rules, which include proper advertising of BBB membership.

Always call or go on-line to check.

"The company counts on us to provide accurate information," Kiehl said. "We

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will report our findings including whether or not a company has fulfilled the proper licensing requirements for the city of Amarillo, their membership status, and complaint history."

Tips to keep in mind:

—Ask to see a license from your local code enforcement department. This license requires the roofing company to carry a \$10,000 bond.

—For major permanent repairs, take time to shop around for contractors, get competitive bids and get a report from the BBB.

—Check with your insurance company about policy coverage and specific filing requirements the company may have.

—Although you may be anxious to get things back to normal, avoid acting in haste. Don't be pressured into signing a long-term contract. Make temporary repairs if necessary.

—Be wary of door-to-door workers who claim

your home is unsafe. If you are concerned about possible structural damage in your home, have an engineer, architect, or building official inspect it.

—Many legitimate companies will do go door-to-door after a disaster looking for business. The best way to tell the difference between a legitimate company and a con is to call the BBB.

—Prepare a written agreement with anyone you hire. It should outline the work to be done, the materials to be used, and the price breakdown for both labor and materials. Review it carefully before signing. Never pay for all repairs in advance, and don't pay cash.

—Paintless dent repair or PDR uses the process of literally massaging the car's metal back into place. When extensive damage is present, those types of repairs may not be able to be made. A reputable PDR company will let you know that.

—Check on a landscape

or tree removal company before you agree to do business with them. Do not pay them up front and never pay in cash.

"Don't go with the first bid and don't always go with the lowest bid. In the long run, it may not be your best deal," Kiehl said.

Be cautious of elaborate claims regarding repairs. It's always a good idea to get


more than one estimate and compare them item for item.

Most reputable companies will tell you the extent to which they can help. They will answer your questions up front and they will not ask for full payment until the job is done. They are interested in making money, after all that's why they're in business, but more importantly, reputable companies

are interested in repeat customers, word of mouth advertising and upholding the integrity of their company and their industry.

Contact the BBB at (806) 379-622 or [www.ammnarillobbb.org](http://www.ammnarillobbb.org) for a list of reputable companies in any industry before you spend your money and before you sign a contract.

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