

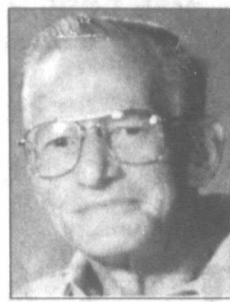
Obituaries

Marvin Leroy Gray, 82

LEFORS — Marvin Leroy Gray, 82, died Sunday, March 26, 2006, in Lefors.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Gray was born on Sept. 24, 1923, in Enid, Okla. He married Virginia "Billie" Tillman on Dec. 31, 1948, in Pampa. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in five campaigns during World War II. In 2001, he was inducted into the Freedom Museum Veterans' Hall of



Gray

Fame. Mr. Gray worked for Cabot Carbon Black for more than 20 years as a maintenance supervisor. He was a member of the Pampa VFW Post, and he was a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Virginia "Billie" Gray of the home; two sons, Everett Leon Gray of Fort Worth and Ronald Elbert Gray of Graham; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Sylvia Beede and by a brother, Donald Gray.

The family requests memorials by to Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 W. Interstate 40, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or to the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department.

Helen Patton Douglas, 72

Helen Patton Douglas, 72, died Saturday, March 25, 2006, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2006, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Scott Reaser, elder of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, officiating.

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

Mrs. Douglas was born on May 15, 1933, in Sulpher Springs, Texas. She was a resident of Shamrock for 30 years before moving to Pampa in 1968. She married Robert Douglas on March 7, 1950, in Shamrock. He preceded her in death in 1993.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She was preceded in death by a grandson, R.J. Douglas, in 1998, by a great-grandson, Ethan Bruce Odell in 2005, and by three brothers, Charles Patton in 2001, Marion Patton in 1994, and Ronnie Joe Patton in 1975.

Survivors include three sons, Robert Douglas and wife Debbie, Raymond Douglas and wife Debbie, and Russell Douglas and wife Robin, all of Pampa; a daughter, Nona Melanson and husband Rick of Pampa; two sisters, Joyce Wells and husband Tom and Patsy Pempin and husband Jim, all of Leavenworth, Kansas; four brothers, Jerry Patton and wife JoAnn of Kansas City, Missouri, Marvin Patton and wife Darlene of Seneca, Missouri, Billy Patton and wife Mary Kay and Michael Patton and wife Patricia, all of Leavenworth; 12 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials by to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 199300, Dallas, TX 75210-9300.

The family will be at the home of Robert Douglas at 8636 County Road 4, west of Pampa.

Sign the online register book at carmichael-whatley.com.

Filomena Valdez Hernandez, 62

Filomena Valdez Hernandez, 62, died Saturday, March 25, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hernandez was born on March 21, 1944 in Big Spring and had been a resident of Pampa since 1990, moving from Stanton. She married Espiridon Torrez Hernandez who preceded her in death in 1997. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic



Hernandez

Church. Survivors include two sons, Jose Martin Hernandez and Joel Hernandez, both of Pampa; five daughters, Romona Hernandez Perez, Rosario Hernandez Anguiano, and Sofia Hernandez Rodriguez, all of Pampa, Maria Octavia Bay of Amarillo, and Rosalinda Hernandez Saenz of Stanton; two brothers, Domingo Villa of Midland and Felipe Villa of Big Spring; one sister, Rosa Bustamante of Big Spring; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three children a granddaughter and a brother.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Jean Sells Strahan, 71

AMARILLO — Jean Sells Strahan, 71, of Pampa died Saturday, March 25, 2006.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Tascosa Road Fellowship with Jay Roberson, pastor, officiating.

Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mrs. Strahan was born May 21, 1934, in Plainview, Ark., to Pat Joseph Green and Berniece McKeever Green. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1952.

Mrs. Strahan worked as an X-ray and lab technician. She was ESA Sorority president. She was also a member of the Moose Lodge,



Strahan

Senior Singles of Pampa and Line Dancers of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Tommy Joe Sells in 1982; her second husband, J.C. Strahan; a grandson, Ryan David Sells; a brother, Joe Pat Green; and her parents.

Survivors include a daughter, Karla Spencer and husband Joe of Amarillo; a son, Mike Sells and wife Joleita of Pampa; three grandchildren, Ricky Spencer and wife Deanna of Paris, Texas, Tracie Spencer of Amarillo and Lindy Howell and husband Jason of Baycliff; and five great-grandchildren, Brennan Spencer and Teagan Spencer, both of Paris, and Jalyn Howell, Churchman Howell and Richmond Howell, all of Baycliff.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Services tomorrow

DOUGLAS, Helen Patton — 2 p.m. Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel.
STRAHAN, Jean Sells — 2 p.m. Tascosa Road Fellowship, Amarillo.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 65. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. East-northeast wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 64. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming

south-southeast between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 46. South wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday: A slight chance of showers in the morning, then a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. West-southwest wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Northwest wind around 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 70. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 43.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 74.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thirty-six traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from an unreported location, One Medical Plaza, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1900 block of Fir and the 700 block of Bradley.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 1700 block of Holly, Highway 273 and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Driving while intoxicated, open container and possession of under two ounces of marijuana was reported in connection with a traffic stop in the 2300 block of Rosewood.

Evading arrest or detention in a vehicle was reported in connection with a traffic stop in the 500 block of South Cuyler. The incident involved a 1997 Ford Probe two-door hatchback.

Animal complaints were received from the 1800 block of North Nelson, involving an animal leash violation; the intersection of Randy Matson and Russell streets; and the 300 block of North Wynne.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of North Starkweather, the 2200 block of Christine, the 300 block of Sunset, the 200 block of North Russell, the 2400 block of Mary Ellen and the 400 block of Tignor.

Civil matters were reported in the 1800 block of Coffee, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 600 block of Lowry, the 500 block of North Sumner and twice in the 700 block of North Roberta.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of South Barnard, the 300 block of North Cuyler, the 300 block of Sunset and the 1000 block of North Hobart. Lost property was report-

ed in the 700 block of North Wells. A metal back door valued at \$200 was lost.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one arrest.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2300 block of Chestnut, the 300 block of North Wynne and an unreported location.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1900 block of Grape, the 800 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Gwendolyn and Wells streets, the 1200 block of East Frederic, the 2100 block of Banks, the 500 block of West Crawford, the 300 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1300 block of North Russell and the 1200 block of Mary Ellen.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of South Ballard.

Impersonating a public servant was reported in the 300 block of West 25th.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 2600 block of Hobart, the 800 block of North Nelson and the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road and the 800 block of Denver.

Assault by threat was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart. Assault was reported in the 600 block of North Banks, the police department lobby and the 400 block of Lefors.

A disturbance was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor. The incident was verbal only.

Disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of Crane Road and the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler, the

700 block of North Frost, the 1000 block of Alcock, the 2100 block of North Dwight, the 200 block of North Russell and the 900 block of Cinderella.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 800 block of Denver. At the same location, two incidences of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance were reported; and at least one arrest was made.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of South Faulkner. A garden was damaged. Estimated cost of damage was not reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Christy. A glass window was broken, resulting in damage valued at \$250.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of South Tyng.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Candy valued at \$5 was taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East Murphy. The incident occurred in the 800 block of South Faulkner and involved a 2000 Lexus four-door.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Warren.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A metal door was kicked in, resulting in an estimated \$200 damage, and a wallet was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East Kingsmill.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, March 25
Chad Allen Stover, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and Pampa Police Department on a violation of See RECORD, Page 3



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

OKY	93.77	-0.03
BP PLC ADR	69.38	-0.10
Cabot Corp	33.87	-0.26
Celanese	20.53	+0.06

Record

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a city ordinance -- no running water.

Lucio Herrera Garcia, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Ballard by PPD for no driver's license and no insurance.

Michael Eugene Horton Jr., 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of East Murphy by PPD for no driver's license and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Jason Lowell Powell, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of East Denver by PPD on a motion to revoke probation for possession of marijuana.

Keith Elliot Young, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive by PPD for disorderly conduct/fighting and a bond surrender for failure to identify.

Charles Wayne Kemp, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 2100 block of North Banks by PPD for three counts of harassment.

Bradley Lynn Hoover, 33, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Salvador Rodriguez, 28, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for public intoxication.

Francisco Rodriguez, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North

Hobart by PPD for public intoxication.

Sunday, March 26

Gary Eugene Robinson, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Somerville by PPD for bond surrenders on driving while intoxicated and two counts of possession of marijuana.

Jesus Alonzo Aragon Trebizo, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Cuyler by PPD for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Oscar Felipe Vasquez Quinones, 21, of Chihuahua, Mexico was arrested in the 500 block of South Cuyler by PPD for public intoxication.

Julian Montes Martinez, 51, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of South Cuyler by PPD for public intoxication.

Phillip Daniel Littrell, 35, of Pampa was arrested by DPS on a warrant to revoke parole.

Monday, March 27

Gerald Dale Chennault, 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, March 26

11:27 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Juniper on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, March 25

10:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, March 26

3:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Airport.

11:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Juniper and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Dogwood. No transport.

Dog

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Harris, prosecuting attorney in the municipal case against the dog.

"Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, Judge Curfman ordered the dog destroyed," Harris said.

The dog's rabies vaccination was current but nearing expiration, according to Onry Wells, a Pampa animal control officer.

Help

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assistance responds to an urgent need.

"Estimates of total losses are still coming in, but getting help in rebuilding burned fences has been a consistent request from the folks affected by the wildfires," Thornberry said.

ECP provides assistance to producers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and implement other emergency conservation measures as authorized by the local FSA county committee. Producers should check with their local county FSA offices regarding ECP sign-up, eligibility, conservation practices covered, and the amount of cost-share available.

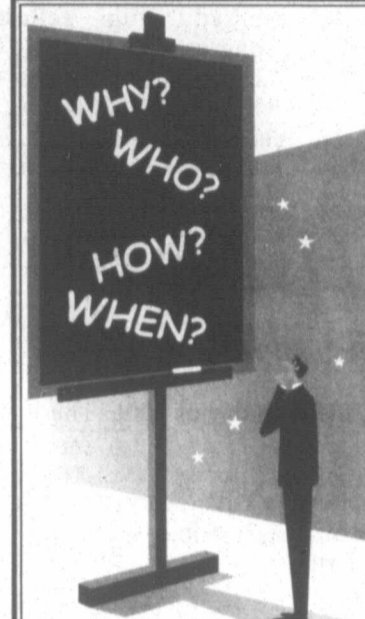
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Senate takes up issue of illegal workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — As immigration rights activists rallied outside the Capitol, senators broke today from the House's get-tough approach by refusing to make criminals of people who help illegal immigrants.

The Senate Judiciary Committee adopted an amendment by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., that would protect church and charitable groups, as well as individuals, from criminal prosecution for providing food, shelter, medical care and counseling to undocumented immigrants.

"Charitable organizations, like individuals, should be able to provide humanitarian assistance to immigrants without fearing prosecution," Durbin said.

The committee also approved more than doubling the current force of 11,300 Border Patrol agents in an effort to stem the tide of new undocumented workers arriving daily. It voted to add 2,000 agents next year and 2,400 more annually through 2011.

In December the House voted to make offers of non-emergency aid a felony. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, proposed Monday requiring humanitarian groups providing aid to illegal immigrants to register with the Department of Homeland Security but withdrew the idea in the face of opposition from the Senate panel.

The immigration bills have sparked protests around the country, and with the committee's action on Monday, demonstrators at the front of the Capitol claimed to have already had an impact. Among the more than 1,000 demonstrators were at least 200 clergy members, dozens of them wearing handcuffs to protest the House's action.

"This is not about legislation any more," said Jorge Medina, an immigrant from Honduras now living in Charlotte, N.C. "This is about feelings now. We are Americans, too. We are not from Mars and we are not from the moon."

President Bush used a naturalization ceremony Monday for swearing in 30 new citizens from 20 countries to warn critics of his proposal to let some illegal immigrants remain in the United States against stoking anti-immigrant feelings.

"The immigration debate should be conducted in a civil and dignified way," the president said as lawmakers began tackling the hot-button election issue of what to do with the nation's estimated 11 million illegal immigrants.

More than 500,000 people rallied in Los Angeles on Saturday, demanding that Congress abandon the House-passed measures that would make being an undocumented immigrant a felony and would erect a 700-mile fence along the 2,000-mile U.S.-Mexico border.

Similar but smaller protests were held in Dallas, Phoenix, Milwaukee and Columbus, Ohio, over the weekend. On Monday, thousands of demonstrators, many waving U.S. and Mexican flags, marched through Detroit. And hundreds of students walked out of high schools Monday in Dallas and Huntington Park, Calif.

The committee faces a midnight deadline for completing a bill with a version of the "guest worker" program that Bush wants for illegal immigrants. The House rejected that program and Majority Leader Bill Frist has said the Senate will start debating a bill Tuesday

without it if the committee fails.

Overhauling the nation's immigration laws "is not going to be easy," Bush said at the naturalization ceremony at Constitution Hall two blocks from the White House.

"No one should play on people's fears or try to pit neighbors against each other," Bush said. "No one should pretend that immigrants are threats to America's identity because immigrants have shaped America's identity."

"No one should claim that immigrants are a burden on our economy because the work and enterprise of immigrants helps sustain our economy," the president said. "We should not give in to pessimism. If we work together I am confident we can meet our duty to fix our immigration system and deliver a bill that protects our people, upholds our laws and makes our people proud."

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, calls for tougher border security have dominated debate over the knotty problem of controlling immigration.

But a tough immigration-enforcement bill passed by the House last year has galvanized forces that want worker programs for illegal immigrants already in the country.

"We will not accept enforcement-only approaches," said Cecilia Munoz, vice president of the National Council of La Raza, a Hispanic advocacy group.

Senators up for re-election this year are being forced by the debate to juggle the demand from voters for tighter borders to keep out terrorists and businesses who look to the tide of immigrants to help fill jobs.

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Viewpoints

Equality for Texans who pay taxes is important issue

In checkout lines all across Texas, consumers watch as items are scanned, knowing they will have to pay the price the store charges plus state sales tax on the total. Until recently, the federal government even taxed you on the part of your income you had already used to pay state sales tax, but that changed after a victory in Congress for the people of Texas.

State governments have various options for raising revenue. Some levy income taxes, some use sales taxes and others use a combination of the two. But until Congress passed tax cuts in 2004, Texas was effectively penalized for exercising its independence in choosing not to assess an income tax. (When I was state treasurer, I fought efforts to pass a state income tax in Texas, and we won.)

Citizens of other states who pay state income taxes have long been able to offset some of what they

pay by deducting their state income tax on their federal tax returns. But those paying only a sales tax, like Texans, could not deduct their state taxes. This law was grossly unfair to Texans, and was costing Texas taxpayers almost \$1 billion a year.

So, Texans had their purchases taxed by the state government, and then they were taxed by the federal government on the income they had just used to pay the sales tax. It did not sit well with me to have Texans paying additional taxes on the very money they used to pay their state tax.

All Americans should be treated equally when it comes to deducting their state taxes, whether they pay state income taxes or sales taxes. I worked with fellow Texan, Congressman Kevin Brady, to include this deduction in the tax relief bill of 2004. This deduction can make a difference. A family of four in Texas that itemizes and uses

the sales tax deduction saves about \$408 a year in federal income taxes. Until last year, Texas taxpayers did not have the ability to deduct their sales taxes. Now they do.

This deduction was set to expire this year, but I am working to change that. I pushed for the inclu-

Kay Bailey Hutchison

U.S. Senator



sion of a two-year state and local sales tax deduction extension in the 2005 tax bill, and I am happy to report to you that the U.S. Senate responded by passing the Tax Relief Extension Act last year. Now we need to get the full Congress to pass the extension so

that Texas will continue to have the same tax relief opportunities as the rest of the nation.

This extension is a good start, but I am far from finished pursuing fairness for Texans. This deduction must be made permanent, and I will continue to fight for this in the Senate.

Sales tax deductibility is not only an issue of fundamental tax fairness, but is also an economic stimulus that creates jobs and improves the lives of the 55 million Americans living in the seven states which do not levy income taxes, but do levy sales taxes (Alaska, Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming).

Texans have the right to choose their own method of assessing state taxes. Taxing on income tends to discourage people from trying to earn more because the government takes more money for each extra

dollar earned. On the other hand, collecting money through a sales tax tends to encourage people to save money because you are not taxed on money you do not spend. This, in turn, motivates people to plan for the future, setting money aside for retirement, college and health care expenses.

We do not tell other states to tax our way, and we should not be penalized for not following their way either. When the federal government fails to put our method of taxing on equal footing with other methods, it interferes with our right to govern ourselves as we see fit.

You work hard for your money, and I do not want the federal government reaching into your pockets to take money that it is not entitled to. There are too many taxes already, and double-taxing Texans because we choose not to have a state income tax is unacceptable.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 27, the 86th day of 2006. There are 279 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 27, 1977, 582 people were killed when a KLM Boeing 747, attempting to take off, crashed into a Pan Am 747 on the Canary Island of Tenerife.

On this date:

In 1513, Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de Leon sighted Florida.

In 1625, Charles I ascended the English throne upon the death of James I.

In 1794, President Washington and Congress authorized creation of the U.S. Navy.

In 1836, the first Mormon temple was dedicated, in Kirtland, Ohio.

In 1917, the Seattle Metropolitans became the first U.S. team to win the Stanley Cup as they defeated the Montreal Canadiens.

In 1958, Nikita Khrushchev became Soviet premier in addition to First Secretary of the Communist Party.

'Out of love you can speak with straight fury.'

— Eudora Welty
American author
(1909-2001)

In 1964, Alaska was rocked by a powerful earthquake that killed 114 people.

In 1968, Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man to orbit the earth, died in a plane crash.

In 1980, 137 workers died when a North Sea floating oil field platform, the Alexander I. Keilland, capsized during a storm.

In 1998, the Food and Drug Administration approved the anti-impotence drug Viagra, made by Pfizer.

Ten years ago: An Israeli court convicted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin of murder, then sentenced former law student Yigal Amir to life in prison.

Five years ago: In its first specific accusation against a detained U.S.-based scholar, China said Gao Zhan had confessed to spying for foreign intelligence agencies. (Gao, who had been detained Feb. 11, was released the following July.) California regulators approved electricity rate hikes of up to 46 percent. An empty train riding on the wrong side of the tracks crashed into a crowded commuter train in central Belgium, killing eight people.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II delivered an Easter Sunday blessing to tens of thousands of people in St. Peter's Square, but the ailing pontiff was unable to speak and managed only to greet the saddened crowd with a sign of the cross. In a live Internet interview with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Michael Jackson declared himself "completely innocent" of child molestation charges, and said he was the victim of a conspiracy.

RECENT U.S. CUSTOMS SEIZURE OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS FROM CANADA HAVE SENIORS RELIVING PROHIBITION DAYS...



Court decision marks rise of states' rights

The recent court decision voiding the efforts of the Bush administration to allow utilities to upgrade their plants — partially, rather than fully, as the law requires — signals the start of a redefinition of federal-state relations.

The plaintiff in this litigation was not an aggrieved individual or company but a dozen states acting in concert to battle the Bush rules.

On the merits of the lawsuit, I agree with the administration. The all-or-nothing requirement on upgrading utility plants has served to freeze the current dirty technologies in place and prevent any improvements at all. Half a loaf, in this case, is better and cleaner than none. But apart from the merits of the case, its true significance is that the states

had acted together to challenge federal action.

The last three years of the Bush administration will be marked increasingly by just this sort of united state action, designed to fill the void left by a federal govern-

ment that either refuses to act or doesn't believe that action is necessary. The initiative will pass increasingly to the states on issues like consumer protection, global climate change, energy alternatives and conservation, fuel-efficiency standards, and environmental regulation. The large states led by activist governors will act where Washington won't

tread.

This pattern represents a total change from the traditional concept of states' rights, a doctrine usually used to justify inaction or a conservative bent. But now states' rights will be redesigned as a rubric for bold action by states acting in concert to do the things that Washington should do but won't.

The early pattern was set when the nation's attorneys general banded together to sue the tobacco companies, even as Congress, in the grip of tobacco lobbyists, failed to pass legislation to protect children from ads for smoking. By acting together, the

states had the same force and effect as if Washington itself had acted. And so it will go in other areas as well.

As the nation moves away from its oil dependency, look to states to develop hydrogen and ethanol plants and to require certain percentages of vehicles sold within their borders to be powered by these new fuels.

The national consensus around advances on stem-cell research and the rejection by public opinion of the religious right's concern for the fate of discarded embryos will lead to other states' replicating the funding for stem-cell research that California voted for.

While Washington won't move to tighten fuel-efficiency requirements for automakers, the states will

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Dick Morris

Columnist



The true meaning of free speech in free society

The flap over a Colorado high-school geography teacher illustrates two faults in American society today. One: Talk radio and talk television have taken on the role of rabble-rousers who routinely incite the mobs over any trivial matter. Two: People still obviously believe in word magic.

The teacher, Jay Bennish, said in a lecture in his geography course that there were some similarities between President Bush's last State of the Union speech and speeches Adolf Hitler used to make.

First off, let's deal with word magic. Whether the

statement is true or false, it is an opinion — one of millions of opinions floating around the United States. The old childhood nursery rhyme "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" applies to opinions as well as to epithets.

Those raising the hoopla must think high school students are malleable idiots who automatically accept anything a teacher tells them. Anybody who has

ever been a student or a teacher knows that's a load of baloney. I suspect many of the students are no more interested in the teacher's political opinions than in his geography lectures. Often, students love to get the teacher sidetracked on some subject other than the one they have to study.

At any rate, to believe that a teacher criticizing the president and his policies does harm, you have to believe

that the students are mindless morons, and they obviously are not. By the way, I was just on a tour boat at a Florida attraction and the boat captain criticized President Bush for selling off slices of the national forests. The people in the boat applauded.

When the Founding Fathers wrote the First Amendment, it was not their intention to protect politically correct speech. It is exactly the purpose of the First Amendment to protect unpopular speech. Read John Stuart Mill's essay "On

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A new co-worker seemed to be a nice person and potential friend when she was hired. However, after a few months, she began making comments to me or about me in front of others. Sometimes they are good-natured, but more often they are insulting -- although presented as a "joke." I feel this is inappropriate, especially in the workplace. I have heard that this is a type of bullying where, if the victim objects, then the perpetrator belittles him or her as being "oversensitive," thus adding salt to the wound. I have noticed that people who play this little mind game on others can dish it out but can't take it when someone retaliates. I've seen this happen in families where one sibling is scapegoated and picked on. I don't want to waste energy playing games, but I don't want to be a victim, either, so I have decided to ignore the comments and/or interrupt her by changing the subject or making an excuse to leave the room. Have you any other suggestions? -- **NOT A VICTIM**

DEAR NOT A VICTIM: When someone is ridiculed in the workplace, it usually isn't intended to be a joke, nor is it funny. It is intended to make the person appear less effective. I do have another suggestion. Report it to your supervisor or office manager, and explain she is making you uncomfortable. If her "witticisms" fall under a protected category (gender, religion, race, sexual orientation), she could be creating a hostile work environment and management needs to be made aware of it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been divorced for two years and am now dating a lady I'll call Heidi. I have tickets to a rock concert in Las Vegas. I work and earn a modest income. Heidi works and also makes a modest income. Heidi thinks I should pay

for her airline ticket or not go to the concert. I want to go, and I want her blessing, but I can't afford her airfare. Is she being jealous and controlling? Are there any single women out there who would like to go and pay for their own airline ticket? Help! -- **STUCK IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR STUCK: The answers to your questions are yes and yes. However, if another woman accompanies you to that concert, you will no longer have to concern yourself with whether Heidi is jealous or controlling -- because I predict she will be history.

DEAR ABBY: I am the youngest of four children. My eldest brother died when he was an infant. But in our family it is like he never existed. My father always describes us as his three children, but my mother will talk about him a little. Is it something I can mention when asked, "Do you have any siblings?" Can I mention my invisible brother? Should I say I am the youngest of four and leave it at that, or should I go with what my parents have always said -- the youngest of three? -- **UNSURE IN BREMERTON, WASH.**

DEAR UNSURE: It would be less confusing if you were to reply the way your parents do -- that you are the youngest of three children. When you get to know people better, to the point that you get to know their family history, you can then discuss the tragedy your parents faced when they lost their first child. P.S. I am guessing that your parents do not discuss their firstborn because the subject is still painful.

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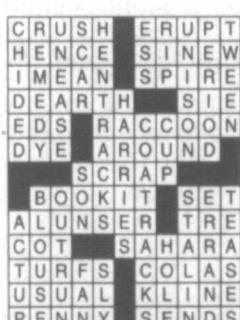
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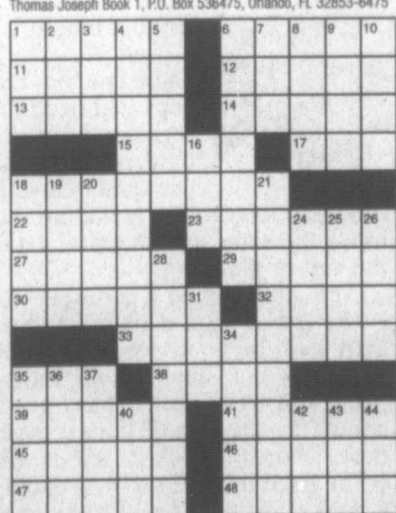
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Sports Day



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Safe at first, Logan Winkelman tightens her shoe laces following a single during Tuesday's win over Randall. Winkelman and her Lady Harvesters got district win No. 2 Saturday over Hereford.

Lady Harvesters 2-0 in district

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa (13-4, 2-0) followed up on Tuesday's solid 9-1 district opening win over Randall with a 5-1 home victory over visiting Hereford Saturday afternoon.

Pitcher Cassy Tice improved to 8-3 on the season with a stellar performance over the Lady Whitefaces, striking out five and giving up just two hits.

The Lady Harvesters will be in Amarillo Tuesday for a 4:30 meeting with the Lady Dons.

Said Coach Bobbi Gill, "We just need to keep playing our game. We just need to

stay on top our game at PD tomorrow."

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Stephanie McVay- 2 hits
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Cassy Tice- 1 double, 1 run
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Jackie Gerber- 1 double, 2 RBI's
Whitney Wichert- 1 hit

Pampa baseball, softball teams in action today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Baseball

The 2006 district season gets under way this afternoon for the junior varsity team when Pampa hosts Randall in an afternoon showdown with the Raiders. Dakota Gowin (2-0) will start on the hill for Pampa (5-5, 0-0). That game will begin at 4:30.

The Pampa freshman squad will travel to Amarillo to hook up with Randall this afternoon at 4:30. Jeremy Busse will start at

pitcher for the Harvesters.

Said Coach Tim Davis this morning, "We are playing as well as we have all year and any contest against Randall is a big game. I expect both teams to play well. Both will be fun games to watch."

Softball

Coach Troy Owens and the Lady Harvesters junior varsity squad will travel to Amarillo today as well for a date with the Lady Dons of Palo Duro. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

Harvester junior varsity goes 2-and-2 in Dumas

The Pampa Harvester JV baseball team traveled to Dumas for tournament action over the weekend. Pampa won two and lost two, ending the preseason at 5-5.

In game one against Canyon, Pampa spotted the Eagles 10 runs in the first inning before going on to play a 2-2 game from there. The Eagles plated their first seven batters before recording an out.

Josh Mulkey went 2-2 at the dish, including an RBI triple. Colden Fortenberry was charged with the loss giving up seven runs on 3 hits. Fortenberry also handed out two free passes.

Brett Powell pitched three innings of relief, allowing two runs on 4 hits. Powell struck out six and walked one.

Heath Skinner finished the contest at the mound allowing one run on one hit. The 12-2 loss set up a meeting with Caprock, who beat Pampa 6-5 earlier in the season.

Dakota Gowin looked comfortable on the hill during the game.

"Dakota competed in every situation. He made several clutch pitches in situations that could have given Caprock the lead or momentum," said coach Tim Davis.

Davis added, "Caprock has a very good group with several good hitters. Dakota pitched the best game we have seen all year at this level."

Gowin went 5 innings, allowing three runs on six hits. He struck out six and walked three.

Pampa scored two runs in the first on Ryan Funderburg's two-run single, scoring Colden Fortenberry and Josh Mulkey.

Shane Davis would start the fourth inning off with a hit before Gowin drove him in with a triple. The RBI single by Blake Sieck put Pampa up 4-1 when Gowin crossed the plate.

The 4-3 win placed the Harvesters

against the host Demons. A nine run first inning kept the Harvesters aggressive at the plate, as they would go on to a decisive 22-6 win over Dumas.

Blake Sieck went 3-4 with three RBI's. Josh Mulkey went 4-4 with three RBI's. Shane Davis went 3-4 with three RBI's. Heath Skinner went 3-4 with two stolen bases.

Jonathon Anguiano was 2-2 with two RBI's and 3 stolen bases. Colden Fortenberry recorded the win, pitching 2 innings. Fortenberry struck out six batters and walked three.

Dumas scored 3 runs without a hit. Heath Skinner pitched one inning allowing one run on one hit.

Pampa faced Perryton for their third game Saturday. Perryton lead 2-1 before a two out single scored two runs in the fourth. Perryton also had four infield hits and a single to score four runs in the fifth for a 8-1 Ranger win.

Blake Sieck pitched a complete game allowing eight hits while striking out three and walking one.

"Blake pitched an outstanding game. He had command of three pitches and with Ryan Funderburg blocking everything behind the plate, we were able to throw breaking balls early in the count, even with runners on base," noted Coach Davis.

Davis added, "I think we had a great tournament, and the team established an identity on which we look to improve as the season continues."

Davis continued, "Ryan was unbelievable behind the plate, and he has begun to understand his position. It is a definite asset to have a good catcher, at any level."

The Harvesters will host Randall today at 4:30 p.m.

Monday's sports in brief

MOTOR SPORTS

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) - Driver Paul Dana died after a two-car crash Sunday during the warmup for the season-opening IRL IndyCar Series race at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

While streaking around the oval during a warmup session, Dana failed to notice that the car of Ed Carpenter had spun to a stop, slamming into it at close to 200 mph.

Both drivers were flown by helicopter to a Jackson Memorial Hospital in Miami, where Dana was pronounced dead about two hours after the 10:03 a.m. crash. IRL officials said tests revealed no injuries to Carpenter, but the 25-year-old third-year driver was kept overnight for observation.

Dana's Rahal Letterman Racing teammates Danica Patrick and Buddy Rice did not run Sunday, but the race went on as planned, with defending Indy 500 and IRL points champion Dan Wheldon beating Helio Castroneves by a nose cone.

BRISTOL, Tenn. (AP) - Kurt Busch brashly bumped Matt Kenseth - his old teammate - out of his way with four laps to go Sunday to win the Food City 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway, his fifth victory in the last nine races on the half-mile track.

It was his first win since joining Roger Penske's team at the start of the season and taking over the famed No. 2 Dodge that nine-time Bristol winner Rusty Wallace drove.

Kevin Harvick finished second and was followed by Kenseth, who faded back after Busch's pass and drew the ire of Jeff Gordon after making contact with him that sent Gordon spinning. Gordon plummeted all the way to a 21st-place finish, then stalked Kenseth on pit road.

Kenseth approached him with his arms out as if he was trying to explain the situation, but Gordon gave him a hard shove. The two were quickly separated by NASCAR officials.

GOLF

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) - Stephen Ames delivered a major performance Sunday on the treacherous TPC at Sawgrass, blowing away the strongest field in golf with a 5-under 67 to win The Players

Championship by six shots and earn an unlikely trip to the Masters.

Ames made only one mistake, a double bogey on the 10th hole when he took two shots to get out of the bunker, and it looked as if he would have to battle his nerves along the scary back nine of the Stadium Course.

Instead, he poured it on with impeccable shots that stretched his lead so much that the tiny island of a 17th green was only another hole on his way to a dominant victory.

Ames finished at 14-under 274, six shots clear of two-time U.S. Open champion Retief Goosen, who closed with a 69.

SANTO DA SERRA, Madeira Islands (AP) - Jean Van de Velde took a four-stroke lead into the 18th hole in the Madeira Island Open, and this time he hung on - barely.

Despite a double bogey on the final hole, the Frenchman - known for his collapse in the 1999 British Open - closed with a 4-under 68 for a one-stroke victory over England's Lee Slattery (66).

BROUSSARD, La. (AP) - Johnson Wagner won his first Nationwide Tour title, birdieing the final hole for a 4-under 67 and a one-stroke victory over Chad Collins in the Louisiana Open.

BASEBALL

Houston Astros first baseman Jeff Bagwell said Saturday he will start the season on the disabled list and isn't sure if he'll return this year.

The 37-year-old Bagwell, perhaps the most popular player in franchise history, spent the spring in a contentious battle with the team while he tried to prove he could still play despite a chronically injured right shoulder.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Barry Bonds might not take another Cactus League swing in Arizona, choosing instead to rest his tender left elbow and surgically repaired right knee before the season starts.

Bonds was examined by two doctors Sunday for evaluation of his inflamed elbow, and the San Francisco Giants were hopeful the slugger would resume on-field baseball activities Monday.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Was Andy Cavalier the right choice?

"So what do you think about them hiring Andy Cavalier?" I have had that question asked of me quite a bit over the past few days. Right or wrong, I have pretty much just smiled and said, "I think the school did what it felt was right." Truth is, I really don't know the man who now heads the Pampa High School football program. I look forward to getting to know him, however.

Naturally, I know of his background.

I began to give his hiring some serious thought over the weekend though. And as I did, I began to realize his hiring might not have been based solely on his gridiron experience, but his Harvester history and heritage as well.

Coach Andy Cavalier is the third head coach Pampa has had since his father passed away in 2003. 'Coach Cav's' replacement, Heath Parker (2003-2005), wasn't long for the job. As he quickly proved at Tascosa last year, he is a young, bright coach with aspirations. Tascosa most likely will not be his last stop.

Coach Bryan Wood was hired to replace Parker last year. I must admit, I was taken aback by Wood's pre-spring break revelation he would be vacating the Pampa post and returning to Sunray as head coach and assistant principal. He told me shortly after announcing he was leaving that he aspired to be an administrator and Sunray presented him a great opportunity to gain some OJT while he continued his education. This is certainly plausible, however, I can't help but think there might have been something more. Nevertheless, his departure made three coaches in as many years. Let's be honest, it marked the second attempt to replace a local legend. Still, it paints the picture of instability - even vulnerability - within a proud and tradition-rich program

to any opponent. Head football coach of Pampa High School football should be a want and desire, not a "Sure, I'll do it" gig.

Which brings me back to coach Andy Cavalier. OK, he is young, just as many upstart coaches filled with aspiration and seeking advancement opportunities are. But Coach Cavalier has something most do not.

He has Harvester history. He has Harvester heritage. Both bode well for a lengthy tenure.

And lest you think his name got him the job, perhaps you need to reconsider. I can think of no greater burden to bear than to have the name 'Cavalier' and be the third man to try replacing the one who made the name a local brand, let alone to be the son of that man.

Yep, after giving it some serious thought, I like the choice. Coach Cavalier and his staff will be good not only for the football program, but should help return the true pride and tradition of Harvester football to where it once was. Where it deserves to be now. Words are just words unless they come from the heart. If you could have seen Coach Cavalier's face Friday morning, you would know he didn't need to say a thing. His face, his eyes...his heart was saying it all.

Soccer finale

Hats off to both sides of the local soccer issue. I have heard from both parties following Thursday's school board meeting during which - I was told - an estimated 40 to 50 soccer folks shared their concerns. And what I have heard is only positive and paints a bright picture for the future of soccer in Pampa. One school official told me, "It was a very good meeting. Both sides expressed concerns and we know there are some things that have to be taken care of. It was a very good meeting."



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Morris

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probably band together to enact more draconian requirements for vehicles sold within their borders.

Even as the federal government moves to foreclose lawsuits by aggrieved nursing homes and other corporations, look to more enlightened states preserving the right of action under their own laws.

Washington won't raise the minimum wage while the Republicans run the government, but states will act in concert to do so, helping their poor and stopping any state from gaining a competitive advantage over another by fail-

ing to raise the wage requirement.

In each of these cases, and in many more, the state will be the tail wagging the dog. With the liberal state governments in the Northeast combining with California, the activist states would constitute such a large percentage of the national population that their actions would have the same market-making effect as a federal law.

The Compact Clause of the United States Constitution requires that agreements among states be submitted to the Congress for approval. Thus, for example, when New York and New Jersey set up the Port Authority, the deal had to be sealed with congressional action.

But these multistate agreements will not need to go to Congress because they will not be legally enforceable by

one state against another. If New York reneges on its commitments for joint action, for example, California would have no basis to sue to demand that the relevant law be enacted.

In a sense, leading activist governors will come to the fore in the next three years to become domestic-policy presidents, replacing the inactive Bush administration with a proactive agenda of state action. The resulting shift of the scene of action from Washington to Sacramento, Albany, Harrisburg, Springfield, Columbus, Boston and Trenton will be welcome to most Americans who see the Bush domestic policy as passive and far too limited.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Scrabble to help Sioux language

HANKINSON, N.D. (AP) — Those who hope they can stop the Dakota Sioux language from dying have hit on the perfect word: Scrabble.

A special Scrabble tournament in the language made its debut Friday, pitting teams from Sioux reservation schools in North Dakota, South Dakota and Manitoba.

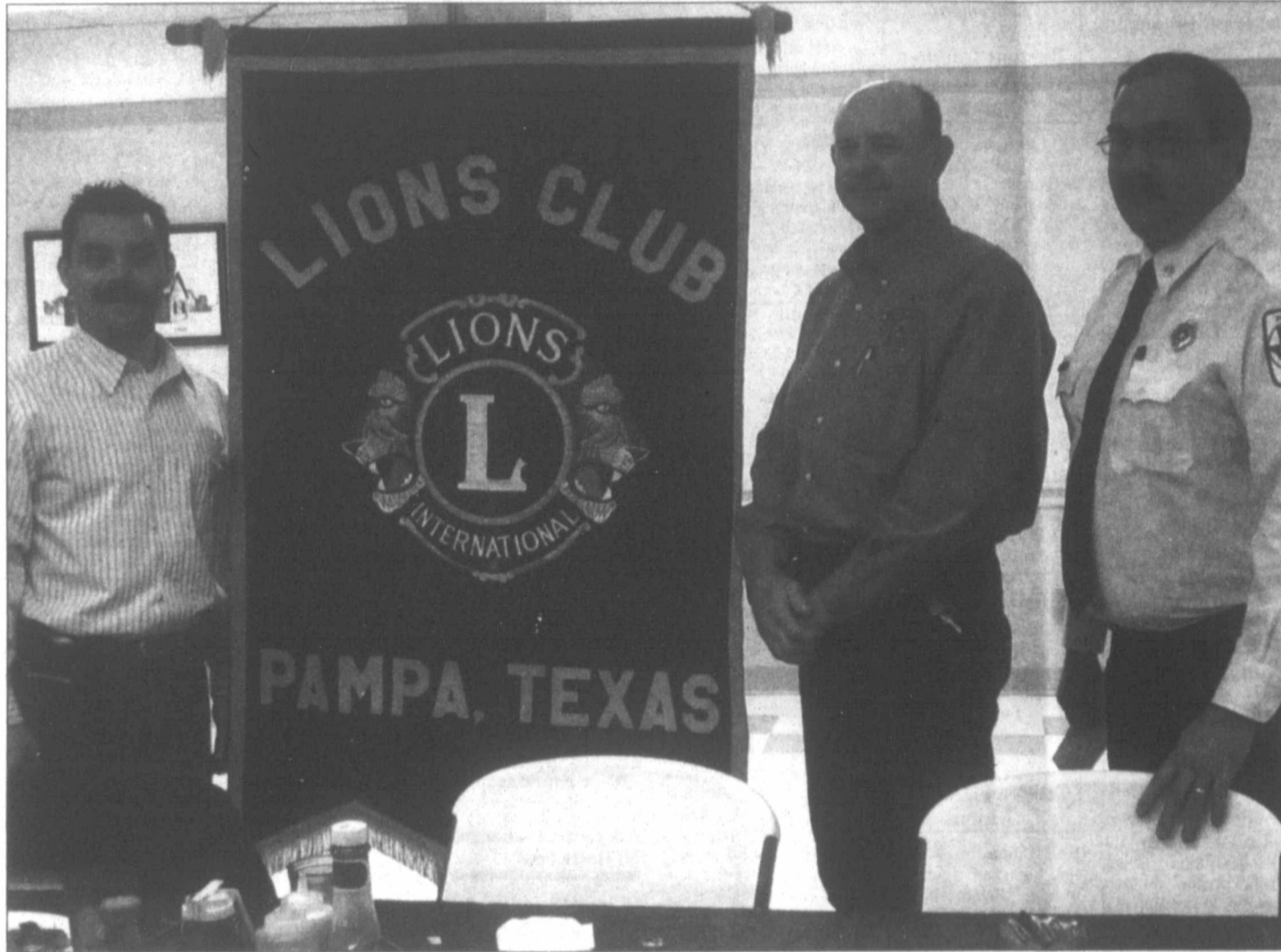
The game is part of the tribe's campaign to revitalize the Dakota language, now spoken fluently by a dwind-

ling number of elders. One survey predicted the last fluent Sisseton-Wahpeton Dakota speaker would die in 2025.

"With these efforts, we'll try to prolong that," Darell DeCoteau said as he gestured to a nearby Scrabble board. "This will probably push that back a little bit."

"Start in the middle," David Seaboy told a group of middle-school students from the Enemy Swim Day School at Waubay, S.D.

Lions donation



Brad Pingel, from left, president of Pampa Lions Club, recently presented Joe Millican and Randy Dunham with a check apiece in the amount of \$500. Millican is fire chief of Hoover Volunteer Fire Department. Dunham is assistant chief of Pampa Fire Department. The men and their departments were recognized for their efforts during the recent devastating wildfires.

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Liberty." The value of freedom is the diversity of opinions and thoughts it encourages. It's that old saying, "Which would you prefer, a hundred minds working to solve a problem, or just one?"

People opposed to free speech are devious. "Oh, I believe in free speech, but not for teachers," they will say. "I believe in free speech but not hate speech," which is speech that's critical of individuals, groups or nations they favor. Free speech is like virginity — you either have it or you don't. Speech that seeks to limit unpopular, even obnoxious, opinions is anything but free.

As for the rabble-rousers on radio and television, they have become the enemies of intelligent discussion of any issue. These characters are demagogues, always looking for raw meat to throw to their little band of followers. More than half the time, they get their facts wrong.

These radio and TV characters, too, are entitled to free speech, just like Nazis, white supremacists, black racists and any

other unsavory elements you can think of, but of course no one has to listen to them. As with any extremist, they might even occasionally get something right.

Americans need to learn to relax and enjoy liberty. Words are just sounds and symbols, and have no magical powers. The best way to learn to think critically is to listen to and read people you don't agree with. When you hear or read an opinion, you must assess it and evaluate it, and decide for yourself whether you agree or disagree. This is a healthy process.

You want teachers who are passionate, even if you disagree with what they are passionate about. The worst teachers are the dullards who put you to sleep.

As for similarities between Bush's and Hitler's speeches, there are some. If you read Hitler's prewar speeches, he was always talking about peace, making appeals to patriotism and setting up scapegoats. Bush does exactly the same thing. The Colorado teacher, by the way, made it clear that there is no moral similarity between Bush and Hitler; he was talking strictly about political speeches.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Mayor sponsors pothole contest

SHERIDAN, Wyo. (AP) — People tired of rattling over potholes on their street are getting an opportunity to rattle their keyboards and, possibly, shake City Hall into action.

Mayor Dave Kinskey is sponsoring a "pothole patrol" contest.

Through April 3, residents can vote their street as the worst in town for potholes.

Residents are asked to consider three criteria: width, depth and number of potholes. The winning street will be moved up on the city's repair priority list, Kinskey said.

Crescent Electric Supply has mounted an aggressive campaign for its street, North Broadway, to win the contest.

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