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School board discusses student code of conduct

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Pampa School Board members met in regular session Thursday evening to discuss possible action regarding policy amendments and revisions on an extracurricular contract, student code of conduct and student rights and responsibilities that are outlined in student handbooks.

Attorney Fred Stormer and Athletic Director Stuart Smith presented a draft copy of an extracurric-

ular contract that was drawn up to board members.

"This document states that students will be held accountable for their actions and there will be consequences when team or school rules are broken," Stormer said. "The form also says that participating in extracurricular activities is a privilege that can be taken away from students if they do not abide by the

Board members agreed that the document should be sent home and

signed by both students and parents tolerance policy and should intent or and then returned to the appropriate coach or school administrator. What was not decided was how to give this document to students. Smith suggested putting it in the athletic physical packet, but a decision was tabled until the next meeting.

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Stormer also brought up the possibility of amending the current policy on fighting and bullying in the student code of conduct. The discussion of board members revolved around whether or not to make this a zero self defense be a consideration in punishment.

Charles Smith, board member, said that he felt students had a right to defend themselves and those exercising that right should not be punished the same as the perpetrator.

High School Principal Danny Seabourne was in attendance and gave a different perspective.

"I agree with what you are saying

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Man, 67, nabbed for DWI

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office arrested a 67-year-old Pampa man for DWI second offense and possession of a prohibited weapon around 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

According to Lieutenant Joe B. Hoard of GCSO, their office received a call about a vehicle traveling southbound in the northbound lane of Highway 70 by the bowling alley. When officers arrived, they arrested Norris Ray Tollerson from Pampa for DWI.

Tollerson was also charged with possession of a prohibited weapon after he was found with a short barrel shotgun.

"DWI second offense is a class A misdemeanor," Hoard said. "This is punishable with a fine not to exceed \$4,000 and jail time not to exceed one year."

Pair cited in theft of cans

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office conducted an investigation Thursday that led to the issuing of citations to two individuals for the theft of aluminum cans, according to Lieutenant Joe B. Hoard from GCSO. The cans were stolen from a residence in the 600 block of North Sumner.

Two suspects, one male and one female both in their early 40's, were caught in the

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PFD has new member on its team



Patches and Pumper make their debut at the 2007 Health Fair Wednesday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Firemen, from left, Charlie Dabney, John Evans, Kane you with water from his fire engine. Wilt, and Robert McDonald.

The Pampa Fire Department has a new member and his name is Patches.

Along with his trusty fire engine, Pumper, Patches will teach fire safety to many children as well as adults all around Pampa and the surrounding area.

The Patches and Pumper robot was purchased with funds awarded from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Funding from grants in recent years has helped to purchase numerous items for the Pampa Fire Department including radios, haz-mat equipment, a new pumper truck, a Wellness and Fitness program including exercise equipment and medical physicals, Patches and Pumper fire prevention robot, and a new Sparky costume.

Patches and Pumper, along with Sparky, will be used to teach the importance of fire safety as well as what to do in the event of an emergency.

Patches is a "state of the art" robot and will amaze youngsters as well as adults. Patches can move forward and backward while maneuvering accurately through crowds.

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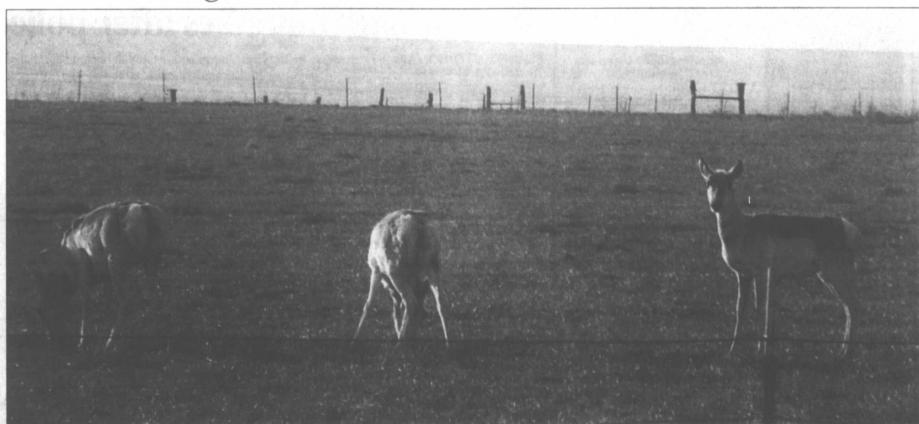
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A small herd of pronghorn antelope graze in a field off Highway 70 north of Pampa recently. Acreage planted in crops turning green provides a sharp contrast to pastures which are still brown.









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Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. Southsouthwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51, South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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AAA: Gas prices mixed

HOUSTON (AP) Retail gas prices were mixed this week at Texas pumps.

According to the weekly AAA Texas gas price survey released today, regular-grade prices rose an average of 2 cents to \$2.43 per gallon. National prices rose 2 cents to an average of \$2.57 per gallon

Price increased minimally in some markets, and actually fell 1 cent in Beaumont to \$2.37 per gallon and 3 cents in Dallas to \$2.43 per gallon.

"How high speculators push wholesale gas prices this spring depends primarily on how smoothly refiners can transition to producing their summer blends without incident and how strong consumer demand is for gasoline," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rougeau. "Current indica-

tions are that demand for gasoline is well ahead of last year levels.'

The costliest gas in the Texas survey was in Amarillo, where regular

per gallon. The cheapest was in Corpus Christi, where it rose 3 cents to \$2.36 per gal-

These are average per-gallon prices of regular, selfserve gasoline in Texas metro areas and the change from last week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch released on Friday:

Austin-San Marcos \$2.410, up 0.6 cent

Amarillo — \$2.562, up

Beaumont — \$2.371, down 0.8 cent

Corpus Christi — \$2.350,

up 3.3 cents Dallas — \$2.430, down

2.7 cents

El Paso — \$2.502, up 4.5

Fort Worth — \$2.424, up 2.0 cents

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

DURHAM, Fronnie "Susie" — 10 a.m., St. Mark CME Church, Pampa. TAYLOR, Dennis Wayne — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

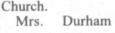
Fronnie 'Susie' Durham, 64

Fronnie "Susie" Durham, 64, of Pampa, died March 18, 2007, at Oklahoma City,

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Mark CME Church with the Rev. Raymond McKever, pastor, officiating.

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

A Pampa resident most of her life, Mrs. Durham was born July 17, 1942, at Terrell. She was a cashier at Wal-Mart for more than five years. She was a member of St. Mark **CME**





Durham

was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Misty Crawford. Survivors

include three daughters, Janice Pitts of Bethany, Delores Okla., Crawford and Evelynn Ridley, both of Oklahoma a

Marvin Oliver of Oklahoma City; her mother, Lorraine Anderson of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: St. Mark CME Church, 406 Elm, Pampa, TX 79065

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Dennis Wayne Taylor, 53

Dennis Wayne Taylor, 53, Directors. of Pampa, Texas, died March 21, 2007, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 24, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of CarmichaelWhatley Funeral

Mr. Taylor was born July 6, 1953 in Pampa, where he graduated from Pampa High School. He was employed Sullins Plumbing and Crall Products. He enjoyed play-

Taylor



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He was preceded is death by his parents, Gordon and Opal Taylor; a

brother, Gordon Earl Taylor; and a sister, Vickie Taylor.

MEMORIALS: A favorite charity SPECIAL NOTICE: The

family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-8 p.m. on Friday, March 23,

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Thursday, March 22

Norris Ray Tollerson, 67, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for DWI-second offense and in possession of a prohibited weapon.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ten traffic stops were made resulting in one arrest.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 500 block of Naida and near the intersection of Highway 60 and Highway 70.

An accident was reported at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1400 block of Somerville, the 500 block of Lowry and the 2200 block of

Calls concerning animals were received from the 500 block of Ballard, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of Roberta, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the intersection of Ward and Roberta, two calls from the 2100 block of Williston, the 2100 block of North Faulkner, the 1200 block of Darby, the 700 block of Albert, the 100 block of West 30th and the 2100 block of Hamilton.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 500 block of Oklahoma. 911 hang-ups were reported in the

2100 block of Lynn and an undisclosed location.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. Civil matters were reported in the

1900 block of North Hobart and the 1100 block of Starkweather. Missing persons were reported in the

500 block of Warren and the 100 block of South Sumner. A violation of the Texas Alcoholic

the 100 block of East Harvester. The accident. call resulted in one arrest. Suspicious persons were reported in

the 1500 block of Coffee, in the 500 block of North Wells and near the intersection of Kentucky and Deane. Criminal trespass was reported in the

800 block of Campbell.

near the intersection of Huff and Crawford. Criminal mischief was reported in

the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner, in the 200 block of Houston and in the 1100 block of Neel where assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported.

Possession of less than 2 ounces of marijuana in a drug free zone was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the private residence.

following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, March 22

7:30 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

11:22 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of Rose on a false alarm.

4:16 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Beverage Commission was reported in Harvester and Duncan on a vehicle

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 22 7:27 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky

and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 10:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient

to a local nursing facility. 4:13 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Duncan and Harvester streets and

transported a patient to PRMC. 5:39 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to BSA Hospital in Amarillo and trans-

ferred a patient to PRMC. 9:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff and transport-

ed a patient to PRMC. Friday, March 23

1:53 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a

San Antonio man dies after police Taser him

Private Handgun Instruction SAN ANTONIO (AP) — **Non-Resident Licenses Available** A 35-year-old man died today after San Antonio P.O. Box 3 police used pepper spray and Shamrock, Texas 79097 a Taser to subdue him.

Officers went to Sergio Galvan's home on the city's South Side before dawn after his wife called 911 several times for help, police said in

a story in the San Antonio Express-News online edition.

The woman emerged from the home when police arrived and said she needed help with her husband. Meanwhile, Galvan ran from the house, and the officers pursued, police said.

and attacked the officers, police spokesman Lt. Richard Martinez said, prompting them to use pepper spray and a Taser.

But as Galvan was being handcuffed, the officers noticed he was unresponsive. They began cardiopul-

Galvan became combative monary resuscitation until emergency medical crews arrived, but Galvan was never revived.

> Galvan's wife, Cynthia Galvan, told reporters that her husband had awakened her before dawn and said someone outside the house wanted to kill him.

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Divided House OK's Iraq withdrawal bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — A sharply divided House voted today to order President Bush to bring combat troops home from Iraq next year, a victory for Democrats in an epic war-powers struggle and Congress' boldest challenge yet to the administration's policy.

Ignoring a White House veto threat, lawmakers voted 218-212, mostly along party lines, for a binding war spending bill requiring that combat operations cease before September 2008, or earlier if the Iraqi government does not meet certain requirements. Democrats said it was time to heed the mandate of their election sweep last November, which gave them control of Congress.

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"The American people have lost faith in the president's conduct of this war," said House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif. "The American people see the reality of the war, the president does

The vote, echoing clashes between lawmakers and the White House over the Vietnam War four decades ago, pushed the Democratic-led Congress a step closer to a constitutional collision with the wartime commander in chief. Bush has insisted that lawmakers allow more time for his strategy of sending nearly 30,000 additional troops to Iraq

The roll call also marked a triumph for Pelosi, who labored in recent days to bring together a Democratic caucus deeply divided over the war. Some of the party's more liberal members voted against the bill because they said it would not end the war immediately, while more conservative Democrats said they were reluctant to take away

flexibility from generals in the field.

Republicans were almost completely unified in their fight against the bill, which they said was tantamount to admitting failure in Iraq.

"The stakes in Iraq are too high and the sacrifices made by our military personnel and their families too great to be content with anything but success," said Republican Whip Roy Blunt, R-

The bill marks the first time Congress has used its budget power to try to end the war, now in its fifth year, by attaching the withdrawal requirements to a bill providing \$124 billion to finance military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan for the rest of this year.

Excluding the funds in the Housepassed bill, Congress has so far provided more than \$500 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, including about \$350 billion for Iraq alone, according to the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service. More than 3,200 U.S. troops have died in Iraq since war began in March 2003.

Across the Capitol, the Senate planned to debate as early as Monday legislation that also calls for a troop withdrawal — and has also drawn a Bush veto threat.

That \$122 billion measure would require that Bush begin bringing home an unspecified number of troops within four months with the goal of getting all combat troops out by March 31, 2008. Unlike the House bill's 2008 date, the Senate deadline is not a firm require-

While today's House vote represented Democrats' latest ratcheting up of political pressure on Bush, they still

face long odds of ultimately being able to force a troop withdrawal.

In the Senate, Democratic leaders will need 60 votes to prevail — a tall order because they will need about a dozen Republicans to join them.

And should lawmakers send Bush a compromise House-Senate measure, both chambers would need two-thirds majorities to override him — margins that neither seems likely to be able to

In today's House debate, Democrats said it was time for them to begin influencing the war's path.

"The American public expects the Congress of the United States to do something," said Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md. "Not simply to say 'yes' to failed policies, but to on their behalf, speak out and try to take us in a new direction."

"What we're trying to do in this legislation is force the Iraqis to fight their own war," said Rep. John Murtha, D-Pa., who had helped write the bill.

With Democrats holding 233 seats and Republicans with 201, Democrats were able to afford only 15 "no" votes. Accordingly, Pelosi, and her leadership team spent days trying to convince members that the bill was Congress' best chance of forcing Bush to change course — an argument that was aided when they added more than \$20 billion in domestic spending in an effort to lure

They got a breakthrough Thursday when four of the bill's most consistent critics, California Democrats Lynn Woolsey, Diane Watson, Barbara Lee and Maxine Waters, said they would not stand in its way.

Former youth

jail principal

denies abuse

Texas (AP) — The former

principal at a West Texas

youth jail denied involve-

ment in accusations of sexu-

al abuse there in his first

interview since the scandal

John Paul Hernandez,

accused in a Texas Rangers

report of molesting incarcer-

ated boys at the West Texas

State School in Pyote, told

the San Antonio Express

News in today's edition that

the ordeal has been "tor-

Hernandez has not been

charged in connection with

the scandal, and a Ward

County grand jury failed

Wednesday to take action on

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Hernandez said he would

have preferred an indictment

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I've revisited it again and

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Charles, but if students

see that the administration does not give equal punishments to those involved in an altercation that may problems, cause Seabourne said. "Some students may want to fight another person but want to claim self defense, so they call that person names until they get mad enough to hit them. Then, they can hit back but claim it was self defense because they didn't throw the first punch. It can't seem like we are condoning violence in any

The board decided to have more discussions on this subject along with the attorneys at a later time.

Student rights and responsibilities, as listed in the student handbooks, was a major discussion between board members. The original question brought to the table was whether to just review student handbooks or approve them. Each school writes up their own

student handbook so it is appropriate to each campus and age of students.

Board member Lee Porter thought the board should approve each handbook so they can ensure the local policies are consistent.

"We are elected by the public to make sure we are informed on what is happening in the schools," Porter said. "I'm not saying we need to be able to make tons of changes to their student handbooks, but we should have the right to review them and suggest changes that we feel are needed."

Board member Joe Martinez said he thought that would take away a responsibility that the administrators should have.

"If we have to approve each handbook, it seems like we are micromanaging everything the administrators do," Martinez said. "These administrators are hired to do their job and we need to trust that they are competent to do things like write student handbooks."

Board member Greg Brown did not think that what Porter was suggesting was micromanagement.

"We just need to have some type of review," Brown said. "We need to be able to ask questions about why certain items are in the handbooks and make sure they are not inconsistent within the district."

Board memb er Derrel DeLoach thought the policies were the same, but the enforcement of those is different.

"We have seven different administrations at the schools and each has a discipline style," DeLoach said. "I think they keep the policy consistent, but they each have a different style of enforcing these rules."

The board decided to table this agenda item until the next meeting.

Board members did approve the consent agenda as presented, to limit educator term contracts to those who legally have to receive them, to remove the prohibition of rewarding extra points to students in advanced placement classes that receive some type of instructional modification, and to make showing copyrighted materials in classrooms prohibited.



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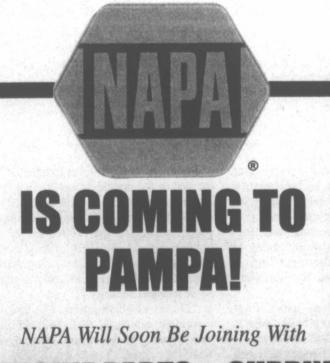
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Cans

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800 block of North Wells with the stolen cans. The individuals were issued citations for the theft.

"This incident shows that the sheriff's office responds to all types of calls," Hoard said. "When we receive a call from a resident that needs help, we respond no matter what type of crime has occurred.



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Viewpoints

America's younger generation only want fame

"I'll wear a blond shag haircut, a leisure suit and sing a syrupy Barry Manilow tune. If that doesn't get me onto 'American Idol,' Simon Cowell can eat his own head."

"Ah, yes, you sum up America's fascination with fame and celebrity. Both are explored in 'Fame Junkies,' an interesting new book by Jake Halpern.

"Fame Junkies?"

"Did you know that more people watch 'American Idol' than all three major network evening news shows combined?'

"It's no wonder. Things haven't been as compelling since Rather left the air."

"Did you know, according to a study by Harvard University and the Kaiser Family Foundation, that 31 percent of teens are convinced they'll be famous? They believe they're entitled to fame – that it will solve all their problems."

"It'll solve my problems. The waitress at the diner will finally go out with me."

"Halpern interviewed 653 middle-school students in Rochester, N.Y. When he asked them if they'd rather be a personal assistant to a celebrity, a corporate CEO, an Ivy League president, a Navy SEAL or a U.S. senator, 43.4 percent of girls chose 'celebrity assistant.'"

"I'd rather do chores for a celebrity than be a senator. Though I have to admit rubbing cream on Rosie O'Donnell's bunions would get a little old."

"When given the option of becoming famous, beautiful, stronger or smarter, boys chose fame almost as often as intelligence. Girls chose fame even more often."

"That isn't a fair question. Fame has nothing to do with intelligence. Isn't that made clear every time Hollywood actors open their yaps?"

Tom

Purcell

Columnist

"Our longing for fame is a recent phenomenon. Consider: In 1963, according

to Gallup, Americans most admired Lyndon Johnson, Winston Churchill and Martin Luther King Jr. In 2005, Bono and Donald Trump topped the

"Hey, common sense: You're fired!"

"Halpern told me there are two types of kids who long for fame most: The spoiled ones whose parents taught them they were the center of the universe, and kids who were under-appreciated by their parents.'

"Talk about under-appre-

ciated. My mother used to hang a Budweiser around my neck so the old man would read to me."

"The longing also correlates to the self-esteem movement of the 1970s. By praising everything children did, adults unwittingly created teens and young adults who can't take criticism and who demand the praise they

think fame will bring."

"Ah, the good old days. When we played kickball, we weren't permitted to compete, and everybody got a trophy!"

"The result is that we've created a society of young narcissists."

"We have?"

"Five psychologists just released an interesting study. It found that today's college kids are more narcissistic than previous generations. Narcissists tend to lack empathy. They're consumed with self-love. They crave fame because they want the adulation of millions."

"I don't need to be adored by millions. But a few hundred thousand would be nice."

"Freud had a term for what is going on - wishful

thinking. We've created a generation of kids who are lost in a fantasy world. They see themselves as they'd like to be, rather than as they really are. You have to wonder what happens when people who crave fame fail to achieve it - or when people who achieve it realize it doesn't solve their problems and ends up creating even more."

"Why don't you ask Britney Spears?"

"It makes me realize how lucky I was to grow up as I did. We had only three television channels - no celebrity shows were on. And I was part of a big family. We had to learn how to share and laugh and be considerate. Narcissistic behavior would

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 23, the 82nd day of 2007. There are 283 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!" On this date:

In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) was performed publicly for the first time, in London.

In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

> Those who do not find time for exercise will have to find time for illness."

> > — Anonymous

In 1857, culinary expert Fannie Farmer was born in Boston.

In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.

In German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.

In 1956, Pakistan

became an independent republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1965, America's first two-person space flight began as Gemini 3 blasted off from Cape Kennedy, Fla., with astronauts Virgil I. Grissom and John W. Young aboard.

In 1983, President Reagan first proposed developing technology to intercept enemy missiles — a proposal that came to be known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, as well as "Star Wars."

In 1996, Taiwan held its first direct presidential elections; incumbent Lee Teng-hui was the victor.

In 2001, Russia's orbiting Mir space station ended its 15year odyssey with a fiery plunge into the South Pacific.

Ten years ago: Amid renewed violence, Israel's Cabinet called on the Palestinian Authority to crack down on Islamic militant groups, but stopped short of suspending peace talks. The American Cancer Society recommended that women begin annual mammograms at age 40.

Five years ago: President Bush, during a visit to South America, pledged cooperation with Peru in the fight against terrorism. Girls in Afghanistan celebrated their return to school for the first time in years. Irina Slutskaya captured her first world title, defeating four-time champion Michelle Kwan at the World Figure Skating Championships in Nagano, Japan. Opera and pop singer Eileen Farrell died in Park Ridge, N.J., at age 82.



Life is neither simple nor simplistic

The Christian Science Monitor recently noted the 50th anniversary of the publication of Ayn Rand's novel "Atlas Shrugged." If you've never read it, you should, though it's about as long as 'War and Peace" and is more

a polemic than literature. Nevertheless, it's fair to say that it resurrected libertarianism, which had just about shrunk to pea size in our garden of ideologies.

The novel was a merciless attack against altruism and collectivism at a time when both were dominating the American culture. It celebrated unrestrained capitalism, individualism, selfishness and sound money. None of Rand's economic ideas was original. She just borrowed the ideas of the School Austrian of Economics and was careful never to give the economists credit. She became a cult figLike all ideologies, how-

ever, Ayn Rand's philosophy, which she called "objectivism," was false to the facts. Her vision of heroic industrialists was a far cry from the

Reese

real robber barons who Charley exploited labor and the environ-Columnist ment and corrupted

government right and left. They often resorted to violence. Her claim that reason was the salvation and only rule for living as people should live was too stern even for her own life. Human beings, who can use reason, are not always reasonable people. As one man put it, a scientist is a scientist for only a few hours of the day; the rest of the time, he's a human

being, with all the emotions and prejudices that most humans carry around.

Her portrayal of the collectivists was more accurate. She knew them well, having survived the Bolshevik Revolution

before coming to the United States in 1926. From

a literary standpoint, I've always thought her first novel, "We the Living," set in commu-

nist Russia, is her best work. Don't get me wrong. Rand said many valuable things. I "discovered" her at about age 24 and for a number of years devoured everything she wrote. One of her followers, by the way, was Alan Greenspan, later chairman of the Federal Reserve.

The problem with Rand's

philosophy is that, like pure libertarianism, it is in the final analysis cruel and heartless. She was an atheist. and, as she put it on a national talk show, those people who couldn't cut it on their own "will perish." This is the logical outcome of libertarianism, as Harry Browne so eloquently pointed out, just as Nazism is the logical outcome of modern liberalism with its current trend toward a "therapeutic" soci-

I prefer Wendell Berry's ideal of a healthy community to the extreme individualism that characterizes libertarianism. Man is, after all, a herd animal, and all human progress has resulted from cooperation. Rand's philosophy, in the final analysis, is an oversimplification of human existence, which is 22

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

March 12

The El Paso Times on the U.S. addressing nuclear possibilities:

When the 9/11 Commission released its report in 2004, it noted that the possibility of a nuclear attack was the most consequential threat facing the United States.

The ensuing years have done nothing to change the prediction. If anything, events such as North Korean missile and bomb tests along with apparent Iranian efforts to develop a nuclear weapons program have merely increased the fears.

The possibility of a nuclear attack is

frightening enough by itself. But, according to a McClatchy Newspapers story, our government isn't near being ready to respond to such an attack.

This, despite numerous warnings from the Bush administration about the nuclear threat, and the spending of more than \$300 billion for homeland protection.

A couple of questions arise. First, where has all that money been spent?

Three hundred billion dollars is a handsome chunk of change, and taxpayers/citizens should have seen some pretty visible results from spending that much on our protection. Where is it?

Second, if the government truly believes that a nuclear strike of some kind is that realistic, why isn't something being done about preparing for it?

Pentagon analyst John Brinkerhoff is quoted in the article as saying in a 2005 confidential memo to the Joint Chiefs of Staff, "The United States is unprepared to mitigate the consequences of a nuclear attack. We were unable to find any group or office with a coherent approach to this very important aspect of homeland security. ...

"This is a bad situation. The threat of a nuclear attack is real, and action is needed now to learn how to deal with one."

The government's apparent lack of response is puzzling. At the very minimum, there should be a push to educate the populace about what to do in case of nuclear attack.

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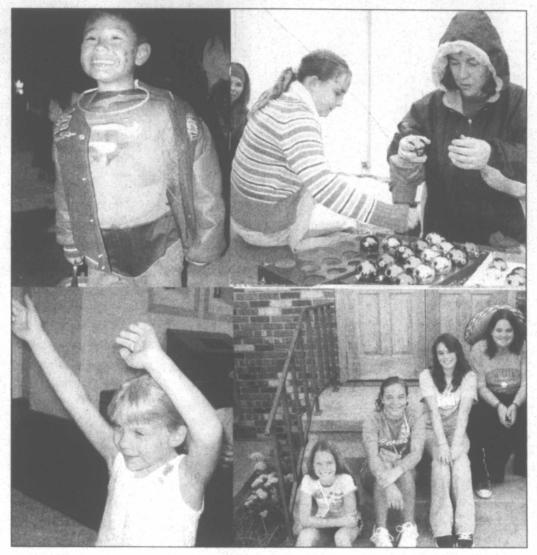
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Hí-Land Christían Church

Church name: Hi-Land Christian Church, 1620 N. Banks, 669-6700, pawdad@nts-online.net.

Minister: Pastor Mike Sublett, Music Minister Julie Long.

Services: Sunday — 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship, 6 p.m. Evening Worship; Wednesday — 7 p.m. Bible Study; Thursday — 7 p.m. Bible Study, 7:45 p.m. Music Group practice.

Activities: Create-a-Beat children's after school program (provide facility, utilities and volunteers), Hallowed Happening on Halloween night (passing out pop, chips, Christian gifts and candy to 1,000 kids and adults), VBS (cooperative with three other Pampa churches), Labor Day Family Camp, Children's Summer Christian Camps at El Porvenir Camp near Las Vegas, New Mexico, Christmas Parade float.

Members: Average Sunday morning attendance: 65.

Denomination: Non-denominational.

How long here: Almost 50 years.

Goals: To make a difference in the lives of the unchurched families in Pampa. To touch as many children's lives as possible with the love of Jesus Christ.

Other activities: We house and provide many of the volunteers for Create-a-Beat, an after school program for K-5th grade that operates five days a week throughout the school year and has about 80 children enrolled.

Main goal: To establish relationships with families who do not attend church and to help them come to know Christ as Savior and Lord.

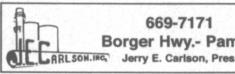
Church message: Our core belief is that God so strongly desired to save the human race from sin that His Son, Jesus, came to the earth and sacrificed His life on the cross to pay in full our sin-debt so that we might live forever with Him in heaven.

Responsible parties: Day-to-day operations: Pastor Mike Sublett Church oversight: Marvin Carlton and Mike Sublett.

Information: Hi-Land Christian Church is a great place for 1) believers who want to live lives as dedicated hard working followers of Jesus Christ, 2) anyone who is running low on hope, and 3) anyone who feels like they just wouldn't fit in most churches.



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WBU to host Christian bands

PLAINVIEW — Wayland Baptist Lubbock and Amarillo. University in Plainview is bringing Everyday Sunday to the concert stage at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, in Wayland's Harral Memorial Auditorium.

Jackson Waters will open the concert which is the headline event for Wayland's Big Weekend, March 30-31. The college preview weekend is designed to give prospective students and their parents a look at college life on the Wayland campus.

The concert is open to the public. Tickets will cost \$10 and will be available at the Wayland bookstore as well as Mardel bookstore in Lubbock and LifeWay Christian Store in

Everyday Sunday sprang from a close-knit youth group in Columbus, Ohio. The group released its debut album "Sleeper" independently in 2001. They followed with the "Stand Up" CD in 2002 and "Anthems for the Imperfect" in 2004. The band will release "Wake Up, Wake Up" sometime this year.

Jackson Waters can trace its roots to John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark., where drummer Ryan Hawk and lead singer David Leonard got together. The group has opened for such acts as Big Daddy Weave, BarlowGirl and Thousand Foot Crutch, mixing high energy with an

eclectic musical personality.

The concert is the highlight of Wayland's Big Weekend which is open to high school juniors, seniors and college transfer students.

Those participating in Big Weekend will also enjoy a baseball doubleheader, late night breakfast, parent's reception and a full slate of activities on Saturday, including scholarship auditions and tryouts for various athletic teams.

For more information, or to register for Big Weekend, contact Wayland's Office of Admissions at 806-291-3500, or visit our Web site at www.wbu.edu and click on the Big Weekend link.

Pentecostal

person's heart.

churches were not large

churches, but altar workers

stayed at the altar praying

with the seekers until the

Holy Spirit witnessed in that

of making it too hard for

people to get saved. Well,

we have had that heart-

cleansing experience that

only comes when a person

dedicates their life away

from sinful pleasures and

selfish desires to Jesus and

That kind of dedica-

tion does not come at

the flash of a thought.

We agonize with the

Holy Spirit about this

Covenant. It's like signing a blank check to

Jesus saying whatever you

Many of our members tes-

tified to having new heart

experiences, making confes-

sions of wrongdoing and

receiving forgiveness. I

thank Jesus for that new

heart experience. The

woman that washed Jesus'

feet with her hair had that

new heart experience. She

was forgiven much, and she

Simon rightly told Jesus

that the person who was for-

given more loves more.

Simon did not feel like he

loved Him much.

Testament

His service.

New

require, I am yours.

It changes lives.

Pentecostals were accused

A new heart experience

strengthens faith, love

"And a woman in the city,

which was a sinner, when

she knew that Jesus sat at

meat in the Pharisee's house,

brought an alabaster box of

ointment and stood at His

feet behind Him weeping,

and began to wash His feet

with tears, and did wipe

them with the hairs of her

head, and kissed His feet and

anointed them with the oint-

this sinful woman met Jesus.

It seems to be the first time

This was not the first time

ment." (Luke 7:37-38)

Minister's Musing: The secret to an awesome union

It was time to go to bed, above the other guys, doesand I was past ready for that soft pillow with my name on it. About that time Shari walked out of the bathroom and said, "You can't go to bed yet. You need to get back in the living room and watch Sportscenter for a while.

OK, now when my wife tells me to go watch sports and isn't giving me a hard

Mike

Sublett

Hi-Land

Christian

n't it?" Adam said, "Yes."

I looked at Christina and asked her, "And you are shocked that he chose you above the other girls, aren't you? Part of you can't believe that he would even bother with you, huh?" She said, "That's right, dad."

"As long as both of you feel this way, your marriage will grow and prosper. Each

day that both of you can't believe how fortunate you are to have the other as your spouse, your love will grow stronger and stronger. But if either of you should arise one day thinking about how

blessed your spouse is to have you, then your relationship will take at least a couple of steps backwards. Should that occur for many days your marriage will be in trouble. You see, one of the greatest things about the relationship the two of you have is that you both are amazed that he/she even bothers with you. Both of you feel that he/she could do so much better than you. That is true humility and love; the kind that can last a lifetime."

So if you're married or think that you've found Mr. Right or Miss Right, ask yourself: "Is he/she luckier to have me or am I luckier to have him/her?" If you can't honestly see that you are luckier and more blessed, then your attitude isn't the kind that will grow into an awesome marriage. And, worse yet, what if your attitude is good, but the one you love can only see how fortunate you are to have them? If that is the case, you are headed for a wreck in your marriage.

You see, it takes two people in love who think that they are the luckiest people in the whole world to have the one they love.

Christina and Adam just celebrated their 11th anniversary this past June. Neither of them "walk on water," but they both still feel so blessed and fortunate to be married to each other. Most of the time each of them can't believe how lucky/blessed they are. Thank You for that, Lord. God bless.

time about watching too much sports, something is

I said, "OK, tell me what's goin' on?"

Shari informed me that Adam was trying to get up the nerve to come in and talk

Oh, my, the night had come. He was going to ask for Christina's hand in marriage. I knew the time was coming and Adam was everything and more that Shari and I had spent years praying for, but my eyes were still misty as I sat in the living room.

Part of me was praising the Lord, thanking Him for answering all of those prayers. Another part was teary over the finality of someone else being her No. 1 man. Funny how you pray for something so hard over so many years, and then part of you is misty-eyed over it.

Well, about that time Adam walked in. I don't remember all of the words. The bottom line was, "Mike, I want to marry Christina. I love her and she loves me. We want your blessing."

Of course I said, "Yes," and Shari and Christina came running into the living

I don't remember too much about those next few moments before we all went to bed. But I do remember one thing that I said to the two of them. I believe that it is one of the true secrets to a great marriage. I believe that it will bless you, too.

I asked Adam, "You are amazed that she loves you, aren't you? It blows you

away that she chose you **Goodlett Gospel Jubilee**

announces next act

GOODLETT — Goodlett Gospel Jubilee will present Southern Gospel headliner Angelina McKeithen and Route 77 in a free concert at 7 p.m. March 31 at the Old Rock Gymnasium Goodlett. The doors will open at 6:30 p.m.

The Corinth Singers will host the event.

McKeithen's musical career began at the age of 3 when she began singing gospel songs with her parents, The McKeithens, in Louisiana in 1976. Her grandfather belonged to McKeithen Brothers Quartet of Louisiana in the 1930s and 1940s.

McKeithen is an instrumentalist as well as a singer. German outfitter Hohner, Inc., established a line of harmonicas in recognition of her talent, and McKeithen was nominated 2004's Performing Musician of the

Year, Instrumentalist of the Year from 1996-2000, and Female Vocalist of the Year in 1989 and 1998.

McKeithen penned the song "Let the Hallelujahs in Roll" with her mother, and the song "Hide Me Behind the Cross" which was recorded by Gold City and ranked as one of the top five radio songs of 2000. As the youngest published writer at ASCAP, she has had songs recorded by The Pfeifers, N'Harmony, the Anchormen and Jessica King.

McKeithen has made numerous television appearances and was featured on Gary McSpadden's Americana Theater in Branson, Mo., in 2003.

She is currently touring the nation accompanied by Route 77, a group of instrumentalists and singers which sometimes includes her

Briarwood to host Archer

Briarwood 1800 W. Harvester, will present Steve Archer in free concert at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the church.

Born in Southern California and raised throughout the Golden State, Archer grew up in a musical family. He and his brothers and sister formed one of the first ensembles to ever perform what was later to be known as con-Christian temporary music, a press release from the church said.

The group toured extensively and even performed for President and Mrs.



Archer

Carter.

Archer has embarked on a solo career. His latest project "Call It Grace" is now available.

Archie Cooper

Pentecostal Holiness



for the Pharisee who had doubts about Christ in the first place. He reasoned in himself that if Jesus was indeed a prophet he would know the woman who touched him was a sinner.

Jesus did know the woman and her repenting heart. He also knew Simon's doubting heart, telling Simon that he didn't love, him, Jesus, much. The Holy Spirit made the woman aware of her many sins. She had repented and was repenting more in deep remorse. No one truly repents without remorse for

the wrongs they have done. When I came to Jesus for forgiveness and a change of heart, I felt as much ashamed and worthless as did the prodigal son, who, because of his sin, felt he was no longer worthy to be called his father's son. I knew I deserved hell, but I knew that in Jesus there was redemption if Jesus would forgive and give me a new heart - not just a new start.

In the 1930s, the

was a very bad man. Didn't like much being good enough for heaven - didn't have many sins to get forgiven. And he did not love Jesus much. He didn't send a servant to wash Jesus' feet, nor any of the customary service

> to receive a guest. Jesus told him of his shortcomings. Then said that the woman, whose sins were many, was willing to go to

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"Come, Christians, Join To Sing" This hymn began as a Sunday school song for children and was originally entitled, "Come, Children, Join to sing." The name was changed when its author, Christian Bateman, realized everyone loved to sing his hymn. The lyrics were written in 1843 and first appeared in a Scottish hymn book for children called Sacred Melodies for Sabbath Schools and Families, and the melody is a traditional Spanish tune. The words "alleluia" and 'amen" are found in each stanza. "Alleluia," the Latin equivalent of "Hallelujah," is found in many Psalms and means 'Praise the Lord." "Amen" means, of course, "so be it." Ref: Center for Church Music This hymn history brought to you by Whatley FUNERAL DIRECTORS www.carmichael-whatley.com

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My parents are both dead and have been for quite some time. Visiting the cemetery is, and always has been, very depressing to me, so I choose not to go. My problem is I have an older relative who says not going to the graves is a sign of disrespect. (She spits out the word with such venom!) Abby, I don't disrespect my parents at all. I just don't want to go to the cemetery and have all those sad memories flood back and cause me to feel awful again. I'd love to tell her that just because I don't agree with her doesn't make me wrong. So, is it a sign of disrespect not to visit a grave? I feel my parents are in heaven, not in the ground. - SAD DAUGH-TER IN JACKSON, MO.

DEAR SAD DAUGHTER: Whether to visit someone's grave -- and that includes one's parents' -- is a personal choice. Going to the cemetery is not "proof of respect," because a person can be going to curse the grave as easily as to mourn. Your letter brings to mind a conversation I had with my mother years ago. Her mother was felled by a stroke at 57, when Mamma was only 23. I once asked her why she never went back to visit her mother's grave. Her reply: "Because she isn't there. She's in my heart." Your relative is wrong to try to make you feel guilty. The next time she does it, tune her out or change the subject.

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DEAR ABBY: My parents are in the middle of a nasty divorce. Ever since they separated, Dad has been accusing my mother of having an affair. I only recently found out that, in actuality, HE is the one having the affair. I used to live with him, but some horrible events happened and I moved out. Now Dad is writing me nasty e-mails. I know the reason he is doing it is because he

knows that I know what he has been up to. Mother has no idea that he is having an affair. All she wants from the divorce is to keep what is hers and have custody of my youngest sister. (There are three of us.) My middle sister and I are on good terms with our mother, and only want the best for our little sister. Dad has already made it clear that he wants custody only for the money. He even told my little sister that, and she's only 12! I don't feel right letting Mother's name get trashed because of her "affair" with nobody, while he's out sleeping with this other woman. I have considered talking to her lawyer, but my fiance says I should stay out of it. What should I do? --LOST AND CONFUSED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR LOST AND CONFUSED: First, do not listen to your fiance. Talk to your mother, and then the two of you should visit her attorney. And while you're at it, be sure to take your little sister along and let her tell the lawyer that "Daddy" said he wanted her only for the money. Under no circumstances should he get custody of

DEAR ABBY: Why is it that people always say, "How are you?" in place of "Hello"? What should one say in response? I am so sick of answering, "Fine, how are you?" simply because that's what is expected. Can you give me another response that doesn't sound like a recording? - FINE, THANK YOU, IN GASTONIA, N.C.

DEAR FINE, THANK YOU: Absolutely. Say, "I'm hangin' in, hangin' out, hangin' on, and sometimes just hangin'." (Please don't hang me on this one!)

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'Daddy! I found this piece of wood! Can we build a treehouse?"

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Sports Day

Harvesters have another successful run against Borger

By JORDAN REAGAN

Sports Editor With their district games on the horizon, the Pampa Harvesters once again took on the Borger Bulldogs on

Tuesday afternoon. The Harvesters improved to a 13-5-1 record following the 14-7 victory over the Bulldogs.

Colden Fortenberry was placed as Pampa's starting pitcher, and improved to 2-2 on the season with five innings on the mound with four strikeouts and one walk.

Brett Powell got his first save of the season with two innings of relief work facing six hitters and recording four

Leading offensively, Brett Ferrell and Blake Sieck each brought in two runs, and James Coffee hit his third home run of the season. Ferrell and Coffee also

batted in four runs each. The Harvesters will be in action again this weekend, playing San Jacinto today in

Rene Portland resigns as Penn State basketball coach

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Rene Portland turned Penn State into one of the top programs in women's college basketball.

In the end, her highly successful 27-year tenure as Lady Lions head coach may be remembered just as much for allegations that she may have discriminated against lesbian players.

Penn State announced Portland's resignation Thursday, more than a month after the coach and university settled a lawsuit from a former player who claimed Portland had a "no-lesbian" policy on her team.

"This was obviously a difficult decision," Portland said in a statement in which she made no mention why she was stepping

Athletic director Tim Curley said Portland was not forced to resign, and that he wasn't surprised by her decision.

Teenager earns China's fifth gold in 1-meter diving

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — He Zi earned a close victory over two-time champion Blythe Hartley of Canada in the women's 1meter springboard Friday night, giving China its fifth gold medal at the world championships.

He won with 316.65 points — 5.45 better than Hartley, who was the champion two years in Montreal and in 2001 in Fukuoka, Japan.

Yuliya Pakhalina of Russia took the bronze with

American Allison Brennan was never in contention and finished last among six

He, a 16-year-old diving in her second major international meet, overtook Hartley for first place on her fourth dive. He's reverse 2 1/2 somersault received 72.00 points — her highest score of the five-dive final. The dive had a 3.0 degree of difficulty, and along with her third dive worth 3.1, He pulled off the toughest two dives of the final.

He made her international debut last December at the Asian Games.

Hartley led through three rounds and earned mostly 8.5s for her fourth dive. But He, diving last, did the more difficult dive and scored 72 points, which allowed her to take over the lead for good.

Irina Lashko, the 2003 champion while diving for Australia, finished fifth. The 34-year-old, who also won in 1998, recently cut ties with her adopted country and returned to competing for her native Russia.

The Chinese are 5-0 at the Albert Park diving venue, with five events remaining.

Teammates Qin Kai and He Chong of China were the top two qualifiers heading into the men's 3-meter final later Friday.

By JORDAN REAGAN

Sports Editor While many people spent their Spring Break vacationing, the Lady Harvester softball team spent their week off doing what they do best winning games.

On Saturday, March 9, the girls hit the road to take on Levelland, but were defeated 2-1 in the 7th inning.

On the mound, Cassy Tice held Levelland to four hits, but Pampa's field errors proved costly as Levelland took advantage of their opportunities. The game brought

Pampa's record to 12-4, and Tice's pitching record to 9-2 overall. following The Wednesday, Pampa made

their way to Burkburnett, to

be defeated 5-1, bringing

their record to 12-5.

Amarillo.

Nicole Clark pitched the game, bringing her record to 3-3 overall.

"She threw a really good game despite picking up the loss," coach Bobbi Gill said.

The Lady Harvesters then continued to Arlington, where they took on Red Oak, and walked away with a 4-3 Logan Winkelman had

two hits and two runs to help keep Pampa ahead, and Stephanie McVay batted in all four of the Lady Harvester's runs. Kambra Jimenez also

picked up a double and a run in the game, and Tice pitched the game, improving her record to 10-2 and the teams to 13-5.

In the second game in Arlington, the

Harvesters faced off against Keller Fossil Ridge, and defeated them 3-1.

Lady Harvesters stay busy over Spring Break

Clark picked up the win, bringing her record to 4-3.

Winkelman had a hit, stolen base and two runs, and Jimenez and Kenzi Nickell also added hits to the

Pampa improved to a 14-5 record before taking on Fort Worth Paschal the following Thursday.

The Lady Harvesters tied with Paschal in six innings, but due to tournament rules, Pampa advanced for batters sent to the plate.

Clark picked up the tie and only allowed three hits. On Saturday morning, the Lady Harvesters were defeated 8-0 by Magnolia, a 5-A powerhouse from the Houston area.

McVay had the only hit of the game, and Tice suffered the loss, allowing only three

The loss brought Pampa's record to 14-6-1, and Tice's record to 10-3.

In their second game on Saturday, Pampa took on Fort Worth Western Hills, picking up another tie. Western Hills, who sent

more batters to the plate advanced through the tournament, and Pampa's record was brought to 14-6-2. On the mound, Clark took

the tie, bringing her record to 4-3-2. The Lady Harvesters were scheduled to play Dallas Hillcrest in their third game Saturday, but Hillcrest for-

feited, giving Pampa one more win. The girls placed 7th overall in the tournament of 31. "Considering the type of

competition that was at that tournament, [7th] was a phenomenal place to be," coach Gill said, "I am very proud of our girls for representing Pampa and the Panhandle in a positive way."

On Tuesday, the girls opened district with Dumas, and shut them out 5-0.

"This was a great way to start district play," coach Gill said, "All the other teams seem to pick up intensity for district, so we have to rise to the occasion, too."

Clark picked up the win, throwing nine strikeouts and only allowing two hits to improve to a 5-3-2 overall

The team improved to 16-6-2 and 1-0 in district.

Ohio State, Kansas survive tests to advance

By The Associated

Ohio State and Kansas sweated out big tests before advancing on a night of close semifinals in the West and South regionals.

The Buckeyes trailed Tennessee by 20 points in the first half before climbing back to eke out an 85-84 victory Thursday night despite getting only nine points and three rebounds from Greg Oden.

The star freshman, who battled foul trouble all night, swatted away a potential winning shot as time expired in San Antonio.

"In this tournament, the two most important words are 'survive' and 'advance,' and we've been very, very fortunate the last couple of games to do those things," said Buckeyes coach Thad Matta, whose club needed a furious final minute of regulation then an overtime to get

past Xavier in the second round

Senior Ron Lewis scored 25 points, and freshman Mike Conley had nine of his 17 from the foul line, including the winner with 6.5 seconds left to bail out Oden and the Buckeyes (33-3).

Ohio State, the top seed in the South, advanced to the regional final against No. 2 seed Memphis, which escaped with a win when Antonio Anderson made two free throws with 3.1 seconds left to lift the Tigers to a 65-64 victory over Texas A&M in the other semifinal.

In the West Regional, No. l seed Kansas was only assured of victory after Southern Illinois' Tony Young missed a desperation 3-pointer from midcourt at the buzzer, giving the Jayhawks a 61-58 victory and a matchup with UCLA in the regional final.

The second-seeded Bruins Butler plays top-seeded never trailed, but had to grind out a win at the free beating line, Pittsburgh 64-55 by scoring 12 of their final 18 points on foul shots.

This is the first time since 2002 that there will be at least two 1-2 matchups in the regional finals. There could be a third as No. 1 North Carolina and No. 2 Georgetown both play Friday night in the East Regional semifinals.

Georgetown faces No. 6 seed Vanderbilt in the first semifinal at East Rutherford, N.J., and North Carolina faces fifth-seeded Southern California in the second game. Since the field expanded in 1985, there has never been three 1-2 matchups in the regional finals.

In the Midwest Regional in St. Louis, No. 5 seed

Florida in the early game and seventh-seeded UNLV takes on No. 3 seed Oregon in the nightcap.

In San Antonio, Tennessee (24-11) had one last chance after Conley missed the second of his foul shots at the end of the game. Ramar Smith grabbed the rebound and went all the way to the rim with Conley defending him. They went up together and time expired with the potential winning shot in the

Oden was there to send it into the Volunteers' cheerleaders, then drop back to the court with his biggest smile of the night, knowing the Buckeyes had held on for their 20th straight win. Smith, meanwhile, planted himself facedown in front of the Tennessee bench, knowing what a great opportunity his team had blown.

"We never got overconfident," Vols forward Dane Bradshaw said. "Just, defensively, we didn't have that sense of urgency. That's what makes it worse.' The Buckeyes kept alive

their longest run in the tournament since reaching the Final Four in 1999. For the Volunteers, this

was a second straight heartbreaking loss to this club. The first was a 68-66 defeat in Columbus, Ohio, in mid-January when Oden had the first breakout game of his

"We played about as well in the first half, I think, as we can play," Tennessee coach Bruce Pearl said. "We're terribly disappointed. We've proven we can beat some of the best teams in the country. We've also proven we can come close to beating some of the best teams in the coun-

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Tubby Smith leaves Kentucky for Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — In Tubby Smith's 10 seasons at Kentucky, the Wildcats never missed the NCAA tournament. They also won a national title, five SEC championships and 76 percent of their games. That wasn't good enough for the demand-

ing Kentucky faithful, so Smith left before athletic director Mitch Barnhart had to fire him amid increasing pressure from fans and program supporters.

Smith is bolting the bluegrass to take over the reeling program at Minnesota, a change of scenery that has him going from the winningest program in college basketball to a team that went 9-22 last season, including 3-13 in the Big Ten.

Smith, speaking by phone on "Mike and Mike in the Morning" on ESPN2, said a new challenge was the main reason for the move.

"We all need to be challenged," Smith said. "In the Big Ten, it's as tough as there is for a conference in the country," Smith said. "This will give me a new life, a new start and I'm anxious, eager and excited about it."

University of Kentucky President Lee Todd, in a statement, thanked Smith for his service. "I greatly appreciate the service Tubby

Smith has given to this university. He is

among the best as a coach and has represent-

ed this university with class and professionalism," Todd said.

Unfortunately for Smith, he wasn't nearly as appreciated by the legion of impatient fans who long for the days of Adolph Rupp and Rick Pitino. Smith's job status had grown increasingly

shaky over the last few seasons as the Wildcats failed to get out of the first weekend of the NCAA tournament in three of the last four years. The Wildcats went 22-12 this season and

made it to the NCAA tournament, but lost to top-seeded Kansas in the second round. Kentucky hasn't appeared in the Final Four since winning the championship in Smith's first season in 1998, the longest drought since the NCAA tournament began.

"There's a lot of pressure to win there," said former Wildcat Chuck Hayes, who played for Smith from 2001-05. "Maybe it was the best situation for him and his wife and his family. Maybe him and the AD had different outlooks on the season. Maybe it's just best for him."

Barnhart gave Smith a vote of confidence before the tournament began, but also said he would sit down with the coach after the season ended to discuss possible changes to get the program back on top.

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Britain says 15 sailors detained by Iranian forces in Iraq waters

Iranian naval vessels seized 15 British sailors who had boarded a ship suspected of smuggling cars in the Persian Gulf off the Iraqi coast today, officials said.

The British government demanded "the immediate and safe return of our people and equipment."

The British Navy personnel were "engaged in routine boarding operations of merchant shipping in Iraqi territorial waters," and had completed a ship inspection when they were accosted by Iranian vessels, Britain's Defense Ministry said.

"We are urgently pursuing this matter with the Iranian authorities at the highest level and ... the Iranian ambassador has been summoned to the Foreign Office," the ministry said.

The seizure comes at a time of rising tensions which accuses the Islamic republic of violating a U.N. calls for it to halt uranium nuclear program for inspec- and Marines and with addi-

accusations that Iran is funding and arming Shiite mili-

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tias in Iraq, worsening sectarian tensions there.

The United States. Britain's chief ally, has built up its naval forces in the Gulf in a show of strength between Iran and the West, directed at Iran. Two American carriers, including the USS John C. Stennis backed by a strike group enrichment and open its with more than 6,500 sailors

tion. It also comes amid U.S. tional minesweeping ships - arrived in the region in recent months, ratcheting up tensions with Iran.

A Pentagon official said the Britons were in two inflatable boats from the frigate H.M.S. Cornwall during a routine smuggling investigation, said the official, who spoke on condition on anonymity because he was not authorized to speak about the incident.

He said the confrontation happened as the British contingent was traveling along the boundary of territorial waters between Iran and Iraq. They were detained by the Revolutionary Guard's navy after inspecting a merchant ship believed to be smuggling cars, he said.

A fisherman who said he was with a group of Iraqis from the southern city of Basra fishing in Iraqi waters in the northern area of the Gulf said he saw the Iranian seizure. The fisherman declined to be identified because of security con-

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great length to show her love to Him. Any sinner who repents brings joy to in heaven. heaven.

"I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance." (Luke 15:7)

I have great joy in fellowship with Christ now. How much greater it will be

Nuclear

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The government response to Hurricane must be accomplished.

Katrina illustrated all too graphically what a disorganized and ill-prepared effort to disaster can mean. The results of that debacle are still being felt.

We don't need another episode like that. Even if the task appears daunting, it

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have gotten us grounded."

"Look, as delightful as this discussion is, you still haven't answered my ques-

tion. You think the blond shag haircut, leisure suit and a syrupy Barry Manilow tune will get me to the big time?" "Why not. It worked for Barry

Manilow.

Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese

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incredibly complex. It's very appealing to the young, who are always arrogant, but it simply doesn't wear well with experience.

I'm not willing to ignore human suffering even if it's the fault of those who suffer. I'm not willing to step over dead bodies on my way to the supermarket.

I'm not willing to see anyone perish for lack of food or medical care in a land of such enormous wealth and resources.

Rand believed that one's own happiness was the only goal worth pursuing, but I've never in my life met a self-centered person who could fairly be called happy. It's too bad Rand didn't live long enough to see what successful capitalists the collectivist-minded Japanese would become. Life, it turns out, is neither simple nor simplistic.

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

Events calendar

• The Comprehensive Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Tuesday and April 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. Participants will receive a low-cost selfexam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast selfexamination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

Pampa Chapter of Ducks Unlimited will meet March 30 for a "ruffling of feathers" at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard. The price of admission is \$35 for singles or \$45 for couples. The fee to sponsor a couple is \$270. For more information, call 663-9616.

 Amarillo Museum of Art's Alliance, a non-profit fund-raising auxiliary, will host its annual membership brunch from

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. March 30 at the home Magdalena McMordie, Hawthorne St., in Amarillo. The event will include the election of officers. The alliance, established in 1972, is celebrating its 35th anniversary. Membership opportunities are available. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050 or log onto www.AMAR-ILLOART.org on the Internet.

• S.T.A.R. will sponsor a free "Back in Control" parent training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 31 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Some CEUs will be available. To pre-register or for more information, call

(806) 359-2005. · Miami Lions Club will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with a formal banquet at 7 p.m. April 10 in Roberts County Museum Art Room in Miami. Past Miami Lions are invited to attend. District Gov. Gaye Cotton of Hereford and Zone Chair Gaye Henderson of Perryton will be present. The club was established on April 12, 1957, and was sponsored by Pampa Evening Lions Club. For more information, call (806) 868-9061.

