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Severe storms sweep area with tornadoes, hail

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A group of severe storms Wednesday night raked the Texas Panhandle with tornadoes and damaging hail.

According to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer for Texas Department of Public Safety in Clarendon, a tornado that crossed Interstate 40 east of Groom overturned six to seven semi-trailers. There were two drivers injured, one critical and one serious.

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported known storm damage in Gray County as of 7 a.m. today. A

rural home was damaged by a tornado in Donley County, eight miles south of McLean.

It is also believed that a tornado damaged a veterinary clinic and home on the east edge of McLean. The owners were not home at the time and no injuries were reported. Also, a barn was destroyed north and east of the veterinary clinic.

A rural residence approximately 12 miles north of McLean was damaged by a tornado. No injuries were reported at that location.

Multiple power lines were damaged in the McLean area and many people were still without power as of

7 a.m. today. Hail damage was also reported in that area, mostly windows and car windshields.

Hawthorne reported that part of Darrouzett was evacuated due to waters rising in Wolf Creek. Clarendon had power lines damaged from a tornado west of the city. One tornado was on the ground for several minutes in the Caprock Canyon area. There was a fatality from a tornado in Hemphill County. Exact details are not known at this time.

The Lefors city marshal reported up to baseball-sized hail just south and east of Lefors. The extent of damage was unknown. A semi-trail-

er was blown off the road just south of Lefors on highway 273. There were no injuries, but a guardrail received extensive damage. GCSO reported this was possibly due to a tornado. Lefors was without power until approximately 11:15 p.m. Wednesday.

The GCSO, county commissioners and precinct workers were out at daylight this morning assessing damages.

Elsewhere, The Associated Press reported that tornado as wide as two football fields carved a devastating

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'Expect Respect Date Night' scheduled April 5

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Tralee Crisis Center is sponsoring an "Expect Respect Date Night" on April 5 for parents and teenagers.

The goal of the event is for parents, or other positive role models, to take their teens out on a date and model what a respectful evening is all about.

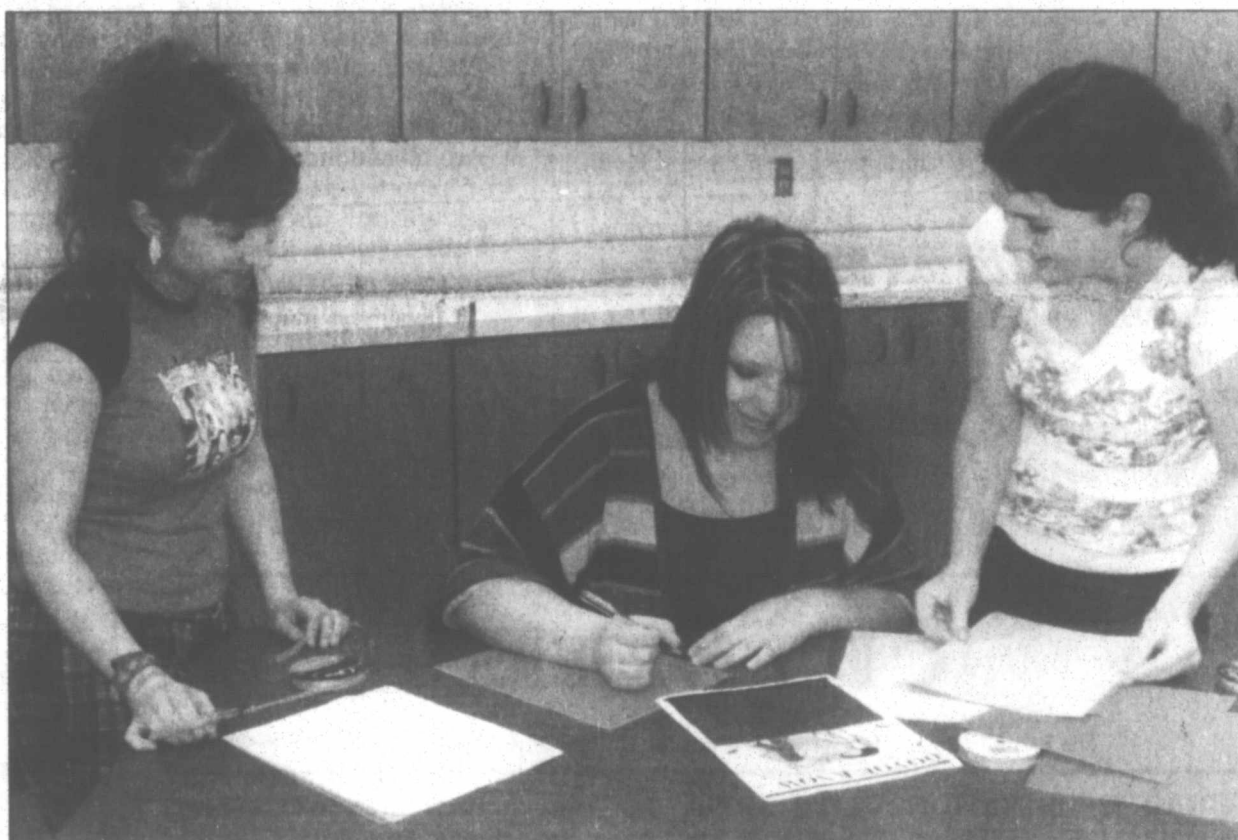
Parents can call Tralee and have an invitation delivered to their teen at school and take them out for a meal at one of three local restaurants that are offering discounts to those who present the invitation.

Angie Cortez, receptionist at Tralee, said this is an important time for parents to "model" how teens should treat others and also how they should expect to be treated as well.

"Some teens don't know that they deserve to be respected by others," Cortez said. "Parents need to teach their kids by example and this is a great time to do that."

Parents can call Tralee now through Monday to have an invitation made up for their teen date. Students in Family Career and Community Leaders of America at Pampa High School will deliver invitations to the teens on Tuesday or Wednesday during school.

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Members of FCCLA prepare invitations for Tralee Crisis Center's "Expect Respect" date night between parents and teens. Pictured from left are senior Michaela Arzola, junior Sydnee Porter and senior Erin Teague.

DPS issues warning of Internet job scam

The Texas Department of Public Safety has issued a notice for persons to beware of a scam that has been advertised in several small town newspapers up and down U.S. 287.

The scam suggests making up to \$2,700 a week from home over the Internet.

The company claims to be Internet based and tells people they can work from home on their computer. When people contact the company, they are told they only need to cash checks from overseas companies.

The checks vary in amounts but it always boils down to cashing a check for them, according to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer for Texas DPS in Childress.

After the check is cashed, the person keeps 10 percent and forwards the remaining amount to the company, usually through Western Union.

Then the bank will call the person who cashed the check and tell them the check was bad.

"Please avoid these scams, they are always too good to be true," Hawthorne said. "Anytime you are told you can make this much money at home on your computer for another company it is a scam."

Thornberry's office to host forum for service academies

AMARILLO — U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry's Amarillo office will host an Academy Forum in Amarillo to provide information to interested students and their parents about attending the U.S. service academies.

The Forum will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday at Amarillo Public Library, Southwest Branch, 6801 SW 45th Ave.

Representatives from West Point, the Naval Academy, and the Air Force Academy will give presentations and answer questions. Staff members from Thornberry's office will also be on hand to explain the application process.

The Forum is designed for potential nominees in their junior or senior year of high school, but all students, parents, and counselors are invited to attend.

"Graduates of the service academies are essential to the continued strength of our Armed Services," Thornberry said. "As we

fight terror at home and abroad, we must remember that the officers produced by the academies will be the future leaders of our troops. This is one of the reasons I consider nominating young people to service academies a very important part of my job."

As a member of Congress, Thornberry is allowed to nominate a limited number of students for each service academy. Applications for nomination must be submitted to Thornberry's office by Dec. 1 of a student's senior year.

After reviewing Congressional nominations, final selections and offers of acceptance are made by the service academies. Nominees who are accepted by the academies receive a free education. In return, they agree to serve in the military for a minimum of five years after graduation.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BRADSHAW, Sheila — Memorial services, 2 p.m., the Carpenter's Church, Pampa.

Sheila Bradshaw, 60

Sheila Bradshaw, 60, of Pampa, died March 26, 2007, at Pampa. Memorial services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in the Carpenter's Church with the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor, officiating. Cremation arrangements

were handled by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Bradshaw was born Feb. 9, 1947, at Morton, Texas. She grew up in Detroit, Mich., and was a certified nurse's aide for many years.

She married Jerome Bradshaw in 1991. Mrs. Bradshaw belonged to the Carpenter's Church. Survivors include her husband, Jerome, of the home; a brother, John Green of Brownwood; four sisters, Donna Mason of

Dangerfield, Gwendlyn Jones and Pamela Daniel, both of Brownwood, and Larisa Stockton of Killen. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Edward L. Echols, 55

Edward L. Echols, 55, of Pampa, died March 27, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Born March 17, 1952, at Memphis, Tenn., Mr. Echols worked as an operator at Cabot Corp. for 28 years,

retiring in 2004. He held a bachelor of science degree from Texas College in Tyler, graduating in 1974. He moved to Pampa 28 years ago. Mr. Echols married Matilyn Brown on Dec. 22, 1980, in Memphis, and was a member of New Hope

Baptist Church and Texas College Alumni. Survivors include his wife, Matilyn, of the home; a daughter, Courtney Echols, of the home; a son, Marlon Echols, of the home; two sisters, Evelyn Davis and Betty Echols, both of Memphis; and three brothers, J.D.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Six traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were reported in the 500 block of Yeager and the 700 block of South Barnes. Motorist assistance was provided in the 700 block of Duncan and on Highway 70. An accident was reported in the 900 block of Somerville. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy. Calls concerning animals were received from the 700 block of Mora, the 700 block of Gray, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of Darby, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 1100 block of Wilcox, the 500 block of Davis, two calls from the 900 block of South

Wells, the 300 block of North Sumner, the intersection of McCullough and Varnon, the 300 block of Doyle, the 1300 block of Russell, the 1000 block of Huff Road and the 1100 block of Crane. Warrant service was made at one location resulting in one arrest. A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of West. A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of Highway 60 East. A runaway was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes. The individual was returned home later the same day. Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of South Wells and the 1400 block of North Hobart. Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Chestnut where a mailbox was painted on. A sexual assault was reported in the 1200 block of Wilcox. Domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of Davis. Domestic disturbance, a verbal argument, was reported in the 1900 block of Lynn. Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1600 block of Highway 60

East. Charges of possession of drug paraphernalia, harboring a runaway, and a felon in possession of a firearm resulted in an arrest in the 400 block of North Faulkner. Two alarms were reported. Thefts were reported in the 500 block of Somerville, in the police department lobby and in the 200 block at West 28th Street, where consumable items and a lighter were stolen valued at \$4. Burglaries were reported in the 2200 block of Wells, in the police department lobby and in the 1800 block of Beech. Sheriff Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest today. **Thursday, March 29** Steven Crawford, 28, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department at Recreation Park on capias pro fines for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear, speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia, bond surrender for disregarding a stop/red light, and bond sur-

render for failure to appear. **Fire** Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Wednesday, March 28** 1:54 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to old Pampa Mall on a sprinkler alarm. Call was rescinded before arrival. **Ambulance** Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Wednesday, March 28** 7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of West Alcock and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 8:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Aspen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 9:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 2:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of West Francis. No transport.

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House embarks on state budget debate

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"Maybe that was a little quick," Chisum acknowledged. Then the Pampa Republican got on with the budget business. The proposal includes \$72.5 billion in state general revenue, an increase of slightly more than 10 percent over the previous two-year cycle. The overall budget includes state money and federal money allotted to Texas. Education, followed by health and human services spending, account for the largest portions of the proposed budget. Approving a state budget is the only thing the Legislature must do in its regular session, which ends May 28.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer

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

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Cabot Oil Gas	68.48	-0.51
Coca Cola	48.03	+0.12
VLO	64.26	+0.19
HAL	31.57	+0.26
TRI	52.26	NC
KML	106.11	NC
XCEL	24.76	+0.19
Anadarko	43.25	+0.36
XOM	75.69	+0.13
Nat'l Oilwell	77.79	-0.02
Limited	26.41	-0.04
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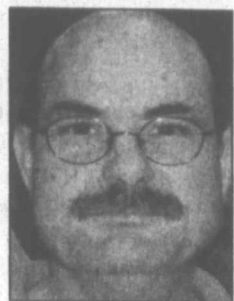
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

What should be done about the dress code for Pampa schools?



Jerry Miller
Halliburton
Pampa

"They should just enforce the policy they already have. Why make new rules when they don't even enforce the current rules?"



Paul Munsell
Parole Officer
Pampa

"Enforce the current dress code. It's pointless to make a new policy when you don't make the students abide by the one that is already in place."



Deborah Henson
Nurse
Lefors

"I didn't know they had a dress code. They should just strictly enforce the current policy. It's ridiculous to make new rules that they won't make the students follow anyway."



Karen Irons
PHS teacher
Claude

"I think simple uniforms would be much better. Just khaki pants and different color polos without emblems would be easy. This would cut down on a lot of the teasing and criticizing from students and they could concentrate on education. I know this has been done in the Dallas area and it has worked well there."



Randy Dunn
PHS teacher
Pampa

"Just leave it alone."



Michael Foreman
Senior
PHS

"I didn't know there was a problem with the dress code. The only distraction I've seen is when they get on to people for what they are wearing. If they adopted a standard of dress with polo shirts and jeans, that would be great. I would love that."

Ex-aide disputes Gonzalez account of fired prosecutors

WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General Alberto Gonzales wrongly stated he was not involved in discussions about the firings of federal prosecutors, his former chief of staff told the Senate Judiciary Committee today.

"I don't think the attorney general's statement that he was not involved in any discussions of U.S. attorney removals was accurate," testified Kyle Sampson, who quit this month as Gonzales' top aide. "I remember discussing with him this process of asking certain U.S. attorneys to resign."

Sampson said Gonzales

attended a crucial meeting on the firings Nov. 27, 10 days before they were carried out.

Under questioning by Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., Sampson said Gonzales also was wrong when he said other senior Justice Department aides gave Congress inaccurate information because they hadn't been fully briefed about the firings.

"I shared information with anyone who wanted it," Sampson said. Asked by Schumer if Gonzales' statement was accurate, Sampson replied, "I don't think it's accurate if the statement

implies that I intended to mislead the Congress."

In earlier testimony Sampson said the prosecutors were fired last year because they did not sufficiently support President Bush's priorities, defending a standard that Democrats called "highly improper."

"The distinction between 'political' and 'performance-related' reasons for removing a United States attorney is, in my view, largely artificial," he said. "A U.S. attorney who is unsuccessful from a political perspective is unsuccessful." *What did he do?* Gonzalez planned to meet with U.S. attorneys from the

mid-Atlantic region at Justice Department headquarters today. It's part of a nationwide series of meetings to discuss the issue.

The Judiciary Committee's senior Republican, Sen. Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania, scolded Sampson for causing an uproar that has distracted the Justice Department and jeopardized Gonzales' job.

"It is generally acknowledged that the Department of Justice is in a state of disrepair, perhaps even dysfunction, because of what has happened," Specter said. The remaining U.S. attorneys are skittish, he said, "not know-

ing when the other shoe may drop."

Democrats rejected the

concept of mixing politics with federal law enforcement.

Storms

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path through an eastern Colorado town as a massive spring storm swept from the Rockies into the Plains, killing at least four people in three states.

An Oklahoma couple died when

their home was blown to pieces late Wednesday, a woman died after the Colorado twister hit, and a Texas man was found dead in the debris of his tangled trailer.

The massive storm system stretched from South Dakota to Texas this morning, threatening flash flooding in central Nebraska and Kansas and more severe weather farther south. Winter storm warnings were still posted for

most of Wyoming, where heavy snow was blamed for pileups on the interstates, forecasters said.

Some of the worst devastation was in Holly, Colo., where at least eight people were injured when the tornado hit late Wednesday, damaging dozens of homes and littering the streets with broken power lines, tree limbs and debris.

Date

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Three restaurants, Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Texas Rose Steakhouse and Plaza III, will give a discount for meals on April 5 to those presenting the invitation.

To have an invitation delivered to your teen, call Tralee at 669-1131.

This event is being held in conjunction with April being sexual assault aware-

ness month and also a new helpline that has been set up for teen dating abuse.

The National Domestic Violence Hotline and Liz Claiborne, Inc. have launched the National Teen Dating Abuse Hotline, which is a 24-hour national Web-based and telephone helpline created for teens ages 13 - 18 who experience dating abuse.

Sheryl Cates, chief executive officer of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the Texas Council on Family Violence, said, "If

teens are not turning to their parents for help, it is essential that they have a private outlet where they can discuss their fears with someone who will provide immediate assistance."

The Web site, which offers live chat, is www.loveisrespect.org. Teens anywhere in the country can call the hotline toll free at 866-331-9474. Both of these outlets offer immediate and confidential assistance by trained advocates on teen dating abuse.

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Viewpoints

Research suggests blueberries, copper aid good health

Two recent reports, provided electronically from the Agricultural Research Service, seem to support the adage "you are what you eat." One of the articles is headed "Blueberry Skins Eyed as Cholesterol Busters." The other is titled, "Dietary Copper May Ease an Ailing Heart."

Both really make you — well, both really made ME — ponder the significance of diet to good health.

According to the ARS, blueberry skins have been found to greatly lower cholesterol levels even when combined with otherwise unhealthy foods — no doubt,

foods I typically enjoy. "ARS chemist Agnes Rimando and collaborators found that feeding hamsters a diet extremely high in cholesterol, but supplemented with freeze-dried skins of rabbiteye blueberries, produced plasma total cholesterol levels 37 percent lower than those of hamsters fed a control diet," the article reports.

The ARS found that bad cholesterol levels (known as LDL) were significantly lower in the blueberry-fed hamsters than in the control group. In fact, hamsters fed high-cholesterol diets in conjunction with doses of

the lipid-fighting drug ciprofibrate did not fare as well as the group fed the blueberries.

Wow. The article said scientists involved in the study believe blueberry skins not only contain antioxidants but properties that activate a protein that aids in the synthesis of fats.

Researchers involved in the copper study brought about cardiac hypertrophy, or enlarged hearts, in a group of mice to induce

heart disease in the animals. When combined with good diet, researchers found



Skyla Bryant
News Editor

at the University of Louisville Medical Center in Kentucky.

The affected mice were divided into two groups.

"Both groups were fed the equivalent of the recommended dietary amount of

copper for adults for the entire two months," the article read. "But after the first month, the test group's diet was increased to contain the equivalent of three times the human recommended amount of dietary copper — an amount that was still just one-third of the equivalent safe upper limit for humans.

"By four weeks, heart disease developed in all the mice, and by eight weeks, heart failure developed in the control mice. But the hearts of the mice receiving the extra copper returned to normal size and function, despite the fact that the cardiac challenge continued

throughout the eight-week period."

High blood pressure, the article said, often brings on enlarged hearts in humans.

To learn which foods are a good source for copper, log onto the Internet and go to the following address: www.nal.usda.gov/fnic/foodcomp/Data/SR17/wtrank/wt_rank.html. Once the page has loaded, click on copper.

According to the ARS, the foods there are ranked from highest to lowest in copper content and are listed from top to bottom.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 29, the 88th day of 2007. There are 277 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 29, 1973, the last U.S. combat troops left South Vietnam, ending America's direct military involvement in the Vietnam War.

On this date:

In 1638, Swedish colonists settled in present-day Delaware.

In 1790, the 10th president of the United States, John Tyler, was born in Charles City County, Va.

In 1847, victorious forces led by General Winfield Scott occupied the city of Vera Cruz after Mexican defenders capitulated.

In 1867, Britain's Parliament passed the British North America Act (later known as the Constitution Act) to create the Dominion of Canada.

In 1882, the Knights of Columbus was chartered in Connecticut.

In 1943, World War II meat, butter and cheese rationing began.

In 1951, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg were convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage. (They were executed in June 1953.)

In 1962, Jack Paar hosted NBC's "Tonight" show for the final time.

In 1971, Army Lt. William L. Calley Jr. was convicted of murdering 22 Vietnamese civilians in the My Lai massacre. (Calley ended up spending three years under house arrest.)

In 1974, eight Ohio National Guardsmen were indicted on federal charges stemming from the shooting deaths of four students at Kent State University. (The charges were later dismissed.)

Ten years ago: Vice President Al Gore concluded his tour of Asia, saying that talks in Beijing had created "new momentum" in relations between the U.S. and China.

Five years ago: Israel declared Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat an enemy and sent tanks and armored personnel carriers to fully isolate him in his Ramallah, West Bank, headquarters.

One year ago: Hamas formally took over the Palestinian government, with Ismail Haniyeh sworn in as the new prime minister. The U.N. Security Council demanded that Iran suspend uranium enrichment, the first time the body directly urged Tehran to clear up suspicions that it was seeking nuclear weapons. Former Liberian President Charles Taylor, accused of war crimes, was flown to Sierra Leone after he was captured in northern Nigeria.

Today's Birthdays: Political commentator John McLaughlin is 80. Author Judith Guest is 71. Former British Prime Minister John Major is 64. Comedian Eric Idle is 64. Composer Vangelis is 64.

'News is what a chap who doesn't care much about anything wants to read. And it's only news until he's read it. After that it's dead.'

— Evelyn Waugh
English author
(1903-1966)



DARYL CAGLE
MSNBC.COM

Part 1: Stemming the flow of junk e-mail

A while back, I wrote a two-part piece on junk e-mail. Many readers have asked that it be reprinted, so here goes:

Every day I receive around 80 pieces of e-mail. Do you think I read every one of those? Of course not. I delete over half of them without even opening them. Am I being rude? No, because the messages I am deleting are junk e-mail.

The purest definition of junk e-mail is "any unsolicited sales message sent to your address." Most of these messages fall into three categories: 1) Make money fast!; 2) invitations to visit adult sites; and 3) offers to get YOU into the junk e-mail business.

Most people on the Internet don't use the phrase "junk e-mail" to describe this garbage. We call it "spam." Much to Hormel's frustration, the term, spam, has been used to describe junk e-mail. This maligned word can be used as a noun

and a verb. For instance: A piece of junk e-mail is called "a spam." The person who sent it is called a "spammer." If you received it, you have been "spammed." I know that sounds funny, but trust me, you'll hear it described that way.

Spamming is definitely a no-no on the Net. In fact, most Internet Service Providers specifically outline this offense in their terms and conditions. Spam is a very serious issue with ISPs, but not for the reasons you assume.

Let's say I run a small ISP, EricNet, and I have 500 customers. If one of those customers decides to spam a million or so addresses on the Net, what will happen? Well, think about it.

Depending on the quality of the e-mail address list used, about 20 percent (200,000) of the messages

will "bounce" back to the sender as being bad addresses. Around 50 percent of the recipients will be so livid, they will write angry replies DEMANDING to be removed from the spammer's list. In fact, only about 500 or so people will respond with interest in the offer. You may not think 500

is a very good return on 1 million messages. But remember: How much does it cost a spammer to send a thousand e-mail messages? A million e-mail messages? That's right, nada, nothing.

My point is this: Over 700,000 e-mail replies (most of them angry) will be dropped on EricNet within the course of a few hours. What do you think will happen to Internet Access at EricNet during that time? Can you say, "NO access?"

That's right. One bad spammer could make EricNet the enemy of every hacker on the Net. Going out of business is a very real possibility. When an ISP discovers that one of its customers is a spammer, they immediately cancel the user's account. In fact, the perpetrator is blacklisted from ever using EricNet again. Like I said, ISPs take spamming VERY seriously.

Perhaps the most-asked spam question I receive is, "How did I get on Satan's list in the first place?" The answer is more complex than most people realize. Let me start at the beginning: Pretend you just discovered your uncle is on the Internet. However, you don't know his e-mail address. Is there a way for you to find it? You bet. Get a pencil and paper. You'll want to write this down. Are you ready? Pick up the phone and ask him!

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 18**

San Antonio Express-News on the recent death of a critic of Russian President Vladimir Putin:

The Russian people, like all people, confront a variety of factors that can cut short their life expectancy: smoking, obesity, lack of exercise, excessive drinking.

But few things seem to have such a deleterious effect on their health as criticizing Russian President Vladimir Putin.

In October, journalist Anna Politkovskaya was fatally shot in her Moscow apartment building.

Politkovskaya had written scathing reports about the war in Chechnya and human rights abuses by the Russian military and its Chechen partners. Her murder remains unsolved.

Then in November, Alexander Litvinenko, a former colonel in the Russian Ministry of State Security the successor to the KGB mysteriously died in London from radiation poisoning. Litvinenko was investigating Politkovskaya's death when he was stricken. His murder remains unsolved.

Now Ivan Safronov, a retired colonel and military affairs correspondent for a Russian newspaper who had run afoul of the Putin government, has met an untimely end. According to authorities, Safronov fell from a fifth-floor window in the stairwell of his Moscow apart-

ment building. He lived on the third floor.

The International News Safety Institute ranks Russia as the second-most deadly nation for journalists during the past 10 years, after Iraq. According to the International Federation of Journalists, close to 40 killings of journalists have taken place since Putin came to power seven years ago. None of them, says IFJ, has been satisfactorily resolved.

Elections for Putin's successor will take place in a year. Given the premature parting of his critics, will anyone be around or be audacious enough to write a negative assessment of his tenure?

Safety first



Revenna Rushing was March's Safe Employee of the Month at Cameron Compression Systems of Pampa.

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Junk

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You will not find a comprehensive list of EVERYONE's e-mail addresses on the Internet. Nor would you want there to be one. If such a list existed, every cretin would harvest it, and you would be buried in junk.

So, once again, how does your address get on those lists? Remember that joke Aunt Edna e-mailed to you last week? Get ready for this. She sold you out, albeit unintentionally! Most people send jokes to more than one

person at a time. They put everyone's e-mail address in the "TO:" field. Usually, when someone receives the joke, they simply forward it to their friends, and so forth, and so on. After a while, these jokes have so many addresses on them, you have to scroll quite a bit just to see the funny story.

Many spammers have software that can extract e-mail addresses out of messages. Even if you don't forward jokes to others, if anyone has sent a joke to you, your address becomes public knowledge. My advice: When forwarding jokes, put all of your friends' addresses in the BCC (blind carbon

copy) field. They will all still receive the joke, but their addresses will not show up on the messages. Not only are you protecting their privacy, you are preventing spammers from using their addresses.

Another technique used by spammers is called the "Dictionary Harvest." A spammer will program his computer to send e-mail to every-word-in-the-dictionary@somedomain.com. In other words, if your user name is a dictionary word, you could get spam automatically. Common user names are also thrown into the mix. Trust me, everyone's address that begins with cooldude or

superman will receive more than their share of junk e-mail.

At this point, I need to make a very important clarification. Attention, jealous spouses: If your husband or wife receives a piece of adult junk e-mail, it DOESN'T mean they have been frequenting those types of Web sites. Everyone will receive adult e-mail at some time or another. It just goes with the territory.

As you've probably noticed, it's not a question of IF you will ever receive junk e-mail, it's just a matter of WHEN. So, how can you stop it? Find out next week! See you in Cyberspace!

Lopez promotes all-Spanish album

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Lopez, who has proudly declared herself "just a girl from the Bronx," delighted fans in her old neighborhood Wednesday by appearing at a local record store to sign autographs and promote her first all-Spanish album.

A crowd of 500 gathered in front of the store to see Lopez, who was accompanied by her husband, Marc Anthony.

"I want to say thank you to everyone for coming to celebrate with me this very special day for me," Lopez, a New Yorker of Puerto Rican origin, said in Spanish. Continuing in English, she said, "It touches my heart to be able to bring this album back to my neighborhood, back to my home."

The album, "Como Ama una Mujer," or "How a Woman Loves," was

released Tuesday and was mainly produced by her husband.

Lopez has said singing in Spanish has been a career-long goal of hers.

The pop singer-actress also has two Hispanic-themed films coming out this year: "Bordertown," a film about the killings of hundreds of women in and around the city of Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, and "El Cantante," starring her husband as Puerto Rican salsa singer Hector Lavoe.

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Sacred Grounds provides a comfortable seating environment. In addition to its assortment of coffees, the menu includes low-fat, sugar-free drinks, Italian sodas, fruit smoothies, muffins and cinnamon rolls.

Pamela is there Monday through Saturday, ensuring consistency of product. "My goal," Pamela said, "is to offer you an excellent cup of coffee, tea or espresso based drink in a relaxed no-pressure environment."

Pamela has always enjoyed coffee but became passionate about the rich brew after a trip to Italy seven years ago. She "tortured" their poor family and friends, while honing the art of pulling espresso.

Pamela grew up in Lorenzo, Texas, outside of Lubbock, and attended Texas Tech University. She worked for the university for six years prior to moving to Pampa in 2005. She was also office manager for Digital Base Productions.

Brad grew up in Pampa and has been a lifelong Pampa resident. With many years singing and playing guitar in various bands, he performs now with Fencewalker. "With all Brad's musical knowledge is the desire to do more," Pamela said, "so be looking forward to the opening of our recording studio inside Sacred Grounds!"

Brad attended the Hank Thompson School of Country Music in Claremore, Okla.

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Business Professionals of America recently had its state competition in Corpus Christi. Courtney Meyer, right, of Pampa High School placed as a national qualifier in "advanced office systems and procedures." Sara Swan is a national alternate in "basic office systems and procedures."

Events calendar

• **Pampa Chapter of Ducks Unlimited** will meet Friday 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. Friday at the home of Magdalena McMordie, 3200 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.

• **S.T.A.R.** will sponsor a free "Back in Control" parent training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. To pre-register or for more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School** will serve an enchilada dinner from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday in the school cafeteria as a fund-raiser. Cost per person is \$6.

• **Texas Cooperative Extension** will conduct a private pesticide application and M-44 license certification worth three CEUs on Tuesday at the Clarendon College RFO Building in Clarendon. The private pesticide license training will begin at 8 a.m. A state certification test will be administered at 1 p.m. by Texas Department of Agriculture for all who qualify. The M-

44 license training will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the same location. For more information, contact the Donley County Extension Service at (806) 874-2141.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday and April 18, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Pampa Nursing Center**, 1321 W. Kentucky, invites the public to an Easter Egg Hunt at 2 p.m. April 6 at the center. The hunt is open to all children 12 and

under.

• **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.

• **Pampa Book Club** will have scheduled to discuss the following books: "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

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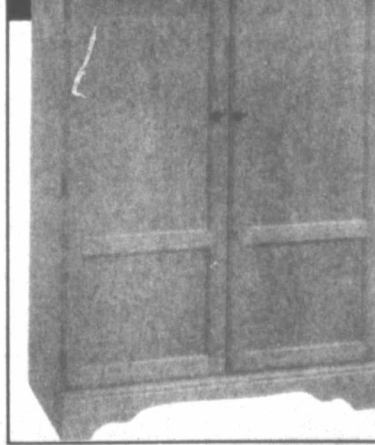
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Regarding the mother of the twins who have a current fascination for the U.S. military ("Cleveland Mom," Feb. 25), I must reply. As a veteran of the U.S. Air Force (1974-84), I am deeply grateful for the opportunities, training and mentoring I received under the great NCOs and officers I served with. Lessons they taught me have directly contributed to the success I enjoy today as a manager in a Fortune 500 company. Their leadership, professionalism and pride in a job well done have been examples I will follow for the rest of my life. Your advice to visit a VA facility and discuss the sacrifices that may be required by our service members is sound. I would also add asking the recruiters they talk with to arrange meetings with new service members to get a more realistic picture of the day-to-day life in whatever service they're interested in, and to look at each service thoroughly. The parents' concerns are real. Today's military members are more likely to be deployed to an area of conflict than in times past. I would hope that if the twins do decide to join after all this information is presented, the parents would feel a sense of pride that they have raised two children who want to serve their country in an honorable profession with fantastic people who deserve our praise and total support. -- **WES M., GLEN ALLEN, VA.**

DEAR WES: I heard from many readers who felt my response to "Cleveland Mom" was somehow disrespectful to people serving in the military, and taking me to task for not advising her that trying to encourage her children to carefully consider the decision was unpatriotic. I would like to go on record as saying that I fully support our troops and our veterans. However, I strongly feel that anyone who signs up for military service should understand all the realities beforehand. Read on.

DEAR ABBY: You should know that public high schools are now required to provide contact information for all students to military recruiters. This was a provision of the "No Child Left Behind" act. In my community, parents may opt to have their child's records withheld by filling out a form at the time the student is enrolled in high school. I do not want anyone from any organization recruiting my minor children without my consent. Stories are rampant about military recruiters giving misleading information and using forceful recruitment efforts. Once my children are of age, they will have the education and maturity to investigate and evaluate the information for themselves. Until then, it's my job to be the watchful parent. -- **TROY IN FREEHOLD, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: When I joined the Navy in 1973, I was a college freshman, aimlessly going to school. Vietnam was waning, and it was with my parents' blessing. Today I have a college education (paid for by the VA) and a wonderful family and career made possible, in large degree, by the life education and training I got in the Navy. Yes, men who served with me were killed and maimed, but our highways and industries do the same thing every day. Abby, your answer wasn't wrong -- just one-sided. I can't imagine my life without eight years in the military. -- **MACHINIST'S MATE AND PROUD OF IT**

DEAR READERS: Stay tuned, because there will be more on this subject tomorrow.

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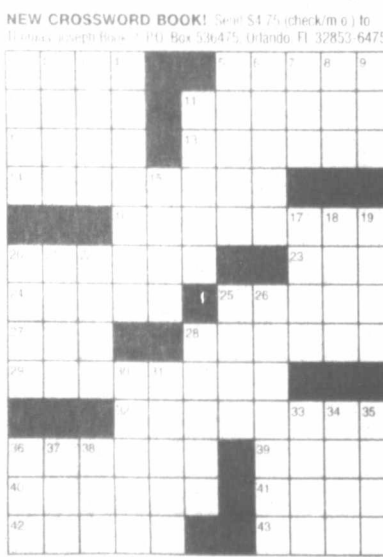
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- 1 Not naked
- 5 Wanders
- 10 Long snouted fish
- 11 Cabaret performer
- 12 China setting
- 13 All together
- 14 Padres place
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- 20 Impair
- 23 Stangy denial
- 24 Maine colleges town
- 25 Classic tongue
- 27 Needle source
- 28 Book checks
- 29 Animated dance
- 32 Hyde, to Jekyll
- 36 Singer Raitt
- 39 Press
- 40 Speechifies
- 41 Inverted six
- 42 Saudi Arabia neighbor
- 43 Turns a horse



Yesterday's answer

- 18 Pace
- 19 Successful
- 7 In the past
- 8 Get together
- 9 Hit show letters
- 11 Long attack
- 15 Othello's betrayer
- 17 Con
- 30 'Divine Comedy' author
- 31 Strange to
- 33 Historic canal
- 34 Depleted bills
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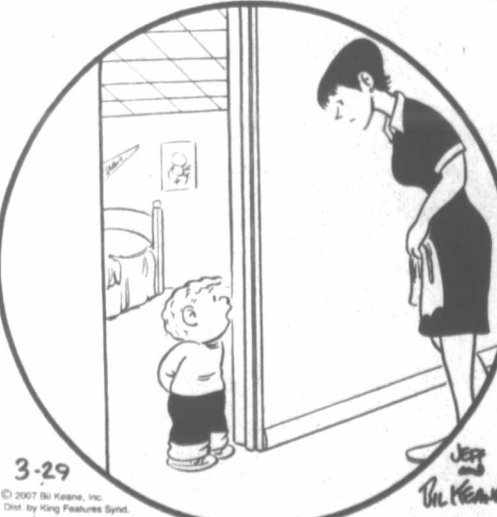
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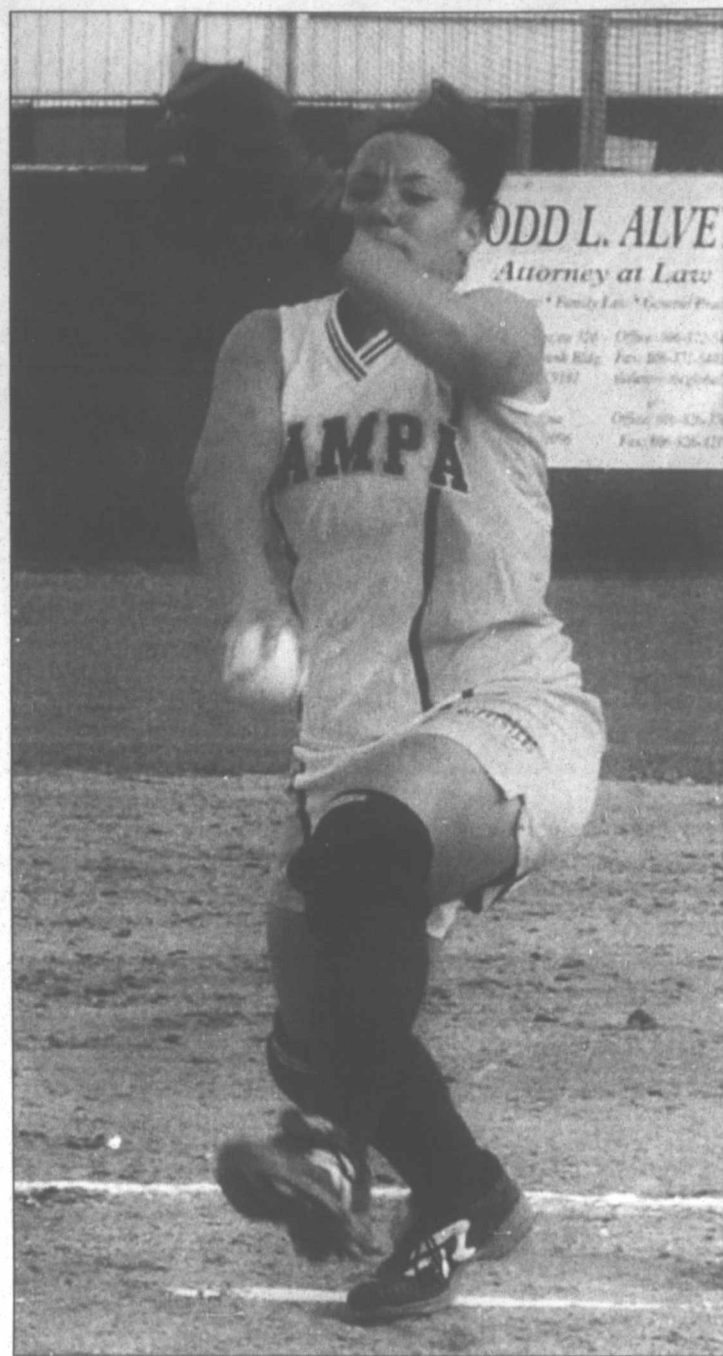
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Sports Day



Logan Winkelman sends one flying in the 3rd inning of Wednesday night's game. Winkelman had two runs and three stolen bases against Palo Duro. Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN



On the mound, Cassy Tice threw Palo Duro 12 strikeouts to win the game and improve her record to 12-3.

Softball girls send PD home packing

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor
Originally scheduled for Tuesday, the Lady Harvesters took on Palo Duro on Wednesday when the weather cleared up. Pampa kept control of the

game, winning 11-0, improving to 17-6-2 overall and 3-0 in district. Cassy Tice, who hit a home run, also pitched with 12 strikeouts, and only gave up three hits, bringing her record to 12-3.

Tice, Logan Winkelman and Kambra Jimenez had two runs each, and Nicole Clark, Callie Preston, Kenzi Nickell and Jasmain Moore had one run each. "It was a good win for us [Wednesday] night," coach

Bobbi Gill said, "We just need to get ourselves ready for the game Saturday." The Lady Harvesters will hit the road this weekend, and play Hereford at 1 p.m. Saturday.

Harvesters make comeback for first district win

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor
Coming back from a bad start, the Pampa Harvesters defeated Dumas 10-9 to improve to 14-5-1 and 1-0 in district. Pampa started the first inning with two runs, but Dumas responded with four runs. A field error proved costly as a misplayed single hit by Dumas allowed three runs. Bradley Johnson started on the field, pitching 1 1/3 innings, and gave up seven runs. Pampa didn't bring in any runs in the second inning, and Dumas took advantage

with a five run inning capped by a 3-run triple. Blake Sieck filled in for Johnson in the second inning and gave up two more runs to put Pampa behind 9-2 going into the third. James Coffee hit a single in the third inning and was later batted in by Johnson to move Pampa up to 9-3. Brett Ferrell took over on the mound, and threw two strikeouts and allowed no runs. Johnson batted in two more runs in the fourth inning to bring Pampa to 9-5, and Ferrell held Dumas to no runs, as he continued to do

so through the seventh inning. Pampa failed to make any runs in the fifth inning, but started out with three walks in the sixth, two of which were driven in by Johnson. Sieck also scored a run in the sixth inning. Down by just 1 going into the seventh, Pampa pulled out all the stops to take the lead in the end. After Brady Eakin made his way to second base, Ferrell hit a ground ball that sent Eakin home to tie the game at 9. With two outs and Robbie Dixon on first base and

Ferrell on third, Dumas pitcher Arturo Gonzales threw a hopper to the plate that glanced off the catcher, allowing Ferrell to score the winning run. Ferrell held Dumas to no runs as they attempted to regain their lead in the seventh inning. "I feel like our kids did a great job dealing with adversity today," coach Clay Wilson said, "We got off to a rough start but we continued to compete and did a great job picking up our first district win." Pampa will play again this weekend, taking on Caprock

Duke coach interviews for Texas job

AUSTIN (AP) — Two of the top programs in women's basketball are waiting for one coach to make a decision about their future. Gail Goestenkers, who has built a powerhouse at Duke over the last 15 seasons, was expected to return to Durham, N.C., after a visit to Texas to interview for the Longhorns' opening. One of her last meetings

was dinner Wednesday night with Texas' administration officials. For Goestenkers, the question is whether to chase an elusive national championship with a Blue Devils program she built in her only head coaching job, or move to Texas to rebuild the once-mighty Longhorns back into contenders. "It's going to take some

time" to make a decision, Goestenkers told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I have to go back and talk to my people (at Duke)." Goestenkers would not say whether she was leaning toward taking over the Longhorns or staying at Duke. "It's been really nice," Goestenkers said of her visit

in Austin which spanned parts of three days. A seven-time Atlantic Coast Conference coach of the year, the 44-year-old Goestenkers has been considered the top candidate for the Texas job since Jody Conradt announced her resignation March 12 after when the Longhorns missed the NCAA tournament for the second consecutive year.

Mavs get 60th victory, lose Dirk Nowitzki

By The Associated Press
Coming off an unbeaten road trip and with their star player hurting, it would have been easy for the Dallas Mavericks to have a letdown against the lowly Milwaukee Bucks. Instead, Dallas continued its strong play and rallied to win its eighth straight game — 60th of the season — with a 105-103 victory over the Bucks on Wednesday night. "To talk about 60 is pretty impressive, especially the way we started," coach Avery Johnson said. "These types of games, we could easily lose, but they refuse to lose." It is the third time the Mavericks have won 60

games, all in the last five seasons. The top team in the Western Conference has 11 games left in the regular season, which started with four straight losses. "We just wanted to keep it going," Devin Harris said. "We had a great road trip, but there were a lot of hurdles tonight we had to overcome." Dallas had its first 6-0 road trip in franchise history and was poised to continue its winning streak until Dirk Nowitzki went down with an ankle injury in the first half. After Nowitzki got hurt with 3:42 left in the second quarter, the Bucks went on a 14-4 run to take a 62-54 half-time lead.

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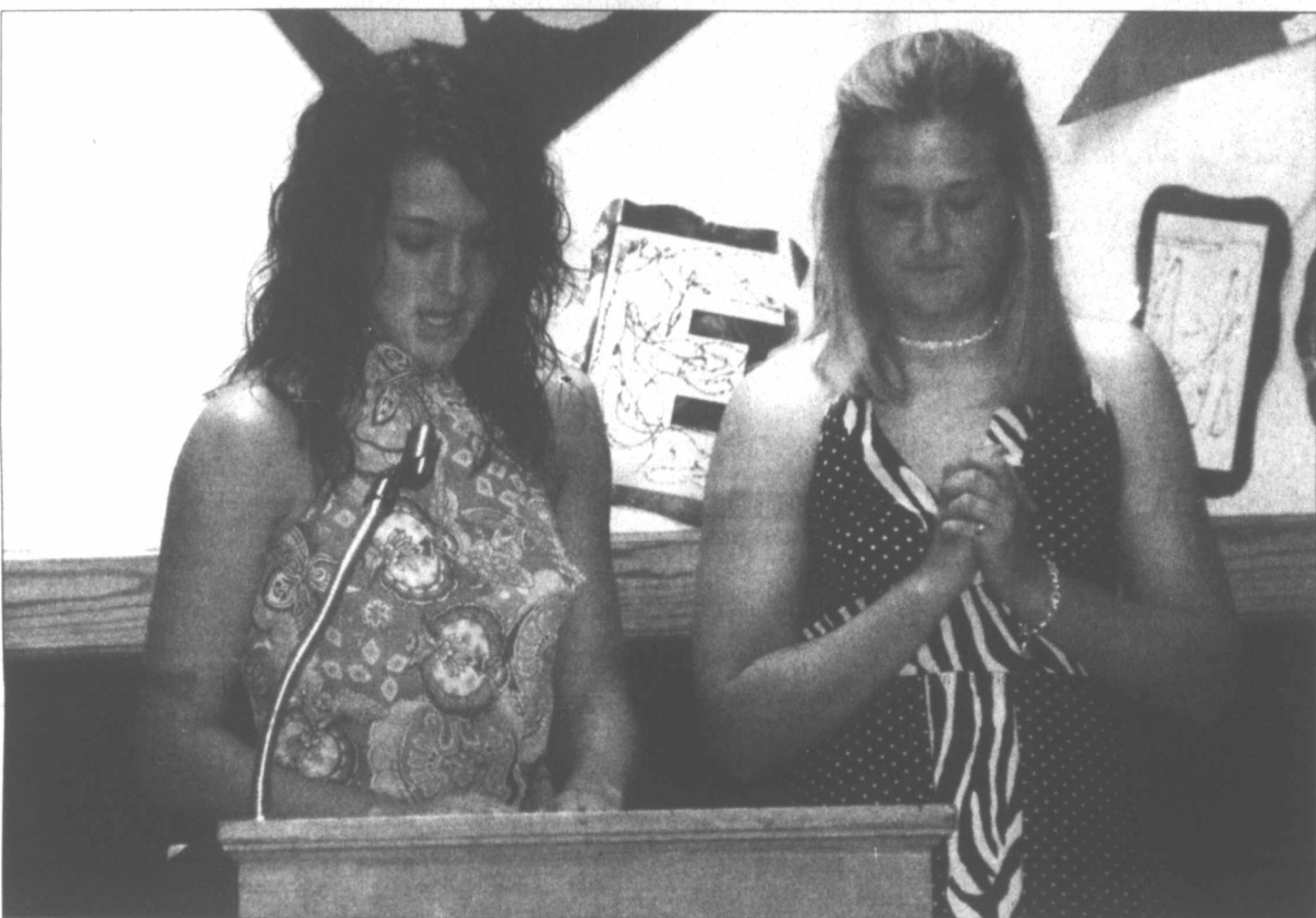
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Basketball banquet



Pampa News photos by Jordan Reagan

The Lady Harvester basketball players were recognized Wednesday night in a banquet held at the Knights of Columbus. Several girls were awarded individually for their efforts this season. Pictured here are (L-R) McKensie East, recipient of the Rebounding Award, Jasmine Moore - Hustling Lady Harvester, Kelsie Wyatt - Fighting Heart Award, Tamara Trevathan - Defense Player Award, and Britteni Rice, who received the Offense Player Award and was recognized as the Most Valuable Player.



Underclassmen Krishna Henderson and Carlyn Teichmann take the time to share memories of the graduating seniors, Holly Owens, Britteni Rice, McKensie East, Kelsie Wyatt and Tamara Trevathan.

Players expect shootout in Houston

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Stuart Appleby set a course record in the first round, broke 70 on all four days and finished 19-under-par to win last year's Houston Open.

He thinks he'll have to go even lower to lift the crystal trophy this time.

The Houston Open is back at the Tournament Course at Redstone that drew mixed reviews from the players in its debut a year ago.

The tournament was moved from late April to the week before the Masters and organizers have tried to mimic the conditions at Augusta, speeding up the greens, trimming the rough and shaving down slopes around water hazards.

However, unless a stiff south Texas breeze blows all weekend, Appleby thinks the tournament will look more

like the Las Vegas Invitational than a major championship.

"If this course stays soft, it will be very easy, which is not Augusta," said Appleby, who hasn't won since last year's event. "If it plays firm, fast and windy, it will make us think more Augusta thoughts."

Tournament officials were hoping the new date and their attempts to mirror Augusta would draw an A-list field.

Instead, most of the top players bypassed Houston and headed straight to the real thing, while the Houston Open was once again left without stars such as Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and, now, even three-time champion Vijay Singh.

China blasts attempts to use Olympic Games to pressure Beijing on Darfur

BEIJING (AP) — China today blasted separate calls by a French politician and Mia Farrow to use the upcoming 2008 Olympic Games to pressure Beijing into doing more to stop the crisis in Sudan's Darfur region.

"We don't think it is appropriate to link the Olympic Games in Beijing with the Darfur issue and we don't think it will be popularly accepted or echoed by people around the world," said Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang.

"It is a totally misguided approach for people to link the Darfur issue with the Games and try to tip the balance in their favor in order to enhance their own reputation," he said at a regular press briefing.

China, which buys two-thirds of Sudan's oil and sells it weapons and military aircraft, has opposed sanc-

tions against Sudan but urged the government earlier this month to follow through on a plan to deploy U.N. peacekeepers to beef up African Union forces in the troubled region.

An editorial by Farrow published in the Wall Street Journal on Wednesday called on corporate sponsors of the Beijing Games to pressure China to do more to help stop the bloodshed in Darfur.

"There is now one thing that China may hold dearer than their unfettered access to Sudanese oil: their successful staging of the 2008 Summer Olympics," said the editorial by the 62-year-old actress and U.N. goodwill ambassador.

"That desire may provide a lone point of leverage with a country that has otherwise been impervious to all criticism." The editorial was co-authored by Farrow's son, Ronan.

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