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## Four honored with Anderson Foundation Scholarships

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Urvish Trivedi, Aaron Pepper, Landon McNeely and Michael Foreman, all honors students in Pampa High School's Class of 2007, were named Anderson Scholars and awarded Anderson Foundation Scholarships at last night's PHS Honors Banquet at Pampa Country Club.

Trivedi was awarded a four-year scholarship of \$28,000. Pepper received a \$16,000 four-year scholarship. McNeely's four-year scholarship is for \$16,000, and Foreman was awarded a four-year scholarship of \$12,000.

Trivedi, whose parents live in India, resides in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Don VanHouten and has attended PHS throughout his high

school years. He ranks 11th out of the 213 students in the Class of 2007.

His teachers are unanimous in stating that he deserves to be an Anderson Scholar, according to a press release from the PISD administration office. "He has overcome many adversities just to stay in school," one teacher said.

He has been accepted at Texas Tech University, where he will study pre-medicine en route to becoming a medical doctor.

Trivedi has played soccer throughout his four years at PHS, and he also played football. He is vice president of the National Honor Society, secretary of ASTRA and a member of the Latin Club. He achieved a ranking of Magna Cum Laude in the National Latin Exam. He has



Trivedi



Pepper



McNeely



Foreman

been a staff writer on "The Little Harvester" and an editor of the PHS yearbook.

He has done volunteer work for Tralee Crisis Center, Pampa Optimist Club and the Pampa Soccer Association. He has worked at Albertson's, United Supermarkets and Hastings Books, Music and Videos to support himself. His teachers have said that "he works extremely hard" and "he is a

natural leader."

Pepper, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim T. Pepper of Pampa, is ranked third in the Class of 2007. He has been accepted at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill. and will study journalism.

He has received National Merit Commendation for his test scores. He has been editor-in-chief of "The Little Harvester" during his junior and senior years. He earned

recognition at the state and national levels for his journalistic work. He attended a five-week seminar for journalism students at Northwestern University, an honor given to only 80 students nationwide.

Pepper has also been involved in speech and debate and has competed at the state level in those activities. He has been a team member. See **HONORS**, Page 3

## Library system sponsors iPod contest for students

By **KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Pampa students in grades four through 12 can win an iPod by taking advantage of Live Homework Help at Lovett Memorial Library in the month of May.

The contest is sponsored by the

Texas Panhandle Library System and one winner will be chosen from the Panhandle for the iPod and also one entry will be chosen from Lovett Memorial Library to win a Hastings gift certificate.

To enter the contest, a student must print a copy of a session of

Live Homework Help that they have accessed through a computer at home or the public library, through the Web site [www.lovettlibrary.net](http://www.lovettlibrary.net). A copy of this printout must then be turned into the circulation desk at the library during normal business hours through May 31.

The only thing necessary to access Live Homework Help is a library card and a PIN. Library cards are free and can be obtained by bringing in a driver's license or a bill containing the current address.

See **LIBRARY**, Page 3



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

Patches comes down the aisle of the Pampa City Commission chambers with lights flashing and siren wailing, left. At right, a Pampa firefighter models the new outfit for Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog during a city commission meeting.

## Fire department has new tools for fire prevention

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The Pampa Fire Department has two new firefighters to help with their fire prevention programs courtesy of the Homeland Security Department.

"We were awarded a grant in 2005 for our Wellness and Fitness program, which we have initiated," said Deputy Fire Chief Randy Dunham.

Initially, he said they were going to use one clinic, but they ended up using an alternate clinic. The second clinic offered the same services as the first, but they charged less.

"We had money left over from the grant," Dunham said.

In checking on the Homeland Security grant, they found they could use the leftover funding for fire prevention services.

"We were limited to that,"

Dunham said. "We could give the money back or use it for fire prevention."

Their Sparky, the Fire Prevention Dog, costume was about 15 years old and becoming rather threadbare, Dunham said.

"It had become dilapidated," Dunham said.

Sparky was ready to retire, or at least the old costume.

"We looked on the Internet and

found a company in Utah, Robotronics," Dunham said, "and they offered an animated Sparky costume. They also have many robots for not only fire prevention but Emergency Medical Services, school bus safety, even Coast Guard."

Dunham said they found one, Patches and the Pumper, that was

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Saturday Night. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows around 60.

Sunday. Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s.

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**ANDREWS, Mildred Davis** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**BELT, Harlen Melvin** — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

**Mildred Davis Andrews, 83**

Mildred Davis Andrews, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died April 28, 2007, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery with Jeremy Buck, youth minister with the First Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under

the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Andrews was born May 17, 1923, in Enfield, N.C. She married Clyde Andrews in Reno, Nev., and he preceded her in death. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. She worked for Highland

General Hospital for several years. Survivors include two daughters, Gloria Dupy of Coram, N.Y., and Donna L. Andrews of Amarillo; one granddaughter, Michelle Scheiber of Coram, New York; and one grandson, Rob Scheiber of Coram, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Ruby Overton, Pauline Overton and Helen Purvis; and two brothers, R.W. Davis and William Robert Davis. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

**Harlen Melvin Belt, 59**

Harlen Melvin Belt, 59, of Pampa, Texas, died May 1, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 4, 2007, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with military rites courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Belt was born July 15, 1947, in Amarillo, to Harle and Edna Belt. He was the third of five children. He graduated high school in Albuquerque, N.M., and later served his country in the U.S. Army as a medic in South Korea during the Vietnam War.

He married Karen Sue Stanton on Jan. 1, 1970, in Lefors. He worked for

Texaco for 28 years while raising two daughters, Kyla and Anna. During that time, he traveled to Angola, Africa, to work on an off-shore oil rig. After retiring from the oilfield, he drove a milk truck for a short time before dedicating himself to his family and grandchildren.

Harlen was a man who enjoyed living life. He was an avid fisherman who taught his daughters and grandson the joys of fishing. He was a Christian by choice and lived with God in his life and was always willing to share his faith with anyone wanting to listen. He was a son, brother, faithful husband, loving father, and dedicated grandfather who enjoyed playing with his

children. Survivors include two daughters, Kyla Andres and husband Lance of Pampa, and Anna Johnson and husband Shane of Lefors; three beloved grandsons, Dusty Johnson, Andrew Laury and Jason Andres; and one precious granddaughter, Ashlyn Johnson.

He is also survived by his mother, Edna Belt of Pampa; two sisters, Dolly Watts of Gadsden, Ala., and Vickie Tippit and husband Billy of Plattsburg, Mo.; two brothers, Stanley Belt and wife Sandy of Pampa, and Randy Belt and wife Collette of Rancho Madera, Calif. The numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends are too many to

be mentioned. He was preceded in death by his father, Harle Belt; and the love of his life, Karen. He will be greatly missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing and loving him.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065, American Diabetes Association, Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131, or the Disabled American Veterans Memorial Program, Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3, 2007.

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

**Helen Duke Stone, 65**

Helen Duke Stone, 65, of Pampa, Texas, died May 3, 2007, at Baytown, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

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**Emergency Services**

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

Seven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 1300 block of Russell, the 1200 block of East Harvester and the 800 block of East Browning.

A police escort was provided on Highway 60 West.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1200 block of Finley, the 800 block of Barnes, the 1000 block of Jordan, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 400 block of Somerville, the 400 block of Lefors, the 2600 block of Navajo and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Welfare checks were made in the police department lobby and the 1800 block of Evergreen.

Agency assistance was provided in the 12000 block of East Frederic and in the 600 block of Lefors.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 2200 block of

Lynn and in the 900 block of Frost where a motor vehicle door was dented with an estimated value of \$339. This call resulted in one arrest.

Phone harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Dwight.

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 100 block of Russell.

Attempt to serve was made at four locations.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

A missing person was reported in the 500 block of Russell.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2100 block of Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of 17th and Hamilton and two calls were received from the 2400 block of Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester where the driver's side window of a vehicle was shattered and the left back panel on the vehicle was scratched. The estimated value of damage is \$350.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of Duncan which resulted in one arrest.

Aggravated assault against a family member was reported in the 700 block of Frost. Minor injuries, which required no medical attention, were reported.

Possession of less than 2-ounces of marijuana was reported in the 300 block of Brown.

Possession of more than 4-grams but less than 200-grams of a controlled substance with intent to deliver was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA, 102 W. 28th, with an estimated value of \$13.

Tampering with physical evidence was reported 12 miles south of Pampa.

Identity theft was reported in the 800 block of South Banks.

Thefts were reported in the

100 block of East Harvester where \$77 was stolen, in the police department lobby, in the 700 block of South Cuyler and in the 600 block of Somerville where a bicycle of unknown value was stolen.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of Evergreen where a DVD player with two monitors, a garage door opener and several DVDs were stolen. The estimated value is \$400.

One alarm was reported.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

**Tuesday, May 1**

12:30 p.m. — A 2000 Pontiac Grand Am driven by Susan Elaine Estes, 48, of White Deer and a 2006 Pontiac G6 driven by Tammy Kay Johnston, 35, of McClean collided in the 100 block of West 28th. There were no injuries reported. Estes was issued citations for no valid insurance and following too close.

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

**Wednesday, May 2**

Joshua Lee Knoop, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 900 block of Frost for criminal mischief and disorderly conduct-gestures.  
Lindy Lou Bessler, 33, of Clinton, Okla., was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for forgery and criminal mischief.

Adam Scoggin, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for burglary of a habitat and public intoxication.

Cory Alan Ashley, 17, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and minor in possession of alcohol.

Blair Henderson, 46, of Wrights, Ill., was arrested by Department of Public Safety for DWI-2nd offense, and possession of a controlled substance.

Rick Lynn Callaway, 52, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors marshal on a violation

of probation for possession of a controlled substance.

**Thursday, May 3**

Leonardo Alonzo III, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and displaying an expired registration.

Timothy Don Remington, 30, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for failure to appear and no driver's license.

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

**Wednesday, May 2**

7:11 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Browning.

7:14 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to a fire alarm in the 600 block of West Browning.

10:32 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 11000 block of West Highway 60 on a medical assist.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls today.

**Tuesday, May 1**

12:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Dwight and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the PRMC.

7:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East 19th and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Wednesday, May 2**

6:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 four miles west of Pampa and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

**One dead in plane crash**

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — A woman was killed and a man suffered severe burns when a single-engine plane crashed shortly after it departed the McAllen airport.

The plane's pilot, Jose Francisco Ortiz, 34, of Tampico, Mexico, suffered burns to 90 percent of his body in the Wednesday night crash, said Hidalgo County Justice of the Peace Rosa Trevino.

The plane's only passenger, an unidentified woman from Tampico, died in the

crash. Authorities withheld her name pending notification of relatives.

It was unclear where Ortiz was being treated Thursday morning.

The plane was traveling from Houston to Tampico when it stopped to refuel Wednesday evening at McAllen-Miller International Airport, said Gabe Covarrubia, an employee of McCreery Aviation at the airport.

The single-engine Lancair IV-P made it only 2 1/2 miles before it crashed in an area of roads and a sorghum field, scattering debris for about 50 feet.

Witnesses pulled Ortiz from the plane, said Sgt. Martin Arteaga of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The pilot sent out an emergency signal shortly before it crashed, said Enrique Castillo, a spokesman for the McAllen airport.

Local officials said they expected the National Transportation Safety Board to investigate the crash.

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# Honors

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captain in University Interscholastic League mathematics and journalism competitions at state level.

He is a choir member and had principal roles in the junior and senior musical productions at PHS. He is a member of the Latin Club and has played varsity golf.

Pepper's community service contributions include participation in the Habitat for Humanity, ASTRA, the Sheltered Workshop and the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries. During summers, he has worked as a grounds keeper at Pampa Country Club.

McNeely is valedictorian of the PHS Class of 2007. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lane D. McNeely of Pampa. He will attend Baylor University at Waco and will study biology.

He had the highest SAT score of any graduating senior and achieved a grade point average of 4.473.

McNeely has been in the PHS Band all four years of his high school career, and he has served as chaplain of the band. He also played tennis and soccer. He is treasurer of ASTRA and has been captain in a UIL math and science competition.

He is a member of the National Honor Society and has served as its president. He has served on the Gray County Youth Board, which has developed an anti-drinking program for youth. He has served as a summer missionary.

McNeely's awards include the Bausch and Lomb Science

Achievement Award, the American Chemical Society Achievement in Chemistry Award and the Colorado School of Mines Medal of Achievement in Math and Science. He was honored by NASA as an Aerospace Scholar.

Foreman is ranked fourth in the Class of 2007. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott J. Foreman of Pampa. He will attend Texas A&M University at College Station, where he will study biomedical science.

He has been number one boy at PHS in tennis and played on the teams which were district champions in men's and mixed doubles. He has had lead roles in two school musicals, participated in the show and concert choirs and played guitar for the show choir and for the Praise Band at his church.

McNeely is a member of the National Honor Society and the Latin Club. His community service projects include work for the Salvation Army and the Celebration of Lights. During summers, he has worked as a ranch hand and also given tennis lessons.

The Eugene and Daniela Anderson Scholarship Foundation was established in 2000 to assist students to obtain higher education. Since that time, the Foundation has awarded 29 scholarships with a total value of more than \$500,000.

Anderson Scholarship Foundation scholarship recipients who are graduating from college this year include Matt Foust at Texas Christian University, Bonnie Holmes at Vanderbilt and Jake Hopkins, who is graduating from Texas Tech University and will enter pharmacy graduate school. Anderson Scholars who are still pursuing their college studies include Ben Briscoe at

Southern Methodist University, Zach Edens at Texas A&M, Shawn Goodin at West Point Military Academy and Monica Johnson, Rachel Parker, Taylor Reeves and Joy Zhang, all at Texas Tech.

Students who seek Anderson Scholarships must achieve high academic standards, contribute positively to their school and community and demonstrate financial need. Information about ASF scholarships may be obtained at the PHS student counselors' office.

Eugene "Gene" Anderson is a 1956 graduate of Pampa High School. He is the founder and president of the Eugene and Daniela Anderson Scholarship Foundation. He is a 1961 graduate of the University of Texas, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering, and a 1963 graduate of Harvard University, where he received a Master's in Business Administration degree.

He has held several senior management positions in his business career, including president of Tenneco International Co., president of Celanese International Co., and in the United Kingdom, managing director of Globe Petroleum Sales Ltd., deputy managing director of Albright and Wilson plc, chief executive of Johnson Matthey plc and chairman and chief executive of Ferranti International plc.

Anderson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Anderson of Amarillo. He and his wife, Daniela, live in London and in Port La Galere, France, and Auckland, New Zealand. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce and a member of the Royal Yachting Association and the Royal National Lifeboats Institute.

# Fire

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within the fire department's price range.

Since he had submitted the initial grant request, Dunham sent in a request to use the excess funds, \$13,695, for fire prevention services.

Dunham said they've already started making presentations using both Sparky and his robotic nephew, Patches, who with a firefighter holding the remote controls at the back of the room drives his small

fire truck in with flashing red lights and siren blaring.

Patches' pumper can even spray a stream of water, although much to the city commission's relief, didn't in the commission chambers during a demonstration at a recent meeting.

"We thought about that," Dunham grinned, "but decided we'd better not."

Dunham said they plan to use Sparky and Patches more widely this summer and after an appearance at Chautauqua on Labor Day will begin visiting schools with their fire prevention program.

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# U.S. lawmakers furious about Iraqi plans

By ANNE FLAHERTY  
 Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers divided over whether to keep U.S. troops in Iraq are finding common ground on at least one topic: They are furious that Iraqi politicians are considering a lengthy break this summer.

"If they go off on vacation for two months while our troops fight — that would be the outrage of outrages," said Rep. Chris Shays, R-Conn.

The Iraq parliament's recess, starting this July, would likely come without Baghdad politicians reaching agreements considered key to easing sectarian tensions. Examples include regulating distribution of the country's oil wealth and reversing measures that have excluded

many Sunnis from jobs and government positions because of Baath party membership.

Iraqi politicians said today the break might not happen or may be less than two months, but said it should be of no concern to U.S. lawmakers.

Talk of the adjournment in Iraq comes amid a heated debate in Congress on the pullout of U.S. troops in Iraq.

President Bush this week vetoed \$124.2 billion legislation ordering troops to begin leaving Oct. 1. Failing on Wednesday to gain a two-thirds majority needed to override the veto, Democrats were expected to begin negotiations Thursday with top White House aides on the next step.

Numerous possible compromises are being floated on Capitol Hill, all involving some combination of benchmarks. The key impasse, however, is whether to require redeployments of U.S. troops if the benchmarks are not met.

White House Chief of Staff Josh Bolten met Thursday with Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Republican

Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. There was no immediate indication that a deal had been struck, and McConnell said the group planned to meet again next week.

Meetings between White House officials and House members had not been scheduled as of Thursday morning, indicating that Democrats may be allowing the Senate to take the lead on negotiations.

Democrats contend that initiating troop withdrawals will pressure Iraqis into making the necessary political compromises. Republicans say the Iraqis could still refuse to work together and the consequence would be a blood bath.

The only area of agreement between the two sides is that the Iraqis are testing their patience.

"That is not acceptable," Sen. John Warner, R-Va., said of a two-month recess.

"An action of that consequence would send a very bad signal to the world that they don't have the resolve that matches the resolve of the brave troops that are fighting in the battle today."

Added Sen. Ben Nelson, D-Neb: "I certainly hope they're not going to take any sort of recess when the question is whether they're going to make any progress."

Republicans and Democrats themselves remain gridlocked on how far to go to force Bush's hand on the war.

# Library

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For those who already have a library card, just call the library to receive your PIN if you do not know what it is.

Live Homework Help is used by more than 1,000 urban, suburban and rural libraries across the United States. It offers one-on-one online tutoring by English and Spanish qualified tutors in the subjects of math, science, social studies and English.

The tutors go through a comprehensive application process. They must list what teaching experience they possess and they must go through a third party background check.

The hours that this homework help is available are 1 p.m. through midnight CST, seven days a week. Students may use this service as often as they need to. For the iPod contest, students are allowed one entry per session and they can enter as many times as they wish.

Lovett Memorial Library located at 111 N. Houston is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday. For more information about Live Homework Help and the iPod and Hastings gift certificate contest or other services provided by the library, call 669-5780.

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# Viewpoints

## Freezer-burn can put a crimp in cooking

Freezer-burn ... Eck! I can't tell you the numerous cuts of meat I have purchased over the years at bargain prices and stuffed into my freezer for that rainy day when I actually cook.

Is it my fault I can't pass up a bargain when meat is so outlandishly expensive? Is it my fault my freezer is minuscule and, consequently, stuffed to the gills?

Without fail, every time I go fishing into the back of the freezer to thaw a piece of

that dirt-cheap meat, I discover my dreams of a scrumptious dinner aren't up in smoke. No, they're shrunk and shriveled. Burned by freezer-burn. The bane of my cooking, if not my existence.

OK, so I'm probably dreaming to think any meal I could ever fix might possibly turn out "scrumptious," but, hey, it's hard to know when that steak-slash-chicken-slash-pork on the menu is too tough and too dried-out to make a worthwhile meal at

the hands of someone like, say, Martha Stewart.

**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor



from gelatin might provide a new way to make sure water vapor can't wreak havoc with frozen food tastes and textures."

Frozen food tastes and textures ... I like that. It makes

food sound so exotic, but, believe me, by the time I get through cooking it my taste-buds would no doubt disagree.

"These thin, clear coatings," the press release continues, "might be made from gelatin extracted from the silvery skins of seagoing fish such as Alaskan pollock. That's according to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists in Alaska and California who are experi-

menting with thin sheets of the gelatin."

Who would've thought something like FISH gelatin could be so revolutionary? And edible? Er, except I don't particularly care much for fish. Is it too much to hope the fish gelatin be tasteless (and odorless), too? ...

In the meantime, I'll try to ignore the meat department at my favorite grocery store until I have more room in my fridge.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 3, the 123rd day of 2007. There are 242 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 3, 1948, the Supreme Court, in *Shelley v. Kraemer*, ruled that covenants prohibiting the sale of real estate to blacks or members of other racial groups were legally unenforceable.

On this date:

In 1802, Washington, D.C., was incorporated as a city.

In 1907, show business columnist Earl Wilson was born in Rockford, Ohio.

In 1916, Irish nationalist Padraic Pearse and two others were executed by the British for their roles in the Easter Rising.

In 1933, Nellie T. Ross became the first female director of the U.S. Mint.

In 1944, U.S. wartime rationing of most grades of meats ended.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied forces captured Rangoon, Burma,

*'Love is blind; friendship closes its eyes.'*

— Anonymous

from the Japanese.

In 1947, Japan's postwar constitution took effect.

In 1978, "Sun Day" fell on a Wednesday as thousands of people extolling the virtues of solar energy held events across the country.

In 1986, in NASA's first post-Challenger launch, an unmanned Delta rocket lost power in its main engine shortly after liftoff, forcing safety officers to destroy it by remote control.

In 1987, The Miami Herald said its reporters had observed a young woman spending "Friday night and most of Saturday" at a Washington townhouse belonging to Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart. (The woman was later identified as Donna Rice; the scandal torpedoed Hart's presidential bid.)

Ten years ago: A group of Texas separatists ended a week-long standoff with authorities; however, two armed followers fled into the woods (one was killed, the other eventually captured). World chess champion Garry Kasparov won the first game of his much-anticipated rematch with IBM's Deep Blue computer (however, Kasparov ended up losing the six-game match). Silver Charm won the 123rd Kentucky Derby.

Five years ago: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston backed out of a settlement agreement with 86 people who had accused defrocked priest John Geoghan of child molestation, saying the deal was becoming too expensive. (The archdiocese later agreed to a \$10 million settlement.) Eight inmates died in a fire at the Mitchell County, N.C., jail. Pipe bombs exploded in six mailboxes in rural parts of Illinois and Iowa, injuring six people. (A suspect, Luke Helder, was later found incompetent to stand trial.)

One year ago: A federal jury in Alexandria, Va., rejected the death penalty for al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui, deciding he should spend life in prison for his role in 9/11; as he was led from the courtroom, Moussaoui taunted, "America, you lost. ... I won." An Armenian passenger plane crashed off Russia's Black Sea coast, killing all 113 people on board. Earl Woods, father of golfer Tiger Woods, died in Cypress, Calif., at age 74.



## Secrets of swift Internet searching, part 2

A friend once told me that "searching the Internet is akin to finding a particular grain of sand in the Sahara Desert." While that may be a bit over-the-top, I completely understand his frustration. Whenever I go to my favorite search site, Google (<http://www.google.com>), and type some keywords into their basic search blank, I inevitably discover that the answer I am seeking lies somewhere within 2 million pages!

To avoid this situation, use Google's Advanced Search Options. You can find this page either by clicking the "Advanced Search" link just to the right of Google's search blank or by going straight to: [http://www.google.com/advanced\\_search](http://www.google.com/advanced_search).

Once there, don't let this busy screen intimidate you. You are looking at the best tool to find your Net answers quickly. Let's start at the top ...

### Find Results

Have you ever heard the phrase, "Boolean Logic?" Basically, it's the process of

turning your search into a mathematical algorithm (something the computer can comprehend). Three major logical tools are used in this process: AND, OR, and NOT. AND is used to guarantee that two or more search keywords exist on a page in order for it to qualify as a "hit." OR allows one, some or all of the words to exist. NOT prevents a keyword combination.

The first blank "with all the words" is an inferred AND. Typing in a bunch of keywords will only return pages that contain all of them. The next blank, "with the exact phrase" is also an inferred AND, but requires the words to be in the order you typed them. This blank is perfect for typing movie and book titles. I've even used it to find the source of famous quotes and song titles. I just type in a piece of the quote or song, and Google finds all instances of

the phrase.

Next, you'll see "with at least one of the words." Can you guess which Boolean operator is inferred here? That's right: OR. A word of warning, here, though.

Using this blank will return the highest number of hits (since only one of your keywords need be present). I rarely use it.

The final blank in this section ("without the words") has some very interesting uses. For instance, let's say I was interested in all Web documents pertaining to the book, "David Copperfield." If those two words are all I type in the second blank ("with the exact phrase"), what will I get back?

That's right — a mixture of sites talking about the book and the current-day master-illusionist. To weed out pages pertaining to the famous prestidigitator, I simply add the word "magic" to the "without the words"

blank. Try it and see what happens. By adding this one word, you filter out about 12,900 irrelevant pages. Wow!

In the next section, make sure you set the language to "English," unless you want foreign-language pages appearing in the mix. And believe it or not, Google catalogs more than just Web pages. Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint files, and Acrobat documents are also included in the database. To narrow your search, choose it here in the "File Types" section. The next option, "date," is very useful in weeding out archaic pages. If you want the most up-to-date information on your subject, choose "past three months."

"Occurrences" allows you to customize the relevance of your search terms. By choosing "in the title of the page," you can make sure that the page is truly related to your keywords and doesn't just mention it in some random paragraph. "Domain" is useful to search

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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San Antonio Express-News on democracy in Russia:

Critics of Russian President Vladimir Putin have a conspicuous tendency to die from the most unnatural causes. So when they're only beaten and arrested, it might be considered a measure of progress if Putin wants his country to be judged alongside such authoritarian outcasts as Robert Mugabe's Zimbabwe.

Of course, that's not how Putin wants Russia judged. Putin asserts Russia's deserved place at the table with the world's great democracies. In 2006, Putin held the presidency of the Group of Eight industrialized powers, consisting of Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

But in democracies, the government doesn't set baton-wielding riot police on peaceful protesters, as authorities in Moscow and St. Petersburg did recently. And they don't detain hundreds of people on trumped-up charges.

Opposition leader and former world

chess champion Gary Kasparov was one of them. He was held for 10 hours, charged with shouting anti-government slogans.

Do slogans pose a threat to truly great powers?

A spokesman for Putin conceded to reporters last week that some police might have overreacted in the opposition ruckus.

The Russian government will need to show greater respect for nonviolent opposition and less tolerance for brass-knuckle intimidation if it wants to be part of the enlightenment club.

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**U.S.: Syria has tightened borders with Iraq; Rice to meet with Syrian official**

SHARM EL-SHEIK, Egypt (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will meet Syria's foreign minister in the first high-level talks between the countries in years, a U.S. official said today, and the chief American military spokesman in Iraq said Syria had moved to reduce "the flow of foreign fighters" across its border.

But a substantive meeting between the United States and Iran — another U.S. opponent in the Mideast — appeared less certain. The Iraqi government is pressing for Rice and her Iranian counterpart to meet during the gathering, saying Washington's conflict with the government in Tehran is only fueling Iraq's instability.

"We expect that there will be a discussion between Secretary of State Rice and the Syrian foreign minister about Iraqi security issues," said a senior State Department official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the meeting was still being arranged.

In Baghdad, U.S. Maj. Gen. William Caldwell said Syria had tightened its borders to and reduced the number of foreign insurgents

*'We expect that there will be a discussion between Secretary of State Rice and the Syrian foreign minister about Iraqi security issues.'*

— State Department official

crossing into Iraq.

"There has been some movement by the Syrians ... there has been a reduction in the flow of foreign fighters into Iraq" for more than a month, Caldwell said.

Both the United States and Iran had also spoken favorably of a possible meeting, but the chances for that remained unclear, and neither side had commented publicly on any immediate arrangements.

Iraq and the United States hope Thursday and Friday's conference of nearly 50 nations at this Egyptian

Red Sea resort will rally international support — particularly from Arab nations — for an ambitious plan to stabilize Iraq.

Iraq is pressing for forgiveness of debt and for Arabs to take greater action to prevent foreign fighters from joining the Iraqi insurgency. Arab countries, in turn, demand his government ensure greater participation by Sunni Arabs in Iraq's political process, echoing the United States.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki opened the conference by urging all countries to forgive his country's enormous foreign debts — estimated at about \$50 billion. Another \$100 billion has already been written off by the Paris Club of lender nations.

But Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Saud al-Faisal, told the conference only that his country "has expressed its readiness to alleviate some of the debts on Iraq" and was currently in discussions with Iraqi officials to deal with the issue "in line with the regulations and bases of the Paris Club."

**Net**

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a site without using that site's internal search. For instance, the Microsoft Knowledge Base is very nice, but I prefer Google's tools. Whenever I need to search the entire Microsoft site, I use this blank to narrow my results to the microsoft.com domain.

Depending on your search terms, you may want to turn the "SafeSearch" on or off. As an example, if you are looking for information on "breast cancer," I would highly recommend you turn on this filter.

Finally, the last section allows you to find pages that are "similar" to a particular page. It will make sense when you try it. And, the last blank, "Links" is a neat way to find out what Web sites are linking to your Web site.

While Google's Advanced Search page should meet the majority of your querying needs, other search tools exist to aid in your exploration of the "hidden Internet." Find out what I mean next week. Until then ...

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• **The Ozark Trail Barbecue cook-off** will be held Friday and Saturday at Estelline. Registration will be conducted at 12 p.m. Friday. The event will include life music, giant kid's slide, face-painting, hair streaking, dummy roping and more. For more details, log on to [www.ozarktrailbbq.com](http://www.ozarktrailbbq.com) on the Internet.

• **Pease River Playhouse** will hold auditions for a production of "Steel Magnolias" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at the playhouse located in the Old Rock Gym at Goodlett. The try-outs will be for six female roles, ages 18-70. For more information or to schedule an audition, call (940) 937-6884. Performances will be Aug. 10-12.

• **Pampa Book Club** will discuss "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, Wednesday. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **The Amarillo field office** of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers (compensation division), will host a brown bag education program for health care providers, employers, human resource managers, claims adjusters, case managers and employee organizations from 12-12:45 p.m. May 10 at 7112 IH-40 West, Building D, Amarillo. The topic will be disability management. For more informa-

tion, call (806) 351-1222 or e-mail [Linda.Marlow@tdi.state.tx.us](mailto:Linda.Marlow@tdi.state.tx.us).

• **Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre** Company will present "Alice in Wonderland" May 11-13 at Ordway Hall on campus. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

• **The Pilot Club of Dumas** will host a "Panhandle Playday" on May 19 at Ceta Canyon for adult survivors of traumatic brain injuries. The day will include fishing, outdoor games, indoor board games, hiking, bingo and crafts. Lunch and other refreshments will be provided. Cost of the retreat will be \$15 per person. Scholarships are available through requests. To register or for more information, call (806) 935-3080

or (806) 570-4274.

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host a train display presented by Scot Free Model Railroaders through May 31. Admission to the exhibit is free.

• **The National Museum of the Pacific War** will present its Pacific Combat Show June 9-10, Sept. 22-23, and Nov. 10-11 in Fredericksburg. This newly-revised 90-minute living history program will focus on the lives and combat efforts of participants in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Admission to the museum covers the show. For more information, call (830) 693-9707.

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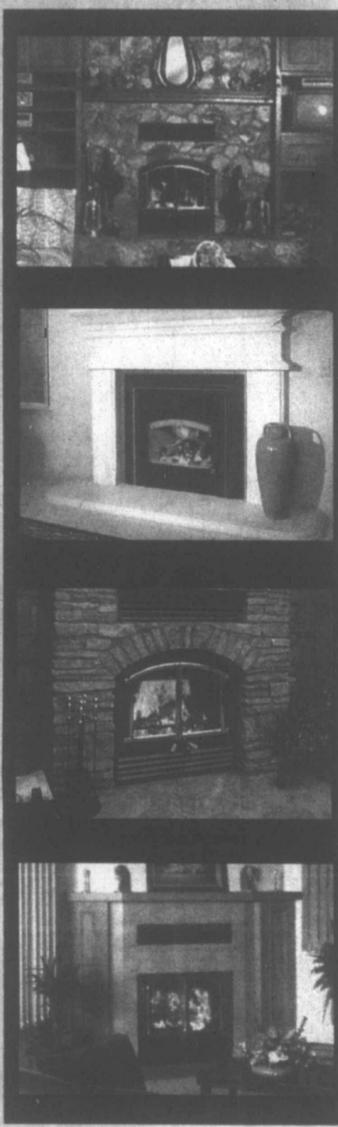
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## Fireside Comfort "Hearth & Home"



Fireside Comfort Hearth & Home, 530 W. Brown, is a mom and pop business owned by Boyd and June Thurman since March 1999.

When the couple established Fireside Comfort, they offered one line of stoves. In the intervening years, the business has grown to offer a total of 15. The store has wood, pellet, gas stoves and inserts, stove pads, venting materials/supplies and premium wood pellets.

"We have quality appliances you can trust," Mr. Thurman said, "from such name-brand dealers as Avalon, Blaze King, Buck, Country Stove, Engauder, Harman, Hampton, Votul, Regency and Quadra Fire as well as RSF, Majestic, Heatilator, Vanguard and Desa."

The products carried by Fireside are either made in Canada or the U.S.A., the couple said.

"The manufacturers are offering exceptional warranties," Mrs. Thurman added, "We may not have what you want, but we can get it. We pride ourselves on being the friendliest dealer in the Panhandle."

The home-owned operation provides a full-supply of premium wood pellets sold by the bag or by the ton. Fireside Comfort has a yearly pellet early buy sale between April and May this year at discount prices to the public. Buck stoves are discounted by \$150 until May 15 as well, and the pellet early buy special is \$220 per ton.

"In times of outage - due to bad weather - everyone needs an alternative heat source," Mr. Thurman said.

Mrs. Thurman is a Pampa native. Mr. Thurman comes from Harper, Texas, in the Texas Hill Country.

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## Use of informants in elderly woman's death draws questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — A botched drug raid that ended the life of a 92-year-old woman in a hail of police gunfire is drawing questions from House members about the use of informants.

Police burst into Kathryn Johnston's Atlanta home last fall using a no-knock warrant they obtained by lying to a judge about drug activity there, according to prosecutors.

Afterward, when they realized their mistake, the officers tried to cover their tracks, and one has admitted planting drugs in the house and coaxing a street-level informant to go along with their story, according to court papers.

A host of influential black House members said the case highlights widespread misuse of police informants, and they pledged to

address the issue in Congress.

"I see the shooting and killing of Ms. Johnston as one piece of a larger puzzle," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga. "We must utilize every means at our disposal ... to ensure that this kind of injustice never, ever happens again."

Lewis joined House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers, D-Mich.,

Congressional Black Caucus Chairwoman Carolyn Cheeks Kilpatrick, D-Mich., and other lawmakers in a meeting Wednesday with the Rev. Markel Hutchins. The Atlanta civil rights activist has acted as a spokesman for Johnston's family.

Hutchins also met with attorneys with the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division and with staffers for several senators.

### Lefors Action Group



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Lefors Action Group recently hosted a "Spring Litter Clean-up" in Lefors. Participants gathered at Oldham Park and picked up litter on the main spur through town. Extra attention was also given to the cemetery and the football field. Afterwards, a picnic in the park was held for all who participated. Above: (Standing, from left) Tonya Lock, Carol Watson, Karen Noble, Sybil Alexander, Pat Seely, Dianna Caston, Wakely Pairsh, Billy McBee, Linda Stanton, Seth Scully, Cindy Stubbs-Scully, Alana Shephard, Clay Lock, Jennifer Shephard, Charlie Wilkins, Rick McMullen, Joe Styles, Kerry Hodge; (kneeling) Susan Oldham, Waylon Furgerson, Hazel Furgerson and Addy Furgerson.

### VA hands out bonuses to senior officials

WASHINGTON (AP) — Months after a politically embarrassing \$1 billion shortfall that put veterans' health care in peril, Veterans Affairs officials involved in the foul-up got hefty bonuses ranging up to \$33,000.

The list of bonuses to senior career officials at the Veterans Affairs Department in 2006, obtained by The Associated Press, documents a generous package of more than \$3.8 million in payments by a financially strapped agency straining to help care for thousands of injured veterans returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan.

Among those receiving payments were a deputy assistant secretary and several regional directors who crafted the VA's flawed budget for 2005 based on misleading accounting. They received performance payments up to \$33,000 each, a figure equal to about 20 percent of their annual salaries.

Also receiving a top bonus was the deputy undersecretary for benefits, who helps man-

age a disability claims system that has a backlog of cases and delays averaging 177 days in getting benefits to injured veterans.

The bonuses were awarded even after government investigators had determined the VA repeatedly miscalculated — if not deliberately misled taxpayers — with questionable methods used to justify Bush administration cuts to health care amid a burgeoning Iraq war.

Annual bonuses to senior VA officials now average more than \$16,000 — the most lucrative in government.

The VA said the payments are necessary to retain hardworking career officials.

Several watchdog groups questioned the practice. They cited short-staffing and underfunding at VA clinics that have become particularly evident after recent disclosures of shoddy outpatient treatment of injured troops at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington.

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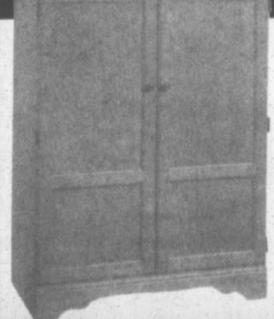


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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I had to write after reading the letter from "Ready to Serve in New Hampshire" (Feb. 23), who felt compelled to delay her dinner party when her guests brought fresh vegetables from her garden. My husband's summer hobby is a large vegetable garden, and he, too, enjoys giving away the fruits of his labor. When we are invited to dine with friends, he also brings a gift of his wonderful vegetables. But in no way does he expect our hosts to prepare them for us. They are intended for the family to enjoy at future meals. I doubt that "Ready's" guests intended for her to cook those veggies, either. She should have thanked them and stored their gift for future dining. — **FARMER'S WIFE IN KANSAS**

**DEAR FARMER'S WIFE:** Most of the letters I received commenting on that question agreed that the woman had stressed out needlessly, and that common sense dictated the items should be consumed later. However, some other readers wanted to share their own experiences when receiving and giving edible gifts. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I often bring a basket of vegetables from my garden as a house gift, especially if someone had commented on my garden. Never in my wildest dreams would I think my hosts would put everything on hold in order to serve the veggies immediately. If I brought homemade bath salts as a gift, I wouldn't expect the hosts to stop what they were doing and take a bath. "Ready's" friends did nothing wrong. She overreacted to their kind gesture. — **GREEN THUMB IN AMARILLO, TEXAS**

**DEAR ABBY:** What on earth made "Ready to Serve" think she was supposed to cook the items her guests brought to her home? If they were meant to be served that evening, they would have already been prepared. My guess is that the guests eat those fresh vegetables every day while

they are in season, and the last thing they'd want to do is eat them again at somebody else's house. "Ready" made a mistake and then got frustrated. Just because I take fresh eggs to my friends when they invite me to dinner doesn't mean I want them scrambled for the meal. — **COUNTRY GIRL FROM THE SOUTH**

**DEAR ABBY:** A Southerner by birth and training, it is not in me to forgo bringing a host/hostess gift to dinner, no matter how informal the meal. I also would not expect my gift to be used then and there. "Ready" should have smiled graciously and said, "Oh, how lovely! Bob and I will certainly eat well this week." Those of us who bring edible gifts should indicate that they are intended for later enjoyment. — **SOUTH-ERN GENT**

**DEAR ABBY:** Who invites guests over for dinner and has the meal ready to serve as they arrive? How about a little conversation while dinner is being prepared? How about some time to relax and talk before sitting down to the table? The fresh vegetables this couple brought could be added to the menu if desired, but a matter of 15 or 20 minutes' preparation time shouldn't be the deciding factor. — **JOHN C. IN POMPANO BEACH, FLA.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm a 47-year-old male and grateful to "Ready" for bringing back some wonderful memories of summers at my Grandmother Ruby's house. We spent many a summer gardening together. We would take vegetables over to friends and family, and they'd do the same for us. It was Ruby's way to show off her garden and share its bounty with others. When my grandmother received such a gift, she would always make a big deal of it and, if the veggies were pre-cleaned, would place them in a basket and use them for a centerpiece. Thanks for helping me remember a wonderful time. — **SMILING STILL IN SAN ANGELO, TEXAS**

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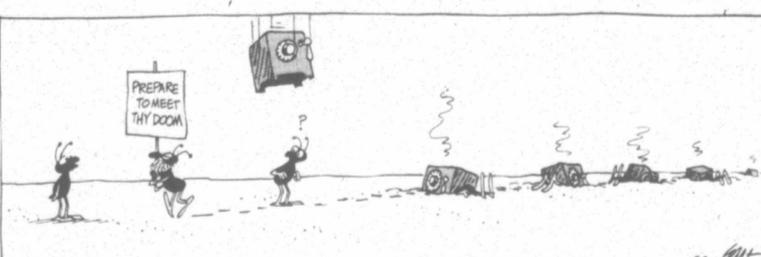
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 31 Put away
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  - 39 Running bird
  - 40 Test for purity
  - 41 Sneaker feature
  - 43 Sierra —
  - 44 Sudden swell
  - 45 Hourglass fill
- DOWN**
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  - 42 Massage



Yesterday's answer

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# Sports Day



Courtesy Photo

Sophomore Cecilia Garcia winds down after competing in a local boxing tournament.

## Local boxer to compete in Midland this weekend

Cecilia Garcia, age 16 and a sophomore at Pampa High School, will travel to Midland this weekend to represent the Pampa Texas Boxing Club at the Junior Olympics Trials for boxing. Garcia has been boxing

for four years, and this is her first year to qualify for the Junior Olympics, which will be held June 25 - July 1 in Marquette, Mich.

She is the daughter of Robert and Rosa Garcia of Pampa.

## Dateline DVDs ready

Anyone who pre-ordered a DVD of the Dateline program about Pampa Harvester football which aired in December, can now pick those up starting immediately.

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Sun.	May 27	2:05pm	Rangers vs Boston Red Sox
Thur.	May 31	9:05pm	Rangers vs Seattle Mariners
Fri.	June 1	9:05pm	Rangers vs Seattle Mariners
Wed.	June 6	8:00pm	Astros vs Colorado Rockies
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# Senior girls' familiar road to softball success

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

After being a big part of Harvester athletics over the past few years, Kenzi Nickell, Logan Winkelman, Kali Jimenez, Cassidy Tice, Stephanie McVay and Nicole Clark have been a part of a winning team this season in softball.

This year, the Lady Harvesters claimed the district crown with a perfect 10-0 record in district.

Though winning a district

championship is not by any means an easy task to accomplish, being declared champions is something with which this year's senior girls are all too familiar.

During the summer of 2001, following their sixth grade year, Winkelman, Nickell, Tice, Clark and McVay played for the Pampa 11-12 softball All Stars team.

The Pampa All Stars held up through area competition to claim the area softball crown.

Then, the team went undefeated to win the District One Girls' Softball, Tournament Championship, defeating Dumas in the championship game, in which Clark threw a no-hitter.

The girls continued to state, but were defeated by Midway, who had taken the state title 17 years in a row at the time, and were defending Little League World Series champions.

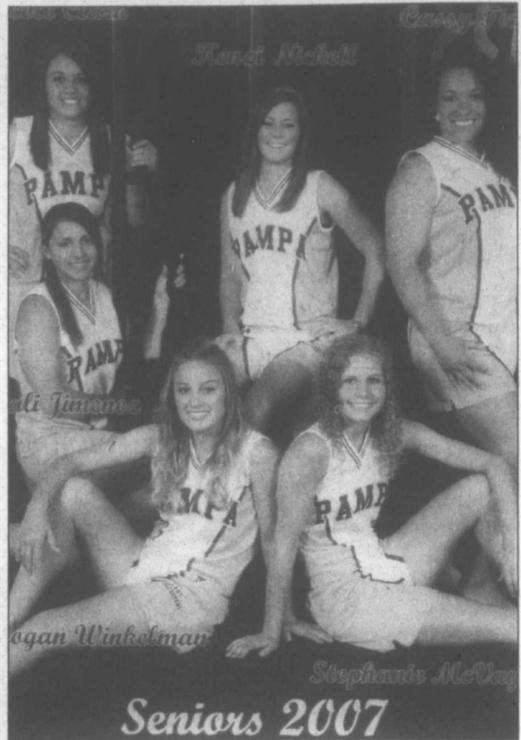
The successful season

helped to set a standard by which these girls played from then on.

The following year, as the Pampa Girls Junior All Star Team, they reclaimed the district crown and faced Midway once again.

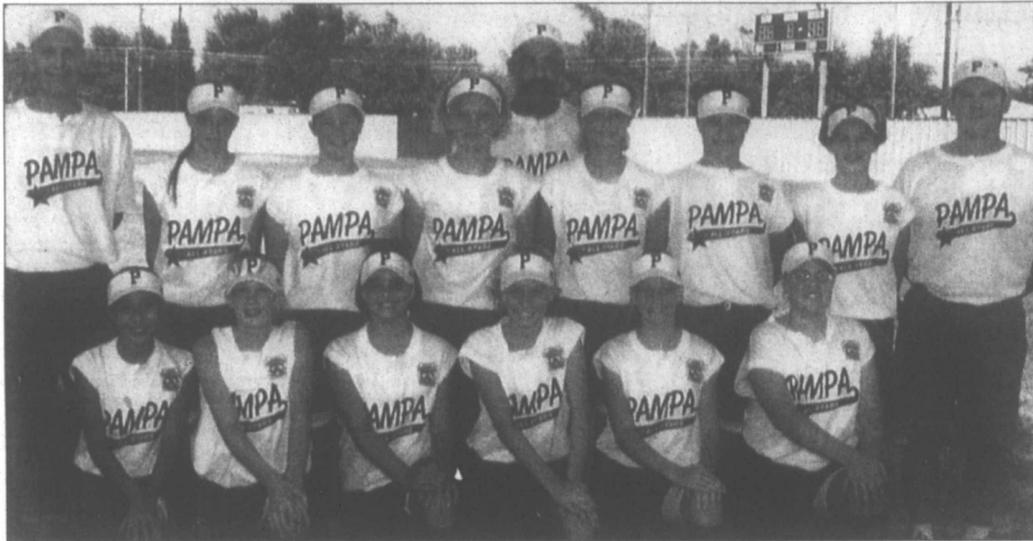
Five years after that, they have found themselves undefeated in district and on their way to the playoffs.

The girls will play in Andrews on Saturday.



Courtesy Photos

This year's senior softball girls, (clockwise from top left) Nicole Clark, Kenzi Nickell, Cassidy Tice, Stephanie McVay, Logan Winkelman and Kali Jimenez.



Pictured here are the 2001 11-12 softball district champions. (Back row, L-R) Coach Mark McVay, Maggie Hopkins, Kenzi Nickell, Alyssa Kelsey, manager Randall Tice, Halei Skinner, Cassidy Tice, Logan Winkelman and coach Layne Clark. (Front row, L-R) Erika Silva, Britteni Rice, Nicole Clark, Stephanie McVay, Chandon Wilson and Meredith Coutts.

## Spurs take fourth straight over Nuggets

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Michael Finley's record-setting 3-point performance was enough to make Marcus Camby look at the San Antonio Spurs in a different light.

"If he can play like that the rest of the playoffs, you have to have the Spurs as the team to beat," Camby said after Finley made a franchise playoff-record eight 3-pointers Wednesday night in San Antonio's 93-78 victory in Game 5 of their first-round playoff series with the Denver Nuggets.

The win was the Spurs' fourth straight after losing Game 1 at home and it sent them on to the Western Conference semifinals against the Suns.

Game 1 of the second-round series is Sunday at Phoenix.

"Stay with the concept," said Finley, who had 26 points and was 8-for-9 from beyond the arc. "Stay with

the team philosophy. As long as we do that, we'll be successful."

The first round was a virtual repeat of 2005 for the Spurs when they also lost Game 1 at home before winning the next four to eliminate Denver.

"We were up 3-1 going into it, but it was anybody's game in any of those," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "They were tough. They were difficult. They never stopped. We were fortunate in those games. This was the only game where we got away a little bit, and it wasn't until the end."

Tim Duncan had 23 points and 12 rebounds for the third-seeded Spurs, while Tony Parker added 16 points and 10 assists.

"We might have shook them a little bit," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "We might have scared them a little bit. But we didn't beat them."

Popovich called Finley's performance "ridiculous."

"He was fantastic. He came out and served it up well. And he just kept shooting," said Robert Horry, who hit a big 3 late in the Spurs' Game 4 victory. "That's the one thing about it ... once you get hot, keep shooting until you miss, and he didn't miss."

The 34-year-old Finley, who signed with the Spurs in September 2005 and is in his 12th NBA season, said he just tries to finish the opportunities on the court that his teammates create for him.

"To be realistic, my career is coming to an end in a couple of years or so. So I'm enjoying the moment," he said.

Allen Iverson struggled from the field for his fourth straight game for the Nuggets after scoring 31 points in Game 1. He was 6-of-22 from the field and had 21 points Wednesday, 10 in

the fourth quarter.

Sixth-seeded Denver traded for Iverson in December to create an All-Star duo with Carmelo Anthony.

"I felt like this was the worst playoff series that I've played in my career," Iverson said. "It was kind of frustrating — coming into a new situation, wanting to be the one that gets this team over the hump, get them out of the first round. And to play like I'm not capable of playing is just frustrating."

"They were a better team than us this series," Iverson said. "We tried to stay in the game. They showed why they were a championship-caliber team."

Denver scored 30 points in the second half — 11 in the third quarter.

"I thought the 11 points in the third quarter just kind of put a heavy weight on our shoulders," Karl said. "When the dam broke, it broke hard."

## Beckett matches Clemens, closes in on the Babe

By The Associated Press

Josh Beckett is closing in on the Babe.

Beckett became the first Boston Red Sox pitcher to win his first six starts since Roger Clemens in 1991, and is just two behind the team record shared by Babe Ruth and two others.

"I know he was a great hitter," Beckett said. "Anytime you're mentioned in the same point as Babe Ruth, when you didn't give up one of his milestone home runs, is obviously a tremendous feat."

Beckett (6-0) allowed three runs and six hits with seven strikeouts and two walks to help the Red Sox beat Oakland 6-4 on Wednesday night.

He became the eighth Red Sox pitcher to win at least his first six starts. The team record of eight is shared by Ruth in 1917, Dave Ferriss in 1945 and Roger Moret in 1973.

The defeat was costly for the A's, who also lost Mike Piazza to a right shoulder injury that will sideline him

for four-to-six weeks.

Piazza suffered the injury when he dived toward third base in the sixth and collided with third baseman Mike Lowell.

"My whole arm went numb," said Piazza, who suffered a strained AC joint. "It's a huge setback. It's just another challenge to try to get by."

Piazza went 2-for-3 and might have helped Oakland even more had he beaten Lowell to the bag.

"He was trying to avoid the tag. He just slid head-first," Lowell said.

In other AL games, it was Tampa Bay 4, Minnesota 3, 10 innings; Cleveland 7, Toronto 6, 11 innings; Detroit 3, Baltimore 2; Seattle 3, Chicago 2; Kansas City 3, Los Angeles 1; and the New York Yankees game at Texas was postponed by rain.

The win gave Boston a split of the two-game series after a 5-4 loss in 10 innings in a game in which Curt Schilling pitched well but Jonathan Papelbon blew his first save.

## Texas Southern among black colleges hit by NCAA academic report

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Big-money athletic programs avoided most of the NCAA's penalties. Next year, they might not be so lucky.

The latest Academic Progress Report released by the NCAA on Wednesday showed only 11 BCS teams were punished for poor classroom performance, while historically black colleges and universities accounted for 13 percent of all sanctioned schools. Of the 49 warning letters sent out, 13 went to Louisiana teams.

That discrepancy could change

next year when the NCAA plans to drop a mathematical calculation that helped some BCS teams avoid punishment this year, and NCAA president Myles Brand is already sounding the warnings.

"Many more teams could be subject to these penalties next year," he said. "We've written letters to coaches and others saying we are concerned about this issue and we want to help put together plans that will help them improve."

That's little consolation to the schools already facing penalties. This is the first time the NCAA has

sent out warning letters based on academic performance.

The NCAA compiles an APR, which measures eligibility and retention of student athletes, for every program at every Division I school.

Teams scoring less than 925 — the equivalent of a 60 percent graduation rate under the NCAA's formula — received warning letters and could face harsher sanctions over the next three years. A second offense during that time would result in a reduction of practice time or games played. A third

offense would result in disqualification from NCAA tournaments.

Louisiana-based Nicholls State received the second-most warning letters in four sports: baseball, men's cross country and women's indoor and outdoor track. Texas Southern, an HBCU school in Houston, received five, the most nationally.

BCS teams, in contrast, received no warning letters and the most prominent programs cited were Arizona's football team and the men's basketball teams at Cincinnati and Iowa State, which

could all lose scholarships next year.

Brand believes the disparity is primarily about money.

"It's more about low-income, low-resource schools," he said. "We're concerned about all schools with a low-support basis, and there are a number of HBCUs in that category. We're trying to provide them with the resources to do better."

HBCUs received more than 50 waivers, excusing them from penalties for now, NCAA vice president Kevin Lennon said.

## Stars in the pro-am, stars in the Wachovia field

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — There was no shortage of stars at the Wachovia Championship.

And that was for the pro-am round.

Thousands of fans lined the first fairway Wednesday morning to watch two of the world's most celebrated sports icons — Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan — play together in a public event for the first time. Two groups behind with Sergio Garcia, and virtually unnoticed on this day, was Peyton Manning, the guy selected as the Super Bowl MVP.

Also playing was Carolina Panthers coach John Fox. NASCAR drivers Casey Mears and Jimmie Johnson also teed it up.

The real tournament starts Thursday at Quail Hollow, and attention will shift to another cast of stars — one of the strongest fields of the year at a PGA Tour event that already has become one of the best.

Woods, defending champion Jim Furyk and Phil Mickelson are among 27 of the top 30 players in the world ranking. Not bad for a tournament that is only 4 years old.

"When you have a great golf course, the guys will come," Woods said. "This is one of the neat golf courses we get to play all year. It's straightforward, right in front of you. You have to shape the ball both ways, and on top of that, you've really got to putt here."

The rest of the amenities aren't bad.

The purse is \$6.3 million, among the richest for regular PGA Tour events. Players are given a Mercedes-Benz for a courtesy car, and even their caddies get valet parking. Wives are offered a short flight to Asheville to see the Biltmore Estate. Mickelson even found another perk that not many others have talked about — personalized pillow cases and towels.

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This year, listen to others carefully, even if you don't feel that you can make the impact you'd like by being passive. One-on-one relating might be the key to making others aware of your views. A mutuality needs to exist between you and others. You have great ideas, but so do others. Carefully listen to feedback and show respect. You, in turn, will discover that others will give the same more often. Finances boom because of someone else or a key partnership. If you are single, you enjoy relating on an individual, one-on-one level. Stress might cause maintaining a bond to be difficult. If you are attached, work as a duo. Allow your partner to run with the ball more often. He or she will appreciate your attitude. SAGITTARIUS zores in on basics.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* You know what to do and how to deal with a sometimes touchy situation. If questioning your choices, choose to head in another direction. By taking the high road, you will see life from a more dynamic perspective. Tonight: Easy does it.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Let others make choices. You might be able to influence someone through a discussion, but any other avenue will not work. You also could consider pulling out and doing something very different. Understand why others do what they do. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Allow more conversation to flow. Get to the bottom of an issue by being a better listener. How you view a personal situation could change dynamically. Others want to run with the ball. Say "yes." Tonight: Allow others, and yourself, to see both sides of an issue.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Easy does it. You might have another opportunity to complete a project or get the job done. A different perspective helps you understand how effective you are. Understanding takes you in a new direction. Tonight: Easy does it.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Let your imagination soar. Others might be amazed by your new style or perspective. Look more deeply into your situation and possible solutions. Break past mental restraints and eye change more carefully. Tonight: Fun and games.

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

\*\*\* Know when to pull back and approach a situation differently. Your resolve and style take you to a new level of security. You know what works, but implementing it could take time. Touch base with a family member. Tonight: At home.

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

\*\*\*\*\* You might know what you need to do. Consider more carefully your options that surround your daily conversations and sense of direction. Understand what is happening with a relative or sibling. Deal with people independently. Tonight: As you like.

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

\*\*\* Work with a moveable financial matter. You might not have the answers just yet. Consider your options that involve a problem more carefully. Others want feedback and information. You

might need to stall. Tonight: Take a hard look at your expenses.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Keep smiling and know what needs to happen in order to clear out a problem. Where someone might hedge, cause a problem or encourage another look, you can tease the needed facts out. Use your creativity. Tonight: As you like.

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

\*\*\* Know when to step back, as you could cause yourself a problem. What you think is a good risk could backfire. Think in terms of gains and growth. Zero in on what you want. Knowledge proves to be powerful. Tonight: Get some R and R.

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

\*\*\*\*\* Where your friends are is where you might be found. You even turn work associates into allies, as your diplomacy rises to a new level. Experiment and turn an enemy into an ally too. You might be surprised by what happens. Tonight: Christen the weekend.

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

\*\*\* Take charge and handle a personal matter head-on. You make a must appearance because you need to clear the air. The clearest intent could backfire right now, as others are off doing their thing. Tonight: Out and about.

### BORN TODAY

Actress Pia Zadora (1954), actress Audrey Hepburn (1929), political analyst George F. Will (1941)

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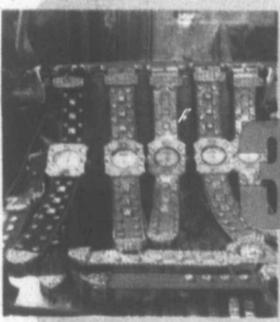
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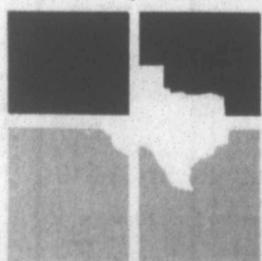
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