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Police chief details racial profiling for Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Last year, the Pampa Police Department stopped 4,281 people. More than half of those were Caucasian males.

As Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner talked about the racial profiling report he released this month, he said there have been no reports of racial profiling in the past year, the past five years or as far back as such department records go.

"This is an annual report for the year 2007," Chief Pitner said, "and during this year, there have been no reports of racial profiling."

The racial profiling report is required by both state and federal law.

Pitner said the new software the police department makes generating such reports easier.

"It basically does it for us," Pitner

said.

He said he's been in Pampa for five years and in doing a five-year comparison, he said there have been no racial profiling reports made against the police department.

"This is the first time I've had a full five years of data," he said.

Pitner said that his staff had done a good job of collecting and entering the data. Prior to the past five years, he said the software was not as accurate as he would have liked.

The report is based on citations and traffic stops and searches. The report breaks down police activities by gender and ethnic groups.

"The data we compiled is based off of traffic stops, citations, warnings and pedestrian stops where offi-

cers encounter people and physically stop them," Pitner said. "Sometimes it's for traffic violations. Sometimes it's for criminal investigations."

Based on those stops, the department collects certain data on race and whether an arrest is made or not or if a search is conducted or not.

"The data is just to see where we stand," Pitner said. "It looks like over the last five years that it's been very consistent, and the report reflects that."

As far as racial profiling, he says he can find no complaints in years that this data has been

collected. "I've been here five years," Pitner said, "and there have not been any complaints in those five years."

He said that doesn't mean they

haven't had complaints, but there have been no complaint relating specifically to racial profiling.

According to the report, of the 4,281 stops made by Pampa police officers in 2007, 2,722 were males. Pitner said that 1,559 were females. He said that 2,273 were Caucasian males and 1,369 were Caucasian females.

African ethnicity accounted for 212 stops. Asians accounted for seven. Hispanics accounted for 398. Twenty-two were reported as unknown ethnicity.

In all cases, except for the unknown ethnicity category, males were stopped by a margin of about two to one over females. In the unknown category, nine males were stopped and 13 females were stopped.

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Pitner

PGWCD prepares for director elections

WHITE DEER — The Panhandle Groundwater District would like for the public to know they are preparing to hold director elections. The four-year terms of five district directors expire this year.

These five include Phillip Smith, Precinct 1; John R. Spearman, Jr., Precinct 3; Jason C. Green, Precinct 5; Kim Flowers, Precinct 7; and Thomas Cambridge, Precinct 9.

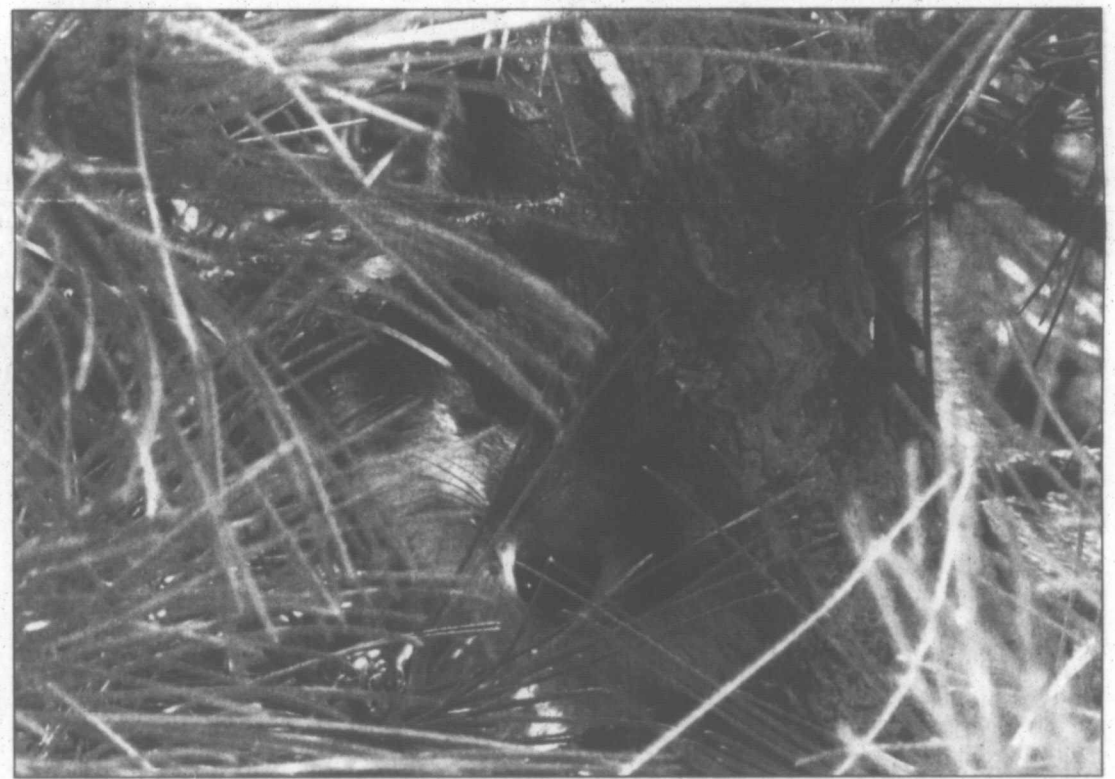
The final date to file for a director's seat is March 10.

Elections will be held on May 10. Early voting

will be held from April 28 through May 6 in the following locations: Precinct 1 - Skellytown City Hall, 204 4th St., Skellytown; Precinct - Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, Pampa; Precinct 5 - Donley County Courthouse Annex, Clarendon; Precinct 7 - Miami City and County Building, Miami; Precinct 9 - Amarillo Senior Citizens, 1220 S. Polk St., Amarillo.

Forms needed to file for a director's seat are available at the District office, 201 W. Third St., White Deer.

Fox peeking through



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

A gray fox surprised an onlooker Monday afternoon when it jumped up into a tree and nestled among its branches in the back yard of a home on Evergreen Street.

Broaddus plans to target drugs if elected as constable

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Illegal drug use and hot checks are two of the things Curtis Broaddus plans to target if elected as Gray County Precinct 4 constable.

"I think we've got a terrible drug problem," Broaddus said. "I feel that as constable, I could actually make a difference in the drug problem we've got here."

Keeping the office of Precinct 4 constable vacant with a goal of having it abolished is not saving the county any money, he said, because of the costs of rehabilitation of drug abusers.

"A survey conducted by the National Substance Abuse Treatment Services found that the average cost of drug rehabilitation is \$7,000 per month, with the total cost per stay ranging from \$10,000 to \$40,000. Most of the patients did not have insurance coverage, so the cost was borne by the taxpayers."

Other costs of addiction include crimes committed by addicts in

order to feed their addictions and the personal cost to broken families, he said.

"If I can intervene in two people's lives per year by stopping them from being able to get the drugs, we have paid for the position," Broaddus said.

He plans to work closely with the county attorney's office to address the hot check problem.

"These are dollars stolen from our citizens and from our businesses," he said. "The hot check writers can either come in and settle up or be brought to jail. Either way, they need to pay for it."

Broaddus denies any wrongdoing on his part concerning his dismissal from BWXT Pantex. He was head of counterintelligence and chief of the technical investigations division at Pantex when a hard drive was reported missing from the nuclear

facility, located between Panhandle and Amarillo. The hard drive reportedly contained nuclear warhead detonation secrets.

Broaddus was one of two Pantex employees who got caught up in an investigation and subsequently fired after they reported the drive missing. The investigation reportedly probed various allegations against Broaddus by BWXT and the Department of Energy. One such concern was a \$350 charge on his BWXT credit card to hire an escort for a Valentine's Day dinner date while he was on

official travel in Washington, D.C., as reported in a news article on www.amarillo.com.

"I took a polygraph to prove that there was no wrongdoing on that," Broaddus said concerning his work at Pantex. "All expense reports were found to be completely and totally

correct."

"I don't recall the incident," he said when asked about the escort service charge reported to be on his company credit card.

"The investigation was handled according to all laws and directives," Broaddus said. "I'm still in the process of litigation relating to that. There's a lot of this we can't go into in this forum."

"Our hope is to get this into federal court," he said. "I did the right things for the right reasons. No wrongdoing was found at all on my part after the hearings. People will go to any length to silence an investigation and the person performing that investigation if it looks like it would not be in their best financial interest."

Broaddus worked at Pantex from 1986 to 2006. He worked for the Estelline Police Department for one year and for the Lefors city marshal's office for four to five months.

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Broaddus

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Sunny	Sunny	Sunny

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Wind chill values between 23 and 33 early.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. North-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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 By The Associated Press

Texas man pleads guilty in sex trafficking case
 SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 48-year-old San Antonio man will likely spend 10 years in prison after pleading guilty in a sex trafficking case involving teenage girls from Mexico, officials said.

Timothy Michael Gereb pleaded guilty Monday to transporting undocumented immigrants for commercial advantage and private financial gain, and a separate count of sexual trafficking of a minor.

The sexual trafficking charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, but Gereb's guilty plea means he will likely serve 10 years. U.S. District Judge Xavier Rodriguez set sentencing for March 12.

"The risk was just too high to go to trial," said Mike McCrum, one of his lawyers.

As part of his plea, Gereb acknowledged that in May 2007, he and four other defendants conspired to bring in girls from Mexico to work as "escorts," according to a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigation.

The girls were smuggled into the country from Nuevo Laredo and brought to the San Antonio area.

Former Gov. White to endorse Obama
 HOUSTON (AP) — Former Texas Gov. Mark White plans to announce his support Tuesday for Sen. Barack Obama in his pursuit of the Democratic presidential nomination.

White said Obama is a visionary who has set forth a superior proposal to reform the health care system. White plans to make his announcement at a Houston hospital.

"Barack's vision is exactly what our nation needs right now," White said in a statement. "Right now, Texas has the highest rate of uninsured in the nation. I believe that Barack's health care plan is the answer we've been looking for."

White, a conservative Democrat, was elected governor in 1982, defeating Republican Bill Clements. He served four years and was defeated by Clements in 1986. White ran for governor again in 1990, but lost in the Democratic primary to Ann Richards.

W.Va. broker pleads guilty to cattle scam
 BECKLEY, W.Va. (AP) — A cattle broker and two former bank officials have pleaded guilty to federal charges stemming from a scam that defrauded \$4.2 million from investors and lenders.

Kevin Scott O'Brien, 28, admitted that he sold the same herd to different buyers. He pleaded guilty Monday to mail fraud in U.S. District Court in Beckley.

O'Brien operated Shamrock Farms and K&M Properties Investments and brokered cattle sales in Greenbrier and Monroe counties and in several other states. Up to a dozen people in Virginia, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas and Indiana were defrauded, federal prosecutors said.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

WRIGHT, Venice M. — 2 p.m., Trinity Church, McLean.

Venice M. Wright, 91

McLEAN — Venice M. Wright, 91, of McLean died Feb. 22, 2008, in Amarillo. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, at the Trinity Church in McLean with Pastor Larry Perkins officiating. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean.

Venice Myrtle Sloss was born Jan. 9, 1917, in Shamrock to G.B. and Laura

Sloss. Mrs. Wright worked for the Marie Foundation for several years until it closed. She then worked as the office manager for Nash Oil and Cantrell's until she retired in the early 1990's.

She was a member of Trinity Church of McLean. Although she enjoyed quilting, crocheting and gardening, the highlight of her life were her kids, grandchildren

and great-grandchildren.

Venice was preceded in death by one son, Doiel Wayne Wright; one daughter, Rovena Lynn Brewer; three sisters, Ruth Wilcox, Arre Ellen Sisemore and Emma Grace Holcomb; and two brothers, G.B. Sloss and T.J. Sloss.

Survivors include two daughters, Maurite Sue Key and husband Bob of

Texarkana, Ark., and Ethel Elizabeth "Beth" Thompson and husband Glenn of Amarillo; one sister, Lillie McLain of Wellston, Okla.; 12 grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to Harrington Cancer Center or Odyssey Hospice of Amarillo.

WILDFIRES

Some in West Texas returning home to their residences after evacuation

ROBERT LEE, Texas (AP) — Schools were closed Tuesday in this small West Texas town as residents returned home a day after a fast-moving wildfire forced them to evacuate.

Robert Lee Superintendent Aaron Hood said he hoped to reopen schools Wednesday but expected to have some displaced families after houses burned in the smaller communities of Silver and Edith near the E.V. Spence Reservoir.

Wildfires have burned about 190,000 acres in the state since Monday, mostly in West Texas. The largest is the 140,000-acre Glass fire about 50 miles west of Robert Lee, and officials expect its size to grow once assessments can be made, said Anne Jeffery, an information officer for Texas Forest Service.

Officials were still watching the 19,000-acre Silver fire that threatened Robert Lee, a town of about 1,500 located about 250 miles southwest of Dallas. Hood didn't have official damage reports, and the Texas Forest Service was still awaiting damage assessments Tuesday morning.

"It's still hot here," said Hood, who sent his wife and two children to nearby San Angelo overnight while he assisted in evacuations. "You can still smell the smoke and smell the fire. If the high winds get up again, we just have to be ready."

Three firefighters were injured in Archer County, about 200 miles northwest of Robert Lee, when two fire trucks collided head on after one swerved around a car that pulled out into the road, said David Abernathy, an incident commander with the forest service.

One of the firefighters was airlifted

to an area hospital, an Archer County dispatcher said. He survived but his condition was unknown.

'Firefighters saved countless homes around the state. We'll have to lay it out just to luck that some of these large acreage fires are in areas that just weren't populated.'

— David Abernathy
 Forest Service official

Abernathy said he was aware of at least two dozen separate fires across the state and expected there were "many, many more that we won't know about" until local fire departments report in.

At least 18 counties reported wildfires to state emergency management officials. There are 25 local disaster proclamations in effect.

Officials blamed strong winds, sudden shifts in the wind and dry air. Some fires were likely started with winds blowing down power lines, sparking grassfires that grew out of control, Abernathy said.

"We had so many fires that there is no possible way to have enough fire-fighting resources for that many fires," Abernathy said. "Texas had the same conditions that you might expect in Southern California with some of their Santa Ana winds. The

right conditions came together. It's extremely rare for us to see that."

There have been no reported deaths and just three buildings destroyed.

"That's just remarkable," Abernathy said. "Firefighters saved countless homes around the state. We'll have to lay it out just to luck that some of these large acreage fires are in areas that just weren't populated."

Fires across the state Monday included about 30,000 acres in Sterling County; about 7,000 acres in Archer County; about 3,520 acres in Callahan County; and about 500 acres in Mason County, Jeffery said.

Some homes were evacuated near the town of Cottonwood in Callahan County and near Mason in Mason County, Jeffery said.

Earlier in the day, about 200 homes were evacuated in Odessa due to a wildfire.

Those residents were allowed back home by early evening, said Andrea Goodson, a spokeswoman for the city of Odessa. The fire, which moved south of the communities, has burned between 4,500 and 5,000 acres, she said.

The wildfire danger eased somewhat in areas where Monday's blazes cropped up because the forecast called for calmer winds, Jeffery said. She said the area of concern Tuesday was through the central part of the state from Wichita Falls to Brownsville.

Wildfires have burned about 300,000 acres and destroyed at least 60 homes and other structures in the past month. Two years ago, numerous outbreaks scorched 2.25 million acres statewide and killed 20 people.

Higher costs for food, energy, meds drive up wholesale prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation at the wholesale level soared in January, pushed higher by rising costs for food, energy and medicine.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that wholesale prices rose 1 percent last month, more than double the 0.4 percent increase that economists had been expecting.

The January surge left wholesale prices rising by 7.5 percent over the past 12 months, the fastest pace in more than 26 years, since prices had risen at a 7.5 percent pace in the 12 months ending in October 1981.

The worse-than-expected performance was certain to capture attention at the

Federal Reserve, which has chosen to combat a threatened recession by aggressively cutting interest rates in the belief that weaker economic growth will keep a lid on prices.

The combination of rising inflation and weaker growth raises the threat of "stagflation," the economic malady that plagued the country through the 1970s, when a series of oil shocks left households battered by the twin problems of stagnant growth and rising inflation.

The 1 percent jump in

wholesale prices followed a 0.3 percent decline in December and was the biggest one-month increase since a 2.6 percent increase in November. That gain had been driven by sharply higher energy costs.

The big jump in wholesale prices followed a report last week that consumer prices had risen by a worse-than-expected 0.4 percent, reflecting higher costs for food, energy and health care.

The wholesale report said that energy prices jumped 1.5 percent, as gasoline prices rose by 2.9 percent and the cost of home heating oil jumped by 8.5 percent.

Food prices, which have been surging because of increased demand stemming from ethanol production, rose by 1.7 percent last month, the biggest monthly increase in three years. Prices for beef, bakery products and eggs were all up sharply.

Core wholesale inflation, which excludes food and energy, posted a 0.4 percent increase, the biggest increase in 11 months.

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WILLED BODIES

Donated cadavers have effects on students

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Her true identity is a mystery, but sometimes they call her Daisy.

Medical school freshman Adam Hines and three classmates spend 10 or more hours a week with the petite octogenarian, who apparently suffered from atherosclerosis and underwent multiple heart surgeries before she died, according to her death certificate, from anemia.

Her remains were entrusted to the University of Texas Health Science Center's Willed Body program, which obtains donated cadavers that are used to introduce first-year students to the internal intricacies of the human body.

Anatomy class is one of the portals of passage for those hoping to become doctors, dentists, physician assistants, physical therapists or occupational therapists. Long lectures are followed by even longer lab sessions in which they slice delicately through the skin of a human cadaver and make detailed dissections of the limbs, muscles, lungs, hearts or brains that professors talked about in class.

Many students walk into the lab for the first time with a creepy chill flowing through them, facing a huge room full of human bodies that are stored in small tanks of preservatives. But during the two semesters

they spend with their assigned cadavers, Hines said, the aspiring medical professionals gain a sense of reverence for the gift that a stranger bestowed upon them.

"You think about it all the time," he said. "I am absolutely mutilating this body. But how much more knowledge and insight do I gain by doing this? I can't explain how much of an opportunity this is."

"That first day, you think, 'I don't know how I'm going to do this... Then you realize it's your duty, after being given this privilege, to make the best of your experience.'"

— Noelia Cabrera
medical student

medical student Noelia Cabrera, who completed her anatomy courses last year. "Then you realize it's your duty, after being given this privilege, to make the best of your experience."

The donated body program is directed by Ron Philo, an anatomy lecturer and 1978 graduate of the health science center's School of Biomedical Sciences who went through first-year anatomy himself and still remembers the 50-year-old body donor who "made my career."

The university gets about 180 donated bodies each year, Philo said. Usually, donors make arrangements in advance of their deaths. Sometimes, it is the family that contacts the university to offer a body. State law also allows medical schools to take unclaimed indigent

bodies from county morgues, but the health science center does not use that provision, Philo said.

Philo said people who call his office usually are aged 50 to 70. "Usually they don't have any next of kin, or they have had some major medical illness during their lifetimes and they feel they want to help train the next generation of physicians."

Donors are not paid, but the university covers costs of transporting a body and of cremating the remains after they have been used.

Identities of donors and their families are held in strictest confidence, as required by state law. Neither students nor instructors know the names of their donor. They are told only the person's age and the cause of death that was

listed on the death certificate. Philo would not allow San Antonio Express-News reporters or photographers into anatomy classes.

Four students share a cadaver; in medical school lingo, they call each other "tank mates" because of the preservative-filled tanks in which the bodies are kept. It is a memorable experience; years later, Philo said, anatomy class tank mates remember each other and the cadaver they shared at their introduction to medicine.

Cadavers usually get names. Cabrera and her colleagues called their 65-year-old donated body Estelle.

Working through the body systems, Hines and Cabrera often wondered about the women's lives the number of children each had, the things they enjoyed. Estelle was overweight and died of Alzheimer's disease; Hines and fellow students found scar tissue and bypassed arteries in Daisy's heart.

"It becomes so real to you," Hines said. "You see the fragility of your own life."

Each spring, as the school year wanes, the university cremates the cadaver remains. Students, university officials and family members are invited to a small burial service for the ashes, which are put into a communal grave.

Consumer confidence plunges in February


NEW YORK (AP) — Consumer confidence has weakened significantly as Americans worry about less-favorable business conditions and job prospects.

The New York-based Conference Board says in a report released on Tuesday that its Consumer Confidence Index plunged in February to 75.0 from a revised 87.3 in January.

The reading — the lowest since the index registered 64.8 in February 2003 — is far below the 83.0 analysts expected.

The index measures how consumers feel now about the economy. It has been weakening since July, suggesting that wary consumers may retrench financially, which could fatigue the economy further.

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Police

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Of the 4,281 stops, Pitner said 1,506 were considered hazardous traffic stops and 2,250 were classified as non-haz-

ardous.

He said 525 were referred for further investigation.

Searches were not made in 4,075 of the stops. Searches with consent of those in the vehicle were conducted in 167 cases. He said 39 cases required a

search warrant or probably cause because no consent was given.

Of the total number of stops, 195 resulted in arrest, 2,607 resulted in citations; 1,470 resulted in warnings. Nine were released without further action.

Curtis

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He has been working with the Gray County attorney's office since early 2006 and says he is commissioned through that office.

He is also currently employed at N & T Specialty Welding and Manufacturing as a welder-fabricator. He taught adult basic education for Region XVI at night from 1994 through 1999, and also was a substitute teacher at Pampa Junior High School.

He graduated in 2005 from the Panhandle Regional Law Enforcement Academy. He was salutatorian of his

class and also received a leadership award.

Broadus received counterintelligence training through the Department of Energy, where he attended their central academy, and also received training at the Federal Bureau of Investigation academy at Quantico, Va. He is a graduate of the special operations school and counterterrorism class of the United States Air Force, and was also trained

by the Central intelligence Agency.

"I've developed and taught the curriculum for both FBI special agents and USAF special ops agents," he said.

He grew up in Roberts County and graduated from Miami High School. He holds a bachelor of science degree in education from Wayland Baptist University. He is a Pampa resident.

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Viewpoints

Drawing parallels between Oscars and political scene

You know you're getting out of touch when you haven't seen any of the year's Oscar-winning movies and in fact recognize only the name of the best animated feature.

"Ratatouille" saved me from being skunked. As for the rest of the "bests," I didn't even know what they were about.

One thing that surprised me was that no Americans won any of the four acting awards.

Javier Bardem of Spain was named best supporting actor for his portrayal of a psychotic killer in "No Country for Old Men." Best actor honors went to Daniel Day-Lewis of Britain. Day-

Lewis was a ruthless petroleum magnate in "There Will Be Blood."

Britain scored another Oscar when Tilda Swinton was awarded best supporting actress honors for her work as a corporate attorney in "Michael Clayton."

The French language film "La Vie En Rose" was a real surprise. Its star, Marion Cotillard, who portrayed singer Edith Piaf in the movie, won best actress honors, even though she did not appear in an English-language movie.

Sunday night's event was only the second time in Oscar history that actors from outside America were awarded all four acting tro-

phies. The first time occurred in 1965, when the winners were Rex Harrison, Julie Andrews and Peter Ustinov, all of Britain, and Lila Kedrova, who was Russian-French.

"No Country for Old Men" was named best picture and also won the best director and best adapted screenplay Oscars, in addition to that for best supporting actor. Two brothers shared directing duties and the best director Oscar for that film.

"The Bourne Ultimatum" got three Oscars, including best sound mixing and best film editing. Best music honors went to "Falling Slowly" from the film "Once."

One eyebrow-raiser, to me at least, was the best original screenplay Oscar, which went to Diablo Cody for "Juno." Cody is a former stripper, and "Juno" is a comedy about a pregnant teen.

For some reason, as I read through the list of Oscar winners, I kept thinking of the slew of politicians and

would-be politicians who are all hoping for our votes, just as all the film industry people hoped for the votes by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. With the primary election one week away, we Texans are being besieged, as usual, with promises, while some of the politicians are ducking mud slung at them.

This year's elections are a milestone for America. Not only do we have a serious female contender for the office of President, but we also have a strong minority representative as another contender for that same office.

All the politicians seem to have one thing in common, though. I haven't seen a

recent candidate for a federal office keep all their campaign promises if elected or be squeaky-clean, with no skeletons in their closets.

In some ways, the choices seem to be all the same, while in other ways, the choices are more varied than ever before.

To top it all off, another presidential hopeful has tossed their hat into the ring at the 11th hour. Ralph Nader announced Sunday on the television show "Meet the Press" that he was running as an independent candidate for the highest office in the land.

Now all we need is an actor or actress to round out the race.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 2008. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from exile on the Island of Elba.

In 1870, an experimental air-driven subway, the Beach Pneumatic Transit, opened in New York City. (The tunnel was only a block long, and the line had only one car.)

In 1907, Congress created the Dillingham Commission to examine the impact of immigrants on America. (The panel later recommended curtailing immigration from southern and eastern Europe.)

In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.

In 1945, a midnight curfew on nightclubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1993, a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

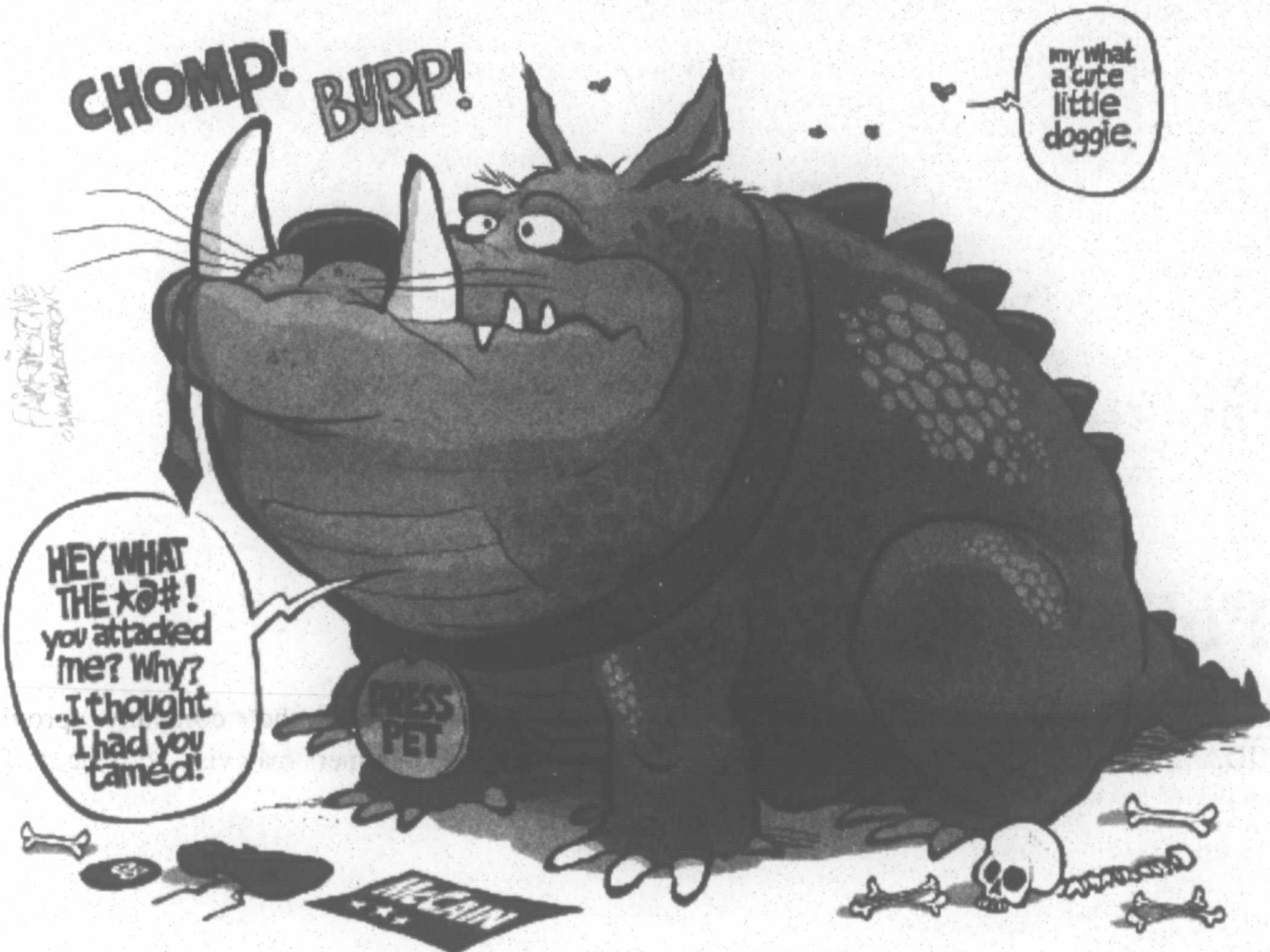
Ten years ago: A jury in Amarillo, Texas, rejected an \$11 million lawsuit brought by Texas cattlemen who blamed Oprah Winfrey's talk show for a price fall after a segment on food safety that included a discussion about mad cow disease.

Five years ago: President Bush, offering new justification for war in Iraq, told a think tank that "ending this direct and growing threat" from Saddam Hussein would pave the way for peace in the Middle East and encourage democracy throughout the Arab world.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Fats Domino is 80. Political columnist Robert Novak is 77. Country-rock musician Paul Cotton (Poco) is 65. Actor-director Bill Duke is 65. Singer Mitch Ryder is 63. Rock musician Jonathan Cain (Journey) is 58. Singer Michael Bolton is 55. Actor Greg Germann is 50. Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine is 50. Bandleader John McDaniel is 47. Actress Jennifer Grant is 42. Rock musician Tim Commerford (Audioslave) is 40.

'The wise make proverbs and fools repeat them.'

— Isaac D'Israeli
English author
(1766-1848)



Benefits often don't outweigh costs ...

If we look to benefits only, we'll do darn near anything because there's always a benefit. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that there were 43,443 highway fatalities in 2005. If we had a maximum speed law of 15 mph, the death toll wouldn't be nearly as high, probably not even as high as 500.

You say, "Williams, that's a crazy idea!" You're right, but let's not call it crazy; it's more accurate to say saving some 43,000 lives aren't worth the cost and inconvenience of a 15 mph speed limit.

Suppose there was a one percent risk of a \$10,000 loss, how much are you willing to pay to try to prevent or insure against it? I doubt whether any reasonable person would be willing to pay \$9,000, \$5,000 or even \$1,000, though he might be willing to pay \$100. Surely

there's a benefit to preventing a loss, but at what cost?

Let's apply cost versus benefits to anti-terrorism expenditures. Wyoming has two major cities: Cheyenne, its capital, with 53,000 population, and Casper, with 50,000. Federal and state homeland security anti-terrorism expenditures in 2007 totaled \$6,673,910. What is the risk of Wyoming being a terrorist target and, if so, what is the expected cost in terms of human lives and property?

There's no precise way to determine Wyoming's risk of a terrorist attack and its cost, but simple reasoning suggests that too little or too much can be spent. The effect of spending too little might result in a devastating

terrorist attack that could have been prevented. The effect of spending too much is less obvious because the victims are invisible.

For example, purchase prices for new dump trucks for snow and ice removal range between \$140,000 and \$160,000.

How many Wyoming lives could have been saved had some of the anti-terrorism expenditures been spent on additional dump trucks to clear streets and roads of snow and ice? There are many other life-saving expenditures but the point is that a dollar spent for anti-terrorism is a dollar that can't be spent elsewhere where it might possibly save more lives.

The 1984 National Organ

Transplant Act, which prohibits payments to organ donors or their families, creates benefits in the form of feel-good ethical values at a huge cost of lives. That's because organs must be supplied to recipients at zero price. Huge shortages are the result, as it would be if cars, homes, food, dental services and clothing had to be supplied at zero price. That's precisely the finding by Professors Randolph Beard, John Jackson and David Kaserman in their article "The Failure of U.S. Organ Procurement Policy," published in the Winter 2008 edition of the Washington, D.C.-based Cato Institute Regulation magazine.

As of 2005, there were 90,000 Americans on the organ transplant waiting list that is expected to grow to 150,000 by 2015. The authors estimate that since

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
n Feb. 18

San Antonio Express-News on the battle on obesity:

Obesity is a national scourge, and one way to kill the beast is to stop feeding it.

That means through diet and exercise, a common-sense approach that seemed foreign to a trio of legislators in Mississippi.

The three state representatives two Republicans and one Democrat introduced a bill that would have made it

illegal for state-licensed restaurants to serve obese customers, according to news reports.

Almost 35 percent of American adults were obese in 2004, compared to about 23 percent 10 years earlier, according to the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

In Mississippi, the number of obese adults is expected to reach 50 percent by 2015.

Those figures are alarming, but the latest attempt to address the problem was just as alarming.

In addition to abridging the rights of both patrons and businesses in a free marketplace, the bill was simply

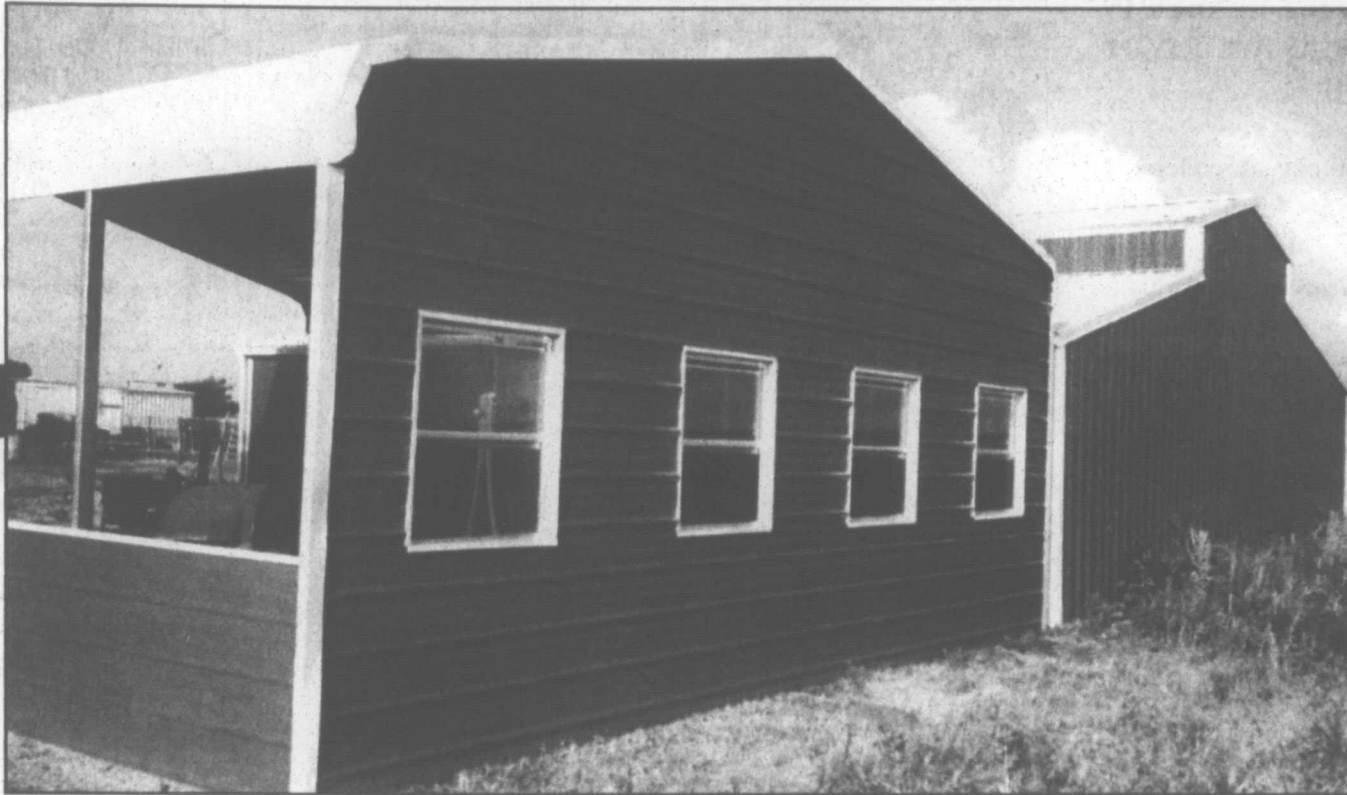
wrongheaded, entrusting restaurants to determine the body mass index of customers a task best left to health experts.

And where would this kind of heavy-handedness have ended?

The legislators did not deal with the penalties an eatery would have faced if it served an obese customer, which may be a moot point: The bill was so outrageous that it did not even reach the floor for debate.

The sole benefit now will be if the ill-fated bill sparks a discussion a serious discussion on how to address this problem. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

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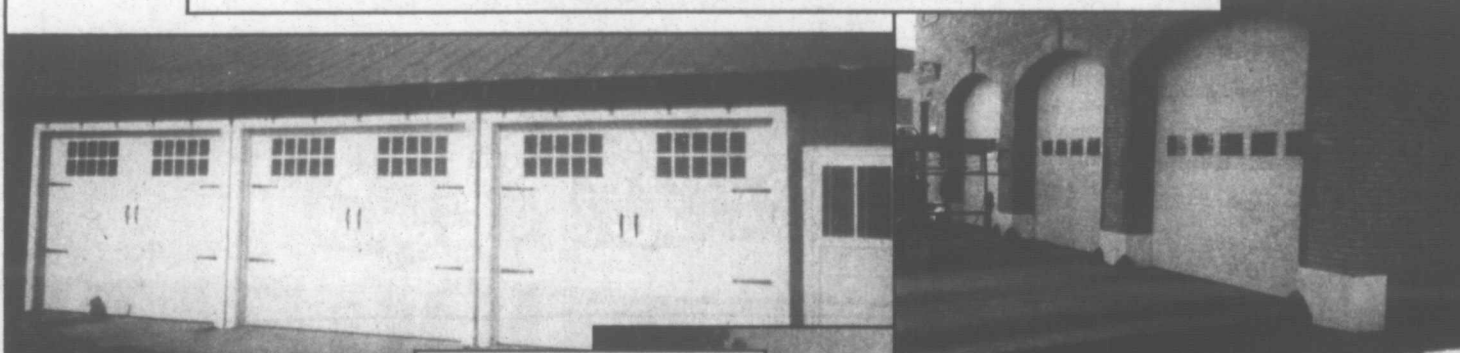
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I had to write regarding the letter from "Disgruntled in Lompoc, Calif." (Dec. 28), whose pet peeve is wait-staff (in particular) referring to her and her lady friends as "guys." Well, 3,000 miles away, I, too, am sick to death of being called a guy. When it happens to me, I tell my server that "the last time I looked, I was NOT a guy!" Sometimes they get it -- sometimes not. I notice that on some of the TV shows I watch, even women refer to a group of people as "guys." I hate it -- and would ask you, with your worldwide influence, to bring the issue forward. We are NOT "guys," we are "people" or "folks" or "ladies and gentlemen"! Or else, Merriam-Webster will have to change its definition of "guys." Thanks for letting me vent. -- **JACKI IN WILBRAHAM, MASS.**

DEAR JACKI: I had no idea when I printed that letter that it would hit such a nerve with my readers, but oh, sister, have I heard from them! While I, too, would prefer to have my femininity acknowledged rather than to be called a guy, I would, however, not let it ruin my meal if it happened. And, as to Merriam-Webster's definition of a "guy," -- my 11th Edition says in black and white that "guy" can refer to "any person" when used colloquially. Frankly, I found it so surprising that I looked in the American Heritage College Dictionary to see if there was agreement, and it also states: "Informal (ital.): Persons of either sex." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As I have told my ESL students, "guys" is acceptable colloquial English. In the singular, it refers to a male, of course. However, in the plural it may refer to males, males and females, or even just females. -- **NICK LONGO, RACINE, WIS.**

DEAR ABBY: Almost 40 years ago, my wife's college roommates would tease her

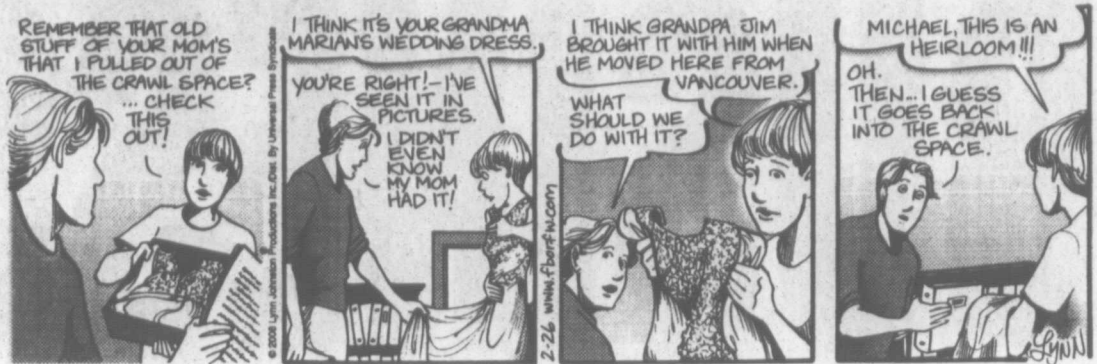
for using the phrase "you guys." (My wife was born in central California.) Our college chums were all from down South. If familiar (perhaps overly familiar) slang bothers "Disgruntled," all she has to do is reply, "I'm not a guy. Are YOU?" Nothing will change behavior quicker than public humiliation. -- **FAITHFUL READER IN FORT WORTH (OR AS WE SAY IT HERE, 'FOAT WUTH')**

DEAR ABBY: Fresh out of college, I moved to Oklahoma from central Illinois to teach high school. In front of my first class I said, "OK, you guys, take out your books." The boys did, but the girls just sat there. That's when I learned to say, "Y'all" if I wanted the whole class to respond. I hope "Disgruntled" isn't too offended. It's not meant to be disrespectful. It's a regional colloquialism. -- **GRETCHEN IN SPRINGFIELD, ILL.**

DEAR ABBY: I was at a restaurant once with two women and a male friend who happened to have longer hair than either of us at the time. Our server asked, "How are you ladies doing this evening?" only to be embarrassed upon learning the sex of our male companion -- who also happened to be the godson of the restaurant's owner. Sometimes it's better to be safe than sorry, and "folks" is the safe route. -- **ROSE IN OAKLAND, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Why do young people insist on using that term? First, it is unprofessional, and second, are they blind? My solution is to smile sweetly and ask, "Honey, do I LOOK like a guy to you? Because if I do, you need your eyes checked." This is just some "food" for thought. Thanks for letting me put my "tip" in. -- **A LADY IN CUMBERLAND, MD.**

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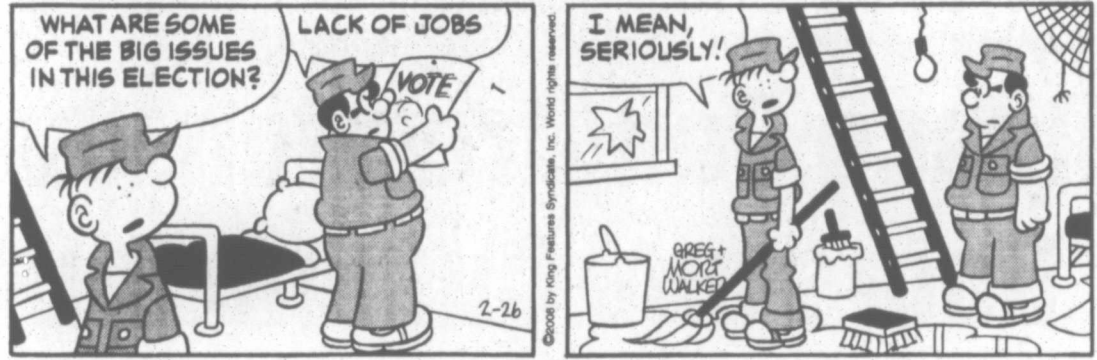
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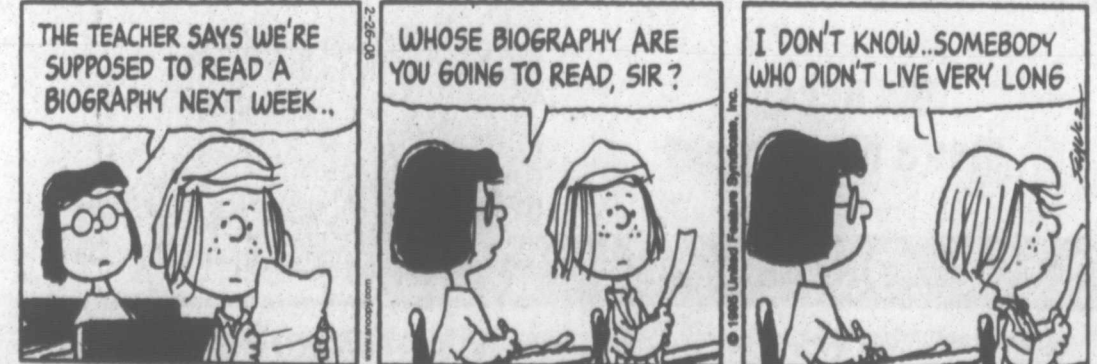
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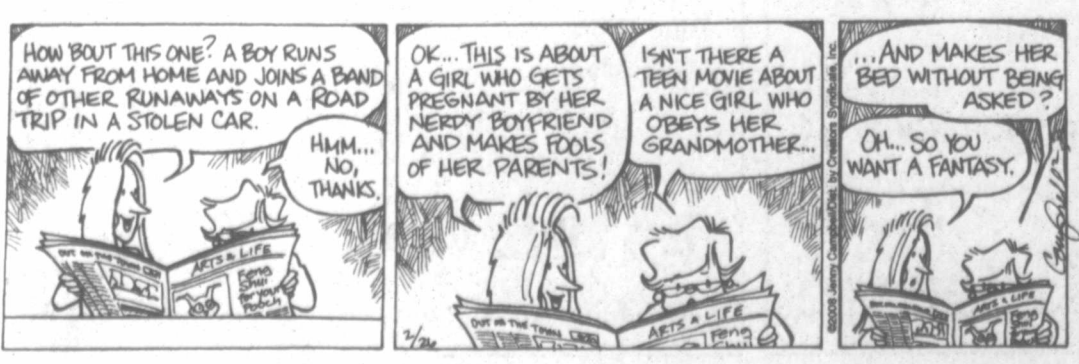
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Teens accused of beating disabled woman

CINCINNATI (AP) — Two teenagers hid overnight in a house and spent more than six hours torturing a disabled woman after her mother left in the morning, authorities said.

Butler County Sheriff Richard Jones said the teenage boy and girl tied up the 18-year-old woman, clubbed her, kicked her, shaved her head and soaked her with water before making her walk barefoot outside in the snow.

They also ignored pleas from the woman, who had

undergone brain surgery, not to hit her in the head, investigators said.

"This is one of the worst crimes I've ever seen," Jones said Monday. "They are sick animals, apparently just doing this for kicks and no other reason."

Cheyenne Blanton, 17, and Joseph Nagle, 16, both of Hamilton, were arraigned Monday on juvenile delinquency charges that include aggravated burglary, aggravated robbery, kidnapping, felonious assault and vandalism, according to juvenile

court officials.

They were ordered held in the county's juvenile detention center pending a court appearance later this week. Neither entered a plea, and both requested court-appointed attorneys. Those attorneys had not been named Monday.

The teens are accused of physically abusing Ashley Clark, 18, for more than six hours Friday at her home in Hanover Township, about 35 miles northwest of Cincinnati.

Both Jones and the

woman's mother, Sheila Clark, want the teenagers tried as adults, and Jones said the two could get 75 years to life in prison if tried and convicted as adults.

"I want full justice for my daughter," Clark said Monday. "Those two never need to walk the streets again."

Clark would not comment on details of the case or provide specifics on her daughter's disabilities or injuries, other than to say that her daughter was doing as well as possible.

Williams

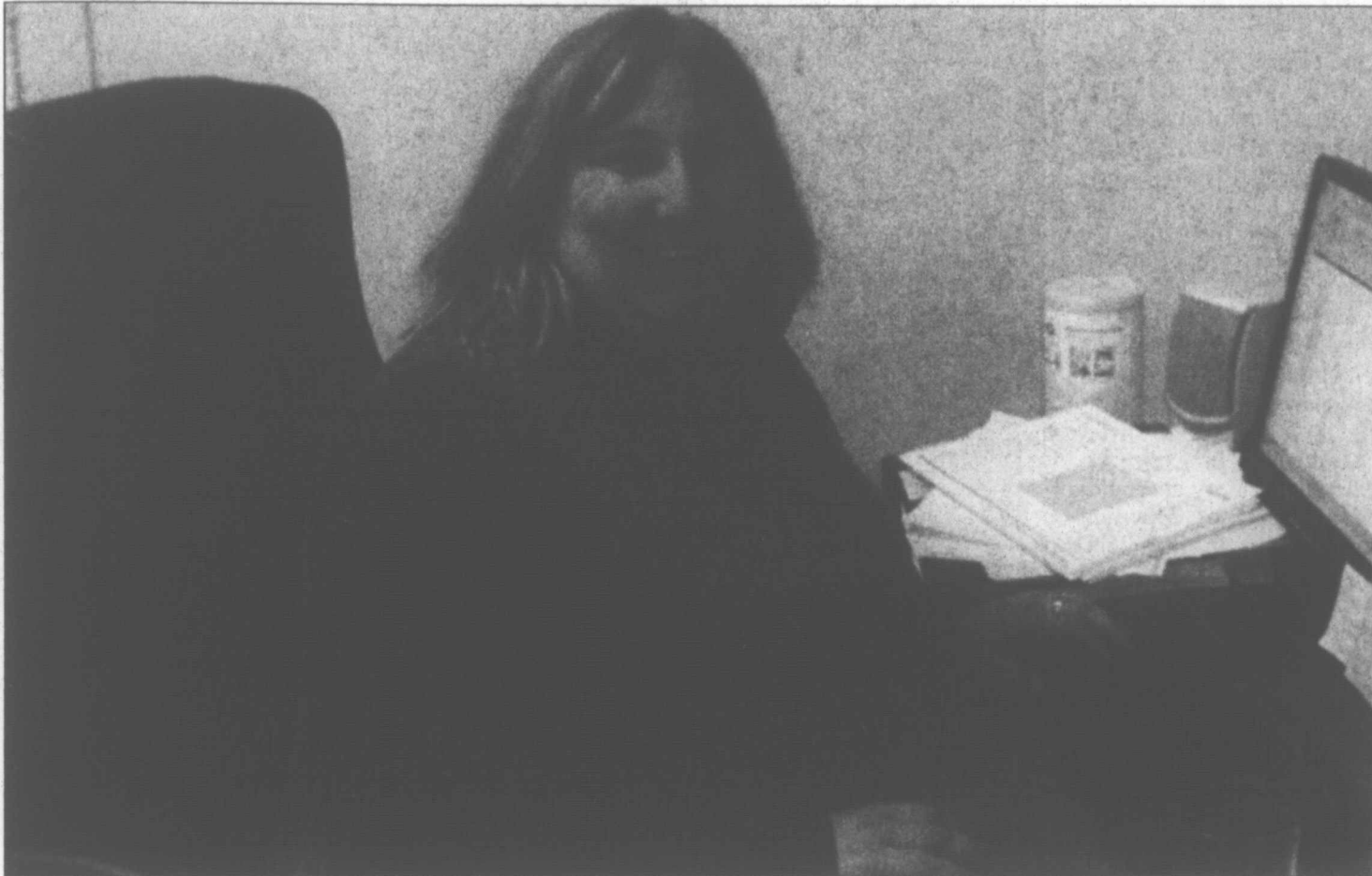
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1990, close to 100,000 people have already died waiting for an organ and they estimate that by 2015, that number will have grown to 196,000.

Such a toll doesn't include all the pain and suffering of the waiting patient and his family.

There are a couple of factors, in addition to feel-good ethical values, that might explain the success of the ban on organ sales. People awaiting organs are disproportionately poor, minority, disorganized, sick and unaware of the cause of their plight. The people who benefit from their plight earn a lot of money and are highly organized. These are owners of dialysis clinics, those who receive funding for transplant research and agencies that manage organ procurement and allocation. In fact, everyone involved in the transplant business gets paid handsomely, except the organ donor. I'd like to know what standard of ethics justifies such a death toll and disconnect between costs and benefits.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.



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Parent University

Sherese Oles recently worked up her power point presentation for the upcoming "Parenting with a Purpose Parent University" slated between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. March 7 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and participants will be treated to donuts and coffee. Oles, LPC LSC, will discuss family communication. Learn how to get the most out of every opportunity to communicate with your children. This is only one of many sessions to be offered. For more information, call Sabrina at 669-4700. For Spanish, call Debbie at 669-4990, ext. 29.

Georgia couple vows to stay same after lotto win

ATLANTA (AP) — When asked what he plans to do as a brand new multimillionaire, lottery winner Robert Harris answered simply: "Live happy."

The 47-year-old iron worker used to have to work overtime just to make ends meet for 20 years. He and his wife, Tonya, lived in a trailer while dreaming of building a big house in the country where their two children and six grandchildren could visit.

Now that's all in the past.

The couple won Friday's \$275 million Mega Millions jackpot — the largest prize won by a single player in Georgia Lottery history. With it, they plan to build that dream house, pay for their grandchildren's college education and shower their family with presents.

"They'll get anything they want," Robert Harris told a crowd of reporters gathered at the lottery's downtown Atlanta headquarters Monday afternoon.

The Harrises aren't big lottery players, but Robert Harris said something told him to buy tickets using the dates of his grandchildren's birthdays. He had his wife buy two \$1 tickets at Clyde's Market in Portal, the town of 600 where the couple live.

They didn't even watch the Mega Millions drawing, thinking there was no chance they'd win the lottery. Tonya Harris' daughter, Felicia, is the one who delivered the good news with a phone call late Friday night.

First thing Saturday morning, Robert Harris let his boss know he wouldn't be coming back to work.

"It's very easy to walk away," he said.

The couple spent Sunday night at the Ritz-Carlton in Atlanta's tony Buckhead neighborhood before arriving at the lottery headquarters to claim their prize. They planned to buy a brand-new truck Tuesday morning.

But Tonya Harris said the money doesn't mean they'll stop being the simple folks they've always been.

"We're not gonna change," she said, wearing warm pants and flip-flops. "I'm too country."

Lottery officials say the couple decided to take the lump sum, which is \$167 million before taxes.

Billy Hodges, general manager of Clyde's Market, said news of the jackpot win set the tiny town abuzz. Portal is about 70 miles northwest of Savannah.

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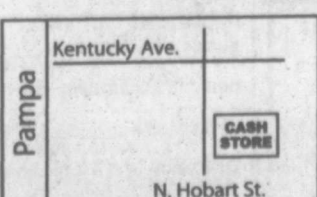


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By **THOMAS J. SHEERAN**
Associated Press Writer

CANTON, Ohio (AP) — The jury that convicted a former police officer in the murders of his pregnant lover and their unborn daughter must decide if his tearful apology should spare him execution.

Bobby Cutts Jr., 30, took the stand Monday to plead with jurors who convicted him on Feb. 15 to spare his life. Jurors, who have now been handed the task of deciding whether to recommend the death penalty, were directed to return Tuesday to hear final statements from both sides before deliberating on the sentence.

The two appearances by Cutts on the witness stand were the emotion-charged highlights of his trial in the death of Jessie Davis, 26, and the nearly full-term fetus at her northeast Ohio home.

Cutts, sniffing and his voice wavering at times Monday, accepted responsibility for his crimes as he appealed for his life.

"Ladies and gentlemen of the jury, I'm asking you to spare my life," Cutts said in an unsworn statement, which exempted him from cross-examination by prosecutors.

Apologizing to the teary-eyed members of Davis' family sitting in the front row, Cutts said he could not express in words how he felt knowing that he had killed her and the

unborn baby.

"Words cannot bring them back, nor can it erase the pain that I've caused," said Cutts, reading from handwritten notes. "If I could do anything to bring them back to you, I would."

Cutts, who spent about six minutes on the stand, said he never intended to harm Davis or their baby.

The prosecutor said he deserved to die for his crimes. "There is only one outcome in this phase of the proceedings," Assistant Stark County Prosecutor Chryssa Hartnett said as the sentencing portion of the trial began.

Cutts could receive the death penalty, life

in prison without parole or life with parole eligibility after 20, 25 or 30 years. If the jury recommends death, the judge can reduce the sentence to life, something that has happened just seven times in Ohio in 27 years.

Jurors found him not guilty of aggravated murder in the death of Davis but convicted him of a lesser charge of murder in her death. Cutts was convicted of aggravated murder in the death of the fetus.

Two weeks ago Cutts sobbed on the witness stand as he testified that he had accidentally killed Davis with an elbow blow to the throat during a disagreement and dumped her body at a park in a panic.

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Seinfeld's lawyers ask judge to throw out competing cookbook author's case

NEW YORK (AP) — Jerry Seinfeld was just joking when he compared a woman accusing his wife of plagiarism to the killers of John Lennon and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., his lawyers said.

In a filing in U.S. District Court in Manhattan, attorneys for the former sitcom star asked a judge to throw out a lawsuit filed by Missy Chase Lapine against Seinfeld and his wife, the Daily News reported in Tuesday editions.

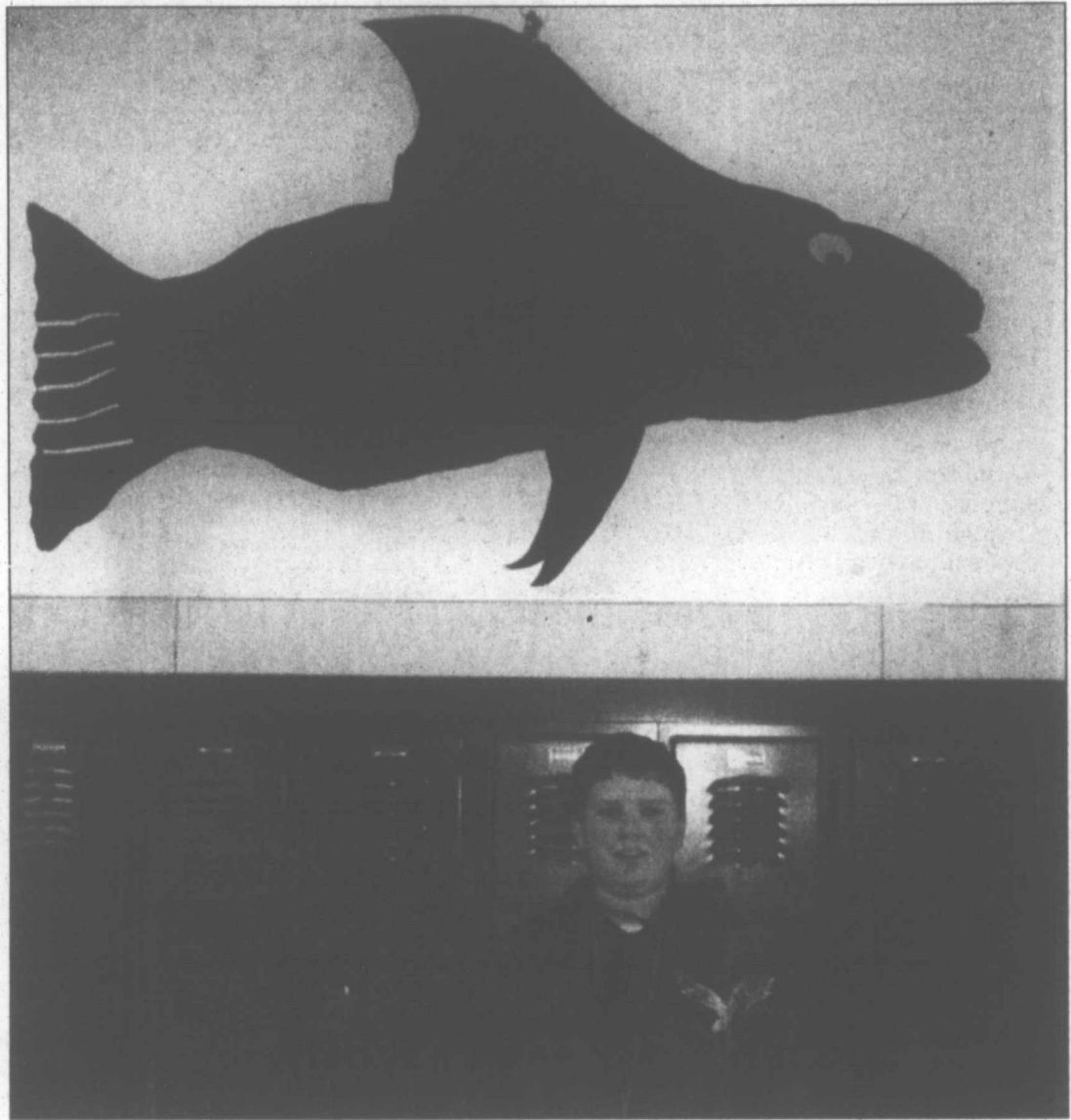
"Jerry Seinfeld made overstatements of opinion for comic effect," the comedian's lawyers said in the filing.

Lapine is seeking unspecified compensatory and punitive damages for copyright and trademark infringement, and made slander and defamation claims.

Lapine, the author of "The Sneaky Chef: Simple Strategies for Hiding Healthy Foods in Kids' Favorite Meals," accused Seinfeld's wife of plagiarizing her cookbook. Jessica Seinfeld's "Deceptively Delicious: Simple Secrets to Get Your Kids Eating Good Food" was published in October; Lapine's book was published in April.

Lawyers for the Seinfelds dismissed the plagiarism allegations in the court filing, saying, "The idea of sneaking healthy foods into a child's diet is not original to your author."

Art project



COURTESY PHOTO
Matt Albracht, a student of Pampa Junior High, stands with his shark that he made in art class recently.

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The place for puzzle answers, games and more fun!

LEAP YEAR!

It takes 365 days for the Earth to travel around the sun. Well, almost.

Actually, it takes 365 days, 5 hours and a little over 45 seconds for the Earth to orbit the sun. An actual new year occurs each time the Earth returns to the same spot in its solar orbit.

But because we observe the new year every 365 days, we are really celebrating a little sooner than when the Earth returns to that spot in its orbit.

After four years, our calendar is about one day behind the Earth's actual orbit. To make up time, a 29th day is added to February to leap the calendar ahead. On February 29, the Earth is back to the same position where it was four years earlier. Almost.

Code Clue
Each leap year, we fall about 366 days behind. Eventually, this will add up to 24 hours.

Use the code below to find out about how many seconds we are behind each leap year.

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know that objects in the sky move in regular and predictable patterns.

366 days in a leap year!

Color the Leap Year illustration above.

CODE 3 = ♥
1 = ★ 4 = ⚡
2 = ● 6 = ☀

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions.

The Sun

The Earth

1st year

2nd year

3rd year

Leap year

Feb. 29

What do Leap Day babies call themselves?

Anyone can be born IN a leap year. Leap year lasts all year. Leap Day babies were born ON Leap Day, February 29th. THAT is what is rare. In fact, the odds are 1 in 1,461!

Find the Leap Day Baby!
The Leap Day baby doesn't like stripes, but loves spots. The Leap Day baby's favorite toy is a stuffed bear.

Draw a Leap Year Face!

Turn the number 29 into a funny face. We did one for you.

Standards Link: Visual Arts: Students know how subject matter, symbols and ideas are used to communicate meaning.

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Extra! Extra!
Get Your Dates in Order
Look through the newspaper for 10 or more dates. Cut them out and glue them to a piece of paper in order from oldest to most current.

Standards Link: Math/Measurement: Know basic concept of time and understand relationship between measures.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Find 29!

Which horizontal row and which vertical column have numbers that add up to 29?

6	3	8	3	8	
8	8	8	2	3	
7	8		4	9	
2	5		4		

Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums to 100.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

R	E	D	R	O	L	E	A	T	P
E	D	A	Y	A	B	A	S	B	F
B	I	E	P	S	R	E	A	E	E
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Odd and Even

Find 10 odd numbers and 10 even numbers. Add the list of numbers. Challenge a friend to find odd and even numbers that add up to a higher number than yours!

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate from 100 to 100,000.

Write On!

What's Your Opinion?

Would you like to have your birthday on February 29th? Why or why not?

Kid Scoop Together:

Fill in The Blanks

Ask a friend to give you each type of word. Fill in the blanks and read the story aloud for some silly fun.

Elvin's Birthday

Elvin was born on February 29th, which is an unusual birthday. But he had an even more unusual birthday party.

Elvin's parents decorated their apartment with _____ and colorful _____.

_____ A large banner read "_____, Elvin!"

All his guests wore _____ on their heads. Instead of gifts, they each brought a _____.

_____ And instead of birthday cake, they enjoyed a _____ feast of french-fried _____.

Elvin and his guests played a game of "Pin the _____ on the _____". Then they played "_____ the _____" followed by a game of "Musical _____".

The guests all _____ the song "Happy _____".

Elvin blew out all the _____ on his cake, _____ and everyone _____.

Instead of party bags to take home, every guest received a _____.

The guests all decided to _____ home that afternoon. Elvin said, "That was a _____ party! In 4 years, we'll have an even better _____!"

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify nouns, verbs, adjectives and interjections in reading.

Sports

JV BASEBALL

JV defeated by Randall, face Tascosa

The Harvester JV baseball team was defeated by Randall, 10-2 last Friday at Randall.

Randall jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Playing with a sound defense, the Harvesters kept themselves in the game.

In the top of the fifth, the Harvesters would tie the game, 2-2.

With one, Reid Bradley and Johnny Anguiano drew back to back walks. Each runner would advance a

base on a wild pitch putting two runners in scoring position.

With two outs, Tye Powell lined 1-0 pitch into left field that would score Bradley and Anguiano.

In the bottom of the fifth, Randall would score three more runs.

In the bottom of the sixth, Randall put the game away by scoring five more runs.

Braden Hunt pitched the first three innings for the Harvesters, giving up two

runs on three hits, walking two and striking out three.

Anthony Allen pitched two and two-thirds innings, giving up eight runs on seven hits, walking three, striking out two and hitting one batter.

Garret Ericson pitched one-third of an inning, striking out the only batter he faced.

The loss puts the JV team's record at 0-1. The JV Harvesters will face Tascosa today at 4:30 p.m. at the Harvester field.

China dismisses call for Olympic boycott

BEIJING (AP) — China urged an activist group in Myanmar that called for a boycott of this year's Olympic Games to have a "correct understanding" of Beijing's policy toward their country.

China's "good neighborly and friendly policy" toward Myanmar "serves the interest of the people in Myanmar and also in China," Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said Tuesday. China is one of Myanmar's key trading partners.

"The policy is conducive to the democratic process of reconciliation and peace in Myanmar. I hope relevant organizations could have a correct understanding of this policy," Liu said.

Pro-democracy activists

in Myanmar called Monday for the world to boycott the Beijing Olympics over what they said was China's continuing support of Myanmar's military dictatorship.

The 88 Generation Students group, which was instrumental in last year's pro-democracy demonstrations in Myanmar, accused China of bankrolling and arming the junta and failing to facilitate a meaningful dialogue between it and detained pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi and her National League for Democracy party.

The 88 Generation Students joined a growing group of critics urging an Olympic boycott over complaints ranging from Beijing's human rights

record to its failure to more actively press Sudan — where China is a major oil buyer — to end violence in the Darfur region that has killed at least 200,000 people.

Liu said China opposes any move to link the Olympics with politics.

"Our main concern is that the Olympic Games is a great gathering event of the Chinese people and world people and they shall not be politicized or boycotted under some political excuses," Liu said.

Hollywood director Steven Spielberg quit earlier this month as an artistic adviser for the Beijing Olympics, saying China was not doing enough about Darfur.

Coach G's rebuilding efforts likely to take a while

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas gave Gail Goestenkers a million-dollar salary to rebuild the program and get the Longhorns back to the NCAA tournament.

That investment will likely take a while to pay off.

A 65-50 loss to rival Texas A&M on Sunday — their sixth in seven games — guaranteed the Longhorns (16-11, 4-9) a third straight losing season in the Big 12, a major blow to their tournament chances. Former coach Jody Conradt retired last March the night her team missed the tournament for the second straight season.

Texas believes Goestenkers can eventually lead the Longhorns to a national championship and she certainly has a season or more of leeway to recruit and rebuild them into a contender.

"There's a belief in her leadership that is beyond measure," said Chris Plonsky, Texas women's athletic director. "It's going to happen."

But Goestenkers' frustration at losing is showing itself in postgame interviews when she's at a loss to explain her team's mental lapses and confusion on the court.

"It's about growing and learning and that's what we'll continue to do," Goestenkers said. "We have to fight our way out of this."

In 15 seasons at Duke, she won five Atlantic Coast Conference championships, compiled seven straight 30-win seasons and went to four Final Fours. Her first season in the Big 12 has not been as much fun.

The Longhorns are 0-6 in conference road games. The last Big 12 team to get to the tournament with a losing

league record was Missouri in 2004 and the Tigers were promptly bounced out of the first round.

"We're on the bubble, but we're headed in the wrong direction," Goestenkers said. "If we don't step it up, our bubble's going to burst pretty quick."

Get ready for the pop: Of Texas' final three games, two are on the road and one is at No. 10 Oklahoma, which already beat Texas 74-58 in Austin.

Texas A&M coach Gary Blair summed up Texas'

win in Austin and earned a split in the season series with another million dollar coach, Kim Mulkey.

Center Ashley Lindsey, a shy, immature player her first two years, is still skinny as a string bean but has developed into a more aggressive, passionate player and a scoring and rebounding threat in the post.

The Longhorns also landed a solid recruiting class highlighted by 6-foot-4 Ashley Gayle of Las Vegas, one of the top post players in the county.

All those things give Texas hope for the future.

Yet for all the things they've done well, something else has gone awry.

On Sunday, silly turnovers plagued Texas, with players dribbling the ball off their feet or botching an inbounds play. Point guard Carla Cortijo, who Goestenkers persuaded not to transfer to St. John's last summer, had nine turnovers and is averaging one for every assist in Big 12 games.

Freshman Kathleen Nash, who has been a spark off the bench this season, started against A&M and took no shots and grabbed only two rebounds in 20 minutes.

"That backfired on me," Goestenkers said.

Aching for something to go right, Goestenkers drew her first technical foul of the season after complaining about a foul.

"I wanted to see more fight out of my team and I wanted to fight for my team," she said. "If they gave you a technical for yelling at your own team, I'd have a lot."

"I wanted to see more fight out of my team and I wanted to fight for my team."

— Gail Goestenkers
Texas Basketball Coach

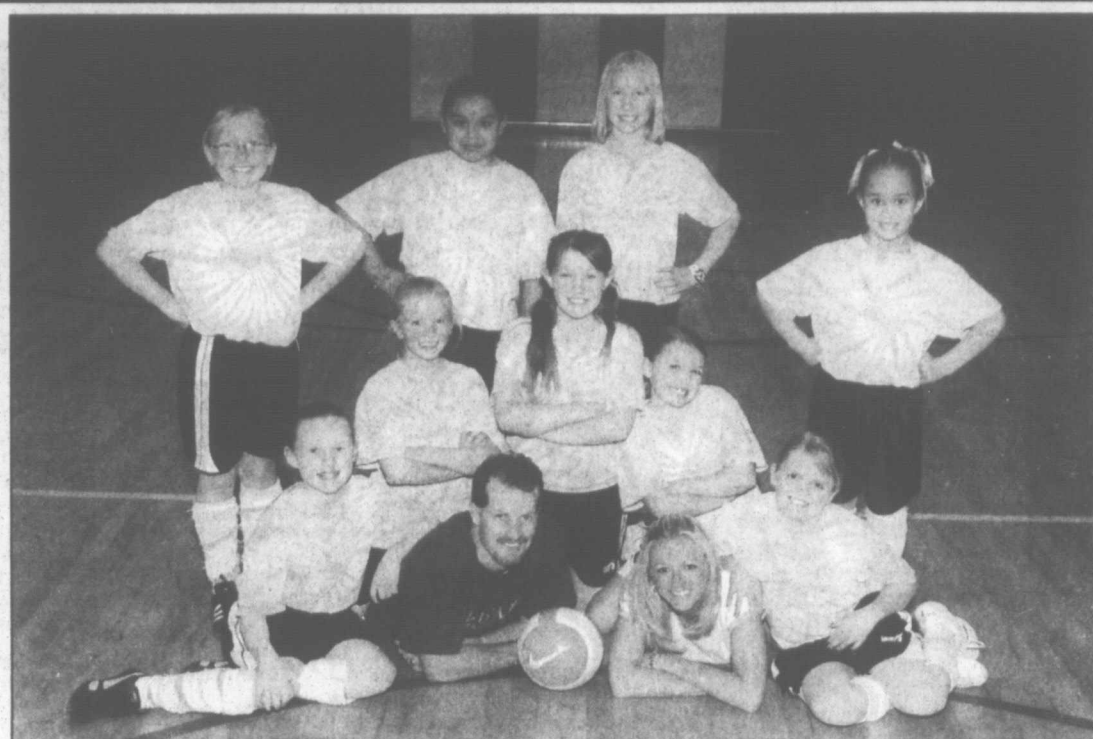
chances of an NCAA tournament berth; "Texas has to win the next three. They know the numbers game."

Plonsky said the Longhorns expected to make the tournament when the season began.

"The attitude is 'Find a way. Get'er done,'" Plonsky said. "We always have a selfish time frame at Texas and that would be now. But we know that not everything happens instantaneously."

The losses belie some of the dividends Goestenkers has delivered.

Texas has four wins over ranked opponents. They can play a sticky, in-your-face defense that bottles up opponents and was the difference in a 61-51 upset of No. 8 Baylor two weeks ago. It



Courtesy Photo

Pampa's 'Lightning' 0-10 Indoor Soccer Team just wrapped up their winter season, in which they finished fourth. They played in Amarillo at the Kids Incorporated Indoor Complex. Back row: Meredith Pooley, Ana Chavez, Macie Loggins, Nique Johnson. Front row: Harper Kelly, Ariel Cambern, Ali Norris, Taylor Ramming, Kyler Ramming. Coaches: Jerod Cambern and Leslie Ramming.

Odessa Invitational Results

by Katherine Flanary
Sports Editor

The Odessa Invitational started out as a two day tournament but due to the threat of bad weather, it was shortened to a one day tournament. Teams had to play all four matches in one day.

The Harvester tennis team finished 11th place overall.

The results are as follows:

Boys Singles 'A'

Kevin Frels - 12th place

Lost to Lasater (Odessa Permian)

Lost to Davis (Plainview)

Defeated Orando (Frenship)

Defeated Aguas (Lubbock Trinity)

Boys Singles 'B'

No entry

Girls Singles 'A'

Sammi Finney - 15th place

Lost to Fernandez (El Paso Chapin)

Lost to Heine (Plainview)

Lost to Hislop (Granbury)

Defeated Maldonado (El Paso)

Girls Singles 'B'

Megan Barnett - 10th place

Lost to Anderson-

Lost to Richardson

(Midland)

Defeated Escobar

(Plainview)

Defeated

Keomoungkhoun (Randall)

Defeated Strait (Lubbock Trinity)

Boys Double 'A'

James Vaid - Bryce

Hendricks - 13th place

Lost to Sanchez-Wells

(Andrews)

Defeated Forbush-Smith

(Monahans)

Lost to Hinds-Johnston

(Lubbock Trinity)

Lost to Carder-Sisson

(Frenship)

Boys Doubles 'B'

Matt Kelley - Aaron Silva

- 10th place

Lost to Payne-Hernandez

(Lubbock Trinity)

Defeated Peral-

Hernandez (El Paso Chapin)

Defeated Laughlin-

McCormick (Frenship)

Lost to Harding-

Thompson (Brownwood)

Girls Doubles 'A'

Holly Gage - Lauren

Couts - ninth place

Defeated Schoonover-

Bates (Hobbs)

Lost to Anderson-

Lost to Mills-Jones

(Plainview)

Lost to unavailable

Girls Doubles 'B'

Ashley Hernandez - Katie

O'Neal - fifth place

Defeated Hudson-Chapa

(Odessa)

Lost to Behrman-Gillard

(Midland)

Defeated Turnacli-

Smart (Andrews)

Defeated Hicks-Miller

(Frenship)

Mixed Doubles 'A'

Jack Ware - Rachel Lee -

13th place

Lost to Day-Wilkinson

(Frenship)

Defeated Plainview

Defeated El Paso Chapin

Lost to Franco-Elder

(Liberty Trinity)

Mixed Doubles 'B'

Myles Foreman - Alyssa

Hoelting - third place

Defeated Schillinger-

Barill (El Paso)

Defeated Detiveaux-

Garcia (Odessa)

Lost to Ritcherson-Payton

(Andrews)

Defeated Gearhart-Coots

(Midland Lee)



Courtesy Photo

Myles Foreman and Alyssa Hoelting with their third place trophies in the Mixed 'B' Division of the Odessa invitational Tournament held Feb. 15 and 16.

Mavericks win in Kidd's home debut

It certainly was a blast from the past for Jason Kidd.

The All-Star point guard couldn't help but feel a bit anxious when he took the court in Dallas for his first home game for the Mavericks in more than 11 years.

"It's always a little nerve-racking coming back," Kidd said. "I was so excited to have this opportunity and this second chance to come back and play for the franchise. I just wanted to make a good impression."

He did that, and then some.

In his first home game since being traded from New Jersey last week, Kidd had 11 points with nine rebounds and eight assists in a 102-94 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Monday night.

"I was happy to be back

home," Kidd said. "This is where it all started for me."

Kidd was the No. 2 overall pick by the Mavericks in 1994, and played in Dallas until he was traded to Phoenix early in the 1996-97 season. After getting a loud ovation when he was the last Mavericks starter introduced, instead of Dirk Nowitzki as usual, Kidd had the fans cheering a minute into the game with an assist on Josh Howard's 3-pointer for the first basket that put Dallas ahead to stay.

"He still catches you off guard sometimes. It's been a lot of fun," said Nowitzki, who had 29 points and 10 rebounds.

In other NBA games, it was: San Antonio 89, Atlanta 74; Boston 104, the Los Angeles Clippers 76; Toronto 102, Indiana 98; and Washington 95, New Orleans 92.

At Dallas, Kidd came up short of his 100th career triple-double, but was involved in significant plays throughout the game as Chicago kept coming back from double-digit deficit.

Ben Gordon had 25 points to lead five Chicago players in double figures.

The Mavericks (38-19) won their 11th straight home game and are a game back in the Southwest Division behind San Antonio, where they next play Thursday. Dallas is only 1 1/2 games behind the Western Conference-leading Los Angeles Lakers. Those teams meet Sunday.

Dallas has won three straight since losing its first game after the All-Star game with Kidd, who had practiced with the team only once by then.

CORRECTION

In a story run Sunday about the new soccer shelters at Travis Elementary, The Pampa News stated that

the shelters had been donated by Rasco Construction.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008: This year, try to flow. Don't attempt to control situations; people cannot be manipulated. Honor your power and who you are. Often this year you will go through a period of confusion or being unsure. Sometimes your feelings could plunge you into strange points of view and different ideas. Try to be a cynic or have a friend who will play devil's advocate. Be willing to be more independent and listen to your own drummer. If you are single, others find you alluring. However, don't move quickly in this realm. Get to know your chosen sweetie well. If you are attached, you could be overly sensitive or project your thoughts into situations with your partner. Be receptive to your significant other's explanations. SCORPIO helps you visualize what you thought was impossible.

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) Work with others. Listen. The unexpected will take a toll if you don't flex and open up to other possibilities. Integrate new information, and what you experience will happen easily. Confusion surrounds plans or a goal. Tonight: How about a game of Scrabble? TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You handle others with a great deal of decorum and knowledge. Realize what you want from others, and have this discussion during today's very active exchanges. New understandings become possible. Tonight: Express your gregarious nature. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

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Government projects future health spending

By KEVIN FREKING
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — By 2017, total health care spending will double to more than \$4 trillion a

year, accounting for one of every \$5 the nation spends, the federal government projects. Overall health care spending in 2017 was estimated to increase to \$4.3 trillion. That would be about 20 percent of U.S. gross domestic product, or GDP, the total monetary value of all finished goods and services produced in a country.

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'Health is projected to consume an expanding share of the economy, which means that policymakers, insurers and the public will face increasingly difficult decisions about the way health care is delivered and paid for.'

— CMS economists

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The 6.7 percent annual increase in spending — nearly three times the rate of inflation — will be largely driven by higher prices and an increased demand for care, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services said Monday. Other factors in the mix include a growing and aging population. The first wave of baby boomers become eligible for Medicare beginning in 2011.

With the aging population, the federal government will be picking up the

Art club



COURTESY PHOTO

Karen Sutherland recently joined Pampa Art Club. She and other members of the club are actively working to make this year's annual Tea and Art Exhibit a memorable event. They are honoring the club's 60th year as a community organization established to promote the expression of creativity through fine art. The public is invited to share in this event slated from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 at Lovett Memorial Library.

Jet sale, military relations dominate talks

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — India's quest to modernize its military against a backdrop of China's burgeoning defense growth and an ongoing regional terrorism threat were the focus of talks planned Tuesday with U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates.

The Pentagon chief was

expected to raise the prospects of New Delhi's plan for a \$10 billion fighter jet purchase — which features bids from major U.S. defense contractors Boeing Corp. and Lockheed Martin.

Gates arrived at midday for a series of meetings with the prime minister, the minister of external affairs and other elected officials in the parliamentary government.

His visit comes during a somewhat volatile time in the region. Talks have stalled on a landmark nuclear cooperation pact between India and the United States, and New Delhi continues to eye nervously the ongoing unrest and terrorism threats in neighboring Pakistan.

While neither subject was a major topic on the agenda for Gates' sessions with Indian officials, they are unquestionably linked with efforts to broaden India's military cooperation with the U.S. And officials are likely to

seek out India's perception of the level of stability in Pakistan, where embattled President Pervez Musharraf's party was upended in recent elections, triggering questions about his future in office.

Musharraf has been an close ally to the U.S., particularly as the war across the border in Afghanistan drags on, fueled in part by al-Qaida insurgents and Afghan Taliban fighters hiding in the mountains straddling the two countries.

Russia has long been the prime arms supplier for India, but New Delhi has warmed and expanded defense relations with the U.S. in recent years. Defense officials said the breadth of the defense relationship between the U.S. and New Delhi — which includes military exercises and weapons buys — is larger than any India has with other nations. And American companies are eagerly eyeing the lucrative contract for 126

fighters.

But U.S. officials have also warned that it would be naive to expect a decision on the fighter bids to come quickly, and that Indian elections projected for next year are likely to influence the pace of the process.

Already India has agreed to buy six of Lockheed's C-130J Hercules airlift aircraft, for roughly \$1 billion.

The principle motive for visiting India, Gates told reporters, is a recognition of the critical role it is playing in the region.

"One of things that has been the most, one of the most, significant changes since I came back to government in an interval of 15 years or so has been the significantly improved relationship between the United States and India," Gates said. "And I want to see what we can do to not only strengthen that but perhaps expand it in other ways."

Events calendar

- **The Amarillo Art Institute** is offering a variety of classes for children and adults this spring. Classes include Clay for Kids, Basics of Drawing and Painting, Silvery Jewelry Design and Fabrication, and more. For further details or to register, call (806) 354-8802.
- **Harrington Cancer Center-Pampa Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the second floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical Center. Roy Bowen of Amarillo will present the program "Believing in Your Strengths in a Time of Weakness."
- **Participants have until Feb. 29** to enter the Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant to be staged during the March 14-16 Saint Patrick's Celebration in Shamrock. The pageant is open to girls between the ages of 14 and 18. Eighteen-year-olds must still be in high school. The 2008 Miss Irish Rose, along with her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will receive a scholarship to the college of their choice. For more information, call Betty at (806) 334-0929, Dana at (806) 662-5405 or Shamrock Chamber of Commerce at (806) 256-2501.
- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet for coffee at 9:30 a.m. March 4 at Harvester Donuts. For more information, call Rita at 669-9916, Vivian at 669-9297 or Emilie at 669-3580.
- **The Peace Farm** in Amarillo has announced an "International Women's Day" event at 6:30 p.m. March 6 at the Black-Historical Cultural Center in Amarillo. A complimentary dinner will be served at 6 p.m. For more information, call (806) 341-4801 or (806) 379-8247.
- **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: "Night" by Elie Wiesell, March 12; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.
- **Memory Gardens Cemetery** in Pampa will host a family Easter egg hunt starting at 11 a.m. March 15. Activities include egg hunt, bouncer for kids 10 and under, prizes and more. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be postponed until 2 p.m. March 16. For more information, call Memory Gardens.
- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" will present "Saxophobia" March 31 and "Tribute to the Beatles" May 6 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. Saxophobia will feature Rob Verdi of the Side Street Strutters and his unusual collection of saxophones. Tribute to the Beatles will feature a four-man group of Beatles impersonators. For ticket information, show times and additional details, call 665-3362.
- **April 1 is the deadline** for the Youth Writing Contest sponsored by Panhandle Professional Writers. The competition is open to all students between third grade and high school. Contest rules are available through the organization's Web site, www.panhandleprowriters.org. For more information, e-mail bcollins16@suddenlink.net.

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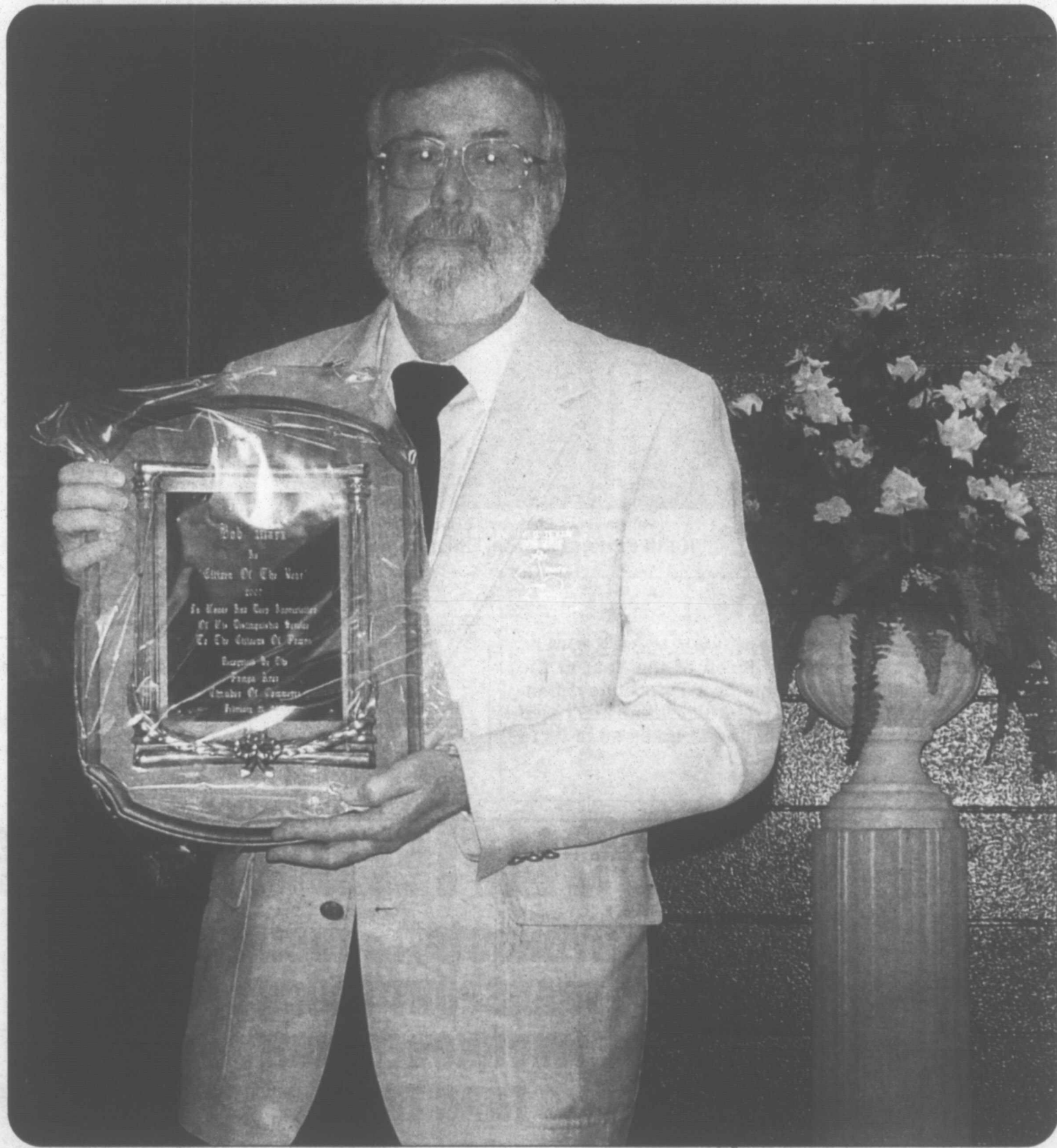
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*Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce
79th Annual Banquet and 2007 Citizen of the Year*



Bob Marx

Letter from the executive director of the chamber

The news is out! Bob Marx was recognized this past Thursday as being Citizen of the Year for 2007 and very deservedly so. Anyone who knows Bob knows how he seemingly never turns down a request to represent the Chamber, Pampa, the County or the entire area.

He attends all of the Gold Coat meetings and new business welcomings, he is always helping with the Christmas Parade activities, and if you attend the big Saint Patrick's Day parade in Shamrock, he will be there too.

He also works with many of the non-profit organizations in Pampa, including the United Way, Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Boy Scouts and The Salvation Army. And, it doesn't stop there. He gives blood to the Coffee Memorial Blood Center every time he's eligible. Over his lifetime, he's donated over 11 gallons.

If it's a worthwhile project, Bob will be there to help in whatever way he can. Speaking, I am sure, for the entire Pampa community, I congratulate Bob for all he has done and is doing for all of us. He exemplifies the "Passion for Pampa" that exists here.

One of the real pleasures of living and working in Pampa is the fact that we have more "Bob Marx's" here than other cities do. And, I might quickly add, I am not being gender specific. There is no doubt in my mind that Pampa has more men and women who contribute their time and monies for the betterment of their community than any other city its size.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Keith Pitner and wife, Chiva Pitner

Speaking for everyone in Pampa (if I may), thanks to all of you who have given so generously and have gone "beyond the call of duty" to help preserve our history and heritage, serve our community needs, and promote our city and area. Our community is strong and healthy because our combined efforts and common goals make it so. Let's continue to work together and remain positive in everything we do.

In closing, I want to tell you about a program we had at last Monday's Chamber Gold Coat luncheon. Kelly Rushing, with the Gray County Sheriff's Department, spoke about his remembrances and first impressions of Pampa when he moved here from Shamrock. A great story about how Pampa seemed so large to him at the time and how he preferred going to Pampa than to the big city of Amarillo at that time.

After several stories, he closed his talk by reminding us about "how great it is to live in Pampa." His last remarks are the ones that really struck a cord with me. He reminded us that one of the most important things we do that makes Pampa such a great place to live is the fact that our service clubs and organizations always open their luncheons and banquets with an invocation and a Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag and our Country.

Sincerely,

Keith Pitner - Executive Director
Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce

On the cover

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Bob Marx of Pampa was named 2007 Citizen of the Year at the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce's 79th annual banquet Thursday evening in M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Marx said he accepted the honor for everyone because "it takes all of us to make the community we have."



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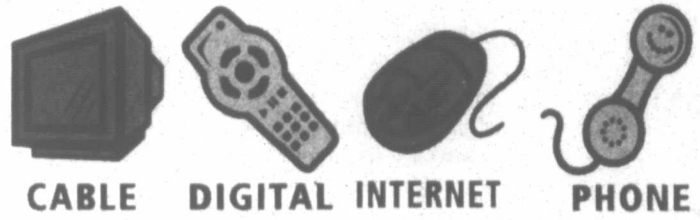
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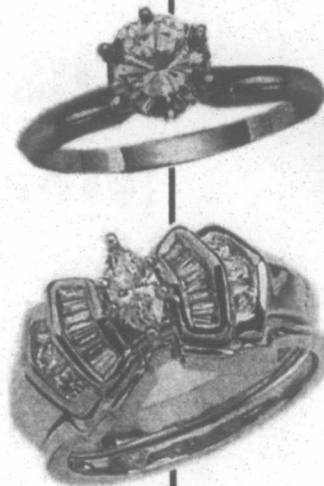
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A group of employees from Clarendon College - Pampa Center stands in front of the table they sponsored and decorated.

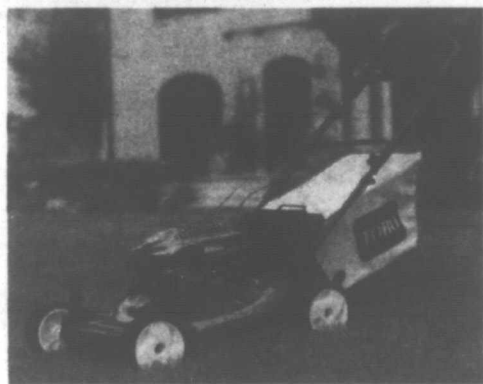


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Jack Reeve, left, and Judge Vanderpool joke around after the banquet. Vanderpool shows off the flower arrangement he won at his table.

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 Dick Stowers, Dr. Will Beck and Curt Beck finish eating the meal at the banquet before the Citizen of the Year was announced.



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 Jack Reeve, Christine Campaigne and Katherine Reeve scoot close together and pose in front of the beautiful rose center-piece that decorated the table where they were seated.

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Pampa looked good in 2007

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A review of 2007 revealed several positive events for Pampa, according to Mark Lang, outgoing chairman of the board of directors of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. Lang spoke during the Chamber's 79th annual banquet Thursday evening at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"Chamber membership at the end of 2006 stood at 289 members," Lang said. "Today, the Chamber membership stands at 310. That's a 7.3 percent increase in membership."

A tour for the 12 directors of the Texas Travel Information Centers, three American Automobile Association representatives and a photographer from Texas Highways magazine was hosted by the chamber tourism committee and represented a positive step for Pampa, he said.

"All were very impressed with the Freedom Museum, Pampa's hospitality and the unique architecture of downtown Pampa," Lang said.

New welcome signs were placed at the outskirts of Pampa when entering town from the

south on Highway 70 and from the west on Highway 60.

Mesa Power opened an office in 2007, a sign of the interest in the Pampa area as a source of wind-generated electricity.

"Oil-related businesses have been hiring and increasing their local presence," Lang said. Halliburton Company has expanded from less than 25 employees to approximately 400 in the Pampa camp in the past two years.

"National Oilwell Varco's parking lot used to be sparsely populated with cars during my frequent trips from Cabot's Pampa Plant to Cabot's manufacturing and development center," Lang said. "Now, their parking lot is almost filled."

Lang also mentioned Milex Corporation, located in the old Marie Foundation building, which is now hiring and producing goods.

The quality of care, level of technology and cleanliness at Pampa Regional Medical Center earned Lang's praise. He pointed out that PRMC has one of only 23 robots worldwide which aligns the upper and lower leg bones for knee replacements.



Mark Lang



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Halliburton provided the door prizes for the evening. Pictured here is a group of employees from Halliburton that attended the event.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Retiring City Manager John Horst enjoyed the banquet with his wife Terrie.



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Pampa EDC Director Dwight Fiveash, left, visits with Amarillo EDC Director Richard "Buzz" David.

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Stay 'passionate' and positive about Pampa

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Growth and stability should be the goal for 2008 for the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, according to Trevlyn Pitner, incoming chairman of the Chamber board for 2008.

Pitner spoke at the Chamber's 79th annual banquet Thursday evening in M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"Many great things have happened over the past couple of years, and we must keep this momentum going and never slow down or give up, even when things get tough," Pitner said. He advocated reaching out to the world and attracting new people and businesses to Pampa.

Pitner also explained the benefits of what he calls "regionalism."

"We must improve our networking with the area," he said. "We must share ideas and share resources, making each

part stronger, and work for a better Texas Panhandle.

"We know that this cannot be done alone," he said, "so we must all do our part to open up, let others in, share. So



Trevlyn Pitner

many great things can and will happen when we do this, so please stay open-minded to other's ideas and plans, staying positive and supportive."

He reminisced about coming to

Pampa with his family just over five years ago.

"I will never forget the first few people I met when getting started here and the many more since," Pitner said. "The people are what make Pampa great."

"The Chamber is often the first, and can sometimes be the only, contact people have when looking at a town to move to, start a business, hold an event or just visit occasionally," he said. "We always want this to be a positive contact."

"The four seasons we get to see and feel, along with the best people in the world, make our area the greatest and most marketable," Pitner said. "Remember that right now there is new growth, new people and new money in Pampa, so let's keep the momentum going. Stay passionate about our community and stay involved."



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MARILYN POWERS

Trevlyn Pitner, incoming chairman, presents roses to Karen Lang and a plaque to Mark Lang, who is the outgoing chairman of the Chamber.



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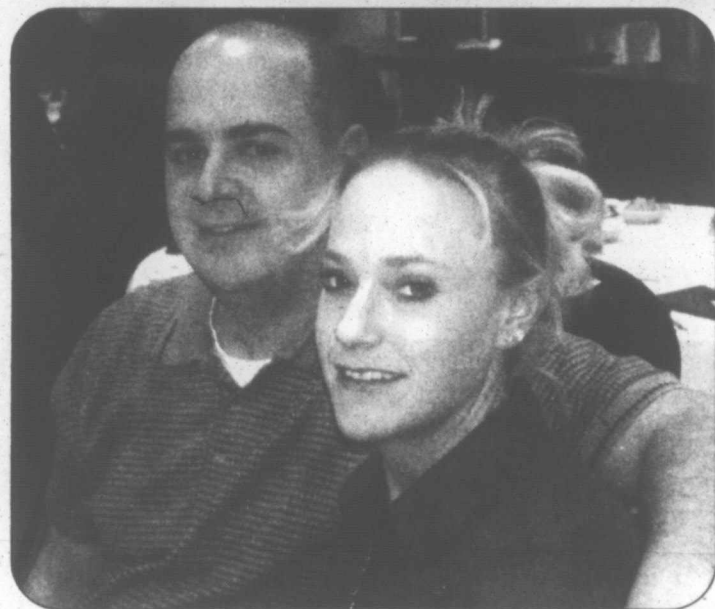
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The Pampa High School
Band Boosters had a lot
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cleaning up the banquet.



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Rebecca McCall, from Century 21, enjoys dinner with
Josh Akins, from B & G Electric.



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Jared Hoover, who does oilfield work, and Tiffany
Hoover, who works at Roberta's Flowers, listen
to the guest speaker, Richard "Buzz" David from
the Amarillo EDC.

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Collaborative effort could bring in business for panhandle

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Bringing business to the Texas Panhandle was the topic of guest speaker Richard "Buzz" David, president and CEO of Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, at the 79th annual banquet of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce. The banquet was held Thursday evening at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"When I first joined the organization in 2004, they hadn't looked at what targets to go for," David said of the AEDC. "We developed that and have been following it."

The types of businesses sought by the AEDC for Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle include aerospace, the financial services industry, diversified manufacturers and the food technology industry, he said.

Businesses in those categories which have become established or expanded in the Amarillo area include Bell Helicopter, AIG, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Ben E. Keith, Hilmar Cheese in

Dalhart and Pacific Cheese in Amarillo.

Bell Helicopter will deliver its 100th V-22 Osprey to the U.S. military in a couple of weeks, David said. The Osprey, built at Bell Helicopter's Amarillo facility, is worth over \$5 million each.

AIG added 300 jobs at its Amarillo location, bringing total employment there to over 1,000, David said. Blue Cross/Blue Shield is opening an Amarillo office, and Ben E. Keith has opened a 30,000-square-foot 52-acre site in Amarillo.

"The ultimate value of bringing Hilmar Cheese to the region will be \$1 billion," David said. Pacific Cheese is building a facility in Amarillo, he said.

David spoke of the value of bringing new jobs to the area.

"In the food technology area alone, we have 100 new jobs, which equals over \$20 million per year in personal income," he said. "Every dollar invested in bringing new jobs to a community comes back many, many times over."



Keith Pitner & Richard David

One in three jobs in the Panhandle is connected to economic development, he said. The value of the 44,000 jobs created through economic development in the area is \$8 billion per year in economic activity.

"To find an area where 50 or 60 communities can work together to bring new things to the area is truly, truly remarkable," David said. "The value of economic development is not in dollars and cents. The value is in

opportunities and working together."

Prior to his move to Amarillo, David was director of economic development for Pinellas County, Fla., held a number of management positions during a 15-year career with Florida Power Corporation and worked in economic development agencies in Tampa and St. Petersburg, Fla.

He is a graduate of the University of South Florida with majors in business administration and political science. He is a graduate of the Economic Development Institute at the University of Oklahoma.

He serves on the executive committee of the High Ground of Texas, a coalition of communities and organizations which are cooperatively marketing the Texas Panhandle.

"We look at the Panhandle region as a micro-global economy," David said. "We truly are not in competition with each other. Our competitors are outside the Panhandle. We truly are in this together, and we will continue to do a lot of good things."

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Mike Ehrle, from KGRO-KOMX Radio, looks through the program for the evening.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Johnnie Marx holds a bouquet of red roses that she was presented as her husband, Bob, accepts the honor of 2007 Citizen of the Year award.



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Myrna Orr plays the piano and provides dinner music during the banquet.



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Mayor Lonny Robbins, left, meets and shakes the hand of Randy Pribble, who is the new publisher of The Pampa News. Pribble is in the process of moving his family to Pampa from Indiana.



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Bob Marx named 2007 Citizen of the Year

By **MARILYN POWERS**
 Staff Writer

Bob Marx was named 2007 Citizen of the Year Thursday evening at the 79th annual banquet of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I am very humbled and honored," Marx said later. "I am receiving it for everybody because it takes all of us to make the community we have."

Mark Lang, outgoing chairman of the Chamber board of directors, presented a plaque to Marx and a bouquet of roses to Marx's wife, Johnnie, after making the announcement. The event began at 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

"This year's citizen of the year has always been positive about Pampa," Lang said. "As a matter of fact, I can't think of anyone more positive about Pampa. A Pampa native for 56 years, this person has been extremely

active in Chamber-related activities."

Marx's activities include the Chamber Gold Coats, United Way, Salvation Army, Clean Pampa Inc., Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Boy Scouts, Meals on Wheels and Children's Shopping Tour. He is a donor to Coffee Memorial Blood Bank.

"If all of us in Pampa had this person's spirit of volunteerism, it would be unimaginable what great things would be accomplished throughout our community," Lang said. He called Marx "a truly walking encyclopedia of Pampa history stemming from Feb. 26, 1951."

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year are sought each year by the Chamber's board of directors. Chamber members and local residents may nominate someone for the honor by submitting a completed written application by Dec. 31 each

year.

A committee which includes the executive director of the Chamber and the past chairman of the board selects the Citizen of the Year after reviewing the nominations. Nominees must have been Pampa residents for the past five years.

Qualities sought in the Citizen of the Year include participation in organizations, civic and community activities and humanitarian work.

Previous Citizens of the Year include Paula Goff, 2004; Jack Reeve, 2005; and Suzie Wilkinson, 2006.

Guest speaker Thursday evening was Richard "Buzz" David, president and CEO of Amarillo Economic Development Corporation. David spoke on economic development in the Texas Panhandle.



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Bob Marx shows off his Citizen of the Year award with his mother, Betty Gordon.

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Larry and Helen Smith from Halliburton enjoyed the banquet with fellow employees.



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