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Hundreds of children and their parents turned out on a chilly Saturday afternoon to partake of the fun at the Fourth Annual Memory Gardens Easter Egg Hunt. Top photo - Buffy Jennings gives Kelbie Jennings some parental guidance as the hunt begins. Bottom right - Stacy and River Minnett inspect their found goodies. Bottom left - Stephine Ballard has her face painted by Charlene Gee. The Easter Egg Hunt, along with associated prizes and activities, was made possible through the support of local businesses.



Permits subject of public meetings

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District will hold public meetings next week on drilling permits for two projects.

Both scheduled for Wednesday, March 26, at the water district's offices in White Deer, one deals with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's Phase 3 expansion in Roberts County. The other deals with pumping water in Gray County for secondary oil recovery operations.

According to Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District officials, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is seeking a consolidation amendment to their existing permit and a multiple water well drilling permit.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority holds an existing permit authorizing them to produce 67,608 acre-feet per year from the John Williams Well Field in Roberts County. The water authority has acquired an

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Dust Bowl photos, stories sought

Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center, 320 S. Cuyler, will be commemorating the Dust Bowl Days with pictures, exhibits, music and more April 10-13.

Children from Lamar Elementary School in Pampa will entertain the afternoon of April 12. Individuals with pictures, stories, letters, etc., are invited to contact organizers via mail (Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center, 320 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065) or e-mail (lmmb777@hotmail.com).

In particular, stories and/or memorabilia are sought for April 14, 1935, also known as Black Sunday.

Business Focus

Trends adds skin care specialty line

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

If there are any women in and around Pampa who are looking for all natural skin care and make-up, then you can stop by Trends, which is the shop owned by Amy Summers located at 111 1/2 W. Foster in downtown Pampa.

Summers is a hair dresser who can take care of all your

hair care needs including cuts, color and perms, but recently she decided to add skin care to her repertoire.

"I wanted to offer to the women of Pampa a line of all-natural clinical skin care called Glo Minerals," Summers said. "This line of skin care and makeup recently won an award for best

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Amy Summers, owner of Trends Salon, works on Kelli Aderholt's hair. Summers offers hair care and a complete line of Glo Minerals skin care and makeup at her shop.

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additional 195,949 acres of contiguous water rights, which under Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District rules would allow them a maximum production of 263,556 acre-feet of water per year. They are asking for authorization of 69,000 acre-feet per year from wells in Phases 1, 2

and 3 of the well field, to feed their 11 member cities, including Pampa.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is also seeking a multiple well permit to drill eight new water wells, anticipated to be 14-inch wells, in their well field expansion north of Pampa.

While their water right acreage includes land in

Roberts, Gray, Hutchinson and Wheeler Counties, the wells would be in Roberts County.

The other well drilling application is from Petco Petroleum of Pampa for secondary oil recovery. Petco wants to drill a three-inch well on a 640-acre plot south of Pampa in Gray County.

The public meeting for

the Petco application will begin at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 26. The public meeting for the CRMWA applications will begin at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 26.

Both meetings will be at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District offices, 201 W. Third Street, White Deer.

Trends

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makeup line, best mineral makeup line and also won a 2007 American Spa Award. This line is really good for women who have skin problems or other sensitivities to makeup."

She said that many women think that Glo Minerals is just makeup, but it also includes skin care, cleansers and chemical peels.

"I hope to start performing these chemical peels in the near future," Summers said.

Summers explained that she does make-overs and colorings, which helps women decide what color choices they should use to get the best look for their skin type and tone.

Along with selling Glo Minerals and doing normal

every-day hair cuts and color, Summers said she likes to do the hair and make-up for women who are going to proms or weddings also. One other service she provides in her shop is waxings.

Record

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Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, March 15

7:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to an undisclosed location on Highway 60. No transport.

7:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s)

to an area nursing facility.

12:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen. No transport.

1:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and trans-

ported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Landowners slow border fence's court progress

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — South Texas landowners fighting border fence surveys have gained traction in court and could keep the federal government from meeting Congress' demand for 670 miles of Mexican border fencing by the end of the year.

One case has already held up dozens of others for more than a month. Its outcome could mean further delays for 38 more cases scheduled for hearings this week.

The Justice Department has sued more than 50 property owners in Texas this year — a total of 75 along the whole U.S.-Mexico border — after the owners refused to allow workers onto their property for preliminary work such as surveys.

No Texas judge has ruled in favor of the landowners, but a recent ruling from U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen ordered the government to first try to negotiate the price of access with landowners.

The Department of Homeland Security has won access in 35 of those cases, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Most of the nearly 500 property owners in the fence's path gave voluntary access to their land and as of Feb. 21, 303 miles of fencing had been built.

Communities along the Rio Grande in South Texas have fought hardest. They fear being cut off from the river and agricultural lands and bristle at the imposition of a plan hatched in Washington, D.C.

Earlier this month, Richard Stana of the Government

Accountability Office testified to a House subcommittee that "keeping on schedule will be challenging because of...difficulties in acquiring rights to border lands" among other factors.

Barry Morrissey, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection spokesman in Washington, D.C., said last week that while he cannot predict the future, "we remain optimistic that we can stay on schedule."

Hanen, a Bush appointee, has slowed the government considerably from its preferred pace. He has repeatedly denied government motions for immediate access and instead held hearings for property owners to voice their concerns before ultimately siding with the government.

Hanen's more deliberate approach came in stark contrast to U.S. District Judge Alia Moses Ludlum, who in January ordered the small town of Eagle Pass to surrender 233 acres of public land to the government before the city could even muster a response.

On March 7, in a 32-page ruling produced after a month of deliberation, Hanen gave the federal government two weeks to prove it had made a bona fide effort to negotiate a price for temporary access to Cameron County landowner Eloisa Tamez's property.

"I don't consider...that they've negotiated with me when all they've done is contact me to sign a waiver," said Tamez, director of the nursing program at the University of Texas at

Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. The university, which also lies in the fence's path, is scheduled to appear before Hanen Wednesday in Brownsville for its own hearing.

The federal government offered \$100 Tuesday to Tamez through her attorney, Peter Schey, president of the Los Angeles-based Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law. For that, the government would have gotten six months of access to Tamez's one-acre, a remaining piece of a Spanish land grant to her family in El Calaboz.

But Schey said they will not agree upon a price until the government defines access. Will it be unintrusive surveying or will a house on the property have to be torn down or moved?

Lawyers scheduled to appear before Hanen this week in McAllen and Brownsville said they have studied the Tamez ruling closely and are optimistic it will change the process.

"I'm anticipating that the (Tamez) standard is going to be the universal standard and (Hanen) will apply it to all the cases," said G. Allen Ramirez, attorney for the Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District. The district sits on a 132-acre campus that extends to the Rio Grande and the fence is likely to cut through its prop-

erty.

Ramirez said there were no meaningful negotiations with the government before it announced its plans to seize the land by eminent domain.

Daniel Rodriguez, a law professor at the University of Texas, said that while Hanen can urge the government to negotiate a price, it could be vulnerable under appeal.

"That's pretty much untethered from what's in the eminent domain clause," Rodriguez said. "Schey wants the government to negotiate with even those property owners who voluntarily signed waivers because they did not know they could negotiate."

Schey filed a countersuit on behalf of Tamez and is seeking class action status for all affected property owners.

"In order for this wall not to be built on a foundation of illegality and lawlessness," property owners must have a chance to take back their waivers, Schey said. "They've been hoodwinked."

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Viewpoints

Texas Tales: UFOs not new to Lone Star State

The January UFO sightings in Stephenville gave the national news media a brief respite from politics and conferred on the town millions of dollars in free advertising, but the Erath County incident isn't the Lone Star State's first rodeo when it comes to mysterious objects in the sky.

In fact, a bit of googling reveals that a variety of Web sites claim the first ever usage of the word "saucer" to describe a UFO occurred in 1878 near the Grayson County city of Denison, then a booming railroad town in North Texas.

The sighting made page-one news in the Jan. 25, 1878, edition of the long-defunct Denison Daily News. Here's the complete story, long-since in the public domain:

"Strange Phenomenon"

"From Mr. John Martin, a farmer who lives some six miles north of this city, we learn the following strange story: Tuesday morning [Jan. 22] while out hunting, his attention was directed to a dark object high up in the southern sky. The peculiar shape and velocity with which the object seemed to approach riveted

his attention and he strained his eyes to discover its character.

"When first noticed, it appeared to be about the size of an orange, which continued to grow in size. After gazing at it for some time Mr. Martin became blind from long looking and left off viewing it for a time in order to rest his eyes. On resuming his view, the object was almost overhead and had increased considerably in size, and appeared to be going through space at wonderful speed.

"When directly over him it was about the size of a large saucer and was evidently at great height. Mr. Martin thought it resembled, as well as he could judge, a balloon. It went as rapidly as it had come and was soon lost to sight in the heavenly skies. Mr. Martin is a gentleman of undoubted veracity and this strange occurrence, if it was not a balloon, deserves the attention of our scientists."

A careful reading of this 210-word story makes it clear that Martin did not say he saw a flying saucer, but an object "about the size of a large saucer." Too, the piece makes no inference the object came from another world. In fact, Martin "thought it resembled a balloon."

But at some point, someone ran onto this story and inducted it into UFO lore.

An even more careful review of the facts surrounding this 1878 story reveals the distinct possibility of a long-ago misunderstanding on someone's part: It appears the UFO sighting occurred near Dallas, not Denison.

True, the story ran in the Denison newspaper, but according to the first-ever printed reference to the tale, an article in the Aug. 6, 1965, Dallas Morning News, the Denison newspaper merely reprinted a report that first appeared in the old Dallas Herald.

According to the News article, the story in

the Denison newspaper "recounts a piece that appeared in the old Dallas Herald."

If that is correct, Martin had a farm in Dallas County, not near Denison. At least both towns have names starting with a "D." And back then, the two places were about the same size.

A check of the 1880 U.S. Census shows no farmers named Martin living in Dallas County, but enumerators found three John Martins living in Collin County, just to the north of Dallas. All made their living as farmers. To even further muddy the water, the same census also lists a tenant farmer named John E. Martin living in Grayson County.

Whichever John Martin saw the saucer-sized object, and wherever the story first appeared, it did not create much of a splash downstate. The Austin Daily Statesman, then an afternoon sheet in the capital city, was silent on the reported goings on in North Texas. Neither is there any easily-findable evidence that the tale received any national notice in the press, unlike whatever happened in the sky over Stephenville.

Mike Cox
Columnist



Hillary's campaign faces daunting task

Hillary Clinton's delicate task is winning the Democratic nomination without alienating the supporters of Barack Obama. It won't be easy.

Charley Reese
Columnist

Itself to blame. It disenfranchised the Democratic voters in Florida and Michigan. It has this cockamamie system of unelected special delegates, enough that they could

throw a close race either way. Howard Dean, the chairman of the Democratic Party, was hoping for a landslide win for one of the candidates, but instead they have run heel to heel and stayed within touching distance of each other.

The backroom dealing that will surely go on. Hillary may have to offer Obama the vice president's spot. For most Democrats, that would be considered a dream ticket.

In the Republican ranks, the only suspense left is McCain's choice of a running mate. Since he's 71, it had better be someone young. With a Republican president almost as unpopular as Herbert Hoover, and with so many Republicans scarred by scandals and indictments, McCain must choose carefully. Whether he will remain to be seen.

We should not forget the other races on the ballot. A president who expects to get anything done will need a majority in the House and Senate. The Democrats won a numerical majority in 2006, but they didn't exactly endear themselves to the voters. It will be interesting to see how the wind blows. The conventional wisdom is a Democratic sweep, but conventional wisdom sometimes doesn't pan out.

In the meantime, outside in the real world, problems pile up like a storm surge. The apparent relative calm in Iraq is misleading. None of the underlying problems has been solved. The recent visit of Iran's president simply shows that President Bush has made Iraq an ally of a nation he considers an

enemy. Corruption is rife, and political violence still takes a toll, though at present it is mostly Iraqis who are being killed.

The American economy seems to be going worse than the war. Many Americans, like me, are not too happy watching our retirement savings evaporate

as the speculators play their games on Wall Street. I'm trying to find something positive, but other than the weather — which, at least where I am, is looking like spring — the landscape seems barren of any positive signs.

Nor does the prospect of the nation being led by McCain, Clinton or Obama

cheer me up. The best I can hope for in the presidency is a surprise that one of them will turn out to be wiser and more competent than I imagined.

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



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, March 17, the 77th day of 2008. There are 289 days left in the year. This is St. Patrick's Day.

Today's Highlight in History: Fifty years ago, on March 17, 1958, the U.S. Navy launched the Vanguard 1 satellite.

On this date: In A.D. 461 (or A.D. 493, according to other authorities), St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, died in Saul.

In 1776, British forces evacuated Boston during the Revolutionary War. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt first likened crusading journalists to a man with "the muckrake in his hand" in a speech to the Gridiron Club in Washington.

In 1910, the Camp Fire Girls organization was formed. (It was formally presented to the public on this date two years later.)

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington.

In 1950, scientists at the University of California at Berkeley announced they had created a new radioactive element, "californium."

In 1966, a U.S. midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb which had fallen from an American

bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain.

In 1968, a peaceful anti-Vietnam War protest in London was followed by a riot outside the U.S. Embassy; more than 80 people were reported injured.

In 1969, Golda Meir became prime minister of Israel.

In 1992, 29 people were killed in the truck bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Ten years ago: Jeff King battled through blowing snow and poor visibility to earn his third victory in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race.

Five years ago: Edging to the brink of war, President Bush gave Saddam Hussein 48 hours to leave his country. Iraq rejected Bush's ultimatum, saying that a U.S. attack to force Saddam from power would be "a grave mistake." In Washington, tobacco farmer Dwight Ware Watson, claiming to be carrying bombs, drove a tractor and trailer into a pond on the National Mall; the threat disrupted traffic for two days until Watson surrendered; there were no bombs.

One year ago: Denouncing a conflict entering its fifth year, protesters across the country raised their voices against U.S. policy in Iraq and marched by the thousands to the Pentagon. John Backus, the developer of Fortran, a

programming language that changed how people interacted with computers, died in Ashland, Ore., at age 82.

Today's Birthdays: The former national chairwoman of the NAACP, Myrlie Evers-Williams, is 75. Rock musician Paul Kantner is 67. Singer-songwriter Jim Weatherly is 65. Singer-songwriter John Sebastian (The Lovin' Spoonful) is 64. Rock musician Harold Brown (War; Lowrider Band) is 62. Actor Patrick Duffy is 59. Actor Kurt Russell is 57. Country singer Susie Allanson is 56. Actress Lesley-Anne Down is 54. Country singer Paul Overstreet is 53. Actor Gary Sinise is 53. Actress Vicki Lewis is 48. Actor Casey Siemaszko is 47. Writer-director Rob Sitch is 46. Actor Rob Lowe is 44. Rock singer Billy Corgan is 41. Rock musician Van Conner (Screaming Trees) is 41. Actor Mathew St. Patrick is 40. Actor Yanic Truesdale is 39. Rock musician Melissa Auf der Maur is 36. Rock musician Caroline Corr (The Corrs) is 35. Actress Marisa Coughlan is 34. Rapper Swifty (D12) is 33. Actress Natalie Zea is 33. Singer Stephen Gately is 32.

Thought for Today: "It is my rule never to lose me temper till it would be detrimental to keep it." — Sean O'Casey, Irish playwright (1880-1964).

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 27, and my wife, "Marybeth," is 26. We recently went to my folks' house for supper. That evening a heavy snowstorm was starting and, because the trip home is 30 miles, we decided to stay overnight. My old bedroom is upstairs, as are the rooms of my brothers, ages 25, 24 and 22. The guest room is downstairs. Because the room is quite small, and Marybeth said she felt a cold coming on, we decided I'd sleep in my old room. The next day, while we were driving home, Marybeth told me she was glad I had come to her room after all and made love to her. Abby, it wasn't me! She had mistaken one of my brothers for me in the darkness. We are all about the same size and build. I have talked to each of my brothers (they all know about this), but they won't say who it was for fear of causing a rift between the guilty party and me. I told them that unless I find out who it was, there will be a permanent rift between all of us. (Marybeth still doesn't know it wasn't me.) How do I handle this? -- ENRAGED IN ROCHESTER, N.Y.

DEAR ENRAGED: While you and your brothers may have a strong family resemblance, I find it hard to believe that you all smell, taste and make love like clones. So please do not accept as gospel that your wife didn't have an inkling that it wasn't you. As to who actually crept into her bed in your absence, if your brothers won't reveal who the guilty party is, then they're all equally guilty, and I wouldn't blame you for severing ties with them. It's time to have a serious chat with your wife and get chapter and verse on what happened that night. Then she should be tested for STDs and treated if necessary. It is possible for a couple to get past something like this, if you're both willing to work at it. The shortest route would be with the help of a licensed family therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19 and have a 9-month-old, "Sean." I live with his dad, "Richie," and my father-in-law, "Dick." Dick drinks a lot and offers my baby beer. Dick also likes to tease Sean. He also leaves coins, toothpicks and cotton swabs on the floor, where Sean sometimes sleeps. My son puts everything he can put his hands on into his mouth. Dick loaf all day and doesn't pay any of the bills. Please give me some advice. I'm so stressed out, I don't know what to do. -- STRESSED OUT, MIDLAND, TEXAS

STRESSED OUT: First, your baby should not be sleeping on the floor in these conditions. Second, offer your husband a choice. Either he insists that Dick straighten up his act, or you'll take Sean and make other living arrangements. It's important, for your son's sake, that you draw the line NOW — even if it means getting a job and putting your baby in day care. For "Grandpa" to give him alcohol is against the law. And if you don't put a stop to it, it could be considered child endangerment.

CONFIDENTIAL TO MY IRISH READERS:

A Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all.

"May the road rise to meet you,
"May the wind be always at your back,
"May the sun shine warm upon your face,
"May the rain fall soft upon your fields,
"And, until we meet again,
"May God hold you in the palm of his hand."

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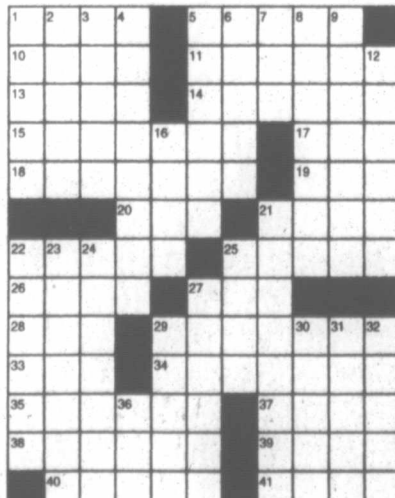
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SOCCER

Lady Harvesters defeat Palo Duro

By KATHERINE FLANARY
Sports Editor

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters soccer teams played in their last district games against Palo Duro Saturday. The Lady Harvesters played a good defense and offense, winning their game 5-0. The Harvesters played in a close game, losing 3-

1. Tanner Dyson had an assist Rusty Snider's goal for the Harvesters. Dyson's assist brought him up to 31 points in district play. The Harvesters were 4-6 in district play. The Lady Harvesters had their playoff hopes thrown out on Friday when Borger beat

Canyon. Angelica Pena scored, as well as Kylee Warner. Warner also had an assist. The Lady Harvesters went 3-4-3 in district play. Seniors were honored for their participation the soccer program in between the girls and boys games.

Lefors' boys, girls track results

Lefors' track team competed in the White Deer track meet on Saturday. The girls came in third place with 76 points with five girls competing. The boys came in second with 99 points. The results are as follows:
Girls:
3200 m run: Taylor Overstreet, 1st (14:23.0)
100 m dash: Valerie Miller, 3rd (13.9), Emily Jackson, 4th (14.1)
200 m dash: Valerie Miller, 1st (28.6), Emily Jackson, 3rd (29.2)
Pole Vault: Valerie Miller, 1st (8'6")
Triple Jump: Emily

Jackson, 2nd (32'1/2")
Long Jump: Valerie Miller, 3rd (16'9 1/2")
Shot Put: Timbra Overstreet, 2nd (31'1 3/4")
Discus: Timbra Overstreet, 2nd (89'2")
Boys:
3200 m run: Gabriel Miller, 1st (12:59.0); Reice Warner, 3rd (15:20.0)
800 m run: Trevor Czubinski, 4th (2:23.60)
100 Hurdles: Jeremy Sprouse, 4th (19.0)
100 m dash: Payton Johnson, 4th (12.5)
300 Int Hurdles: Jeremy Sprouse, 3rd (48.0)
200 m dash: Nick Hess, 6th (25.90)

1600 m run: Gabriel Miller, 4th (5:39.61)
1600 m relay: Trevor Czubinski, Payton Johnson, Keenan Lott, Nick Hess, 3rd (3:59.72)
Pole Vault: Nick Hess, 1st (10'6"); Keenan Lott, 2nd (8'6")
High Jump: Jeremy Sprouse, 1st (Tie-6'0")
Long Jump: Trevor Czubinski, 6th (18'10 1/4")
Triple Jump: Jeremy Sprouse, 4th (38' 1/2"); Trevor Czubinski, 6th (36'6 1/2")
Shot Put: Dustin Forsyth, 3rd (37'10")
Discus: Dustin Forsyth, 2nd (122'9")

Lefors Track



Courtesy Photo

Lefors' Jeremy Sprouse cleared 6'0" in the high jump to tie for first place at the White Deer track meet. Sprouse also placed in the triple jump, 110 meter hurdles and 300 meter hurdles. The Pirates placed second in the team standings with 99 points.

JV softball comes in second

Pampa defeated Palo Duro 6-2 in the opening game of the Childress Tournament. Pampa jumped to a 4-0 lead in the first inning. Brooklyn Barker had an RBI single and Amanda Harkins had a base clearing three RBI triple. Jordan Mayhew picked up the win to improve to 6-3 on the year. Pampa defeated Childress in the semi-finals, 15-1. Leading hitters for the Lady Harvesters were Devin Valentine, Kenzi Carter, Emilie Troxell and Amand

Harkins. Jordan Mayhew struck out the side in the first inning and improved to 7-3 for the year. Pampa was defeated by Dumas in the finals. Pampa had defeated Dumas three times already this season. Dumas brought down several of their Varsity players, including three time All-District pitcher Adriel Soliz to play in the JV tournament. Soliz didn't allow any hits in the tournament and only one baserunner. Dumas defeated Pampa

10-0 for the win. The Lady Harvesters and the Demonettes have won or shared the District crown for several years, with Pampa being the defending District Champs. The Lady Harvester's record on the season is 12-6. The JV Softball team will travel to Dumas on Tuesday for the opening game of District. The JV girls will play at 5:30 p.m., followed by the Varsity girls.

Saturday's Bulldog Relay results

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The boys track team came in eighth with a score of 19 in the Bulldog Relay in Plainview on Saturday. In the 400 relay, the Harvesters finished sixth with a time of 44.91. In the 200, Shavious Kelley came in first, with a time of 22.51. The Lady Harvesters came in seventh with a score of 22.

In the 100 Hurdles, Diana Mechelay came in sixth with a time of 17.97.
The boys track team came in eighth overall, while the girls came in seventh overall.

with a time of 1:53.17. Kara Stephens came in fourth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 49.68, while Natalie Parker came in fifth with a time of 49.82. Chandler Talley came in second in the 200 with a time of 26.71. The Lady Harvesters came in fifth in the 1600 relay with a time of 4:20.95. Field events and the 3200 were not reported.

In the 800 relay, the Lady Harvesters came in sixth

JV BASEBALL

JV baseball competed in tournament

This past weekend, the Pampa High School JV baseball team competed in the Amarillo JV Tournament. On the weekend, Pampa's record was 3-2, defeating River Road 6-

2, Randall 7-3 and Tascosa 9-7. Pitchers Anthony Allen and Garrett Ericson helped ensure the 3 victories. Offensive leaders for the Harvesters were Reed

Bradley, Johnny Angiano, and Tye Powell. The team record is 6-6 and they will start district play on March 24.

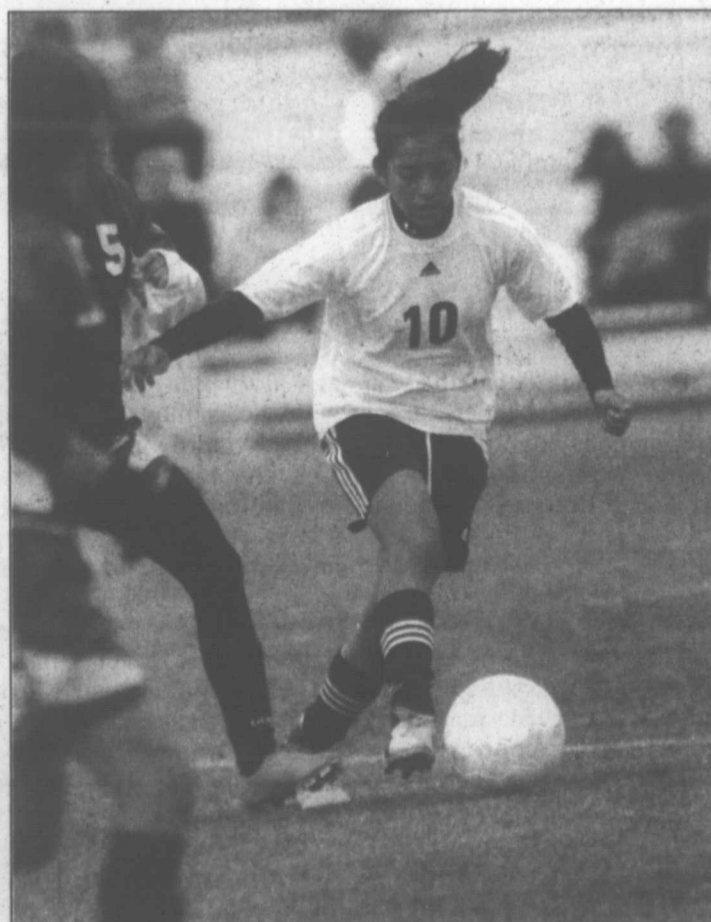
Friberg edges Tseng in Mexico for first LPGA Tour title

HUXQUILUCAN, Mexico (AP) — Louise Friberg went to bed early Saturday night — so early, she said, that her roommate laughed. On Sunday, the LPGA Tour rookie woke up to win her first tour title, closing with a 7-under 65 for a one-stroke victory over Taiwan's Yani Tseng in the MasterCard Classic. "I'm just happy to get through because I've been really sick the past two days," said Friberg, making only her third start as a tour member and fourth overall. "Our trainers gave me some medication to take. ...

You just work with what you have, and today was one of those days." Ten strokes behind Ji-Young Oh at the start of play after opening rounds of 72 and 73, Friberg had an eagle, six birdies and a bogey in the 65 — a Bosque Real course-record round and the best score by three strokes in the final round. "I know I have a good game, but I honestly didn't expect to win this early," Friberg said. "I'm just going to keep working and follow the exact game plan that I put out for the year." The 2003 University of Washington graduate fin-

ished at 6-under 210 and made \$195,000. She earned her tour card in early December with a ninth-place tie in the qualifying tournament. "A lot of times I've played good in the last round and I did today, but I'm just happy to get through," she said, beaming. The 27-year-old Friberg birdied Nos. 3, 5 and 9 to make the turn at 2 under for the tournament. She then birdied the par-3 11th, eagled the par-5 12th and reached 7 under with birdies on Nos. 14-15 before bogeying the 16th.

Soccer



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A Lady Harvester defends the ball during Saturday's game against Palo Duro. The Lady Harvesters won the game, 5-0. The Lady Harvesters went 3-4-3 in District play.

Senior Day



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The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters seniors line up Saturday at the Taylor Elementary soccer field while Coach John True presented each senior to friends, family and fellow teammates.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland, is one of Christianity's most widely known figures. But for all his celebrity, his life remains somewhat of a mystery. Many of the stories traditionally associated with St. Patrick, including the famous account of his banishing all the snakes from Ireland, are false, the products of hundreds of years of exaggerated storytelling.

It is known that St. Patrick was born in Britain to wealthy parents near the end of the fourth century. He is believed to have died on March 17, around 460 A.D. Although his father was a Christian deacon, it has been suggested that he probably took on the role because of tax incentives and there is no evidence that Patrick came from a particularly religious family. At the age of sixteen, Patrick was taken prisoner by a group of Irish raiders who were attacking his family's estate. They transported him to Ireland where he spent six years in captivity. During this time, he worked as a shepherd, outdoors and away from people. Lonely and afraid, he turned to his religion for solace, becoming a devout Christian.

After more than six years as a prisoner, Patrick escaped. According to his writing, a voice—which he believed to be God's-spoke to him in a dream, telling him it was time to leave Ireland.

To do so, Patrick walked nearly 200 miles from County Mayo, where it is believed he was held, to the Irish coast. After escaping to Britain, Patrick reported that he experienced a second revelation—an angel in a dream tells him to return to Ireland as a missionary. Soon after, Patrick began religious training, a course of study that lasted more than fifteen years. After his ordination as a priest, he was sent to Ireland with a dual mission—to minister to Christians already living in Ireland and to begin to convert the Irish.

Today, St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17, a religious feast day and the anniversary of his death in the fifth century. The Irish have observed this day as a religious holiday for thousands of years.

On St. Patrick's Day, which falls during the Christian season of Lent, Irish families would traditionally attend church in the morning and celebrate in the afternoon. Lenten prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink, and feast—on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage.

The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place not in Ireland, but in the United States. Irish soldiers serving in the English military marched through New York City on March 17, 1762. Along with their music, the parade helped the soldiers to reconnect with their Irish roots, as well as fellow Irishmen serving in the English army.

Over the next thirty-five years, Irish patriotism among American immigrants flourished, prompting the rise of so-called "Irish Aid" societies, like the Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick and the Hibernian Society. Each group would hold annual parades featuring bagpipes (which actually first became popular in the Scottish and British armies) and drums.

Up until the mid-nineteenth century, most Irish immigrants in America were members of the Protestant middle class. When the Great Potato Famine hit Ireland in 1845, close to a million poor, uneducated, Catholic Irish began to pour into America to escape starvation. Despised for their religious beliefs and funny accents by the American Protestant majority, the immigrants had trouble finding even menial jobs. When Irish Americans in the country's cities took to the streets on St. Patrick's Day to celebrate their heritage, newspapers portrayed them in cartoons as drunk, violent monkeys.

However, the Irish soon began to realize that their great numbers endowed them with a political power that had yet to be exploited. They started to organize, and their voting block, known as the "green machine," became an important swing vote for political hopefuls. Suddenly, annual St. Patrick's Day parades became a show of strength for Irish Americans, as well as a must-attend event for a slew of political candidates. In 1948, President Truman attended New York City's St. Patrick's Day parade, a proud moment for the many Irish whose ancestors had to fight stereotypes and racial prejudice to find acceptance in America.



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