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CRMWA's water well field expansion approved

By David Bowser
The Pampa News

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District board of directors this week approved the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's latest expansion of their Roberts County well field.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, which provides water from

Lake Meredith and their Roberts County well field to its 11 member cities, including Pampa, had requested a consolidation of previous permits to include additional water rights they have purchased in Roberts County and a permit to drill eight 14-inch wells to produce water for the authority's cities.

Normally, water officials said, each item would be permitted separately, but with

the water table at Lake Meredith dropping, the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority was eager to proceed with the project, so the two requests were combined in a single permit request.

At a hearing here at the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District offices Wednesday, the discussion was less about the drilling permit than about the amount

of water rights and the ability to pump the traditional one acre-foot per acre of water rights per year.

In the past, the water district has issued Initial Pumping Permits that acknowledged a group's water rights and their ability to pump up to one acre-foot per acre per year so long as other district rules were met.

Doug Caroom, the Canadian River Municipal

Water Authority's lawyer, opened the hearing by insisting that the one acre-foot production be written into the proposed drilling permit.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has 261,697 acres of contiguous water rights in Roberts County, but in their drilling permit application, they plan to produce only 69,000 acre-feet of water per year. That is

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Pampa News photo by David Bowser

Robert Clark stands next to the Beechcraft Musketeer he's donating to the Beechcraft Museum.

Clark donates airplane to museum

By David Bowser
The Pampa News

Robert Clark said he's got to get it loaded as he looks at the dust-cover airplane in a hangar at Perry Lefors Field.

Clark, a Roberts County rancher with a love of flying, is donating his Beechcraft Musketeer to a museum in Tennessee. It's supposed to be there in April.

"This is one of what they call now the Baby Beeches that Walter Beech

designed," Clark says.

The plane is a four-seater aircraft with a single four-cylinder 165 horsepower fuel-injected engine that was built in Liberal, Kan., rather than at the main factory in Wichita.

A friend of Clark's had found it advertised in The Pampa News back in 1990.

"He knew I was looking for one," Clark says, "so he called me up."

Clark says he needed a plane that he could fly along with his father's Beech

Bonanza. Clark says his late father, Willis Clark, flew quite a bit, and the younger Clark wanted one he could get in anytime and fly over the ranch properties to check out the cattle on the ranch.

Clark flew it until 2005, when an airworthy directive was issued concerning an L-bracket in front of the main spar that held the pitch of the wing.

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Two arrested in connection with shooting

By MARILYN POWERS
The Pampa News

No injuries were reported in connection with a shooting at a Pampa residence early today.

The incident, which was first classified as violation of a city ordinance, was reported to emergency services at 12:39 a.m., according to Pampa Police Department records. Police and Gray County Sheriff's Office

responded to the call.

Upon arrival, officers found that someone outside a residence at 432 Hughes had discharged at least one firearm more than once in the direction of the residence. The home was occupied by seven persons, including children, at the time of the incident, with the youngest occupant being 1 year old, according to PPD Det. Dave Thomas.

The number and type of

firearms used is currently under investigation, Thomas said. No information was available on possible reasons for the shooting.

An incident in the 900 block of Reid which occurred at the same time as the shooting on Hughes Street is believed to be related, Thomas said. A vehicle was shot with a firearm on Reid. No injuries were

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County Republicans to gather tomorrow

The Gray County Republican Convention will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, according to Secretary Nell Bailey. The KC Hall is located at 318 N. Cuyler Street in Pampa.

Topics for discussion at the meeting include the election of delegates and alternates to the state convention, the consideration of resolutions to be forwarded to the convention and the considerations of rules for the Republican Party of Texas to be forwarded to the convention.

Doug Ware is the County Chair for the Republican Party.

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Sunny

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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 72. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of rain and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. East-northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Viola Holt, 88

CANADIAN — Viola Holt, 88, a former McLean resident, died Friday, March 28, 2008, at Canadian. Services are pending with

Bailey-Ware Funeral Home in McLean. Mrs. Holt was born Feb. 17, 1920.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer:		
Wheat	9.50	
Milo	8.67	
Corn	9.92	
Soybeans	11.37	
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		
OXY	74.12	+0.92
BP PLC ADR	40.51	-0.15
Cabot Corp	28.06	-0.30
Celanese	39.65	-0.12
Cabot Oil Gas	51.24	+0.37
Coca Cola	61.25	-0.06
VLO	49.74	+1.27
HAL	39.25	+0.15
XCEL	19.90	-0.05
Anadarko	64.36	+0.31
XOM	86.62	+0.42
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Williams	33.11	+0.26
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MARTINEZ, Charles "Charlie" Sr. — Funeral mass, 11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Stanton Caviness, 57

Stanton Laroy Caviness, 57, of Crosby, Texas, went to bed with the Lord March 25, 2008, in Conroe, Texas. Stanton was born on Sept. 4, 1951, in Pampa, Texas, to Roy and Delores (Hart) Caviness. Stanton served his country and was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army. Stanton has lived in Crosby area for 13 years and worked as a quality assurance inspector in construction industry. In his spare time, Stanton enjoyed drawing, playing gui-

tar, taking care of his horses and spending time with his family (especially his grandchildren). Stanton was a very kind person who was always willing to help anyone in need, and he will be missed by all that knew him. Stanton is preceded in death by his parents and by son, Brent Caviness. He is survived by his loving wife, Dona Caviness; daughter,

Misty Pritchard; daughter, Stormy Standerfer and husband Kenneth; son, Brandon Caviness and wife Ashley; daughter, Rachel Blaha and husband Brad; daughter, Krista Morphis; daughter, Jamie King and husband Kelsey; brother, Larry Caviness; brother, Tony Caviness; grandchildren, Bethany, Brittney, Raedon,



Caviness

Lynnzy, Caden, Lilly, Abigale and Gabriel; great-granddaughter, Aaliyah; and many other relatives and friends.

A visitation for family and friends was held today, Friday, March 28, 2008, from 9-11 a.m. at Sterling-White. Funeral Services were held Friday, March 28, 2008, at 11 a.m. at Sterling-White Funeral Home, 11011 Crosby-Lynchburg Rd., Highlands, TX (281) 426-3555. To sign the online register, book visit www.sterlingwhite.com

Charles "Charlie" Martinez, Sr., 75

Charles "Charlie" Martinez, Sr., 75, of Pampa, Texas, died March 26, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, March 28, 2008, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 29, 2008, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Martinez was born July 19, 1932, in Rosebud. He attended schools in Travis. Charlie had been a resident of Pampa since

1964. He owned and operated Charles' Upholstery Shop for over 40 years. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church and was a member of the Curcillita Movement. He was a great and avid pool player. Charlie will be deeply missed by his family, friends and customers, and especially his brother, Freddy.

Survivors include eight daughters, Teresa Rogers and husband Kenneth of Burleson, Silvia Martinez, Helen Bridwell, and Laura

Martinez Gray and companion Dusty Helfer, all of Pampa, Martha Martinez of Washington, Dianna Powell and husband Gene of Hot Springs, Ark., Anne Martinez of Las Vegas, Nev., and Maggie Martinez of Fort Worth; four sons, Charles Martinez, Jr. and David Martinez and wife Tonya, all of Pampa, Martin Martinez and wife Maricel of Borger, and Paul Martinez of Los Angeles, California; three brothers, Mike Martinez and wife Mary, Alfredo Martinez and wife Mary, all of Pampa,



Martinez

and Jose Angel Martinez and wife Dora of Dallas; one sister, Tina Ramirez and husband Tom of Rosebud; 34 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, Manuel and Elvira Martinez; one son, Patrick Francisco Martinez; and two sisters, Guadalupe Luna and Elvira Castilleja. **MEMORIALS:** St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065. **—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.**

Carolyn Ronell Mathis, 53

Carolyn Ronell Mathis, 53, died March 25, 2008, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas. Ms. Mathis was born July 25, 1954, at Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and held a degree

from Hampton University in Virginia. She moved to Oklahoma City six years ago. Mrs. Mathis was preceded in death by her mother, Precious Mathis; and a brother, John J. Mathis. Survivors include two daughters, Tamara Scott-

McCalister and Carmen Scott, both of Oklahoma City; her father, Earnest Mathis, Sr., of Pampa; two sisters, Perliene Regina Williams of Denver, Colo., and Sharon G. Mathis-Olulu of Pampa; four brothers, Earnest L. Mathis, Jr., Stanley E. Mathis and

Esteven E. Mathis, all of Pampa, and James F. Mathis of Wynnewood, Okla.; and five grandchildren. The family will be at 1414 N. Russell and requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 2514 82nd Street, Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79423.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Thirty-three traffic stops were made. Stops in the 400 block of Finley and the 600 block of East Frederic resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received at the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2600 block of

Seminole, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 1200 block of North Banks, the 400 block of Red Deer, the 1500 block of Williston, twice in the 300 block of Canadian, once in the 600 block of North Starkweather, the 200 block of Miami, the 2100 block of Williston, the 1900 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of East Foster, the 2100 block of North Wells, the 500 block of West Crawford, the 1300 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of Cinderella and the 900 block of Gordon. Agency assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of

Duncan. Eight attempts to serve papers were made.

One warrant service was attempted and resulted in at least one arrest.

Welfare checks were made in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1400 block of North Russell, and the intersection of Browning and Doucette streets.

Runaways were reported in the police department lobby and the 900 block of Terry Road.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1400 block of North Banks and the 400 block of North Ballard.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1400 block of Charles and the 400 block of Hughes.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Faulkner and the 2400 block of Navajo.

Criminal trespass was twice reported in the 500 block of Lefors.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

A terroristic threat was

reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2400 block of Rosewood.

One alarm was reported. Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson. Cash in the amount of \$40 was taken from a piggy bank while the residents were out of town.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy. A 1999 Cadillac valued at \$7,000 was taken.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, March 27 Merle Edwin Bowyer, 38, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for aggravated sexual assault.

Abel Rios, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Jimmy Don Corley Jr., 33,

of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Finley by Pampa Police Department for theft of property over \$20 and under \$500.

Sedrel Allen McGuffin Jr., 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of South Starkweather by PPD for no valid driver's license and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Friday, March 28 Albert Tambunga, 49, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia. Ulises Olveda Soria, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive by PPD for expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear/bail jumping, no valid driver's license and seven counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Fire

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

Friday, March 28 5:34 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical call.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, March 27 9:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Barrett and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Lynn and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, March 28 5:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient to PRMC. 5:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston. No transport.

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Ex-Dallas death row inmate sentenced to life in prison

DALLAS (AP) — In exchange for Dallas County prosecutors not seeking to execute him, a man whose death sentence was overturned last year by the U.S. Supreme Court has agreed to life in prison.

As recently as 11 months ago, District Attorney Craig Watkins had said he would seek the death penalty against LaRoyce Smith following the high court overturning his sentence for a second time.

The Supreme Court overturned the sentence but not the conviction. It ruled that the jury at Smith's trial was not allowed to consider his low IQ of 78 and that he was a 19-year-old ninth-grader as mitigating factors.

Dallas County prosecutors David Alex and Kim Schaefer said they offered the plea bargain because even if a jury again sentenced Smith to death, they would be in court for years litigating issues of mental retardation.

The prosecutors said they also would have faced federal court litigation over matters dealing with the guilt/innocence portion of Smith's original trial. As part of the plea deal, 37-year-old Smith agreed to drop those issues in court.

Smith was convicted in the 1991 shooting and stabbing of Jennifer Soto, the 19-year-old night manager at a DeSoto Taco Bell where he also worked.

School

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this past year's program. Those who spoke about basketball said that the program this year faced many challenges and they had concerns about the future of the team. They felt the program was in need of improvements and the board should help with positive changes to this program.

The others who spoke during the meeting were there to offer support for PHS Volleyball Coach Tandi Hudson. After word got out to the public that Hudson's contract might not be renewed for next year, people packed the meeting room to voice their opinion and concerns to the board.

"I don't understand why Tandi's contract might not be renewed for next year," Hudson's grandmother said. "I feel that would be a disgrace because she is very committed to her job and the sport."

Another person said they felt the volleyball program is on the right track for success and it should be allowed to continue in its current capacity.

"I've heard that there have been nine different volleyball coaches in the past 16 years in Pampa and I feel that's wrong," said another speaker. "I don't think that kind of turn over would be tolerated in other classes or sports, so it should not be tolerated in volleyball either. I believe the

goals are being met in the current program and it should be allowed to continue, including the current coach."

In an executive session, the school board declined to renew Hudson's contract by a vote of 5-2.

Other issues that were discussed at the school board meeting were construction, roofing repairs, a reading program and benchmarks for the district.

Kathy Carter gave a report to the board on Read 180, which is a reading program focused on helping those students who are two years or more behind on their reading level. After doing research and talking to other districts that use the program, Carter recommends that Pampa use this program.

"This program would help students in junior high and high school by providing a 90 minute class that is very structured to help catch them up on their reading level," Carter said. "The first part of the class would be whole class instruction by the teacher and then the students would be split up into small groups for more individual help."

"Dallas, Amarillo, Midland and Abilene all use the program and feel it really helps their students more than other reading programs. Some of their students who were two years behind in reading were able to make up that loss in just one year of the program. I feel our students would benefit greatly by Read 180."

The board asked that Carter bring back additional information at the next meeting to help them decide

whether or not to approve the initial cost of \$89,750. The program would only cost approximately \$1,600 every year after the initial cost.

The board approved a proposal to replace all 42 air conditioning units at Travis and Lamar Elementaries. The eight units that "might be salvageable" will be saved for replacement parts for a/c units on the other elementary schools.

Randy Stephenson gave a report on construction progress at the high school.

The MPAC construction is complete after the testing and balancing was done on the air conditioning. He said that cameras will be put up around the high school in the next few weeks to deter vandals from doing damage to the school again.

The footing for the new science wing is complete and the underground plumbing has begun on the project. Structural steel should be delivered in May and that should be seen going up in June, Stephenson said. He said the entire high school will be rekeyed this summer so access can be monitored more closely. Teachers and other personnel will use ID cards which will be scanned upon entering the building next year.

All of the principals for the public schools were at the meeting to speak to small groups of the board about how their schools and students are progressing in regard to benchmarks that were set earlier this year. Board members were able to ask questions and interact with the principals.

Water

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the capacity of their aqueduct. Michael Power, lawyer for Mesa Water, LLP, objected by letter to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority's request for recognition of the 261,697 acre-feet of water they could withdraw if Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District agreed to the request.

Normally, water officials said, the Initial Pumping Permit would designate up to 261,697 acre-feet of production based on the number of acres of water rights held by the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, but the Initial Pumping Permit is superseded by a drilling permit, which is a much more detailed filing that includes hydrology studies and outlines exactly how much water is expected to be produced and under what conditions.

Still, Caroom insisted that the potential 261,697 acre-feet per year be recognized in the proposed drilling permit.

After some two hours of debate, the drilling permit was granted after being amended to acknowledge the potential 261,697 acre-feet of production, but with no vested right to that amount. Any production, the amended permit said, would still be subject to the district's rules and regulations without regard of what the permit allowed.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority will only be allowed to produce the 69,000 acre-feet under this permit, according to Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District General Manager C.E. Williams. Any addition requests would have to come back before the board.

Clark

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"I had it up here at Pampa Aircraft with Rod Unruh getting an annual on it," Clark says.

Unruh was giving the plane it's annual checkup to certify that it was airworthy. He checked the L-bracket for cracks and there were no cracks, but the holes for the rivets holding it

in place had worn.

"The holes had wallowed out," Clark says, "and the rivets that held it in place were loose."

Clark says he figured he'd cut his losses and part it out, but fate stepped in.

"I was reading in a flying magazine that there was a Beechcraft museum in Tullahoma, Tenn.," Clark said.

After visiting with the president of the foundation that ran the museum, and with the approval of the founda-

tion's board, Clark donated the Musketeer to the museum.

"I've got to get it packed up and get it down there as soon as I can," Clark said.

The opening for the Baby Beeches at the Beechcraft Heritage Museum in Tullahoma is scheduled for April 18.

There are about five different Baby Beech models, he says. The museum is honoring the Baby Beeches in April.

Shooting

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reported in connection with that incident.

No arrests have been made in connection with the Reid Street incident, but two arrests were made in connection with the Hughes Street shooting.

Ulises Olveda Soria, 20, of Pampa

was arrested in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive and booked into Gray County Jail at 1:01 a.m. today in connection with the residential shooting. He is charged with seven counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, as well as expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to appear/bail jumping and no valid driver's license.

Soria remained in jail as of press time today pending arraignment, which is expected to be conducted

Saturday morning, according to GCSO Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing. A 16-year-old juvenile was also arrested in connection with the Hughes Street incident, Thomas said. The juvenile was turned over to Gray County Probation Office.

Anyone with information on either or both of the incidents is asked to call Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 669-2222 or Pampa Police Department at 669-5700.

Inmate dies in prison riot; 15 more injured

THREE RIVERS, Texas (AP) — An inmate was killed and 15 others hospitalized after a riot at a federal prison in South Texas early Friday.

Federal Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman Deborah Denham said that how the inmate died is still being investigated, but she does not believe that guards at the Three Rivers prison

used any potentially lethal force to break up the fight. No staff members were injured. Seven inmates received minor injuries, which were treated at the prison.

A pair of fights broke out in two housing units at the prison early Friday, around 7 a.m. when breakfast was wrapping up and the day shift of guards was coming

onto duty. But what sparked the brawl and how many inmates were involved is still under investigation, Denham said.

Denham said the incident was brought under control quickly, and the community was never in danger.

An autopsy will be performed on the inmate who died, Denham said. His identity wasn't immediately

released because authorities were notifying his family.

The medium-security facility in Three Rivers, located in a rural area 70 miles southeast of San Antonio, has about 1,160 inmates.

The riot was the second at a federal prison in Texas this month.

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- Diabetes is the 6th leading cause of death by disease in the United States.
- About 86,000 lower limbs are amputated annually due to complications from diabetes.
- Diabetes is the leading cause of end-stage kidney disease, accounting for about 40% of new cases; it is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults, age 20 to 74.
- 10.3 million or 20.9% of all people, in the age group 65 and older have diabetes.
- People over the age of 65 with diabetes are three times more likely to be hospitalized for falls than people without the disease.
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Viewpoints

Lessons from the photo box important

Here's something you should do if you haven't done so in a while — visit your mother and father and get out the old photo box.

Surely you have one. Ours is in my parents' hall closet. It's in a sturdy old Pabst Blue Ribbon beer case.

Lucky for me, I needed some photos for a humor speech I am giving about growing up in the '70s and I had a reason to go through the old photos.

As my mother and I dug through the box, I came across a black-and-white photo of a little girl. She's holding a stuffed toy as she looks, suspiciously, into the lens of the camera.

That photo was taken 69 years ago, when the girl had

her whole life before her. She didn't know yet that one of her sisters would be struck with polio 12 years later, that her father would die at 49 just a month before her wedding, or that she'd have six healthy children and 17 grandchildren.

That was my mother's picture. It was taken when she was 2.

I found my father's black-and-white high-school graduation photo. He was trim and handsome — a thick head of hair. The photo had red coloring around his lips. When I asked my mother what it was, she explained.

When he was away in the Army, she used to kiss the photo. The red coloring was her lipstick.

My parents' wedding photos are striking — both of them so young and attractive. She was 19 and he was 23. They had very little money, but it was 1956, a time of hope and optimism. They were intent on building a life together.

Tom Purcell

Columnist



Many other photos from over the years show that they succeeded.

The old Polaroids, in their greenish, yellowy hue, documented so many instances in their lives — the new home built in 1964; Jingles, our beloved dog born in 1972,

getting a bath, which she hated; birthday parties, Christmas mornings and many other family events.

The newer photos document the thinning and graying hair, the high school and college graduations, the surprise party we threw for my father when he turned 50 and, eventually, the surprise retirement party.

These photos transport me right back to those moments I knew as a kid, both sad and happy — the cold January day in 1972 when my grandmother died and my father

sobbed; the sound of my father driving around the neighborhood calling out for our dog the time she disappeared for three days; the Friday evenings sitting around the dinner table laughing with my sisters about everything and nothing at all.

It's bittersweet to go through the old photos. They make me sad. They reflect the speed with which time is passing — the speed with which time is aging us all and, in the process, taking so many people I love away from me.

But those photos fill me with calm. They make me remember how blessed I have been to be given the family I was given — how

blessed I've been to go through life with such a colorful cast of characters.

They bring perspective and clarity — they help me see the long view, something I forget to do far too often. They remind me that every day really is precious — every moment is.

That is all a photo is, too — a snapshot of a moment in time. It locks our world and our lives in place, so we can see and feel and understand the deep meaning in them.

Our fast-paced world is in desperate need of such perspective. As our markets crash and our politics get ugly — as the media reports every day on the various

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 28, the 88th day of 2008. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

On this date:

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1898, the Supreme Court ruled in United States v. Wong Kim Ark that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a U.S. citizen.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1939, the Spanish Civil War effectively ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire in Operation Chariot.

In 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, Calif.

In 1958, W.C. Handy, the "Father of the Blues," died in New York at age 84.

In 1969, Dwight D. Eisenhower, the 34th president of the United States, died in Washington at age 78.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, during his visit to South Africa, went to Soweto, a landmark in the bloody uprising against apartheid, to honor South Africans "who answered the call of conscience" and defeated their country's system of white supremacy.

Five years ago: American-led forces in Iraq dropped thousand-pound bombs on Republican Guard units guarding the gates to Baghdad and battled for control of the strategic city of Nasiriyah. President Bush warned of "further sacrifice" ahead in the face of unexpectedly fierce fighting. Japan launched its first spy satellites to monitor communist neighbor North Korea's missile development and suspected nuclear weapons programs.

One year ago: Iran aired a video of 15 captured British sailors and marines; the lone female captive, shown in a white tunic and a black head scarf, said the British boats had "trespassed." (The crew members were released April 4, 2007.)

In the Philippines, dozens of children were taken hostage

'If you do not tell the truth about yourself you cannot tell it about other people.'

— Virginia Woolf
English author
(1882-1941)



Blind ambition is dangerous in politics

Here are some rules for being a good citizen. They date back to the American Revolution, but most Americans today have forgotten them.

Rule No. 1 is that people given power will tend to abuse it. This applies to everyone from local government to national government. It applies to Democrats and to Republicans. The reason it is so universal is because it originates in human nature, which is the same today as it was 10,000 years ago.

That's why the Founding Fathers labored so hard to devise a basically weak national government. Not only does the Constitution divide power between the three separate and equal branches of the federal government, it also divides power between the federal and state governments.

Unfortunately, we have removed many of these safeguards.

Not everyone in government abuses power, and one of the duties of a citizen is to recognize those who don't and to reward them.

Rule No. 2 is that politicians have an inclination to lie. The Bush administration lied us into a war. There were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. The regime of Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with al-Qaida or with the attack on the U.S. It is also a lie that "everyone believed Saddam had weapons of mass destruction."

The U.N. weapons inspectors had never said, after

1995, there were weapons. They said there was a paper discrepancy. One part of the government said x amount had been destroyed; another branch said it was y amount. You will find paper discrepancies in practically every government in the world.

Witness, for example, the numerous weapons and large amounts of money our own government cannot account for in Iraq.

Nor, it should be added, did Saddam pretend to have weapons of mass destruction. The Iraqi government said repeatedly that it did not have them.

Lying by American politicians has become so pervasive, it is the rule rather than

the exception. Lies destroy credibility, but because they are so pervasive today, few people get punished when they are caught lying. Citizens should consider a lie a mortal sin in the realm of civics, for lies are an attempt to deceive the people about very important matters. Lies are a direct attack on the American system of self-government, which is based on the premise that if the people know the truth, they can make the right decisions.

Rule No. 3 is to always oppose excessive government secrecy. Common sense tells us that government is entitled to some secrecy, primarily military in time of war. Recent governments, however, have gone overboard and promiscuously classify practically any

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sampling of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ March 17

The Times Reporter, Dover-New Philadelphia, Ohio, on Gov. Ted Strickland:

Speculation has been building since last summer that Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland might be in the running for the No. 2 spot on the Democratic presidential ticket this November. ...

Strickland comes from a swing state, has served in Congress, is a former Methodist minister and most importantly is a white male, a demographic that Democratic presidential candidates haven't done well with for more than 40 years.

Strickland, though, repeatedly has denied he's interested in the job.

We hope he means what he says.

We give the governor high marks for what he's accomplished in his first year in office, but there is much more to be done. The state needs a new energy policy, it's facing a serious budget shortfall, the school funding system still needs to be fixed and Ohio remains uncompetitive when it comes to attracting new businesses. ...

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■ March 17

The Times-Picayune, New Orleans, on funding for storm protection:
The Army Corps of Engineers' ability

to complete 100-year storm protection for the New Orleans area by the 2011 hurricane season depends on whether Congress meets a much earlier deadline for approving the money.

Unfortunately, there's no guarantee that will happen. The corps' 2009 budget includes the \$5.76 billion President Bush has requested to pay for the work. But if the money isn't approved by the start of the fiscal year on Oct. 1, corps officials told a Senate committee, the work likely won't be completed in time.

That's worrisome, given Congress' track record. Louisiana Sen. David Vitter pointed out that the corps' budget has only been adopted by the start of

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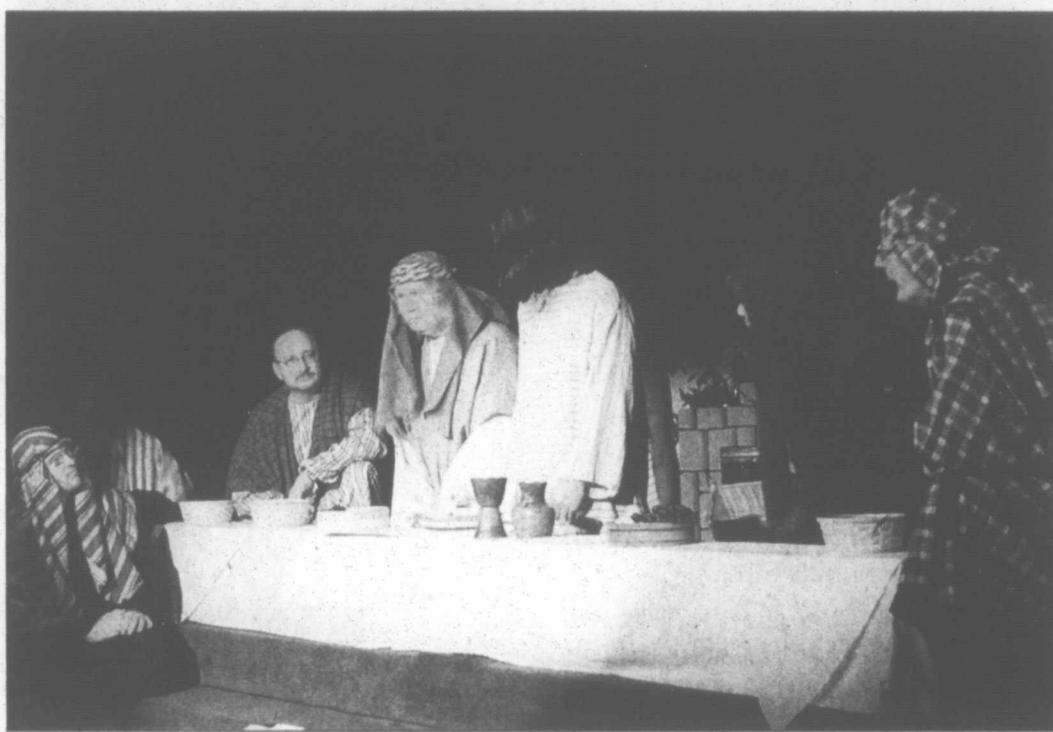
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This photo was taken of a scene from a previous Resurrection drama at Calvary Baptist in which Will Wright, from left, Rick Pearson, Mitch Grant, Bo Bohannan, Rick Addington, Jim Bennett and Robert Campbell depicted Jesus in the Upper Room. Addington played Jesus. "Mary Did You Know" will be staged at Calvary Baptist Church at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

Calvary Baptist

Church brings story of Christ to life

The Easter story will come alive at Calvary Baptist Church this Sunday, when the Easter Pageant "Mary Did You Know" will transform the church sanctuary into Jerusalem and the surrounding countryside.

A costumed cast and crew of about 100 will portray the greatest story every told — the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year's pageant is based on the Christmas song "Mary Did You Know," which asks the mother Mary the question: "When your baby was born, did you really

know that he would be crucified as the Savior of the world?"

The cast of over 50 is directed by Sandy Crosswhite, who also wrote the script. Suzie Jameson will play Mary and Trent Davis will play Jesus. The adult choir and band will provide the music for the pageant.

The pageant will have two showings — 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. The program will be free to the public. Calvary Baptist Church is located at 900 E. 23rd Street, 1 mile east of the junior high school.



Courtesy photo

Concert

Blake Bolerjack will appear in concert at 6 p.m. Sunday at Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. A graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University with a bachelor of arts degree in theater, Bolerjack has traveled with several well-known musical groups, worked with Youth Quest, served two years in the youth ministry and led youth mission trips to Mexico. "The desire has been placed on my heart to share, through a Christian concert music ministry of song and testimony, the hope of Christ and the impact He has made on my life," Bolerjack said. The concert will be open to the public.

CHURCH BRIEFS

New Life Church/Iglesia Nueva Vida of Pampa has found a new home at 1200 S. Sumner (the old Trinity Fellowship Church building). The church was previously located at 801 E. Campbell. New Life will hold a dedication service at the new building at 5 p.m. Sunday.

New Life was founded 25 years ago by current Pastors Pedro and Olivia Hernandez who have pastored the church since its inception. Services are bilingual. Service times are 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sundays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays.

BORGER — The Church of Christ in Borger will host a gospel meeting Sunday, March 30 through Wednesday, April 2 with Spencer Furby. Furby attended Crowley's Ridge College in Paragould, Ark., for two years, Freed Hardeman University for two years and Harding Graduate School for 11 years. He holds a Ph.D. in theology and is married with two children. Services will be at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday-Wednesday.

AMARILLO — Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will host "The Imperials" and Noah Forsberg along with the jamboree band at 7 p.m. April 10 at the Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo. Admission to the jamboree is free. For more information, call (806) 944-5255.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently moved in with my 41-year-old fiance, "Sean." He's a great guy, never married, no children, and I love him dearly. I have discovered something disturbing about Sean. He has this "security fur" he can't part with. He told me he has used it since he was very young and says that the feel of it calms him down. However, I believe the "fur" has other uses besides being his security blanket. When I became upset about it, Sean hid it from me. He only came clean (somewhat) after I told him I don't like finding those pieces of fur. I have found them in his bed, in his robe pocket, in between the sofa cushions, etc. How can I break him of this "habit"? It makes me uncomfortable, and I guess the truth is I'm somewhat jealous of the darn thing. Besides, it reminds me of a dead animal. How can I get the fur out of both of our lives without destroying our relationship and jeopardizing our upcoming marriage? -- **FUR-IOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR FUR-IOUS: Over the years, I have received mail from more than a few readers who have told me they still have remnants of their baby blankets they're unable to part with -- and that touching the fabric calms them when they're agitated. However, because you suspect that your fiance may use the fur for "other things," it is important that you be clear on exactly what they are before you marry him. My advice is to have a frank, nonthreatening chat with Sean -- in the presence of a marriage counselor, if necessary -- and get to the bottom of it. If Sean has a fur fetish -- and by that I mean he needs it for arousal -- you will have to decide if this "kink" is something you can live with.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 45-year-old man with a dilemma. Two years ago, I met a wonderful 22-year-old woman who has a terrible eating disorder. Over the last two years she has been hospitalized probably 18 months out of 24. Many people have come into her life and promised to be her friend, and all of them have given up on her as her parents have. There was a time when I didn't miss a day of visiting her, sometimes driving an hour and a half one way. I was the only person going there and bringing her what she needed or wanted. What started as a friendship turned into a relationship. We love each other very much. The age difference is a problem to some people -- the same ones who at one time didn't care enough to visit when she needed them the most. They say she won't live past the age of 25 because of the damage she has done to her body. The short periods of time she has been out of the hospital we have traveled across the U.S. on little trips. She loved it, and so did I. All I want to do is make sure she enjoys what life she has left. I believe I'm doing the right thing. What do you think? -- **IN LOVE IN ST. PAUL**

DEAR IN LOVE: Your ladyfriend may be young, but you are both adults. Time is precious, and you should enjoy as much of it as you can together. Also, unless you were told by her physician that she has only a short time to live, you shouldn't dwell too much on how long she has left. Happiness can be a great healer, and she could surprise everyone.

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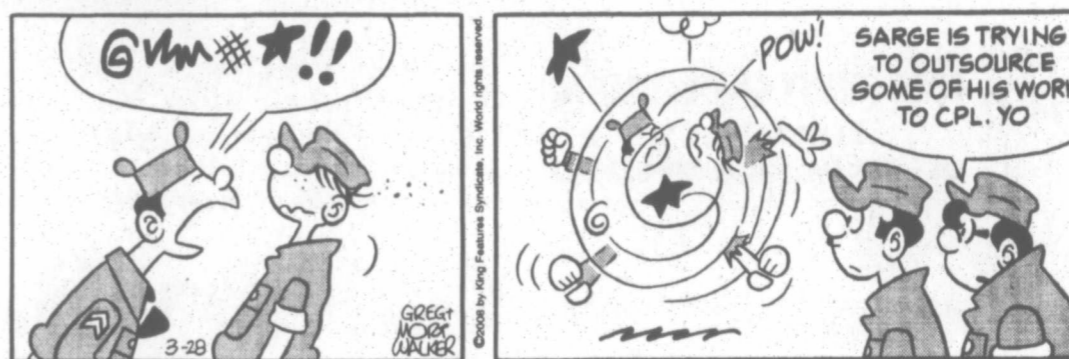
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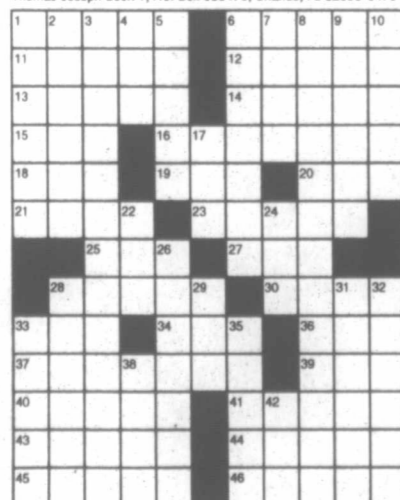
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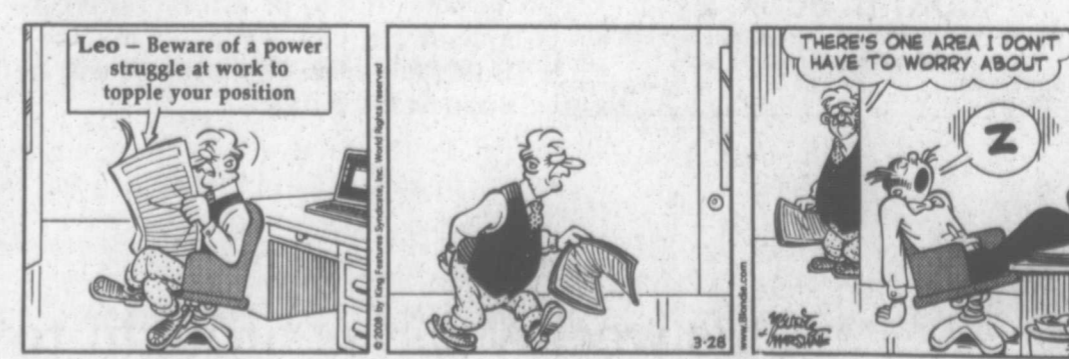
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Sports

Stanford's big guys ready to face little Longhorns and their fans

HOUSTON (AP) — At some point Friday night, perhaps as early as pregame layups, the chants will start.

"Texas!" the burnt-orange throng on one side of the stadium will holler.

"Fight!" the other side will answer.

Brook Lopez and his Stanford teammates will notice, of course — 25,000 people tend to make a lot of noise. And with their hands locked in the Hook 'em Horns gesture, their arms pivoting in unison, it'll be quite a sight, too.

Yet Cardinal players insist it won't bother them, even when the Orangebloods gang up and turn against them. After the catcalls they heard at UCLA and the edgy jabs spewed at Oregon State, they're convinced playing Texas in an NFL stadium in Houston will be just another road game.

"Same thing," Lopez said. "Just a bigger arena."

Bigger stakes, too.

Texas and Stanford are playing in a South Regional semifinal, with the winner becoming among the eight

teams still vying for the national title. The third-seeded Cardinal (28-7) hasn't gotten this far since 2001, while the second-seeded Longhorns (30-6) already have gotten a round farther than they did last year with superstar freshman Kevin Durant.

The matchup is a classic case of opposites: Stanford and its big guys, 7-foot twins Brook and Robin Lopez, vs. Texas and its little guys, do-it-all guard D.J. Augustin and shooting ace A.J. Abrams.

Analysts can fill a school's worth of chalkboards with strategies and counterstrategies about exploiting those differences. But the X factor might be how both teams will react to the Longhorns-loving crowd.

After all, the pressure of trying to please family, friends and fans can be a burden for guys in their late teens and early 20s.

"We don't want them distracted from the fact that we have to get ready to play a basketball game against an outstanding team," coach Rick Barnes said.

Texas has done just fine in

recent years, going 6-0 in NCAA tournament games played in the Lone Star State since 2002. That includes a trip to the Final Four in '03 that was sealed by a pair of regional-round wins in San Antonio.

Back then, the Alamodome was more raucous than a neutral site is supposed to be. Longhorns fans could make it even louder with this time, mainly because there will be even more of them. The Reliant Stadium configuration can hold around 40,000 fans and Houston is home to the one of the largest group of Texas exes.

"It's going to be great, man," said swingman Damion James, among nine native Texans on the roster. "I'm excited, the fans should be excited. And I want you to put this: We really appreciate them to come out and support

us. Keep cheering." Go ahead, said Stanford coach Trent Johnson, who considers it such a moot point he doesn't plan to talk to the club about it.

"This is a mature, experienced basketball team," he said. "The one thing I've told them that the crowds get bigger and the magnitudes in question in the game gets bigger, but it's still a game itself, and your ability to relax and do what you've done all year long is going to put you in situations where you can be successful or not."

A scan of the Cardinal's record shows at least a hint that hostile crowds can get to them: six of its seven losses came away from home.

Three were to UCLA, and there's no shame in that; the

Bruins are the top seed in the West region. Stanford held its own in the road games, going to overtime at Pauley Pavilion and losing in the final seconds of the Pac-10 tournament (at the Staples Center, as much of a neutral site as this will be).

As encouraging as that might be for Cardinal fans, there's also this fact: Texas was one of the two teams that beat UCLA at home this season.

"You watch that videotape and you understand that that basketball team is more than D.J. Augustin's team," Johnson said. "It's a very complete team and a very tough-minded team and a very skilled team."

Abrams has been the offensive spark in the NCAA tournament, scoring 26 points in each of the first two games. Texas also gets a lot of outside shots from its frontcourt of James and Connor Atchley. At 6-foot-10, Atchley is technically a center, but he takes — and makes — the third-most 3-pointers on the squad.

Texas isn't all small. On the bench there's 6-foot-10, 299-pound Dexter Pittman. He had 10 points and 11 rebounds in the opening round and might log extended minutes to help contain the Lopez brothers.

Stanford talked Thursday about trying to play a slow-tempo game, but that's not totally its style. The Cardinal averages 71.2 points per game, only 4.3 less than the Longhorns.

Brook and Robin are the focal points at both ends of the court. Brook averages 19 points and is coming off a buzzer-beater over Marquette.

The other highlight from that game was Johnson getting tossed in the first half. That couldn't possibly happen again ... could it?

"Yeah," he said. "If we get off to a bad start, I'm going to get ejected again so we can win the game."

Hearing laughter, he added, "It's not a joke, it's true, I love winning, so whatever it takes."

UT BASKETBALL QUICK FACTS

Basketball at UT was founded in 1906.

The home court for the Longhorns basketball team is the Frank Erwin Center, which can hold 16,755 people.

The All-Time Record is 1,532-928 (.623).

The Longhorns have appeared in NCAA Tournaments 25 times as of the 2007 season, with a 29-28 record.

There have been four NIT appearances, with a 6-3 record.

Head Coach Rick Barnes' record at Texas is 216-86, .715, with his career record being 418-220, .655. He has been coaching at Texas for nine years, with a career of coaching for 20 years.

The 2006-2007 overall record was 25-10.

The 2006-2007 Final

National Ranking was 11th with AP and 16th with ESPN/USA Today.

The 2006-2007 Big 12 Conference record was 12-4, placing the Longhorns in third.

In the 2006-2007 Big 12 Championship, the Longhorns were 2-1, while in the NCAA Tournament, they were 1-1.

Starters Returning/Lost in 2006-2007 is 4/1.

Titans not bothered by Pacman pitching self in Dallas

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Adam "Pacman" Jones' three-hour appearance on a Dallas radio show and his openly pitching himself to the Cowboys isn't bothering the Tennessee Titans.

After all, they did tell the troubled cornerback he could find a new team.

"We've given them permission to look for a new home, and whatever happens after that happens," Fisher said Thursday of Jones and his agents.

"I know he has enjoyed

the time that he spent here on the football field. But because of his choices as such off the field, he's created a situation where he is going to have to look elsewhere."

Jones appeared on Michael Irvin's radio show Tuesday and said once again he wants to play for the Cowboys. Fisher said the discussions the Titans are having about Jones are confidential.

"When we have something factual to report, we'll report

it," Fisher said after a news conference announcing the retirement of right guard Benji Olson.

Any chances the Titans' top draft pick in 2005 — the first defender taken that year — might be able to salvage his relationship with this team after six arrests and a seasonlong suspension are wrong. Jones said Tuesday he hopes Cowboys owner Jerry Jones gives him a shot, saying Dallas is where he wants to be.

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WT GOLF

CANYON, Texas — West Texas A&M men's and women's golf teams welcome in squads from around the region next week as play begins for the 2008 Buff/Lady Buff Stampede. The tournaments will mark the only home events on the calendar for both the men and women.

The men's field will take to La Paloma Golf Course when play begins at 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning. The event is scheduled for three rounds to be played on Monday and Tuesday.

The women will tee off at 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning as well, but across the street at Tascosa Country Club. The tournament will feature two rounds of play, one on Monday and one on Tuesday.

Joining the Buffs in a very challenging field will be Western New Mexico, Oklahoma Panhandle State, Abilene Christian, East Central, St. Mary's and Southeastern Oklahoma.

The Buffs are looking to rebound from their last outing in which the team finished 14th at the Kicking Bird Classic. The Buffs will be led by junior Jon Musser, who will be looking to tame the lightning fast greens of La Paloma. Musser has been the Buffs' most consistent golfer in the last few events.

The women's field will feature the likes of Western New Mexico, Oklahoma Panhandle State, Colorado State, Cameron, East Central, St. Mary's, Adams State, Fort Hays State,

Central Oklahoma and a team of Scandinavian amateurs.

The Lady Buffs will look to continue the success from the fall season as they cracked the top 25 in the Golf World/NGCS Division II Coaches' Poll following the team's win in the Grizzly Invitational/RMAC #3.

The Lady Buffs will look for a pair of sophomores to continue playing beyond their years as Mollie Peterson and Whitney Osborne look to build upon their recent success. Osborne finished 10th in individual play in the last event the Lady Buffs competed in and Peterson finished first in individual play at the Grizzly Invitational earlier in the season.

Anthony's 32 points lead Nuggets past Mavericks

DENVER (AP) — The minutes didn't matter. The Denver Nuggets were just encouraged to see a uniform draping Nene's beefy body again, and that great smile splashed across his face once more.

The big Brazilian forward played the final 77 seconds of the Nuggets' 118-105 win over the Dallas Mavericks on Thursday night, marking his return to the court 2 1/2 months after surgery to remove a malignant testicular tumor.

"Everybody was excited to see Nene back out there, just to see him back in his uniform, seeing him smile again after the stuff he's been through," said Carmelo Anthony, who scored 32 points and keyed the decisive run in the Nuggets' fourth straight win.

Nene had been out since Jan. 11, and it's been just over a month since he underwent chemotherapy.

In the locker room afterward, Nene never stopped smiling. He said he's still full of nerves, still absent enough stamina but certainly not lacking any strength.

"I survived, I'm still here," he said. "I'm a new man, stronger than ever, I just say, 'Thank you, everybody.'"

Allen Iverson added 31 points for the Nuggets, who are a half-game behind Golden State for the eighth and final playoff spot, and one game behind the Mavericks. The Warriors visit the Pepsi Center on Saturday night for another big matchup.

"That game's bigger than this game," suggested Anthony.

But this game will long be remembered, too.

When Nene stripped off his warmups and finally entered the game with 1:17 left, he was given a rousing standing ovation and teammate Kenyon Martin embraced him in a bear hug.

"George Karl said, 'Go ahead, enjoy your party,' Nene said. "It's a special moment in my life."

Nene had hoped to play about 5 minutes, but those aspirations were dashed when the Nuggets fell behind by 15 points early on.

Besides, it's not as though the Nuggets were looking for a major contribution or even an emotional lift.

"It's not about how he plays," coach George Karl, a fellow cancer survivor, said before tip-off. "We're just

happy he's back and we're going to celebrate his health, we're going to celebrate his coming off of major cancer surgery, and we're just going to celebrate. This has nothing to do with basketball. We're just happy he's with us."

Iverson said this was a night he'll remember forever. "He's a teammate, and he's

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— Avery Johnson
Dallas Coach

somebody we care about and we want around, but life is so much bigger than basketball," Iverson said. "When it happened to him, it put it more in perspective for me that it's not just about this game, it's about life. It was just a good feeling and I was happy to be a part of it."

Karl said he wanted to cry when Nene got into the game.

"It's worthy of tears," Karl said. "To see him come back, he's a hell of a person and to help him through this, if we can help him play this year, it will be a great story, it'll be a great feeling, it will be a great building block for the character and chemistry of our team."

Anthony also chipped in 10 boards and eight assists, helping Denver overcome a 30-point night by Josh Howard and 19 points and 15 assists from Jason Kidd.

The Mavericks are 10-9 since acquiring Kidd from New Jersey, but none of the wins was against teams with winning records. Six of their final 10 games are against teams above .500, including two against Golden State.

Dallas fell to 1-1 since losing MVP Dirk Nowitzki indefinitely with knee and ankle injuries.

But the Mavs controlled the tempo for much of the game. Kidd was left unguarded on the left elbow and swished a 3-pointer in the third quarter to give the Mavericks a 79-71 lead.

The Nuggets responded with an 18-2 run, with Anthony scoring half of the points. His breakaway slam dunk gave Denver its first

lead since the opening minutes.

Anthony sank four free throws with 3:17 left in the third quarter for an 86-81 lead after Dallas coach Avery Johnson and Howard received technicals for arguing a personal foul on Howard.

"Geez, I'm the only guy in the league that gets a technical by saying one word," Johnson complained. "It wasn't even a bad word. I was asking for a clarification. They have to get some tougher skin."

The Nuggets built their lead to 94-86 after three quarters and weren't threatened again.

Howard surpassed his scoring average of 19.6 points with a 22-point first half, leading Dallas to a 70-60 lead at the break. But without Nowitzki, the Mavericks couldn't keep repelling Denver's runs.

"I don't know if there was a void. Guys stepped up," Kidd said. "We just couldn't keep them off the boards and didn't take care of the ball in that second half."

THURSDAY'S SPORTS IN BRIEF

STEROIDS

EVERETT, Mass. (AP) — Former New York Yankees trainer Brian McNamee resurfaced to give a brief motivational speech to a small group of workout buffs but refused to comment on the steroid scandal that landed him and his famous former client in front of Congress.

In his first public comments since testifying that he injected seven-time Cy Young Award winner Roger Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone, McNamee gave about 25 high school athletes, coaches and parents a warning about mistakes that can tarnish one's reputation.

"My lifetime of actions can be defined by one singular monumental mistake," he said in a 12-minute talk at a friend's supplement store. "I believe firmly that everyone deserves a second chance. Every second chance needs a first step. Today, I'm taking that first step."

McNamee canceled sit-down interviews with a local television station and Associated Press reporter, saying, "I've got to think about my kids." GOLF

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. (AP) — Angela Stanford shot a career-best 10-under 62 to break the Prospector Course record and take a three-stroke lead over defending champion Lorena Ochoa in the Safeway International.

Stanford, the 2003 ShopRite LPGA Tour Classic winner, had a bogey-free round at Superstition Mountain Golf and Country Club. She had six birdies in a front-nine 30 and birdied the

Thornton scores winner in Sharks' 3-2 OT win over Stars

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Mike Modano glided toward Evgeni Nabokov with palpable confidence, knowing he had shattered the Shark Tank many times before. The star center on a Dallas team that loves to play in San Jose was highly unlikely to waste a breakaway chance to end this overtime game.

Instead, Nabokov barely stopped Modano's misfired first shot, and his easy rebound stuff rested calmly on the goal line next to Nabokov's reaching stick and the post. Thanks to Nabokov's final stunning saves, the Sharks' most feared opponent was denied — and a few moments later, Joe Thornton wasn't.

Thornton banked a power-play goal off the Dallas defense with 2:02 left in overtime, and San Jose inched closer to a Pacific Division title with a 3-2 victory Thursday night, snapping a six-game home losing streak against the Stars and clinching home-ice advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

"We've been playing real good hockey to get us in this position," said Thornton, the NHL assists leader who has seven goals in five games. "We just need to continue it. It's going to be good to have home ice for the first little bit."

Thornton also scored the tying goal early in the third period and Nabokov made 23 saves, including several stunning stops, as the Sharks earned a point in their 17th consecutive game. They're six points ahead of second-place Anaheim with a game in hand on the Ducks, who host the Sharks on Friday night.

San Jose needs three points from its last five games to clinch the third division title in franchise history and a top-two seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

Nabokov's improbable stops on Modano's highly probable scoring chances could be seen as even more reason to believe San Jose's fates might be shifting. The Sharks have trailed behind Dallas and Anaheim for most of the season — indeed, for most of the NHL's past three campaigns — but their talented roster shows more tenacity with each win.

"It was a hard game for us, but a good game," Sharks coach Ron Wilson said. "We got the job done when we needed it against a very desperate, very talented team. Let's face it, until their goalie imploded in the end, I didn't know which way the game was going."

Marty Turco made 24 saves but took a four-minute high-sticking penalty for slashing Joe Pavelski across the face just 75 seconds into overtime, eventually leading to Thornton's score. Captain Patrick Marleau appeared to deflect home Thornton's pass, but several minutes after Marleau took a bow in front of the sellout crowd, the official scorers awarded the goal to Thornton.

"We're all responsible for the things we do, and me in overtime there was nothing short of dumb," Turco said. "I always try to help my guys out (by hassling forecheckers), and in that case, they didn't need any."

Captain Brenden Morrow and Jere Lehtinen scored for the falling Stars, who lost for the eighth time in nine games and finally lost any mathematical chance of winning the division they led just a few weeks ago. Modano had two assists, but was left lamenting the short-handed breakaway that failed.

"I had him, I think, on the original one, but it just rolled off the end of my stick," said Modano, who had four goals in Dallas' first three games in San Jose. "I thought I had him coming back, but it just

stuck." Pavelski scored an early goal for the Sharks, who have won 15 of their past 17 games. They haven't lost in regulation since Feb. 20.

Lehtinen put the Stars ahead 2-1 during a two-man advantage in the second period, but Thornton tied it early in the third when Mike Grier did his best Thornton impression, flipping a cross-ice, no-look backhand pass to the Sharks' leading scorer.

The Sharks played their second straight game without goal-scoring forward Jonathan Cheechoo, who's still recovering from a hit to the head in last Friday's win over Anaheim. Cheechoo isn't expected to miss much more time, but Jeremy Roenick took his place on the Sharks' top line with Thornton and Milan Michalek.

Defenseman Philippe Boucher returned to the Stars' lineup after missing six games with a right shoulder injury.

"We're trying to build on something, and this is a good team we played today," Boucher said. "We were right there. When you're struggling, you've got to push a little harder, and we pushed."

Notes: LW Ryane Clowe, who injured his knee Oct. 27, skated with the Sharks in pregame warmups only. San Jose still says the bruising power forward won't return to the lineup until next week at the earliest, but hopes he'll be available in the postseason. ... Dallas RW Antti Miettinen and D Nicklas Grossman were healthy scratches. Grossman, who was replaced by Boucher, had missed just two games since early November. Miettinen, currently in a five-game scoring drought, hadn't missed a game since Dec. 7. ... The clubs finish the regular season against each other in Dallas on Apr. 6.

Got County Grip wins 16th race

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Paint horse Got Country Grip has equaled a North American all-breeds record by pulling away in the stretch for his 16th straight win.

The win at Remington Park on Thursday night ties Got Country Grip with four thoroughbreds, including two racing legends, 1948 Triple Crown winner Citation and North America's leading money winner, Cigar.

Ridden by G.R. Carter,

Got Country Grip stumbled at the start but recovered to beat Bust N Moves by 3/4 of a length, with Boy of Summer third.

Got Country Grip is 16-for-16 lifetime for trainer Brandon Parum and owner Jimmy Maddux of Weatherford, Texas. He went off at 1-5 odds and covered the 350 yards in 17.701 seconds, aided by a 20 mph tailwind.

final two holes for a back-nine 32.

The 30-year-old Texan broke the course record of 63 set by Cristie Kerr in 2004, and topped her previous career best of 64 in the first round of the 2006 Canadian Open.

Ochoa, the Mexican star who won the tournament last year for the first of her eight 2007 titles, had nine birdies and two bogeys. She won the HSBC Champions on March 2 in Singapore for her 18th LPGA Tour title.

Sherri Steinhauer was third after a 66, and Karen Stupples, Jee Young Lee and Yani Tseng and Heather Young shot 67s. Annika Sorenstam birdied the final two holes to match Paula Creamer with a 69. Sorenstam shot the first 59 in women's tournament history in her 2001 victory at Moon Valley. The 70-time LPGA Tour winner also won in 2004 and 2005 at Superstition Mountain.

AVONDALE, La. (AP) — Refreshed after a couple of weeks off, Dean Wilson birdied three of the last four holes in windy conditions for a 6-under, 66 and a one-stroke lead after the first round of the Zurich Classic.

Wilson played eight straight tournaments before taking the break. Briny Baird, Peter Lonard and Chez Reavie opened with 67s. Baird eagled the par-4 sixth hole, holing out from 208 yards with a 5-wood.

Steve Elkington, Vaughn Taylor, Jay Williamson, Cameron Beckman and John Mallinger opened with 68s. Woody Austin topped the group at 69 and defending

champion Nick Watney had a 71 on the TPC Louisiana.

PUERTO BANUS, Spain (AP) — Defending champion Lee Westwood shot a 7-under 65 to take a 17-hole lead in the European tour's Andalucia Open.

The Englishman had a one-stroke lead over 20-year-old amateur Danny Willett, also from England, and Norway's Jan-Are Larsen on the Aloha Golf Club course. Spanish star Jose Maria Olazabal, playing his first tournament after a nine-month layoff because of rheumatic pain in his shoulders and groin, opened with a 71. SOCCER

CHICAGO (AP) — The U.S. soccer team completed plans to play Argentina in an exhibition game June 8 at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

The Americans won at 3-0 at Poland on Wednesday, giving them consecutive victories in Europe for the first time. The team plays exhibitions at England on May 28 and at Spain on June 4.

The U.S. starts World Cup qualifying against Barbados on June 15 at Carson, Calif., then plays at Barbados the following weekend. If the Americans advance, they most likely will be in a semifinal group with Cuba, Guatemala, and Trinidad and Tobago.

CYCLING MANCHESTER, England (AP) — Britain broke two world records and completed a gold-medal sweep in the world track cycling championships.

The men set a team pursuit record and the women's team time trial set a world record. Former rower Rebecca

Romero became a two-sport champion when she emerged victorious in the individual pursuit for Britain's fourth gold in the velodrome.

Bradley Wiggins, Paul Manning, Geraint Thomas and Edward Clancy powered ahead of Denmark to finish in 3 minutes, 56.322 seconds in the 4-kilometer pursuit final.

The Danes finished in 3:59.381. Australia, which set the previous world record at the 2004 Olympics, was third in 4:00.089, ahead of New Zealand.

Victoria Pendleton and Shanaze Reade successfully defended their title in the sprint in 33.661, after setting a world record of 33.186 in qualifying.

TENNIS KEY BISCAAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Top-ranked Justine Henin received the WTA Tour player of the year award for the second time in her career.

Henin won 10 of the 14 events she entered in 2007, including the French and U.S. Open, and she became the first woman to earn more than \$5 million in prize money. She also won the award for 2003.

Cara Black and Liezel Huber were chosen doubles team of the year for the first time. They won the Australian Open and Wimbledon in 2007.

Huber was also honored with the player service award, which recognizes off-court contributions.

Ana Ivanovic was chosen most improved player, and Lindsay Davenport won comeback player of the year. Agnes Szavay received the newcomer of the year award.

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the fiscal year once in the past decade. He contends that it's unlikely to happen this year, in the midst of a presidential election.

His concern is well-founded, and he's suggesting a reasonable remedy: include the money for levees in the emergency spending bill for Iraq and Afghanistan. Those are likely to be taken up in the next few months.

That's what should happen. Providing protection against a 100-year storm deserves to be treated with a sense of urgency. New Orleans must not be left without robust storm protection any longer than necessary. ...

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Events calendar

• **Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center** is currently seeking memorabilia from the Dust Bowl Days for a special commemoration of this particular period in history April 10-13 at the center. For more information, e-mail lmmb777@hotmail.com.

• **Special Olympics** will hold its 13th annual "Ragin' Cajun" fund-raiser from 4-10 p.m. March 29 in the Rex Baxter Building on the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo. The fund-raiser will include live music, Cajun food, and live and silent auctions. Tickets will be available at the door for \$35 per adult and \$15 for children between the ages of 6 and 12. Tickets may be purchased in advance at Randy's Music Mart, at Nationwide Insurance and at Special Olympics office, 203 W. 8th, Suite 400, all in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 374-7171.

• **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.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-5:30 p.m., April 2 and 9:30-11:30 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., April 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **Copper Breaks State Park at Quanah** will premier a new children's campsite program April 5. The family-oriented presentation will begin at 3 p.m. and is part of the statewide "Great Texas Trash Off" events being observed at the park from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. that day. For more information, call (940) 839-4331.



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Style show

Darla Brown models a multi-belted dress from Amy Lynn's in Berger — one of 10 stores showing spring fashions at the upcoming Altrusa Style Show slated April 12 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The event will kick-off at 10:30 a.m. in the Heritage Room of the auditorium. Tickets are \$12 each and may be obtained from any Altrusa member or at the door at the time of the show.

Purcell

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ways the sky is falling — we need to stand above the fray. We need to keep hold of ourselves.

I know a perfect way to get started.

If you're lucky enough to still have your parents in your life, go to their house and get out the old photo box.

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

Reese

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piece of paper that comes across their desk. Usually the only thing they are protecting is our own government from embarrassment or possibly criminal prosecution.

National-security letters are a good example. These are demands by the FBI for information about citizens for which there is no search warrant. The institutions receiving them are threatened by criminal prosecution for revealing to anyone that they have received one. These warrantless searches went from 8,500 in the year 2000 to 47,000 by 2005. The current government conducts all kinds of "data sweeps" that involve

our use of the Internet, including Web pages we visit and e-mails we write or receive, along with telephone calls, our spending habits, the flights we take and our bank records. The right to privacy for all practical purposes is as dead as a beached whale.

But are you being spied upon? Sorry, that's classified. Thus, invasion of privacy and secrecy go hand-in-hand. The only remedy I can see for this is to vote out of office the politicians who have tolerated it and to avoid electing anyone who might reasonably be expected to continue these practices. They are all done, of course, in the name of security, but Benjamin Franklin said it well when he wrote that those who prefer security to freedom deserve neither.

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