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ARRIVING IN STYLE



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Evan Coleman, Katy Davis, Paige Whittamore and Hunter Shay are delivered to Saturday's Pampa High School prom on the shovel of a front end loader. More prom entrance photos can be seen on page 3.

County OKs improved data reporting plan

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County Clerk Susan Winborne was preparing a Gray County plan for improved data reporting to the state today after the county commission approved the plan last week.

Approved at Friday's Gray County Commission meeting Friday, the plan outlines procedures for improving data reported to the state including the disposition completeness percentage.

County Judge Richard Peet said today that the Texas Department of Public Safety keeps records on the disposition of county reports and records with regard to law enforcement. The county commission appointed a committee of eight city and county officials to determine how best to develop reporting procedures.

The committee consists of Lisa Parman from the Gray County Sheriff's Department; Assistant District Attorney, Jeff Mathews; County Attorney Josh Seabourn; County Clerk Winborne; Becky Fulton, the Pampa Police Dept.; Juvenile Probation Officer Shawna Howard, and Lynda Wheat with Local Government Solutions.

The data reporting improvement plan covers arrest reports, arresting agencies, prosecutors office, juvenile probation department and district and county clerks' offices.

Peet said that some 200 other counties working on similar reports at the request of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

During their meeting Friday, the county commission also passed two resolutions. One was in support of a heliport, hangar and classrooms near Pampa Regional Medical Center. The other was in support of a project to build a new airport terminal at Perry Lefors Airport north of town.

The commission also approved a road crossing 100 feet west of Gray County Road 19 and Gray County Road C.

The commission broke early Friday to attend the groundbreaking ceremonies of the heliport.

Ground broken for new heliport at Medical Center

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Despite Mother Nature's best efforts, several dozen people turned out to Pampa Regional Medical Center Friday to witness the groundbreaking for the facility's new heliport.

It's an addition that will be a huge boost not only to the hospital's capacity to serve the Pampa community, but also to the entire region, said Emergency Services Foundation of Texas President Dr. James Hall.

"It's big news," said Hall. "Not only will the community be able to use this, but putting a helicopter here will help save lives, because of the time that it will save on trips to the eastern Panhandle."

"This will help save a lot of lives." Hall said that it's a rare occurrence for facility such as this one to be placed outside a large metropolitan area.

"It's very uncommon for a rural area to get something like this," Hall said. "This is something that Pampa can be proud of."

Construction for the heliport is being funded in large part by the Texas Department of **HELIPORT** cont. on page 3

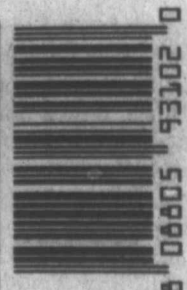


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With a LifeStar helicopter in the background, a lineup of shovels does the honors during the groundbreaking ceremony at the heliport on Friday.



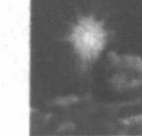
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Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. South southeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. South southeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northeast. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Janet Hill Bridwell Preston, 48

Pampa—Janet Hill Bridwell Preston, 48, died May 16, 2010 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Preston was born January 18, 1962 in Long Beach, Calif. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1966, graduating from Pampa High School in 1980. She attended West Texas A&M University. After college, she worked for Dr. Soriano and Dr. Shaffer as well as the Family Medicine Center,

and later worked for Gray County Appraisal District. She married Ronnie Preston in 2008 in Pampa. Janet was a Methodist and was currently attending Briarwood Church. In her spare time, she enjoyed reading and being socially active with her friends and community. She will be remembered as a loving wife, daughter and friend.

Survivors include her husband, Ronnie Preston of the home; two stepdaughters, Aleisha Williams of

Owasso, Okla., and Amber Preston of the home; father, DeWayne Hill of Pampa; brother, Travis Hill and wife Shonda of League City; a step-granddaughter, Savannah Williams of Owasso, Okla.; niece, Tasha Hill of League City. Janet was preceded in death by her mother, Patricia Hill in 2004. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.



Preston

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PISD board of trustees to meet tomorrow

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The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet at 7 p.m., Tuesday, in the Pampa Junior High School band room, 2401 Charles, to swear in new members and reorganize the board.

Among the items on

their consent agenda are winter sports bids, custodial equipment and supply bids, revision of school board meetings, revision of basic instructional program requirements and sell of delinquent tax properties.

Topping the action items on the agenda will be a request to annex land into the City of Pampa, a

construction update on the new ag barn and construction of the new junior high building.

The board will also discuss the possible purchase of a copyright for the new Pampa Junior High "Reaper" mascot.

The school board will set a date for a public hearing for the 2010-2011 bud-

get and tax rate.

They will also consider a rental agreement with a wireless provider.

The school board will review grant opportunities, hear a curriculum report and hold a budget workshop.

They may also consider contracts for new employ-

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests over the weekend.

Friday, May 14

Steven Ray Crawford, 36, was arrested by deputies on a bond surrender in connection with a driving while license revoked charge.

Saturday, May 15

Elizabeth Ann Smith, 35, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Michael Aaron Touchet, 24, was arrested by police on a capias pro fine warrant on having an expired motor vehicle inspection.

Jeremy Lee Evans, 34, of Amarillo, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on capias pro fine warrants charging

him with driving without a license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Christopher Dalton Hamilton, 17, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants charging her with curfew violation and driving with no driver's license.

Alexander Reid Torres, 19, was arrested by deputies on charges of evading arrest and public intoxication.

Kelly Breann Smith, 19, of Levelland, was arrested by police on a warrant out of Lubbock on fraud charges.

Sunday, May 16

Eryca Sovanah Annette Pierce, 20, of Lefors, was arrested by the Lefors marshal on capias pro fine warrants charging her with driving without a license, not wearing a seatbelt and theft under \$50.

DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, May 18, 2010:

This year, you often stop mid-sentence to rethink what you are about to say. Your listening skills increase, to the extent that you are even more aware of your words! You have unusual creativity and imagination, and know that there are many different ways of presenting thoughts, ideas and situations. Choosing the best way or the best words can make a difference. If you are single, you could meet someone while simply running an errand. You don't need to actively look so much. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy colorful conversations. Entertain more at home. LEO can be an anchor.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Don't worry if you are a turtle crawling along in the a.m., because you could transform into a hare darting along by the p.m. Your creativity opens up. A problematic discussion in the morning could be redone. Tonight: Act like you are done with work!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You might be uncomfortable with everything that you are hearing. A boss, though vague, continues to meet your standards. You aren't going to change him or her, so ask more questions in order to get clarity. Tonight: Happily head home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Curb possessiveness or a feeling of insecurity. You might want to rethink a situation involving your personal life. Given time, you will walk past the issue. A resolution simply isn't going to happen now, as much as you might like. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Use the morning hours to the max. You could be saddened by some news that you hear. Let that feeling pass, as you will hear more that is less disheartening. Zero in on a primary goal with a friend's help. Tonight: Order in. Relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Take it easy in the a.m., when you just might not be as vigorous or energetic as you might like. You could be far more depressed about a situation than you realize. Look within. You might need to take action. Tonight: Feeling much better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Use the morning to push a project forward. You could be overwhelmed by everything that you are saddled with. Ask for support in a meeting, or make calls to encourage others to pitch in. Learn to say "no" more often. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Stay on top of a personal situation. Tackle a project when your enthusiasm is high. You'll get results, and faster at that. A meeting late in the day presents opportunities to meet new people. Tonight: Allow more fun in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Keep reaching out for a loved one or someone you care about at a distance. You could be exhausted by all the thoughts that are flying through your mind. Your creativity surges, encouraging you to take the lead. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A close associate wants a lot of your time. You feel pressured, and you need to let that person know. Otherwise, there will be an undercurrent of dissatisfaction running between you. Detach from an immediate issue.

Solutions appear. Tonight: Join a pal at a new night-spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others come toward you. Listen, but don't necessarily decide to do anything more. For a key person, you have done enough already. A discussion with a partner in the late afternoon demonstrates this person's reliability. Tonight: Talk over dinner.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ An easy pace might be nice, but certain matters must get done, and quickly at that. Block another's disruption, and let this person know that you will be more available later in the day. Once you can breathe, catch up on messages and news. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Use your ingenuity in the morning. Be smart, and don't let someone's grumpiness filter into your day. A meeting serves as a cheerleading session to get a project off the ground. Tonight: Summer is coming; time to exercise.

BORN TODAY

Pope John Paul II (1920), comedian Tina Fey (1970), singer George Strait (1952)

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GRAND ENTRANCES



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ABOVE: Kristin Bivins and Jacob Wichert pull into prom in miniature cars. **RIGHT:** Joe Lamb escorts Laura McGrath to prom in a fashion old school romantics would love — on a tandem bike.



Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Heliport

Transportation's aviation division. Due to a measure added to the state's general appropriation bill by State Rep. Warren Chisum, \$500,000 will come from TxDOT, with the remainder of the bill being footed

locally. Hall said that the next step is the June 15 filing of a Request for Proposal, which goes out to potential contractors for the project. Barring any setbacks, the timetable is set for construction to begin

in mid- to late August. Hall added that it was good to see the community and local support agencies turn out to the facility's groundbreaking, even in spite of the less than perfect weather. "We had, I think, over 85

people," he said. "It was nice to see all the community's support, even in the kind of day we had. We've always had a great relationship with the police, the fire department and the emergency services over there, and it was great to see them come out for us."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old high school senior who will be leaving for college soon. My boyfriend, also a senior, will be leaving, too. We have been going out for the past two years and trust each other completely. We attended different schools, so we are both fairly adapted to a "long-distance relationship."

The problem is I will be going to college in Florida while he will be staying in Michigan. Neither of us wants to break up, but we understand the enormous changes that will be taking place soon. I don't want to force any unnecessary stress upon him, and I know he feels the same. What are the chances of a long-distance relationship like this working out? Do you have any tips for maintaining it? — COLLEGE-BOUND

DEAR COLLEGE-BOUND: You are right that significant changes will take place after you and your boyfriend leave for college. You will both grow in different directions, which is a good thing and is to be expected. It will either enrich your relationship or end it. But if you have a strong friendship, are honest with each other and aren't afraid of letting each other enjoy some freedom, your chances are stronger of having a relationship that is long-lasting. It may seem counterintuitive, but it's true.

DEAR ABBY: In the past your column has been supportive of Overeaters Anonymous, a 12-step program for those suffering from compulsive eating. This year is the 50th birthday of OA. We want to remind people that they are not alone.

I have been a grateful recovery member of OA for eight years. Food is no longer my reason for living. I have been transformed by the program, both externally and internally. I want people to know there is help. Just as all heavy drinkers are not necessarily alcoholics, neither are all overeaters food addicts. But for those who are — and there are thousands — OA is the answer. — JANET IN TUCSON

DEAR JANET: My warmest congratulations to you, your fellow OA members and to Overeaters Anonymous on its golden anniversary year. When

my mother first mentioned **Overeaters Anonymous** in this column in 1973, I am told the organization was inundated with 40,000 letters from readers wanting to know more or to start chapters. Today OA has grown to more than 6,500 chapters located in more than 75 countries. There is no shaming, no weighing, and no dues or fees are charged at the meetings. Chapters are located in almost every city, but if there's a problem in finding one, log onto www.oa.org or send a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to OA World Service Office, P.O. Box 44020, Rio Rancho, N.M. 87174-4020.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of friends like the

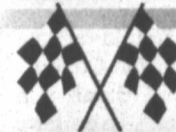
"Joneses," who tell us about all the different people they have had over for dinner and what was served, but have never invited us to share a meal even though we have had them to our house for dinner on more than one occasion? — STIFFED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR STIFFED: The people you have described are not acting like "friends." What they're doing shows extreme disregard for your feelings. When someone accepts an invitation to dinner in your home, anyone with good manners expects to reciprocate the hospitality in some way. If I were you, I would distance myself from the "Joneses." You'll have less hurt feelings and frustration if you do.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Monday, May 17, the 137th day of 2010. There are 228 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1536 - Archbishop Cramer declares marriage of England's King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn is invalid after she fails to bear a male heir. She is executed two days later.

1756 - Britain declares war on France, joining the Seven Years' War between European powers.

1792 - Twenty-four merchants form the New York Stock Exchange at 70 Wall Street.

1814 - Norway's constitution is signed, providing for a limited monarchy.

1940 - Nazi Germany occupies Brussels, Belgium, in World War II.

1954 - The U.S. Supreme Court issues its landmark *Brown vs. Board of Education of Topeka* ruling, which declares that racially segregated public schools are inherently unequal.

1955 - Actor Bill Paxton is born.

1957 - Egypt bars Israeli ships from Suez Canal.

1983 - Israel and Lebanon reach an agreement on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from Lebanon. The pullback starts in September.

1995 - Jacques Chirac becomes France's president with a promise to rejuvenate a nation scarred by unemployment and inequality.

1997 - Zaire's new leader Laurent Kabila renames the nation the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

1999 - Labor party candidate Ehud Barak wins a decisive victory in Israeli elections over hard-line Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu; Makah Indians in Washington state in northwestern U.S. harpoon a gray whale for the first time in 70 years.

2001 - The United Nations conference on poverty announces the launch of the World Trade University, a new university to give the world's poor access to training in international trade and finance.

2003 - Sri Lanka's heaviest rains in 50 years causes flash flooding that kills an estimated 250 people and washes away whole villages, destroying about 55,000 homes. About 150,000 people are made homeless.

2004 - Gay couples begin exchanging marriage vows in Massachusetts, marking the first time a U.S. state has granted gays and lesbians the right to marry.

2006 - The U.N. Security Council adopts a resolution pressing Syria to establish diplomatic relations and set its border with Lebanon as "a significant step" to asserting Beirut's sovereignty.

Today's Birthdays:

Sandro Botticelli, Italian painter (1444-1510); Maria Theresa, Queen of Hungary and Romania (1717-1780); Edward Jenner, English physician, inventor of vaccination (1749-1823); Birgit Nilsson, Swedish opera singer (1918-2005); Christian Lacroix, French couturier (1950-); Dennis Hopper, U.S. actor-director (1936-); Bill Paxton, U.S. actor (1955-); Enya, Irish New Age singer (1961-).

Thought For Today:

Power is not revealed by striking hard or often, but by striking true — Honore de Balzac, French novelist (1799-1850).



CSRP offers parents, kids support

A child needs and deserves both parents to play an active role in his or her life. That's why it is important for moms and dads to work together to parent their children.

Most parents recognize the importance of maintaining cordial relationships for the good of their children. They don't want their children to suffer because mom and dad can't get along.

Under Texas law, the Office of the Attorney General is responsible for collecting and distributing child support. In an effort to foster healthy relationships, the parent who pays and the parent who receives support are treated as equal partners who are committed to doing what is best for their children.

Services provided by the Attorney General's Child Support Division include:

- Locating absent parents
- Establishing paternity
- Establishing and enforcing child and medical support orders
- Reviewing and adjusting child support payments
- Collecting and distributing child support payments

In order to establish paternity and child support orders, parents have to make at least one trip to the courthouse. In court, the facts of the case are presented to a judge, who then rules on the matter. Going to court can be a stressful experience for parents, who many times do not know what to expect from the process. The formality of legal proceedings can result in increased tension between parents who already may be



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at odds about the outcome of their case.

Child Support Review Process (CSRP) is a non-adversarial way parents can resolve legal issues about their child support without going to court, thereby supporting improved family relationships.

That is why parents are encouraged to use CSRP as an alternative to the courthouse. For mothers and fathers who qualify, CSRP is a way to unite rather than polarize parents who must find common ground and resolve their child support obligations. Last year, more than 60,000 legal actions were resolved through CSRP.

CSRP is for divorced, separated or never-married parents who are willing to negotiate orders to:

- establish paternity
- set current child and medical support
- establish visitation rights
- pay retroactive child support
- obtain judgments for past due child support
- modify child support amounts
- enforce the payment of child support

With CSRP, both parents meet with a child support officer to establish an order in the privacy of an office. If traveling to the office creates a hardship for either parent, the meeting can be

conducted by conference call.

Once an agreement is reached, a CSRP order is filed with the court and reviewed by a judge. After the judge has signed it, a CSRP order is legally binding and will be enforced just as any order obtained through a court proceeding. Parents should consider CSRP because it:

- Saves time. Cases that go to court often require more than one appearance and long waits at the courthouse. With CSRP, parents schedule an appointment with the child support review officer and every effort is made to resolve the legal issues right then and there.
- Reduces stress. Because CSRP is less formal than a courtroom setting, parents are more comfortable and more willing to discuss issues related to the outcome of their individual case.
- Provides privacy. Court proceedings are public hearings where sensitive issues may be presented before all who are present in the courtroom. During the CSRP process, negotiations are conducted in the privacy of a child support office.

If you have a case with the Office of the Attorney General and need more information about CSRP, contact your local child support office. To apply for child support services, call (800) 252-8014, or visit the Attorney General's website at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov and click on "Child Support."

Greg Abbott is the Attorney General of the state of Texas.

We can all handle a little bit of God

Every so often someone asks me to write something about whatever force it is that keeps our inner selves held together. But then comes the caveat, "You can mention spirituality, just don't mention God." It happens a lot.

In the past, I'll admit, I was a little more than motivated by a paycheck and would twist myself sideways trying to figure out how to talk about a divine source but never refer directly to God. It didn't hurt that I used to think everything was about me anyway.

I was more than happy to help everyone take some of the credit by espousing blather about empowerment and making sure you say no enough of the time and the importance of boundaries.

Frankly, what I was really saying was I finally found a way to say no to the things I didn't feel like doing and still look like the nice girl. It was all a lovely justification that came with a paycheck. To me that meant I had to be doing something right or why would someone be willing to give me good money to write it.

I saw God as fire insurance, anyway, to be used at a later date, post mortem.

But put me in a tight corner, like staring down a recession and a dwindling paycheck and I was more than happy to build a nice little wall of resentment that God didn't keep me from all of this worry. It would be crazy to believe in some force that let me down so often. Everything that I have that is any good, I earned from the sweat of my own brow.



MARTHA CARR

Well, maybe not. I had everything backwards.

I did what I wanted to do, when I wanted to do it and then blamed God when it didn't work out the way I had already decided it needed to. I'd follow that up with a retrospective

analysis at how I could have done it differently to not be in such a jam and then work even harder, generating more work and end up at the same spot again. It wasn't until I finally wore myself out completely that I took the time to stand still and listen.

That's when my life took on a new rhythm that had less time devoted to work where I tried to get more of what I wanted and more time for service where I showed up just because it was the right thing to do. That added up to less personal empowerment, more time being present with a sense that everything is actually all right.

Now, here's the strange part. The less I did to try and build a bigger career for myself, the more success found me. And, every time I showed up to sit with someone else's mother in the hospital so they could take a break or took a two hour train ride to show up for a baby shower, everything else that I thought needed to get done, still got done. There

was a lot less plotting, maneuvering and manipulating on my part to get to a result I thought I needed and even less yapping about why I just couldn't be of service to you.

The results that have materialized were better than I expected and easier to obtain than all those years of hard work.

It's not that life hasn't still had its hiccups, but I find it much easier to accept what is, do what I can about it and just move on without all of the mental gymnastics or phone calls to others to lament.

My new style is to let go and giving God a chance, one day at a time. Nothing else worked and in my 50 years I tried every other kind of self-help out there before trying the simplest method of all.

Now, imagine handing out advice to anyone else and stripping out the one element that made it possible for me to find peace, joy and gratitude on a regular basis.

I can do that and say what someone's decided you want to hear or I can say what I've found to be the truth and let you decide for yourself.

I have a little more faith in you as well as a Higher Power and I think you can handle it. God and spirituality are all wrapped up in each other and there isn't one, without the other.

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Chamber Notes

JOE WEAVER
Executive Director

I don't get "personal" in the column very often, but today I will, just a bit.

I was standing in line in our beautiful post office a couple of weeks ago. I nodded to the man in front of me, when he asked, "When was this building built?"

I told him it had been a New Deal project, but I didn't know the exact date—1933 or so. It would be on the cornerstone. He continued to stare at the ceiling and remarked, "It's a beautiful building!"

I averred that it certainly was, when the man in front of him got into the conversation. He then introduced himself to me as Ed Sweet, a former president of the Chamber board.

The next Sunday, I saw the man again and caught up to him to reintroduce myself to him and to have him meet my wife. He introduced me to his and we had a lovely visit.

He asked me—as most people do—where I came from. I have

learned that when people ask that, they are not so much interested in the location, but whether or not I am familiar with the Panhandle—which I am, having lived in the western, northern, and southern sections.

I informed the Sweets that I was familiar with Pampa, as my grandmother had lived here. "What was your grandmother's name?" one of them asked.

"Minnie Miles." Margaret Sweet's face lit up as she turned to her husband and said "Minnie Miles? Why, she was my dressmaker! She lived over on Yeager!"

"That is absolutely right!" I exclaimed, glad to know that someone remembered her, though she has been gone over 30 years. It was also a great introduction to two of Pampa's finest people.

Where Does the Time Go?
At the end of this month, I will have been Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce for exactly one year.

It's hard to believe. I knew about Pampa when I accepted the position—my grandmother lived here, I had attended workshops here, and I had driven through on lots of occasions—but I didn't know Pampa.

When I came for my interview, I took a little time to drive around, to get off the highways, and see what Pampa was like where people lived.

I saw the parks, the stores, the residential areas, and came away with a different attitude than I had driven in with. Pampa has some terrific assets.

But what I didn't fully understand were Pampa's greatest assets—the people. John and Julia Sparkman have been friends of ours since we arrived in Dumas at about the same time. They never stopped talking about how great Pampa was. I always thought "Yeah, I know, everyone is proud of their own town."

When I moved here, and began to meet the people, I had to confess to Julia that she was right—Pampa is the friendliest town I have ever lived in.

As a matter of fact, I didn't even have to meet people—they often had a warm greeting even if I just passed their house on my bicycle, or stood in line with them at the post office, or saw them at the gym. Not just a nod and a wave, but a true greeting. I have never felt more welcomed anywhere than I have here.

Thanks, Pampa, for a great year.



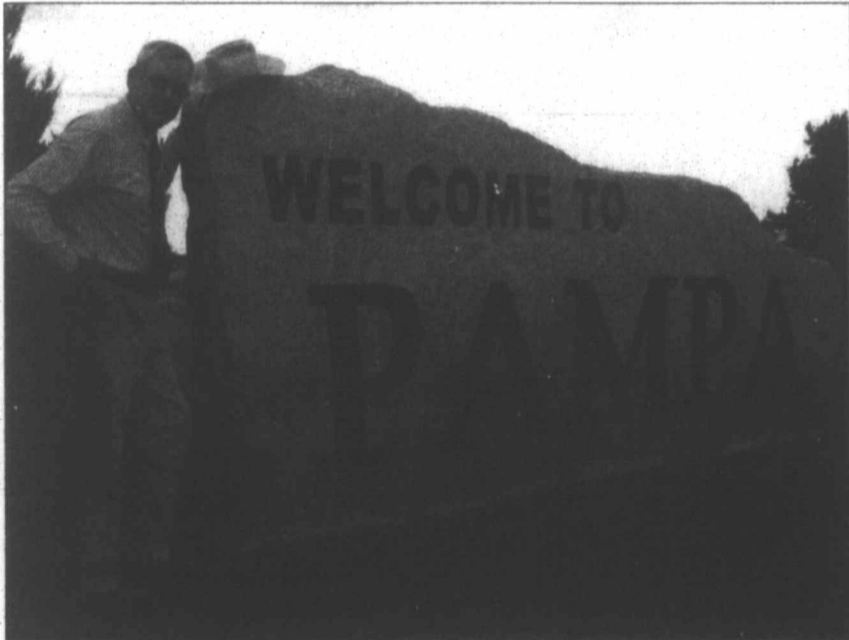
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Ammons Companies welcomed to the Chamber by the Top O' Texans Goldcoats. Pictured above L-R are: Sheila Webb, John Warner, Andrew Ammons, Jerry Foote, Benny Horton, Kerry Ammons, Mike Keagy, Joe Weaver, Ken Rheams, Shirley Jernigan, Dan Morrison, Roy Morriss, Kerrick Horton and Pat Montoya.



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Tralee Crisis Resale Store is located at 110 N. Cuyler. The Goldcoats were there on April 27, 2010 to welcome them to the Chamber. Pictured above L-R are Benny Horton, Joe Weaver, Kay Harris, Kerrick Horton, Pat Porter, Roy Morriss, Dee Dee Laramore, Shirley Jernigan, Louise Bailey, Mike Keagy, Pat Montoya, Sheila Webb, John Warner, Jerry Foote and Ken Rheams.



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PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE'S CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 18: Chamber Luncheon

May 22: Family Bike Ride. View outdoor art and architecture around Pampa. All ages are welcomed (kids under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Meet at the parking lot on the east side of the Chamber Building (Gillespie & Kingsmill) at 10am, round trip is about 10 miles. HELMETS ARE REQUIRED! Contact 669-3241 for more information.

May 26: Car Seat Checkup. Pampa Mall (2545 Perryton Parkway) from 1pm - 3pm. Come out and bring your child's car seat to ensure proper installation. A child's life is priceless. Sponsored by the Pampa EMS and Safe Kids Panhandle.

May 31: Memorial Day. Chamber, City and County Closed

June 1 - 5: PHS Band Carnival

June 5: Mud Bog. Recreation Park @ 10am. Contact Nick at 806-664-0327

June 12: Burnin' the Bricks in June. Recreation Park. Car show, Burnout, Cruise, and Drag races (Sunday). Contact Randy at 306-662-9892.

June 12: Cookin' on the Bricks BBQ Cook-off. Recreation Park. Tickets are \$10 (\$5 & under are free). Registration forms available at www.pampachamber.com, or Chamber office at 200 N. Ballard. Contact Holly for more information 806-669-3241.

June 12: Emergency Services Foundation of Texas and Pampa EMS Golf Tournament. Contact Joe Anstey at 806-665-0900.

To see details of these and other events check out our calendar on our website at www.pampachamber.com.

Cookin' on the Bricks

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2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
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Each Organization/Person will be completely responsible for set-up and take down of booth as well as trash pick-up around booth. Set-up will be from noon until 1:30 ONLY. Booths must be completely set-up by 2pm in order to participate. No late set-ups will be permitted.

Organization/Business: _____ Telephone: _____
Contact Person: _____ Email: _____

Will your booth be requiring electricity? Yes No
"Electricity is 1st come 1st serve basis. Booths should be prepared to use generator"

Type of booth - List Each Item (ie: selling, snacks, drinks, pickles or information only)

Booth Sizes & Prices: 10x10 - \$75.00 10x20 - \$125.00 20x20 - \$250.00
Chamber members will receive a 25% discount.

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**** The Chamber reserves the right to refuse any vendor participation in event. ****

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Pampa

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Chamber of Commerce parking lot
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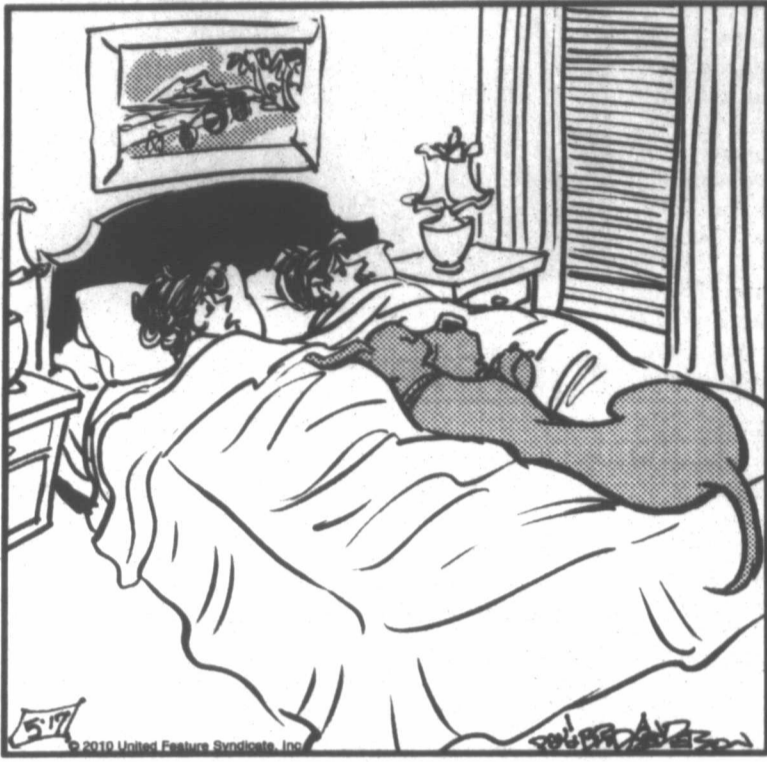
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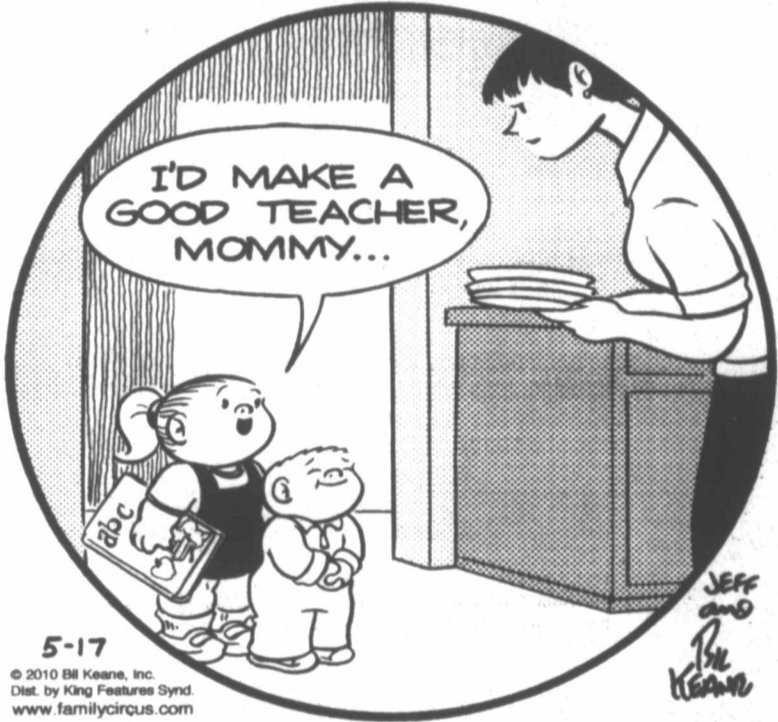


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"... I just taught PJ his alphabet up to C, 'cept he sometimes forgets B."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 47 Doorstop
1 Hawaiian shape greeting
6 Soothing ointments
11 Fable finish
12 French farewell
13 Hollywood worker
14 Gallows loop
15 Charity event
17 Singer — King Cole
18 Prosper
22 Foray
23 Joined forces
27 Like — (probably)
29 Scoundrel
30 How animals entered
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35 Easy mark
38 Frog's cousin
39 Shop equipment
41 Sun-powered
45 Boredom
46 Once and again

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Sports

Seventh inning blast closes curtain on Pampa's season

ANDREW GLOVER
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In the seventh inning Saturday, the Pampa Lady Harvesters and the Frenship Lady Tigers had the same chant when they came up to bat: "Win it." With the first pitch of the bottom of the seventh, though, Frenship were the ones to win it, as they hit a home run to end the Lady Harvesters season with a 1-0 victory.

Coach Jim Gill said they just came up against two good pitchers in the third round.

"Every team is good," Gill said. "We lost a 1-0 game today. It was a great ball game. We have seven fabulous seniors that are graduating that did a fantastic job. I'm very proud of them."

Frenship head coach Rob Dickenson said they stayed focused in a pitcher's duel.

"Our defense made good plays when they put the ball in play," Dickenson said. "We just hung in

there and got the lucky hit at the right time to win it. I know it was going to come down to a bobble or one big hit the way both pitchers were throwing."

Ashley Facio (11-5) started for the Lady Harvesters and pitched six innings and one batter in seventh allowing one run on two hits, walked one and struck out six. Facio suffered her first loss since March 13 against Vernon.

Ciara Rasberry started for Frenship and allowed two hits, walked one and struck out four. Rasberry only faced 23 batters, two above the minimum.

The Lady Harvesters only had five baserunners in the game and none of them reached second. Jordan Mayhew reached first on a dropped strike-out. Delaney Clendening ran for her but was thrown out in a double play. Shelbie Watson walked in the fourth and was out at second on a fielder's choice. Claire Hopkins singled in the sixth but was

caught stealing on a close play. Watson singled in the seventh but was forced out during a fielder's choice. Carlyn Teichmann reached first on the fielder's choice but Samantha Pearson grounded out to end the seventh.

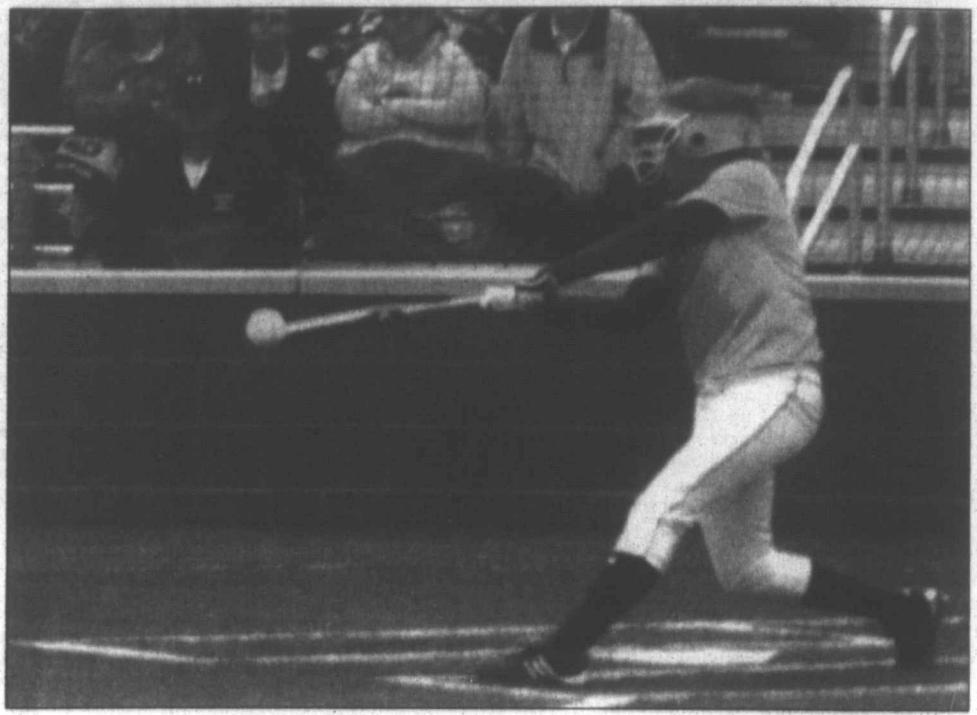
Maddie Johnson and Bri Garza got the only hits for Frenship. Johnson singled in the first and stole second but didn't advance further. Garza got the hit to seal the game as she sent the first pitch of the seventh over the left field wall.

Dickenson said Garza is a power hitter and can send it a long ways when she connects.

"She's almost had a couple others of those walk-off home runs just didn't make it over," Dickenson said. "She's a good player. She just stood in got the good pitch and the good swing."

Gill said expectations have risen for the team and the coaching staff is proud of their girls.

"Anytime you get to the third round of the playoffs



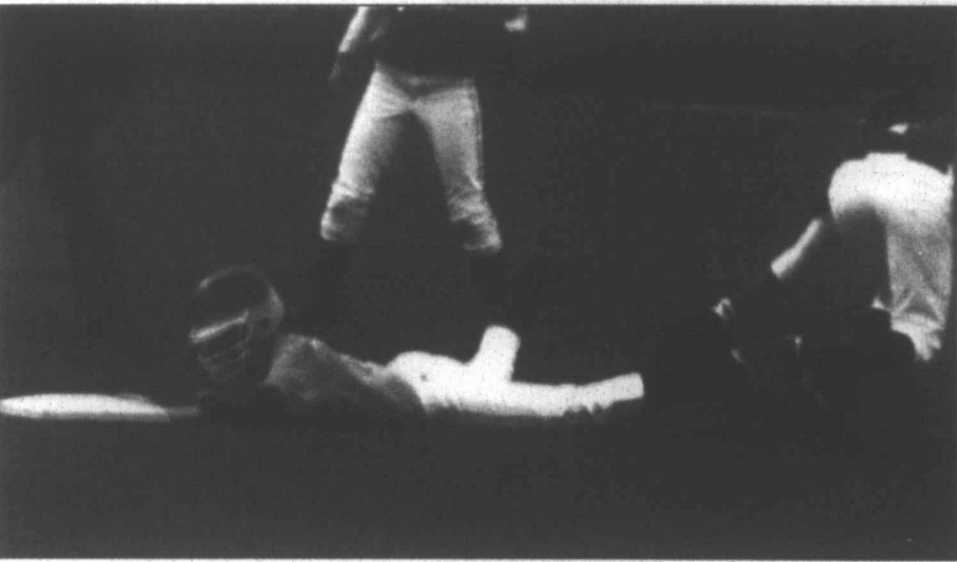
staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Carlyn Teichmann hits a ground ball in the seventh inning Saturday against Frenship. The result of the play was a fielder's choice and this would be Teichmann's final career at bat. Pampa lost 1-0 to end their season.

it's a fantastic job," Gill said. "We had 25 wins this year. It's a great thing, by getting there, our expectations have gone up. That's

a good thing for the program."

The Lady Harvesters finish the 2010 season 25-11 and have advanced

to the third round or further for the sixth straight season.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Claire Hopkins slides into second on an attempted steal in the sixth inning. Hopkins would be called out on a close play for the second out of the inning.



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
Shelbie Watson catches a line drive to end the sixth inning and keep the game tied Saturday in Sundown. The ball was the last one fielded by Watson as Pampa lost 1-0 to the Frenship Lady Tigers

Quick Summary

Frenship 1, Pampa 0

WP - Ciara Rasberry (12-3)
LP - Ashley Facio (11-5)

It was over when: Bri Garza hit the first pitch of the bottom of the seventh over the left field wall for a walk-off home run.

Game balls go to: Ciara Rasberry and Bri Garza of Frenship. Rasberry pitched a two-hit shutout and allowed one walk and struck out four. Garza hit a walk-off home run in the seventh to clinch the series for Frenship.

MVP for Pampa: Ashley Facio. In her final game, Facio allowed one run on two hits, walked one and struck out six.

Stat of the game: 0 Lady Harvester base runners made it past first base.

Stat of the series: 5 total hits for Pampa in the regional quarterfinal series.

Stat Shot: HR-Frenship Garza SB- Frenship Maddie Johnson and Bailey Bell

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Pampa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
Frenship	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0

Note: Winning run was scored with zero outs in the bottom of the seventh

Pampa							Frenship						
Batter	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	Batter	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO
C. Hopkins	3	0	1	0	0	1	A. Nabors	3	0	0	0	0	0
A. Facio	3	0	0	0	0	0	M. Johnson	3	0	1	0	0	1
S. Watson	2	0	1	0	1	0	A. Bell	3	0	0	0	0	1
C. Teichmann	3	0	0	0	0	0	B. Garza	3	1	1	1	0	1
S. Pearson	3	0	0	0	0	0	J. McClellan	1	0	0	0	1	1
B. Beck	2	0	0	0	0	0	B. Coronado	2	0	0	0	0	1
J. Mayhew	2	0	0	0	0	1	C. Carman	2	0	0	0	0	0
B. Barker	2	0	0	0	0	2	H. Jordan	2	0	0	0	0	1
S. Keown	2	0	0	0	0	0	K. Carnell	2	0	0	0	0	0
Pitcher	IP	H	R	BB	SO		Pitcher	IP	H	R	BB	SO	
Facio	6	2	1	1	6		Rasberry	7	2	0	1	4	

Congratulations on a great season Lady Harvesters!! Best of luck to seniors Carlyn Teichmann, Ashley Facio, Shelbie Watson, Mikaela Flores, Brooklyn Barker, Samantha Pearson and Emilie Troxell in the future!!

Final day with softball: A running diary

Compared to the adventure I had to cover Game One of the regional quarterfinals, covering Game Two was routine, mundane and boring. Hopefully you will not describe this column as such. Unfortunately, Saturday ended up being the last game as Pampa lost 1-0 to finish with a 25-11 record. Here's what my final day of covering the softball team for 2010 was like.

9:30 a.m.-I run into Walmart to buy a car charger for my iPhone so I'll have some power to do post game interviews after the game. I also buy another scorebook since mine is down to one game and hoping to play with fate all at the same time.

10:15 a.m.-I pull into the parking lot at the stadium, parking far enough away that a very deep foul ball would be the only way my car would get hit. I charge my iPhone, listen to Toby Mac's song "Boomin" to follow pre-game tradition from the postseason wins.

10:42 a.m.-I decide it's time to take the field. I go into the dugout, drop off my camera bag and the other scorebook hoping it will get action in two hours.

11:14 a.m.-The first inning is complete and neither said has plated a run. Apparently the public address is confused and still thinks Frenship is batting as Jori McClellan is said to be batting and not Carlyn Teichmann.

11:20 a.m.-Ashley Facio is pitching well, as she set the Lady Tigers down in order in the second. However, Pampa



ANDREW GLOVER

hasn't gotten their bats going as Ciara Rasberry retired her first six batters of the game.

11:31 a.m.-The game is a little less than half over. The good news is we are keeping them scoreless, as we set them down in order for the a consecutive inning. The bad news is we haven't scored either much less get a base hit. Jordan Mayhew reached base on a dropped third strike but was erased on a double play.

11:43 a.m.-Apparently the scorekeepers are keeping track of balls put in play in the hit column and we have 11 to Frenship's nine.

11:50 a.m.-Pampa had a close call but the game is still scoreless. Teichmann trying to double off Frenship has her throw to third sail into left field. Bailey Bell of Frenship is not alert enough to score and stays at third.

11:52 a.m.-Claire Hopkins tries to steal second but is called out much to the shock of Pampa fans. Apparently the umpire saw Frenship tag her on the foot before she touched the bag.

12:03 p.m.-We enter the top of the seventh still tied at zero and we are hoping

we can get the hits necessary to put us in position to win Game two.

12:08 p.m.-Frenship keeps us scoreless yet again as our balls keep finding their leather. Now they chant "win it" as they come to the plate.

12:10 p.m.-Bri Garza smashes the first pitch over the left field wall and Frenship erupts in celebration and Pampa experiences the agony of defeat.

12:15-12:30 p.m.-Emotions set in that their season is over. Heck I even got a little emotional (yes, I know my editor and publisher won't let me live that down).

12:30 p.m.-The parents come out to comfort their children after the loss. After that a photo shoot did ensue even though we weren't the victors, as parents wanted to capture memories of the season.

12:45 p.m.-I start my long journey back to Pampa. Unlike the previous two trips, I have to battle my fatigue instead of giving in to it.

3:20 p.m.-I drive through Hereford and can't wait to be out of there as the stench of cattle is getting to me.

5:01 p.m.- I am back at home, and after completing my first season of covering Pampa and Lefors sports, I will get to rest for a couple of months-although I would much rather be talking with my editor and publisher about funding a trip to Mineral Wells.

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