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Vehicles traveling south in the 400 block of North Hobart kick up plumes of spray as they hit patches of curb-deep water caused by thunderstorms which began moving into the area last night. A location four miles outside the city reported receiving seven-tenths of an inch of rain overnight, according to the National Weather Service in Amarillo.

Spring storm sweeps area

By MARILYN POWERS

STAFF WRITER

woke up to digital electric porary loss of power. clocks flashing "12:00" this service during the night.

Jim Fuller with Xcel Energy said in a telephone service right now," he said this interview this morning that morning at about 9:30 a.m. one transformer had been hit by lightning during the night, Department and Pampa Police leaving some customers with- Department both lost electriout power for a time. There cal service during the night for were also "a few spotty out- one to two hours, causing disages," he said.

the sudden large electrical department. surge caused by the lightning,

Fuller explained. This is a safety feature built into the electrical system to prevent Some Pampa residents damage, and can result in tem-

Power was restored within morning after lightning strikes "a couple of hours" to everyfrom an early spring storm one whose electrical service caused disruptions in electric had been interrupted, Fuller

"Everybody in Pampa has

Gray County Sheriff's ruptions in computer systems, In addition to hitting elec- but both had power restored trical transformers, lightning this morning, according to can cause fuses to trip due to spokespersons for each

(See STORM, Page 3)

Battle for the White House begins in earnest

BY RON FOURNIER AP POLITICAL WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) - President College math.

Partisans from both parties are already fretting over their candidate's

"President Bush has the best odds, but incumbency has its disadvantages, the South's Tennessee and Arkansas. too," said Tom Slade, former chairman

the incumbent or challenger."

tle for the White House opened If so, it may be settled in Florida and this year. Wednesday with the incumbent buffet- 15 states that Bush won or lost by 5 ed by dangers in postwar Iraq and the percentage points or fewer in 2000 — massive immigration from California, loss of jobs at home, yet holding the the Midwest states of Iowa, Minnesota, has moderated the politics of this upper hand on money and Electoral Missouri, Ohio, Michigan and state," said state Sen. Ken Cheuvront, the Wisconsin; Washington

"There's four years of record to throw Gore couldn't win his Republican- Delaware, which Gore won by double

rocks at, and I've often debated with leaning home state, Kerry probably digits in 2000. myself over which I would rather be — won't, Democratic and GOP strategists said.

"This election might settle that Two states Bush won by just 6 per- states in the Electoral College and Bush versus John Kerry. What promis-question," Slade said with a sigh, "for centage points — Arizona and West we've made decisions based on that," es to be a contentious eight-month bat- better or worse." Virginia — could be more competitive said Matthew Dowd, the campaign's

> "The Hispanic influence, as well as Northwest's an Arizona Democrat

In his first ad blitz, an extraordinary Pennsylvania, Maine and New \$10.5 million buy, Bush is targeting Hampshire in the Northeast; Western voters in 16 battleground states from states Nevada and New Mexico, and 2000 - minus Tennessee but plus West Virginia and Arizona. In a show Tennessee may be the only 2000 of strength, he's even running ads in of the Florida Republican Party. battleground that doesn't qualify. If Al the traditionally Democratic state of

"We know this election is going to be decided in a limited number of chief strategist.

Changes in the Electoral Map favor Bush. The president won 30 states four years ago, worth 271 electoral votes in 2000. Reapportionment has increased their value to 278, without a vote being

Kerry's base consists of 11 states plus the District of Columbia won most easily by Gore in 2000, worth 168 electoral votes Nov. 2.

Besides those Democratic strongholds, Kerry's strategists believe he

(See ELECTION, Page 3)

Park superintendent: Lake Meredith meeting meant to quell rumors

FRITCH - Citizens will answer session. have the opportunity to voice

Middle School. officials, begins at 7 p.m.

"There's a lot of rumor, speakers. innuendo, and just plain old gossip in the community relat-Area. "We urge all concerned a press release. citizens of the area to attend."

been set to answer questions constructive criticism on park about boat ramps, temporary closures, gate installations, inform visitors of the rationale information distribution and behind management deciprescribed fire issues.

The two-hour meeting includes a staff presentation, tact park headquarters at 806followed by a question-and-

Attendees will be asked to their concerns about Lake sign in and persons wishing to Meredith at a public meeting, speak must sign a speaker's March 23, at Sanford-Fritch roster, park officials said. Speakers will have five min-The meeting, set by park utes each to speak, or longer depending on the number of

"With lake levels continuing to decrease, there is a pered to the park," said Karren ception that the park is clos-Brown, superintendent of ing. Nothing could be further Lake Meredith Recreation from the truth," Brown said in

"We always welcome She said the meeting has insight from park visitors, issues and the opportunity to sions," she said.

For more information, con-

More 'Secret Affairs'



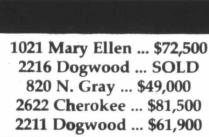
Ronnie Holmes plays the neighborhood butcher, Carroll Chatham, and delivers a sack of heart-shaped meatballs to Mildred Wild played by Berinda Turcotte in the ACT I production of "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" playing Friday and Saturday, March 5-6. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Season ticketholders may make advance reservations by calling 665-3820. The ACT I theater is located on the west side of the Pampa Mall on Perryton Parkway.



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ON RECORD

STOCKS

Due to technical difficulties, stocks are not available for placement in the paper today.

OBITUARIES

SHIRLEY BARTON

at Amarillo. Services are pend-

New Hope Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Williams was born Oct. 15, 1962, in

Pampa, he was a 1981 graduate of Pampa High

—Sign the on-line register Shirley Barton, of Pampa, ing under the direction of died Tuesday, March 2, 2004, Carmichael-Whatley Funeral book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

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DALLAS - Arthur "Gill" Williams, 41, of School. He was a pumper in the oilfield. He Dallas, Texas, died Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at moved to Dallas in 2001 from Pampa. Dallas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m.

Survivors include one son, Juwan Price of Friday, March 5, 2004, at Fairview Cemetery in Dallas; three brothers, Ronnie Roland of Oklahoma City, Okla., Rudy Roland of Pampa with the Rev. T.J. Patterson, pastor of the Panhandle and Johnny Sims of Vicksburg, Miss.; Arrangements are under the direction of one aunt, Vernicer Williams of Panhandle; and six nephews and nephews.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

SERVICES TOMORROW

MINTON, Richard Leslie — Graveside services, 10:30 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

WILLIAMS, Arthur "Gill" — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

ACCIDENTS

The following accidents were today reported by law enforcement officials.

Wednesday, March 3

7:35 a.m. – A 1991 Red Subaru driven by Anita Davey Anderson, 68, 2001 Duncan, and a 1999 Chrysler mini-van driven by Deena Chumbley Hart, 40, 2307 Navajo, collided at 20th and Russell streets. Anderson was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign. No injuries were reported at the scene.

3:35 p.m. Texas Department of Public Safety investigated a motor vehicle collision at U.S. Highway 60 and FM 282 (Price Road) involving a 1993 Chevrolet pickup driven by Jeremiah Booth, 73, of Shamrock and a 2000 Ford Ranger pickup driven by Mayla Conner, 25, of Pampa. Booth was cited for disregarding a red light.

Conner suffered injuries in the collision and was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Rural/Metro Ambulance Service.

6:02 p.m. – A 1978 Ford LTD driven by Gerald E. Moore, 55, 1210 S. Hobart, and a 2001 Chevrolet Impala driven by Patricia L. Macumber, 52, Allison, collided in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Moore was cited for failure to yield-parking lot. No injuries were reported at the scene.

6:10 p.m. – A 1992 Pontiac Sunbird driven by Kellie Lynn Mullican, 17, 1128 Terry Rd., and a 1998 Ford Mustang driven by Karissa Ann Galloway, 17, 2740 Beech, collided at 19th and Hobart streets. Galloway was cited for failure to yield right of way at stop sign and expired driver's license. No injuries were reported at the scene.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

> Tuesday, March 2 Theft was reported in the

400 block of Rose. Taken was \$100 in cash. Wednesday, March 3 Telephone harassment was

reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

Failure to comply with sex offender registration was reported to the police department.

Britt Allen Jones, 40, 813A

N. Nelson, was arrested at his residence for aggravated sexual assault. Billy Jay Hagerman, 47, 424

N. Wells, was arrested at 400 W. Randy Matson on two counts of issuing a bad check.

Charles Ashley, 56, homeless, was arrested at 600 E. Frederic for public intoxication. Detra Williams, 23, 1113 S.

Briefs

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Huff, was arrested in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive on two warrants and was later released.

Patricia Fern Shipley, 60, 1013 S. Huff, was arrested at the intersection of Russell Street and Atchison Avenue on one warrant.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, March 3

10:02 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

3:27 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 and Price Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSAW.

8:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic. No transport.

9:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Frederic and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

SHERIFF

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

Wednesday, March 3 James H. Hayes, 44, 2216 Mary Ellen, was arrested to be sent to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to begin serving a four-year sentence.



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WASHINGTON (AP) - Millions of visa-carrying Mexicans who make short visits to America and stay close to the border won't have to be fingerprinted and photographed to get into the country.

Asa Hutchinson, the Homeland Security department's undersecretary for border and transportation, was to publicly announce the policy change at a congressional hearing Thursday, a congressional official who was briefed on the plan told The Associated Press.

The move, a concession to Mexican President Vicente Fox, comes on the eve of his visit to President Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

As part of the US-VISIT program started in January, foreigners from certain countries traveling on visas and entering at 115 major airports and 14 seaports are fingerprinted and photographed. The system was developed in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks to ensure that people on terrorist watch lists and other criminals don't get into the country.

The program will be added to the 50 busiest land ports later this year. Fox was upset that under the expanded plan, Mexicans would have been photographed and fingerprinted before entering the United States, while Canadians would not.

Mexican border officials and officials in U.S. border communities feared the program could lead to long delays or prompt fewer people to enter the country. Either scenario would hurt local economies that rely on a steady flow of visi-

Under the plan outlined by the congressional official, Mexicans who have so-called laser visas won't be fingreprinted and photographed provided they stay in the United States no more than three days and remain close to the border.

Iraqi police, U.S. soldiers arrest Iraqi extremist

terrorist cell made up of followers of the extremist Wahhabi sect of Sunni Islam, the military ing, the witnesses said. said Thursday.

were captured late Wednesday near Bagouba, a hotbed of anticoalition activity in the Sunni Triangle, north of Baghdad, Division.

northern Iraq.

A roadside bomb went off as bombings. a U.S. military vehicle passed Baghdad, wounding a 4th Infantry Division soldier, said arrested one Iraqi in relation to the American bombing there." the attack and are searching for

scene on a motorcycle. Insurgents fired a rocket- bombed strongholds of the propelled grenade at U.S. sol- extremist Ansar al-Islam in the diers guarding a building where U.S. officials were meeting

U.S. soldiers and Iraqi police members in the city of Fallujah, Hussein's regime was collapsarrested 14 Iraqis, including a witnesses and police said. The militant suspected of leading a Americans arrested one Iraqi after storming a building from present in Iraq," the where the insurgents were fir-

Sami Ahmed and the others people rallied to condemn only a small number remain, Tuesday's bombings at Shiite the group said.

bility for the attacks, but the top said Maj. Josslyn Aberle of the U.S. commander in the Middle Tikrit-based 4th Infantry East, Gen. John Abizaid, said Wednesday that there was evi-Five Iraqi police were dence that al-Qaida-linked wounded in separate attacks in Jordanian militant Abu Musab

An insurgent group in in the town of Hadid, north of Fallujah circulated a statement signed by the "Leadership of the Allahu Akbar Mujahedeen" Master Sgt. Robert Powell, an claiming that al-Zarqawi was Army spokesman, U.S. soldiers killed in northern Iraq "during

The statement did not say a second man who fled the when al-Zarqawi was supposedly killed, but U.S. jets

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - Thursday with city council north last April as Saddam police and hospital officials.

Mujahedeen statement said. Though many Arabs entered In Ramadi, nearly 1,000 the country to fight U.S. troops,

No group claimed responsi- The Associated Press the claim 181 people killed and 573 of al-Zarqawi's death was injured. patently false.

patrol in and around the charged. policemen, according to were Iranians.

U.S. and Iraqi officials disagreed over how many people "The truth is, al-Qaida is not died in Tuesday's bombings in Baghdad and Karbala. The Iraqi Governing Council said Wednesday that 271 people were killed.

On Thursday, a U.S. coalition official released what he A coalition spokesman told said was a final casualty toll:

U.S. officials said 15 people Insurgents struck an Iraqi were detained in Karbala in the police station and a police attacks, though none was Among northern city of Mosul on detained were five Farsi speakal-Zarqawi was behind the Thursday, wounding five ers, a suggestion that they

Gospel Meeting March 7th thru 14th

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ELECTION

add Michigan, Washington state and Maine to pass the 200-vote threshold. Claimed by Gore in 2000, they may be the ripest Democratic targets among all tossup states, but Bush is competing hard for them.

The next tier of Kerry targets are even tougher: Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Iowa, Oregon, Wisconsin and New Mexico. Winning all six, no easy task, would put Kerry within striking distance of the coveted 270 electoral votes.

He would still need to win at least one of the most competitive states - Nevada, Hampshire, West Virginia, Missouri, Arizona, Ohio and Florida are among the targets.

Other Southern tossup states may come into play for Kerry, but only if he's doing unexpectedly well everywhere else. Martha Dixon of the Democratic National Committee gave Bush a good shot in Arkansas.

"With all his problems, he's still the president - and that counts for something," Dixon said. "He gets to fly

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STORM

Telephone service was disrupted in at least two locations in Pampa this morning. Pampa Fire Department lost use of all but one telephone line, and The Pampa News lost all telephone service. Information gathered this morning was made possible by use of cellular phones.

Gray County Sheriff's Department and Pampa **Police** Department spokespersons said neither department had had any problems with telephone service as of this morning.

A spokesperson for The National Weather Service in Amarillo said in a telephone interview this morning that a report of seven-tenths of an inch of rain over a 24-hour period had been received from a reporting station four miles outside Pampa.

For the same time period, White Deer reported seventyeight one-hundredths of an inch of moisture, and a location two miles northeast of Canadian had received threetenths of an inch, according to the NWS spokesperson.

The showers and thunderstorms were expected to continue through today and tonight.

around the country on his big plane and talk big talk."

Money may be Bush's biggest edge. He has raised more than \$150 million, shattering his own record and giving him easy cash to try to define Kerry as a soft-on-terrorism, tax-raising, flip-flop-

The president's campaign the groundwork Wednesday for TV attack ads, accusing the Democrat of waging "a relentlessly negative campaign" against Bush this year. The president's initial TV ads portray Bush as the nation's caretaker in trou-

Kerry, who aides say raised more than \$1 million since wrapping up the nomination, is still far behind Bush in the dollar dash. Kerry must count on the Democratic National Committee and independent interest groups to help him compete.

The presumptive nominee also must retool his message for the general election, perhaps soften the rough edges of his criticism of Bush. Aides are planning a series of policy speeches for Kerry, who may travel overseas to burnish his

Most national polls show Kerry ahead or tied with Bush. In a race determined state by state, polls in the individual battlegrounds reflect a

Surveys also reveal lingering concern over the economy

and Iraq, no surprise to Republican state lawmaker Tom Murphy of Kennebunk, Maine. "If things happen in a positive way, Kerry's campaign is over. If they don't ...," he said, his voice trailing off.

Slade argued that Kerry will be easy to cast as a liberal, but, "He has a very impressive war record. He speaks with authority and is going to be a very competitive challenger."

Democratic Mayor Coleman Michael Columbus, Ohio, said he worries that Kerry may look too much like a creature of Washington. "The more time he spends in the heartland, in Ohio, the better off he's going to be," Coleman said.

J. Lowell Stoltzfus, a Republican state sen or in Maryland, gave Bush the nod on leadership and appeal, but said of Kerry, "He seems like a personable guy. You know, this could be close."

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FIRE

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

Wednesday, March 3 6:09 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at 19th and Hobart streets.

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THURSDAY • March 4, 2004

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Alcohol Fuels Fire of Conflict Between Parent and Teenager

DEAR ABBY: I am a normal 13year-old kid. I play soccer and the saxophone and am serious about both.

Lately, I'm noticing my mom's drinking. She threatens all kinds of things at night: no soccer, no sax, no social life. She gets argumentative and repeats herself. We've been getting into fights because she forgets things and says things she doesn't mean.

The other night, she grabbed and pushed me. When I told her to stop, she said she has nothing to lose, but I do.

Plus my dad is kind of timid, so he goes along with whatever she says. HELP! -- CRAZY IN COLORADO

DEAR CRAZY: Your mother's drinking is out of control, and her behavior is destructive. Your father probably hopes that if he ignores it, it will go away. Please clip this letter and give it to him. He needs to contact Al-Anon, and you should attend some Alateen meetings.

Alateen is a fellowship of young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. An active adult member of Al-Anon serves as a sponsor for each group. The number for both Al-Anon and Alateen is (888) 425-2666, and the Web site for both is www.al-anon.alateen.org.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer, my high school sweetheart and I linked up again at our class reunion. We live in different states. A few months later, I visited her. Two months after that, she came to visit me for a week. We got along great.

We talk constantly and are in love with each other all over again. Neither of us has children or other obligations. She has agreed to move here, get her own place for a while, and let nature take its course. I can't see myself with-

Her friends think she might be acting too hastily. Do you think we need more time? We are both 38 and are ready to spend our lives together. What do you think? -- CONFUSED IN KENTUCKY

DEAR CONFUSED: You are both adults. Since there is nothing keeping her in the town where she lives, I see no reason why she shouldn't relocate to yours. Her friends mean well, I'm sure, but they are not the ones who should be deciding whether her decision is too hasty, and I think they should butt out. *****

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Andre" since I was 12 and he was 13. We are now 26 and 27. Like any couple, we've had arguments. He's also cheated on me. We have three children. He also has four children with other women.

I am confused, Abby. We have a lot of trust issues. I have my guard up all the time. I love him. He was my first sexual partner. I want to get married, but I can't help thinking he's going to cheat

How can I learn to trust him totally? -- C.D. IN CHICAGO

DEAR C.D.: Being of sound mind and body, that would be impossible. Your boyfriend has proven at least four times that he is not trustworthy in the fidelity department. Thirteen years of this distrust and torture are enough already. If I were you, I'd talk to a lawyer, establish child support and let him go. He may be 27, but he still hasn't grown up.

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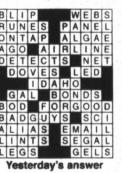
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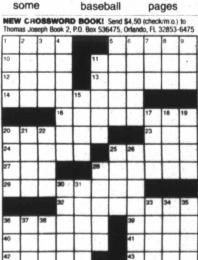
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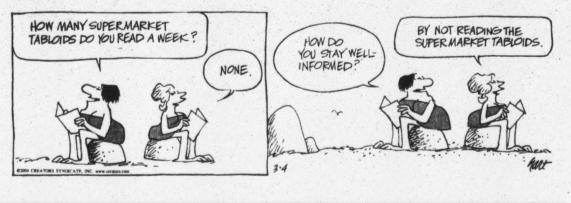


"Got the vacuum cleaner trapped in the closet, eh?"



"Mommy, why do you keep openin' your mouth without saying anything?"

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SPORTS

BASEBALL

PAMPA — The Pampa Rangers will be holding open tryouts this Saturday (March 6), beginning at 1 p.m. at the Pampa Optimist Club's 9-10 year old field.

The Rangers were organized two years ago to play baseball against area and out-of-state teams. The team consists of players ages 12 years and under.

The Rangers will be entering tournaments in Oklahoma and around the Texas Panhandle area.

The team is coached by Mike Killgo, Huey Green and Kevin Hunt.

Tryouts are open to youngsters between the ages of 10 and 12.

SOCCER

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP) — The United States women's soccer team, as expected, qualified for the Athens Olympics with a semifinal victory in a regional tournament.

Shockingly, they'll be accompanied to the Olympics by Mexico, which upset Canada 2-1 in the other semifinal.

The Americans routed Costa Rica 4-0 on goals by Aly Wagner, Abby Wambach, Kristine Lilly and Shannon Boxx.

FOOTBALL

BEREA, Ohio (AP) -Drew Henson ran, threw and showed off his rusty quarterbacking skills Wednesday during a one-hour private workout for the Cleveland Browns.

A Browns spokesman said Henson was given a physical and psychological test before working out for coach Butch Davis and members of his staff.

Henson also has worked out for the Dallas Cowboys and met with the St. Louis Rams. The former Michigan quarterback hasn't played football in three years, deciding instead to try a professional baseball career with the New York Yankees.

The Browns and Buffalo Bills also have expressed interest in Henson.

The 24-year-old was selected in the sixth round of the NFL draft last season by the Houston Texans, who are trying to work out a trade for him before next month's draft.

If a deal can't be done, Henson will re-enter the draft.

The Browns figured they'd take a look at Henson while they also are trying to restructure quarterback Tim Couch's contract.

Couch is due \$7.6 million this season and \$8 million in 2005, and the Browns want him to cut his base salary to create more room under the salary cap and so they can be more active in free agency.

Selig wants to put baseball's focus back on the field. To do that, the commissioner hās an idea: limit talk about steroids.

Selig recently sent a directive to all 30 teams, telling them to decline comment on the BALCO case "specifically" and performance enhancing drugs "generally."

While the memo was not sent to players, some of them liked the move.

"I think it's a good thing," pitcher Russ Ortiz, Atlanta's union representative, said Wednesday. "There's a lot of

NEW YORK (AP) - Bud comments out there. It's not them. just the players. It's other people, too. But it's all speculation.

"Right now, no one is reporting on baseball. They're reporting on all this other stuff. Let's focus on baseball and let the other stuff take care of itself."

Said Braves manager Bobby Cox: "I've not heard about it. I wish I had gotten that yesterday. I'd rather not Sheffield. address it anymore."

The talk about steroids has swept spring training, with increased speculation and scrutiny over which players might have used

On Tuesday, the San Francisco Chronicle reported Barry Bonds was given the substances by his personal trainer — who got them from the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative.

Commissioner wants teams to limit steroid talk

According to the newspaper, investigators also were told that steroids were given to New York Yankees stars Jason Giambi and Gary

Trainer Greg Anderson gave the players the drugs from BALCO, according to information given to the government and shared with the newspaper. Anderson has

been charged with participating in a ring that provided performance-enhancing drugs to pro athletes.

Giambi's brother, Jeremy, had little to say about the

"It's just something that's going on," he said at Dodgers camp. "I really can't talk about it. At some point, I will have a comment."

Asked about his brother, Jeremy said: "He's going about his business, he's got a season to play. He's getting ready to have another big

The subject of steroids has been a daily topic at Yankees manager Joe Torre's press briefings.

The first question Tuesday was about the Chronicle report and Torre politely said "next question."

Later, Torre was asked whether he was declining comment because he was told to keep quiet or because he didn't want to talk about the subject. He said both.

"I can't talk about something I don't know anything about. We feel that we really don't want to comment on this thing," he said.

Lefors, Wheeler teams meet in high school tennis dual

LEFORS - Lefors and Wheeler met in a high school tennis match.

Lefors won the girls' match 3-I and the teams tied 2-2 in the boys' match.

Lefors hosts McLean in more tennis activity today.

Results from the Lefors-Wheeler match are as follows:

Girls Singles (pro-set)

Katie Barnes (L) def. Andrea

Savanah Smith (L) def. B. Taylor, A. Jones (W) def. Lindsay Duckworth, 8-5.

Kaylá Andis (L) def. H. Hampton,

Rudy Garcia (L) def. Dallas

Owens, 8-2. James Chapman (W) def. Trent Roberson, 4-8

Brent Roberson (L) def. T. McWhorter, 8-5. J. Hampton (W) def. Brandon

Parsley, 8-4. **Girls Doubles**

S. Smith-Rachel Stubbs (L) def. Taylor-Hampton, 8-1.

Boys Doubles

Samuel Hillhouse-J. Moore (W) def. B. Roberson-B. Parlsey, 8-1. J. Andis-Tanner Ray (L) def. Brenton Goerend-Joe Don Glassey,

J. Andis-T. Ray (L) def. D. Owens-Cameron Burton, 4-3.

R. Garcia-T. Roberson (L) def. B. Goerend-J. Glassey, 8-5.

Fayetteville dashes Fort Elliott's championship hopes

AUSTIN (AP) — Jessica 48-41 Thursday to win the from the foul line. Class 1A Division II state championship.

during a tennis match at Wheeler.

Martinek scored 28 points, and her 3-pointer with 4:12 to play pulled Fayetteville within 41-40. Fritsch's shot 30 seconds later gave Fayetteville (31-5) the lead for good.

hit two 3-pointers in the throws in the final 50 secfourth quarter to rally onds to seal the win.

Lefors coach Joey Garcia (far right) meets with players (I-r)

Rudy Garcia, Katie Barnes, Savanah Smith and Rachel Stubbs

points and 13 rebounds to lead Fort Elliott (32-2), which went scoreless over the final 4:33.

Fayetteville shot just 28 led 24-22 after two quarters

Kaysie Gonzalez and turnovers into 16 points. Martinek and Brooke Fritsch Martinek made five free Martinek had 17 points in two turnovers but never the half.

Donaldson scored nine in Fayetteville past Fort Elliott Martinek went 11-of-11 the third as Fort Elliott built a 31-26 lead in the third. But Saturday's Texas Cup to City (28-5). Katie Donaldson had 26 then Fayetteville closed the quarter with an 11-2 run behind six points from Martinek and a 3-pointer by Fritsch.

> After taking the lead in percent in the first half but the fourth, Fayetteville went to a slowdown offense and by turning 11 Fort Elliott held the ball for nearly two

minutes. Fort Elliott forced turned it over two times and never got off a shot to tie.

Fayetteville advances to

Thursday's 1A Division I championship between Muenster (28-4) and Archer

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FAYETTEVILLE 48, FORT ELLIOTT 41

Fayetteville (31-5)

Gonzalez 1-7 3-5 5, Bertsch 0-0 0-0 0, Reames 0-1 0-0 0, Krebs 0-2, 0-0 0, Martinek 7-24 11-11 28, Fritsch 4-9 1-4 11, Orsak 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 14-47 15-20 48.

Fort Elliott (32-2)

Reis 0-2 2-4 2, McCurley 1-6 0-0 2, Dondaldson 11-19 3-4 26, Helfrey 1-4 0-2 2, Zybach 1-6 0-0 3, Hathaway 0-4 0-0 0, Coulter 2-4 0-0 4, Lohberger 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 17-46 5-10 41

Texas Tech downs Missouri for 20th victory

Emmett has 28 points

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas Tech coach Bob Knight won't predict whether his team's win over Missouri, the 20th of the season, is crucial to the Red Raiders getting into the NCAA tournament. He says he always waits for the pair-

ings. Tech snapped a twogame losing streak Wednesday night, beating the Tigers 87-76 in a victory fueled by Andre Emmett's 28 points.

"I've never thought that we were ever in the NCAA tournament until I saw the pairings as long as I've coached," Knight said.

Tech has won at least 20 games a season for three straight years, all under Knight.

For the 63-year-old coach, it is his eighth straight season of 20 or more wins, dating to the 1995-96 season when his Indiana team finished second in the Big 10.

It's the first time Tech as

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had three straight 20-win seasons.

Trailing Missouri by three at the half, the Red Raiders came out and used a 19-6 run to take a 60-50 lead with 13:41 remaining. Ronald Ross scored eight of the 19 points, all layups.

Tech (20-9, 8-7 Big 12) built its largest lead at 72-56 when Emmett stole a Tigers inbounds pass and put in a layup and a free throw with 10:37 left.

Tech scored 31 points in less than 10 minutes in the second half, missing on only one of 17 possessions. The Red Raiders failed to score on the next five possessions, however, and the Tigers used an 18-9 run to whittle the lead to 78-74 on layup by Jason Conley that was ruled good because of a goal-tending call with 3:07 remaining.

Missouri (15-11, 9-6) got no closer.

Knight credits his team with stemming the comeback.

"They came back and battled back and put it in a position when we weren't in danger of losing it in the last minute and a half," he

The first part of the second half was the best his am has played all season, Knight said.

"From a coaching standpoint, you wonder when you do play well why don't we play well all the time," he said.

"I don't know what the hell the answer to that one

Missouri coach Quin Snyder said Tech came out

"They knocked us back in the second half, but we kind of dug in defensively and came back," he said. "Any time you're down 13 to 15 points on the road to a team like that, you have to do something spectacular to win, and that didn't happen tonight."

The Tigers turned the ball over 16 times and Tech scored 27 points on those

mistakes. "It was our defense," Emmett said. "We got some easy buckets off defense. We preach defense.

playing Texas Tech basket-Tech, on the other hand, only

and we finally got back to

committed turnovers. "I'm not sure I've ever had a team play in a game

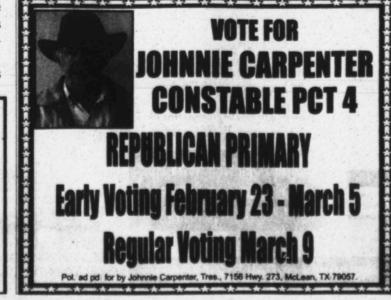
with only four turnovers," Knight said. Jarrius Jackson scored 19 points, while Ross added 15

for Tech. The loss stopped the Tigers' six-game win streak, which included a 93-92 overtime win over No. 8 Oklahoma State in late February.

Arthur Johnson scored 24 points and Jimmy McKinney added 14 for the Tigers.

Missouri led 44-41 at halftime.







Dusters sign former Pampa star

AMARILLO — Devin Lemons, former Pampa High and Texas Tech star, has signed with the Amarillo Dusters of the Intense Football League.

Lemons was a four-year starter at defensive camps with the Chicago Bears in 2002 and Miami Dolphins in 2003.

He spent the entire season on the Bears' practice squad in 2001.

At Texas Tech, he earned all-conference honors in 2000, and was the Red Raiders' defensive information on ticket prices, call 806-322lineman of the year that year.

He played football and basketball at Pampa, and helped lead the Harvesters to a the Class 4A state basketball title in 1996.

Two other players with area connections will end for Texas Tech. He attended NFL training also be suiting up for the Dusters. They are Randall native Jesse Hunnicutt, who played at Texas A&M and Amherst native DeWayne Miles, who is West Texas A&M's all-time leading rush-

The first games will be played in May. For

Canadian's Livingston is triple winner at Highland Park

AMARILLO — Tony Livingston of Canadian went away with three firstplace medals from the Mean Sting Relays at Highland Park.

Livingston won the long jump (20-5 3/4), 110 hurdles (15.05) and 300 hurdles (42.29) as the Wildcats finished third in the team standings.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March

Others hold the cards this year, so you would be wise to hold back until you know more about situations. You will find that many respond to a soft manner that you develop this year. Networking and changes within your immediate circle will offer many opportunities for growth and transformation. You also might find a friendship changing quickly. Investments flourish in the second part of the year. Relationships also flourish if you learn to go along with others and not always have it your way. If you are single, many people want to date you. You will decide who, where and what. If you are attached, the two of you profit from special time together, especially from the fall on. VIRGO has similar issues, but often challenges you.

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)

★★★★ If you don't express your softer feelings through words by the afternoon, you will change your mind. You could opt for a token of appreciation or a card. Express your interest in a workrelated project. Your sensitivity gains you friends. Tonight: Easy does it, even if it is Friday night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Spring into the weekend with fun on your mind, knowing that you will clear out as much work as possible. You find that others start swaying in your direction. Understand what you want from a key relationship. Tonight: Express yourself energetically. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

*** Speak your mind clearly, in a manner that others can hear. In the next Teammate Baker won both the 100 (11.03) and 200 (23.82).

Josh Berry for the Wildcats won the

shot put with a throw of 50-0 1/4. Barry was also third in the discus

Joe Nix was a winner in the 800 with a time of 2:12.8.

few weeks, you could observe a tendency to react more and be more sensitive.

Also check out new acquaintances more carefully. People might not be what they seem. Tonight: Mosey on home. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** You release a lot of tension about funds through actively communicating. You hear unexpected news or experience a sudden change of events. Flow with the moment, maximizing each situation. Tonight: Meet friends

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Use the morning to advance any strategic plans. You will encounter less resistance and find others far more willing to participate and work together. Later, money becomes a critical issue. Buy a lottery ticket. Tonight: Do what

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Lie low until later in the day, when the Moon slides into your sign, making you kingpin (or queenpin) of the Zodiac. Know your limits, and do not provoke someone unnecessarily. Your happy ways make waves with others. Someone could be jealous! Tonight:

The world is your oyster. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Use the a.m. to further goals that you have a vested interest in. Later today, you will accomplish a lot more by closing your door and getting work done that involves you and not others. You could be surprised by what you see. Detach if in groups. Tonight: A partner makes an offer you can't refuse.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Your ability to organize and get others to move emanates from an-innate charisma mixed with high energy. Others simply want to respond. Deal with a change in plans with a big smile. See what ideas you might want to sub-

Burris was second in the discus (140-2 1/2).

Highland Park won the team cham-

In the girls' division, Jenny Farrar was third in the shot put for Canadian (32-7 1/4).

stitute, and enjoy yourself even more. Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Review what is occurring around you. Listen to what is happening with others by returning and initiating calls. You have many reasons to smile. Steer clear of bosses who might want to overwork you! Tonight: A must appear-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Your strong approach helps others bend, if they are so inclined. Still, understand that other strong-willed people could be super-reactive. You might want to detach some from your kneejerk reactions. Tonight: Do something unusual. You like the variety.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Others seek you out. What becomes clear to those around you, as well as a key associate, is that you are coming from a very mellow place. Don't push someone too hard, but do honor a money agreement. Realize your limits. Tonight: Make it cozy. PISCES (Feb. 19-March, 20)

*** How you deal with work could change as the day gets older. Your peak hours are in the morning, when you zoom through your to-do list. Investigate new possibilities that surround a new friendship or tie. Tonight: Gentleness helps you with a disagree-

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Pampa Transmission	36 1/2	27 1/2
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Whitehead Cattle Co.	29 1/2	34 1/2
B & K Carpentry	26	38
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> COLLEGE BASKETBALL Wednesday's College Basketball

Major Scores By The Associated Press EAST Boston College 68, St. John's 54 Buffalo 77, Ohio 49 Fordham 84, La Salle 75 Temple 98, Massachusetts 92, 2OT

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Florida 63, Georgia 55 Georgia Tech 76, Duke 68 Kentucky 84, South Carolina 65 LSU 58, Mississippi 45 Marshall 78, Akron 68 Maryland 70, N.C. State 69 McNeese St. 71, SE Louisiana 68 Memphis 83, TCU 56 Southern Miss. 70, Tulane 60 UAB 61, South Florida 59

Vanderbilt 61, Tennessee 58 Virginia Tech 71, Rutgers 70 **MIDWEST** Ball St. 75, E. Michigan 47 Illinois 81, Purdue 79, OT Indiana 61, Michigan 56 Iowa St. 83, Colorado 77 Kansas 78, Nebraska 67 Louisville 75, Saint Louis 48 Marquette 77, East Carolina 73 Miami (Ohio) 59, Kent St. 57 Northwestern 51, Iowa 49 Ohio St. 71, Penn St. 64 Rhode Island 65, Dayton 63

SOUTHWEST Alabama 72, Arkansas 68, OT Charlotte 82, Houston 61 Kansas St. 64, Baylor 62 Oklahoma 86, Texas A&M 60 Texas Tech 87, Missouri 76 Texas-Arlington 81, Sam Houston St. 53 Texas-San Antonio 78, Lamar 72 FAR WEST

Toledo 84, Cent. Michigan 76

Xavier 83. George Washington 66

No major team scores reported from the FAR WEST TOURNAMENT **Southern Conference First Round**

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> **PRO BASKETBALL National Basketball Association** At A Glance By The Associated Press **All Times EST** EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Boston	26	36	.419	12
Miami	25	36	.410	12 1/2
Philadelphia	24	37	:393	13 1/2
Washington	20	39	.339	16 1/2
Orlando	17	46	.270	21 1/2
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Milwaukee	33	27	.550	11 1/2

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GB .650 5 1/2 .483 15 1/2 .443 Seattle 34 .424 Golden State 25 L.A. Clippers 25 35 .417 19 1/2 41 .339 24 1/2 Phoenix

> **Tuesday's Games** Toronto 89, Miami 86 Atlanta 94, L.A. Lakers 93 Dallas 107, Seattle 96 New Jersey 95, Denver 91 Sacramento 113, L.A. Clippers 106 Indiana 96, Golden State 88 Wednesday's Games Cleveland 112, Atlanta 80 Washington 84, Toronto 70 Milwaukee 105, Orlando 97 New York 88, Philadelphia 77 Minnesota 121, Dallas 97 New Orleans 100, Chicago 97, OT San Antonio 88, Seattle 84 Phoenix 87, New Jersey 74 L.A. Lakers 96, Houston 93 Memphis 97. Portland 88 Indiana 101, L.A. Clippers 94, OT Thursday's Games Milwaukee at Miami, 7:30 p.m. Sacramento at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.

Detroit at Portland, 10 p.m. Friday's Games Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m. New York at Toronto, 7 p.m. Washington at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Dallas at San Antonio, 8 p.m. Houston at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Indiana at Utah, 9 p.m. Seattle at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

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- Oklahoma finally found a team that has more problems than it does.

The Sooners snapped a four-game losing streak and kept alive their slim hopes of receiving an atlarge berth in the NCAA tournament with an 86-60 victory over hapless Texas A&M on Wednesday

De'Angelo Alexander scored 17 points and freshman Drew Lavender had 14 points and eight assists to lead the Sooners (17-9,

7-8 Big 12). Oklahoma opened the game on a 21-2 run, never let its lead slip under 13 points and led by as much as 30 in the second half.

"It was important to get off to a fast start," coach Kelvin Sampson said. "We didn't want Texas A&M thinking they had a chance to be in it."

The Sooners didn't have much trouble getting over the absence of senior center Jabahri Brown, who

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INGRATITUDE. - ROBERT CAPON

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used

with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Brown didn't suit up for

the game and wasn't at a team shootaround before the game. Sampson said Brown

was suspended from the team indefinitely, and that he wouldn't make a firm decision on the center's status until Friday. "Maybe he'll play again

— I don't know," Sampson said. "I only saw one report and I say don't believe everything you see." Even without their big

man, the Sooners managed to shoot a season-best 59 percent from the field not so surprising since the effort came against the Big 12's worst defense.

Texas A&M (7-19, 0-15) didn't put up much resistance.

The Aggies missed 10 of their first 11 shots and committed seven turnovers in the first 9 minutes, falling behind by 19 points.

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halftime, holding the Aggies to 5-for-29 shooting (17 percent) with 13 turnovers.

Texas A&M's starters combined for four points in the first half.

Even worse for the Aggies, a couple of players got involved in an altercation on the way back to the locker room at halftime.

"I got a high-spirited team," Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "They've got to learn to do it out there on the floor." Watkins wouldn't iden-

tify the two players.

Jesse King led Texas A&M with 13 points and Antoine Wright added 12. Oklahoma, ranked as

high as No. 6 in the first week of January, badly needed this win to stay in: the hunt for a bid to the NCAA tournament. Missouri, another Big 12: team hoping for a berth, helped out Oklahoma's cause by losing at Texas Tech on the same night.

Spurs 88, Sonics 84

SAN ANTONIO (AP) for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters,

Tony Parker redeemed himself. apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all He made two baskets and a pair of free throws down the, stretch to help San Antonio hold. on to beat the Seattle SuperSonics. OM DMMX FO 88-84 on Wednesday night.

Parker had been criticized by Spurs coach Gregg Popovich for inconsistency in the 81-80 loss to the Grizzlies. In that game, as in Wednesday night's, the Spurs mishandled a late, double-digit lead.

San Antonio's 13-point lead at CFZYW. - ONMCC VWFQHVD the start of the fourth quarter. Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MANY WOMEN ARE dwindled to a point before. POOR COOKS ONLY BECAUSE THEIR NATIVE GREATNESS HAS BEEN BEATEN DOWN BY Parker came through Wednesday.

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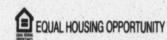
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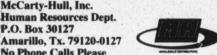
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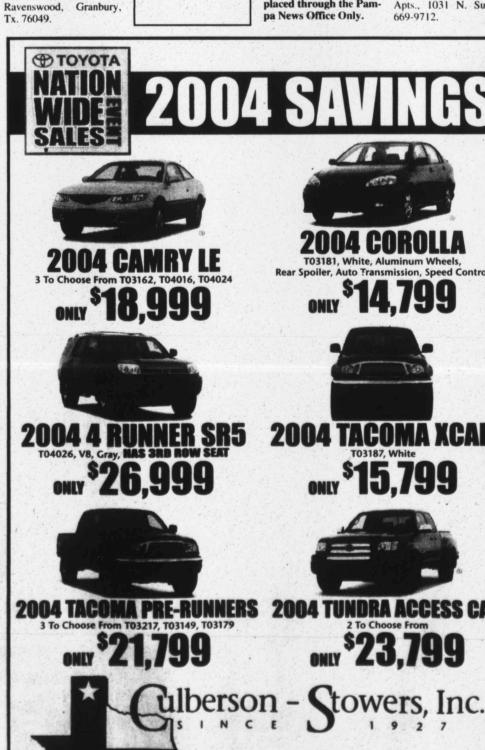
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BPA students participate in regional competition

Members of Pampa High School's Business Professionals of America Chapter attended Area IV, Region I, Regional Contest held recently at Palo Duro High School in Amarillo. The theme of this year's conference was "Savor Success."

Chapter advisor Beverly Jordan reported that the chapter competed against area schools from throughout the Panhandle. Participating from PHS were Ashley Garner, state qualifier, Basic Office Systems and Procedures; Raquel Ramirez, state alternate, Banking and Finance and Administrative Team; Amber Support state alternate, Administrative Support Team; Sonya Voyles, state alternate, Database Applications and Administrative Support Team; Cara Pryor, state alternate, Administrative Support Team; and Ryan Carter, state qualifier, Computer Network Administration.

The State Leadership Conference will be conducted March 3-6 in San Antonio.

BPA is a national organization for high school and college students preparing for careers in business and office occupations. The organization's activities and programs complement classroom instruction, giving students practical experience through the application of skills learned in school.

Shareholders voice collective discontent with Disney CEO

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Responding to the ire of Disney shareholders, the media giant stripped CEO Michael Eisner change, it won't satisfy the of his chairman's title — a move some feel is unlikely to their support for the embattled leader.

The Walt Disney Co.'s board voted unanimously Wednesday to sever the roles of chairman and chief executive, naming director George Mitchell as nonexecutive chairman. Eisner is keeping his job as CEO, and the board reiterated its approval for his leadership and the company's strategy.

Yet the change in management structure came only hours after a stunning number of Disney shareholders — 43 percent — did not support Eisner's re-election to the board.

Although the action curbs Eisner's previous control over

Disney and addresses the concerns of corporate governance groups that had called for the company's most vocal critics.

Those include ex-board quell grumbles from the large members Stanley Gold and Roy number who voted to withhold E. Disney, who have waged a three-month campaign to persuade shareholders to oust Eisner. The men have vowed to continue their fight.

In an interview with ABC's "Nightline" Wednesday, Eisner, 61, acknowledged the vote against him: "I do not belittle a large withhold vote." He also portrayed the jobs split as the result of wider reforms in corporate America.

"We should have been considering, and getting our company into contemporary governance and we did it today. We heard our shareholders who seemed to be interested in that, so we went ahead and did it," he

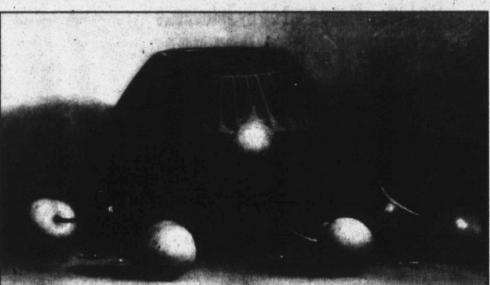
PPHM to sponsor invitational western art show

CANYON - On March 6, Friends of Southwestern Art of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society and Museum will sponsor the fourth Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the museum's art department by funding additions to its collection and bringing some fine Southwestern art to the area.

The museum has a history of hosting Southwestern artists, beginning with the Coppini Academy of San Antonio's annual exhibitions in the 1950s through the Amarillo Rotary Club exhibitions in the early 1990s. Inviting accomplished, skillful and sought-after artists to the Invitations will complement the museum's historic art collection.

Some 40 artists from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma have been invited to exhibit



An example of Southwest art by artist Loren Speck, is entitled "Indian Pottery Cherries," The Panhandle-Plains Invitational Western Art Show and Sale is set for March 6 through April 4 at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon.

at the invitational. Among the exhibiting artists are Emilio Caballero, Barry Jones, Don Ray, Jack Sorenson, Amy Winton, Jim Ward, Marilyn Yanke,

Curtis Fort, Greg Skol, Veryl Goodnight, Doug Scott and Walt Gonske.

The exhibit will close on April 4.



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