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Meeting Notice
County Commission to meet Friday a.m.
County commissioners will open requests for proposals at 10 a.m. tomorrow for a county funds depository contract, during their meeting which begins at 9 a.m. in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.
The Veterans of Foreign Wars will make a presentation to commissioners regarding a flag purchase.
Commissioners will also consider County Clerk Susan Winborne's request to replace an employee, and discuss district courtroom acoustics with 223rd District Judge Lee Waters.
- Marilyn Powers, Staff Writer

Cable One, Nexstar to part ways

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

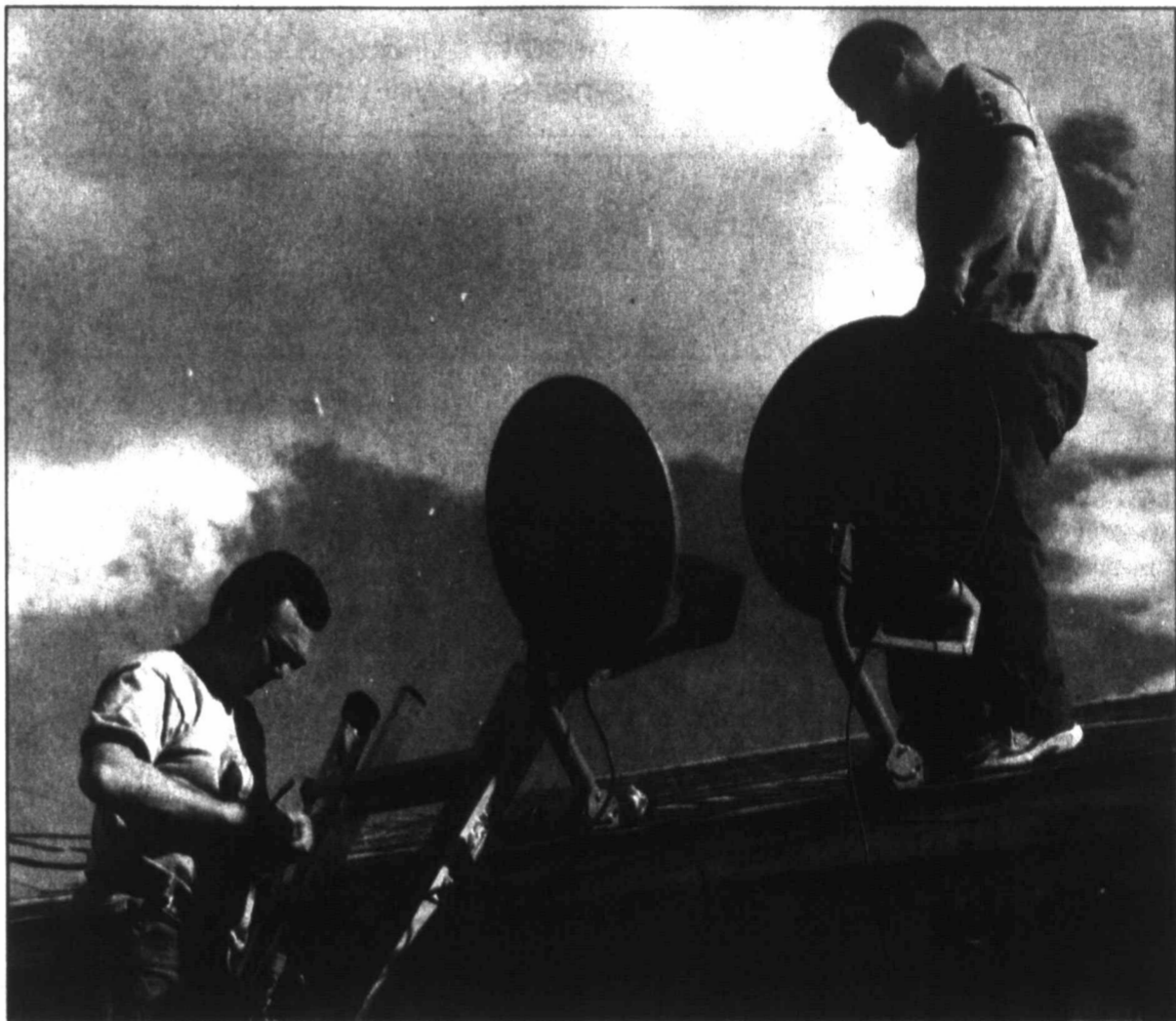
Nexstar Broadcasting Group, owners of KAMR Channel 4, Amarillo's NBC affiliate television station, is still planning to part ways with Cable One, Pampa's television cable service company, as of midnight tonight.

"There's been no progress in negotiations with Nexstar Broadcasting," said Terry Harris, Cable One general manager for the Pampa office, in an interview this morning.

Nexstar announced its intention March 11 to deny further access to its broadcast signal by Cable One as of midnight tonight unless Cable One agrees to pay for the right to retransmit the signal to its customers.

Mark McKay, vice president and general manager of KAMR, said in a news release dated March 28 that Cable One has been retransmitting KAMR's broadcasts without its consent.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Koby Hathcoat, left, and Matt Thames install satellite dish receivers on the roof of a new customer's home Wednesday. Two dishes are installed because one receives local signals, while the other is for non-local channels.

Terri Schiavo dies after epic legal battle

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged woman who spent 15 years connected to a feeding tube in an epic legal and medical battle that went all the way to the White House and Congress, died Thursday, 13 days after the tube was removed. She was 41.

Schiavo died at the Pinellas Park hospice where she lay for years while her husband and her parents

fought over her in the nation's most bitter right-to-die dispute.

The feud between the parents, Bob and Mary Schindler, and their son-in-law continued even after her death: The Schindlers' spiritual advisers said the couple had been at their daughter's bedside minutes before the end came, but were not there at the moment of her death because Michael Schiavo did not want them in the room.

"And so his heartless cruelty continues until this very last moment," said the Rev. Frank Pavone. He added: "This is not only a death, with all the sadness that brings, but this is a killing, and for that we not only grieve that Terri has passed but we grieve that our nation has allowed such an atrocity as this and we pray that it will never happen again."

David Gibbs III, a lawyer for the

Schindlers, said: "This is indeed a sad day for the nation, for the family. ... God loves Terri more than they do. She is at peace."

Michael Schiavo's attorney, George Felos, announced the death but had no immediate comment beyond that.

A small group of activists sang religious hymns outside the hospice,

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Pampa Portraits contest winner



Pampa News photo by SKYLA BRYANT

Kara DeWitt of Pampa receives \$50 in Pampa Bucks from Sean Smith, publisher of The Pampa News, as winner of the Pampa Portraits amateur photography contest. DeWitt's snapshot of her two children, Erika and Mason, dragging sticks down a path at Central Park was chosen by The Pampa News staff as the best of the dozens of excellent photos submitted to the contest. See DeWitt's prize-winning photo on the cover of the "Portraits of Pampa" section in today's special edition "2005 PRIDE" along with many more photos of Pampa people by local photographers.

Car bombers kill themselves and eight others

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A suicide bomber blew up his car Thursday south of Kirkuk, killing two Iraqi army soldiers and three bystanders, and a second car bomber attacked a joint U.S.-Iraqi patrol in the center of Samarra, killing three people and injuring more than a dozen others, hospital officials said.

The explosion in Tuz Khormato, 55 miles south of Kirkuk, injured at least 16 people, including eight Iraqi soldiers, said Sarhad Qader, a police official. The blast occurred near a checkpoint set up to guard a Shiite shrine where pilgrims were celebrating a major religious festival.

The suicide bomber in Samarra, north of Baghdad, rammed a car into an American Humvee in the city center, police official Qasim Omar said. There

were no U.S. casualties, the U.S. military said.

Also in Samarra, gunmen briefly attacked a police station with rocket propelled grenades and gunfire, police official Qasim Muhamed said. No casualties were reported.

The attacks came as the U.S. military announced three U.S. soldiers died in separate clashes.

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One soldier was killed in action Thursday near Hawija, 150 miles north of Baghdad, the military said, without elaborating.

A soldier died from wounds sustained during a clash Wednesday in northern Mosul. The soldier was among several people injured during a clash that erupted after soldiers tried to conduct a routine check of a taxi, Lt. Col. Andre Lance

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Obituaries

Keith 'Butch' Winfield Heathington, 62

McLEAN, Texas — Keith "Butch" Winfield Heathington, 62, of McLean, died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Friday, April 1, 2005, at First Baptist Church of McLean, Texas, with Ronnie Ferguson and Dean Williamson officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean, Texas, under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean. Mr. Heathington was born

Oct. 19, 1942, to Keith and Irene Heathington in Pampa, Texas. He married Betty McPherson on Oct. 19, 1968, in Las Vegas, Nev. He was a veteran in the U.S. Army and was an oil-field worker and truck driver for many years. He was also a member of the First Assembly of God Church of McLean, Texas. Survivors include his wife, Betty Heathington of McLean; four sons, John Raines and Kenneth Raines of McLean, William Harriman (Darla) of Fritch and Marvin Heathington

(Tracey) of Borger; one daughter, Debbie Henderson (Mike) of Borger; one brother, Kim Heathington (Kimberly) of Canyon; three sisters, Wanda McElroy (Roger) of Canyon, Linda Heathington of Canyon and Boots Stone (James) of McLean; his stepmother, Bea Heathington of Canyon; 20 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family will be at 312 S. Kingsley, McLean, Texas, and requests memorials be to Children's Well Fund, First Assembly of God Church, McLean, Texas.

TROPHY CLUB, Texas — Evaughn Bowermon, 78, of Trophy Club, died Tuesday, March 29, 2005, at Grapevine, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Gerre Joiner, pastor of the First Baptist church of Decatur, Texas, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.



Bowermon

Mrs. Bowermon was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Pampa. She married Tommy Joe Bowermon, and they had celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary before her death. She worked as a secretary in the oil and gas industry. Survivors include her husband, Tommy Joe Bowermon, of the home; one son, Larry Bowermon and wife Lynn of Aurora, Texas; one daughter, Lee Irwin and husband James of Trophy

Club; four grandchildren, Jeff Bowermon and wife Bojana, Bryan Irwin and wife Jennifer, Amy Ellis and husband Blake, and Jill Gaskins and husband Bart; three great-grandchildren, Lane Irwin, Maddison Irwin, and Haley Bowermon; and two sisters, Mildred Lewis and Ruby Stanton, both of Pampa. The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home from 6-8 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2005. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Richard Kenneth Flippo, 55

SEABROOK, Texas — Richard Kenneth Flippo, 55, died Saturday, March 26, 2005, at La Porte, Texas. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2005, at the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Flippo was born Sept. 29, 1949, in Pampa, Texas, to Guy W. and Ethel L. Bragg Flippo. He was an employee of the City of La Porte. Survivors include his wife, Judy Flippo, of the home; three daughters, Kendra Williams of La Porte, Marie Powers and husband Shannon, and Lenora Ramey; three sisters, Pamela Knight of Amarillo, Barbara Watson and Betty

Bird, both of Grand Prairie; two brothers, Larry Flippo and wife Linda of New Mexico, and Danny Harrison and wife Cindy of Colorado; and four grandchildren, McKenzie and McKenna Williams, Brandy and Sherridan Powers. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Otto E. Specht, 89

Otto E. Specht, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, March 23, 2005, at Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 2, 2005, at First Presbyterian Church with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction

of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Specht was born in 1915 at Frankfurt, Germany. He was an accomplished engineer and executive for the Cabot Corporation for many decades. Survivors include two sons, U.H. (Woody) Specht

and Randy Specht of Philadelphia, Pa.; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.



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Services tomorrow

BOWERMON, Evaughn — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
FLIPPO, Richard Kenneth — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
HEATHINGTON, Keith "Butch" Winfield — 11 a.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD
Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.
Wednesday, March 30
Seventeen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Charles streets, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.
Fire department assistance was rendered in the 900 block of East Frederic and the 100 block of South Nelson.
Aggravated assault was reported in the 900 block of East Frederic. The victim was transported to the emergency room of Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance, and was treated and released. Minor injuries were reported, and a motor vehicle was listed as the weapon in the police report.
Harassment was reported in the 800 block of Beryl and in the police department lobby.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Rider. The back hatch window of a vehicle was broken out, for estimated damage of \$500.
Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner. An estimated \$50 in damage was done to freshly poured cement.
Animal complaints were received from the 2300 block of Primrose and the 1300 block of Garland.
Attempted burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Kingsmill.
Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1900 block of Hamilton. The back door was damaged, and a DVD player, vacuum and collectible money were taken, for total estimated loss of \$369.
One business and one residential alarm were reported.
Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa Junior High School; at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester; and in the 900 block of South Faulkner.
Disorderly conduct/language was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Pampa Junior High School.
A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic.
A welfare check was conducted in the 1400 block of East Browning.
Theft was reported in the police department lobby. Taken were sticker-type vehicle tags. Estimated loss is \$5.
A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.
Forgery was reported at Frank's Foods, 300 E. Brown. Money orders valued at \$2,000 were involved.
Forgery was reported in the 800 block of South Sumner.
Suspicious persons were reported at the intersection of Tyng and Starkweather streets, the 600 block of North Nelson, and the 800 block of South Hobart.
A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Crawford and Love streets.
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"We don't want to lose Channel 4. But we do believe that free TV should be free," Harris said this morning, referring to the fact that KAMR can be received with an antenna because it is broadcast over airwaves.

Some Pampa television viewers have decided to switch to satellite dish service as a result of the impending departure of Channel 4 from Cable One's lineup.

"We switched yesterday. I called Cable

One this morning to cancel our service with them," said Ruthie Baird of Pampa in a telephone interview March 29.

"We switched because we weren't going to get Channel 4. We have always had cable, ever since the service was first started here," she said.

Another new satellite customer, O.L. McClure of Pampa, expressed worry that Channels 7 and 10 might leave Cable One next.

Harris said this morning that Cable One has a retransmission agreement with KCIT, Amarillo's Fox affiliate, and he also believes there is an agreement in place with Channels 7 and 10.

"In February, we did 70 installs. I know that for the last couple of weeks alone, we've done 80," said Pam Hathcoat, owner of Pampa Communications, a Dish Network authorized dealer.

"Our installs have tripled this month over what they would normally be. As of today, I've got installs scheduled through April 18," she said in telephone interviews earlier this week.

"Our (satellite) business has increased probably 75 percent during the past 30 days," said Jenene Alvarado, an employee of Communication Connection, another Dish Network dealer in Pampa.

"Most have talked about switching to

satellite due to Channel 4 leaving Cable One," she said in a telephone interview yesterday.

Dish Network carries Amarillo television broadcasts, Hathcoat said.

"I was sad to see them go, but they look at us differently because they see money when they see Cable One customers," said Cindy Beck in an e-mail to Cable One.

Beck gave permission to use her comments for publication.

"Now they can go, as far as I am concerned," she wrote of Channel 4. "Thank you, Cable One, for standing firm with my pocket book."

Schiavo

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raising their hands to the sky and closing their eyes.

Schiavo suffered severe brain damage in 1990 after her heart stopped because of a chemical imbalance that was believed to have been brought on by an eating disorder. Court-appointed doctors ruled she was in a persistent vegetative state, with no real consciousness or chance of recovery.

The feeding tube was removed with a judge's approval March 18 after Michael Schiavo argued that his wife told him long ago she would not want to be kept alive artificially. His in-laws disputed that, and argued that she could get better with treatment. They said she laughed, cried, responded to them and tried to talk.

During the seven-year

legal battle, Florida lawmakers, Congress and President Bush tried to intervene on behalf of her parents, but state and federal courts at all levels repeatedly ruled in favor of her husband. The case focused national attention on living wills, since Schiavo left no written

instructions in case she became disabled. After the tube that supplied a nutrient solution was disconnected, protesters streamed into Pinellas Park

to keep vigil outside her hospice, with many arrested as they tried to bring her food and water. The Schindlers pleaded for their daughter's life, calling the removal of the tube "judicial homicide."

An autopsy is planned, with both sides hoping it will shed more light on the extent of her brain injuries. Gov. Jeb Bush, whose repeated attempts to get the tube reconnected also failed, said that millions of people will be "deeply grieved" by her death but that the debate over her fate could help others grapple with end-of-life issues.

"After an extraordinarily difficult and tragic journey, Terri Schiavo is at rest," Bush said. "I remain convinced, however, that Terri's death is a window through which we can see the many issues left unresolved in our families and in our society. For that, we can be thankful for all that the life of Terri Schiavo has taught us."

'After an extraordinarily difficult and tragic journey, Terri Schiavo is at rest.'

— President Bush

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Tralee Easter baskets

Girl Scout Brownie Troop #221 and Daisy Troop #222 recently donated 25 Easter baskets filled with candy and toys to the children served by Tralee Crisis Center. Above: Haylei, Rylee, Zoe, Alyssa, Katilyn, Katanna, Kristen and Kassie.

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1300 block of Garland. Child Protective Services was notified.

A narcotic drug law report was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

A prowler was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

Possible sexual assault was reported.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Eddie S. Graham, 17, 2236 Dogwood, was arrested for no seat belt, minor in possession, possession of drug paraphernalia, and minor in possession of tobacco.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, March 30

Raymond Dale Shell Jr., 19, Konawa, Okla., was arrested on a bond surrender for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, and a bond surrender for injury to a child.

Sergio Adria Silva, 19, 712 N. Gray, was arrested for no valid driver's license, minor in possession, and no insurance.

Fire

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

Wednesday, March 30

6:09 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a controlled burn in the 100 block of South Nelson.

Thursday, March 31

3:33 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an alarm in the 1500 block of Hamilton. The alarm system was malfunctioning.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, March 30

1 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2000 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Iraq

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said. The taxi's passengers opened fire on the soldiers, and they shot back, killing the assailants and causing the taxi to explode. Officials believe it was carrying explosives.

Another soldier was killed Wednesday when his patrol came under fire in Baghdad, the military said in a statement. The gunmen disappeared into a nearby crowd, but five suspects were later detained.

Shiite Muslims observed a religious holiday marking the end of a 40-day mourning period for the grandson of Prophet Muhammad, Imam Hussein, who was killed in a seventh century battle.

Officials have been on the alert for attacks during the festival, which draws people

to shrines across Iraq. The biggest gathering is in Karbala, where hundreds of thousands of Shiite pilgrims visited two shrines Thursday and marched and beat their chests with their fists in a sign of mourning.

Gunmen also opened fire late Wednesday on a truck carrying faithful near Hillah, 60 miles south of Baghdad. One person was killed. Earlier, gunmen fired on pilgrims in southern Iraq, killing one person.

On Monday, two separate attacks on pilgrims left four dead, including two police officers guarding the faithful.

A roadside bomb Thursday injured six policemen on patrol and one bystander in the southern city of Basra, police official Lt. Col. Karim Al-Zubaidi said.

In the capital, lawmakers were trying to agree on a Sunni Arab lawmaker to

serve as speaker of the National Assembly.

Sunni Arabs hold a disproportionately small number of seats in parliament because many boycotted the Jan. 30 elections or stayed home for fear of attacks at the polls. Lawmakers want to bring influential Sunni leaders into the government, hoping that might tame the insurgency believed to be led by Sunnis.

On Wednesday, a group of Sunni leaders nominated lawmaker Meshaan al-Jubouri as their candidate, although it wasn't clear if he had the backing of the entire Sunni community.

Some lawmakers in the Shiite clergy-led United Iraqi Alliance coalition objected to the choice.

"He's unacceptable," said Ali al-Dabagh of the Alliance. "He does not represent all the Sunnis."

Lawmakers were scheduled to hold a formal session Sunday to resolve the issue.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 50 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 62. Windy, with a north northwest wind 10 to 15

mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers before

midnight. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly cloudy, with a low around 31. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. Windy, with a north northeast wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind chill values between 22 and 29 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between 31 and 36. West northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 81. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. West southwest wind around 15 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 78. West wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 40.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Snow falls Saturday at Water Crossing No. 1 in Palo Duro Canyon.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.11
Milo	3.24
Corn	3.79
Soybeans	5.65

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	70.95	+1.45
BP PLC ADR	62.35	+0.05
Cabot Corp	33.25	NC
Cabot Oil Gas	55.32	+2.12
Coca Cola	41.71	-0.24
VLO	72.51	+2.11
HAL	43.06	+0.92
TRI	49.55	+0.04
KMI	75.70	+0.76
XCEL	17.10	+0.08

Kerr McGee	78.33	+1.60
XOM	59.99	+0.75
Limited	24.20	+0.08
Williams	18.75	+0.55
MCD	31.36	-0.29
Atmos	27.06	-0.03
Pioneer Nat	42.37	+0.98
JCP	51.61	+3.71
COP	107.13	+1.70
SLB	70.80	+1.45
Tenneco	12.26	-0.10
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Viewpoints

Pulitzer-winning photo sets career direction

The first time I saw the 1968 Pulitzer Prize-winning photograph by Edward T. Adams, I knew.

In one moment I had the largest epiphany of my then 13 years. The course of my life was decided.

My passionate desire from that moment and onwards was journalism. I had to work in the career field in some capacity.

I am asked quite a bit why I have such a love of journalism, and most answer is almost always

this photo.

The reason the picture held such an immense grasp on me is because of what it represents.

The photo is a shining example of journalism at its best. The image, which depicts the execution of a Viet Cong citizen by an American general, is responsible for substantially swaying public opinion about the Vietnam War within the United States.

It brought many people who already felt ill at ease

out onto the front lines of protest.

It brought many people who previously had considered the war proper into a new state of mind. The photo held a power all of its own.

In the years that have passed since my first examination of the image, I have spent significant amounts

of time reflecting upon this epiphany.

Through this examination, I have come to realize that the photo illustrates the power of the media to sway and even originate public opinion.

It is this power and the responsibility of holding it that I am attracted to. If one

individual image can help to stop a war, than the possibilities for journalists as a whole to shape the way societies think are endless.

Journalists both through written word and photography have the ability to correct the world's injustices. A good reporter is able to make his or her readers empathize with those who are suffering.

They are able to enact a desire for social reform. They are able to literally change the world.

That is why I know that I must work in the journalism career field. It is the potential to make the world a better place that is my driving force behind entering into journalism.

My humble hope is to one day find another photograph or story as powerful as the one Adams was able to capture.

Ben Briscoe is a Pampa High School senior and journalism intern for The Pampa News.



Ben Briscoe
News Intern

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 31, the 90th day of 2005. There are 275 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred and twenty-five years ago, on March 31, 1880, Wabash, Ind., became the first town in the world to be illuminated by electrical lighting.

On this date:

In 1889, French engineer Alexandre Gustave Eiffel unfurled the French tricolor from atop the Eiffel Tower, officially marking its completion.

In 1917, the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands from Denmark.

In 1933, Congress authorized the Civilian Conservation Corps.

In 1943, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "Oklahoma!" opened on Broadway.

In 1945, the Tennessee Williams play "The Glass Menagerie" opened on Broadway.

In 1949, Newfoundland entered confederation as Canada's 10th province.

In 1968, President Johnson stunned the country by announcing he would not seek another term in office.

In 1986, 167 people died when a Mexicana Airlines Boeing 727 crashed in a remote mountainous region of Mexico.

Our readers write

Pick doctors with care

My 81-year-old mother was recently a patient at Pampa Regional Medical Center. She was taken there by ambulance from her home in Miami. While there, she was treated by two doctors. Due to the fact her primary doctor of many years was in Amarillo, she and our family made the decision to transfer her to an Amarillo hospital.

We were not unhappy with the doctors, staff of the hospital, or the care she was being given. We did want a second opinion of her condition.

When Mom was released from the Amarillo hospital, her doctor advised she needed the services of a rehab facility to help gain back strength and mobility.

Plans and arrangements were being made to transfer her back to Pampa Regional Medical Center for rehab.

However, before those arrangements were completed, one of the doctors who previously treated her telephoned the Amarillo hospital and informed us that neither he nor the other doctor would accept her as a patient.

I assume they must have felt highly insulted that we chose to get a second opinion from her doctor in Amarillo.

We made "last minute" arrangements to transfer our 81-year-old Mom with a fractured hip and severe emphysema to a rehab center in Wheeler.

It's a shame these doctors in Pampa let their egos interfere with a patient's care. If you have a choice, choose your doctors carefully.

Jim Anderson
Amarillo



Why not give Americans choices?

President Bush's job-approval rate is slipping again. One reason is likely his failure to sell his Social Security reform.

The problem has always been that the president only tells us half the story. He warns us that the system is failing and trumpets the virtues of privatization, but doesn't propose any solution to the core question: The shortfall in the system's revenues.

Only by addressing this core question can he win the credibility to go on to the further diversion of revenues implicit in privatization.

But how to cut Social Security and live to tell about it? The key is choice. Lots and lots and lots of individual choice.

Call it "Designer Social Security" — create a system that gives us each options that let us create a system that is right for us.

We are all adults. We get

the point that the Social Security system can't pay us the benefits now on the books with the revenues slated to flow in during the coming decades. We know that something has got to give.

That's why we are hesitant to buy into privatization in the first place until Bush explains how he will solve the basic problems of the system.

So offer us options. For example:

Option A — No increase in taxes. No change in the retirement age. A cut in benefits.

Option B — No increase in taxes. A later retirement age. The current level of benefits.

Option C — An increase in taxes. No change in retirement age. The current level of benefits. (For those who can document higher income

levels, there could be a further option of an increase in the ceiling of taxation or a raise in the rate.)

Throw the Bush choices into the mix — private investments in exchange for an added tax hike, benefit cut or increased retirement age.

The extent of the various changes should all be calibrated to achieve the central goal: solvency for Social Security.

By giving us options,

we are being treated as adults, able to make our own choices. The congressional Republicans have "ruled out" a tax increase.

But maybe we want one in order to get the current level of benefits. The AARP may oppose any cut in benefits or delay in the retirement age, but we may prefer that to an increase in taxes.

Give us our choices. Let us make the decision.

Why do we have to live in a world where so intimate a decision as personal retirement is made for us by government — in a one-size-for-all plan?

We each have different values that we attach to these variables. Some want to retire sooner, others later. Some need higher benefit levels than others. Some value lower payroll taxes more than the average person might.

Why not give us choices?

Of course, if Bush offers us choices, he will also escape political damage when we make the choices. It will not be by his fiat that our taxes go up or our benefits drop. It will be by our informed choice, coupled with the inexorable demographics of the retirement population and their finan-

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Dick Morris
Columnist

Foreigners here still have civil rights

When foreigners enter the United States, they should not have to leave their civil rights at the checkpoint.

That has occurred in the past, but a Texas bill would guarantee it never happens again.

Voting 5-0 on Wednesday, the Senate Criminal Justice Committee approved the bill, which is designed to allow foreign citizens to

notify their consular offices when they are arrested or detained.

The controversy surfaced earlier this month, when President Bush filed a brief with the U.S. Supreme Court, instructing states to grant

new hearings to Mexican citizens on death row.

The president did the right thing then, and the state will be doing the right thing if the bill passes, making the proper representation a legal requirement.

Of the 51 Mexican nationals facing execution in this country, 15 are in Texas.

When arrested for a heinous crime, every individual should have the right to seek counsel from an official from his or her homeland.

Their place of birth should never be allowed to impede justice.

Texas Thoughts

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This photo by Davidson in Harrah, far r

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Photo courtesy of the White Deer Land Museum

This photograph of the first women to sit on a Gray County grand jury ran in the Jan. 3, 1955, edition of the Pampa Daily News, 36 years after American women gained the right to vote. Museum director Ann Davidson identified two of the first women jurors as Mrs. Frank Culberson, second from left, and Icie Harrah, far right. Davidson was unable to identify the other two women.

White Deer Land museum to host 'Citizens at Last' traveling exhibit

White Deer Land Museum in Pampa will host an exhibit organized by the Texas Council for the Humanities Resource Center in Austin from a book titled "Citizens At Last," chronicling women's suffrage in Texas, for six days beginning April 4. The exhibit will be open from 1-4 p.m. during regular museum hours.

"There is considerable mystery as to why historians study some things and ignore others," a press release from the museum said, "or why in our collective memory, we cherish some parts of the past and forget others."

Every Texan can give some account of the Battle of the Alamo or the Battle of San Jacinto.

Most can recognize the names of Sam Houston and Sam Rayburn.

"Why, then, has the long battle for women's suffrage — which in the end doubled the electorate and changed forever the process of politics, propelled women into public life, and shaped



the social history of the 20th century — been virtually unknown?"

The exhibit was spearheaded by A. Elizabeth Taylor who created a free-standing display consisting of seven panels derived from "Citizens

At Last."

"The history of the suffrage movement," the release continues, "exhibits all the characteristics Texans

are said to value: boldness, pioneer spirit, leadership, hard work, and victory at last.

"In Texas as almost everywhere else the movement's beginnings were small and the battle uphill.

"In 1868 a tiny handful of women asked the Constitutional Convention to enfranchise their sex.

"The battle raged on, and in 1919 both Texas Senators and 10 of its 18 Congressmen voted for the women's amendment to the United States Constitution."

The exhibit is free and open to the public. Donations are appreciated.

U.N. study: Earth's health deteriorating

Human demands for food, water and fuels strains ecosystems

LONDON (AP) — Growing populations and expanding economic activity have strained the planet's ecosystems over the past half century, a trend that threatens international efforts to combat poverty and disease, a U.N.-sponsored study of the Earth's health warned on Wednesday.

The four-year, \$24 million Millennium Ecosystem Assessment found humans have caused heavy damage or depleted portions of the world's farmlands, forests and watercourses.

Unless nations adopt more eco-friendly policies, increased human demands for food, clean water and

fuels speed the disappearance of forests, fish and fresh water reserves and lead to more frequent disease outbreaks over the next 50 years, it warned.

"This report is essentially an audit of nature's economy and the audit shows that we have driven most of the accounts into the red," Jonathan Lash, a member of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment board, said in London.

The report said degradation of ecosystems was a barrier to achieving development goals adopted at the U.N. Millennium Summit in Johannesburg, South Africa in September 2000: halving

the proportion of people without access to clean water and basic sanitation by 2015 and improving the lives of 100 million slum dwellers by 2020.

Walter Reid, director of the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment, said over the past 50 years humans had changed ecosystems more rapidly and extensively than any comparable period in human history.

"These changes have resulted in a substantial and largely irreversible loss to the biological diversity of the planet," Reid said.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said the Millennium Ecosystem

Assessment "tells us how we can change course," and urged nations to consider its recommendations.

The study was compiled by 1,360 scientists from 95 nations who pored over 16,000 satellite photos from the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and analyzed statistics and scientific journals.

Their findings highlight the planet's problems at the end of the 20th century, as the human population reached 6 billion.

Conservation groups called on governments, businesses and individuals to heed the study's warnings.

Community Happenings

- The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shepherd's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

- Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, Inc., will hold an "April Fool's Spring Fling" between 6:30 and 10:30 p.m. Friday, April 1 at the Civic Center North Exhibit Hall in Amarillo. Coors Cowboy Club will provide dinner and drinks. The event will include casino games, armadillo races and live musical performances with Texas Express

- and the Prairie Dogs. Gambling chips will be available for \$10 a bag. Every bag purchased will offer a chance to win one of several prizes to be raffled off throughout the evening. Tickets are available at www.epictexas.com or by calling (806) 655-2181. Group tables and sponsorship opportunities are available for a limited time.

- Friends of National Rifle Association Dinner and Auction is planned for 6 p.m., Saturday, April 2, at M.K. Brown Auditorium and Civic Center in Pampa. Tickets are \$25 apiece, \$40 for couples and \$10 for youth 16 and under. For tickets, call ReDonn at 669-2525.

- Goodlett Gospel Jubilee will kick-off its 2005 concert season at 7 p.m. April 2 at the old rock gymnasium in Goodlett, Okla. Texoma's own Corinth Singers will host the event and share the stage with the Fair Family of Fairfield, Texas. Organizers will pass the customary hat to support the concert series which is open to folks of all ages.

- Harrington House of Amarillo will begin its 2005 tour season Tuesday, April 5. Tours will be conducted between 10 a.m. and 12:30

p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. Tours are approximately 60 minutes long and include three floors of the historic home. Admission is free. Each tour is limited to four persons, 14-years of age and above, and must be arranged by calling (806) 374-5490.

- The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., April 6, 20 and 25, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., April 11, City Hall, Canadian. For more information, call (806) 874-3211.

State's university admissions law may face change

AUSTIN (AP) — If it weren't for the Top 10 percent law, Monte Geren said, many of the most successful students in his school district wouldn't make it to a Texas university.

Geren is superintendent of La Vega Independent School District, a relatively low-income area in Central Texas. Eliminating the law that guarantees students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their high school classes automatic admission to public universities would likely punish students for factors beyond their control — the location and wealth of the school they attend.

"The fact of matter is in many instances the curriculum is more limited, facilities and other resources are limited, and we feel it would be a detriment to not have that opportunity just because students didn't have the opportunity to attend one of the better high schools that have all those things," Geren told lawmakers Wednesday.

The Senate Subcommittee on Higher Education heard testimony about how Texas admissions law affects racial, ethnic and geographic diversity in the state's public universities. The committee examined one bill that would abolish the top 10 percent law and others that would change it.

The university admissions law was adopted after a 1996 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals decision made affirmative action illegal in Texas college admissions. In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed that decision, allowing universities to use race as one of many decision-making factors.

The top 10 percent law pri-

marily affects the state's flagship universities, the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University in College Station, where enrollment is most selective.

Administrators at UT Austin have long called for change in the top 10 percent law. They say a more holistic approach would allow for accurate assessment of student qualifications and for a more well-rounded student body.

'... the curriculum is more limited, facilities and other resources are limited ...'

— Monte Geren
Central Texas school superintendent

More than 60 percent of the 2004 UT Austin freshman class was admitted under the law, said UT Austin President Larry Faulkner. Within a few years, he said, all freshman slots will be filled with top 10 percent graduates.

"Students are not one-dimensional," Faulkner said. "The university needs room in its admissions decisions to consider criteria other than high school class ranking."

At A&M, about 47 percent of the 2004 freshman class was admitted under the top 10 percent law, said Robert Gates, the university president.

Without a change in the law, he said, A&M would reach UT Austin's current top 10 percent level in two to three years.

Choice

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cial impact on the Social Security system. We will accept that.

Individual choice for how to deal with Social Security's insolvency: That's how Bush can break the logjam.

Only by explaining how the system itself will survive does the president escape the suspicion of the elderly that he is planning to scuttle it. ***

Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 19. Last year I made the biggest mistake of my life. My then-boyfriend persuaded me to marry him. We got the marriage license one day and were married the next. Nobody in my family knew about it. I really didn't want to do it, but I was having some problems at the time, and he hinted that he would never talk to me again if I didn't. We broke up in May.

He is not a U.S. citizen and has never lived here. He has since gone back to his country and hasn't returned to the states.

For the last three months, I have been seeing the most wonderful guy of my life. I'd like to get a divorce and move on, but I'm a full-time college student with no money, and my family doesn't have any money either. I found a site that was featured in the media that can help me with the divorce for little money, but my ex refuses to sign anything. I just want to get rid of him after the stuff he put me through, but I don't know where to go. -- "MARRIED" IN NEWBURGH, N.Y.

DEAR "MARRIED": Because of the circumstance of your marriage, it may not be possible to end it without the help of an attorney. Because you can't afford one, I recommend that you get a part-time job and save money for a consultation. With help, you may be able to get the marriage annulled.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jon," and I are newlyweds. We bought and restored a house. Jon did most of the work himself. My mother-in-law, "Marjorie," who is understandably proud of her son, has taken to showing off our house -- but here's the hitch. She gives no warning beforehand; she just shows up on the front steps with people I've never met. (The first time Marjorie did it was the day Jon and I were leaving for our

honeymoon.)
Abby, Marjorie parades these people into our kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, even our closets! If I ask her to please skip our office because it's a mess, she says, "Oh, just give them a look," and barges right in.

I have telephoned and asked her politely to please give me a little warning before bringing people to tour the house. Still, she shows up expecting to be let in with yet another stranger in tow.

The last time it happened, after a cue from me, Marjorie acknowledged that she knows I don't like when she does it, yet she continues. Jon is so nonconfrontational, he's no help controlling her. What can I do? -- VIOLATED AND ANGRY

DEAR VIOLATED AND ANGRY: Your mother-in-law continues to do this because your feelings are not important to her. The next time it happens, refuse to open the door to admit her.

DEAR ABBY: Our daughter is marrying a man who lives in another state. The groom's parents have invited 30 members of their family to attend the wedding. They'll be paying for their own lodgings at a local hotel, as well as their airline transportation.

Are we obligated to pay for transportation from the hotel to the church and reception, and the return trip to the hotel for the groom's family? We think renting a bus to transport the group would be more economical than multiple rental cars for the evening. My question is, who should be responsible for this cost? -- FATHER OF THE BRIDE

DEAR FATHER: Providing transportation would be a gracious gesture. However, if it will create a financial hardship, consider asking the groom's parents to split the cost of renting the bus.

For Better Or Worse



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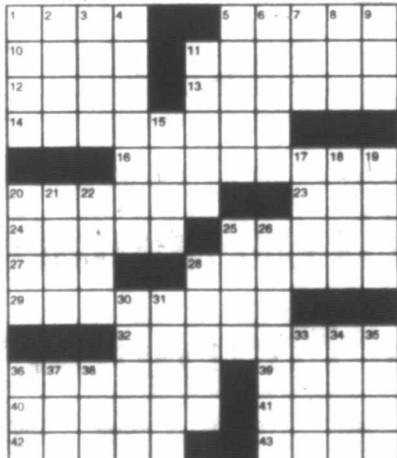
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Sports Day

What I thought was fowl play turned out to be something much different

It's no secret. Despite my love of Pampa, I don't live here. My wife and I are ardent Harvester fans, we are just not able to relocate at this time. So, I make the commute from Amarillo and back every day (cue violins). It's not so bad, though it does cause even the most sound of minds to wander. Heck, I even sing. If I can't pick up a good radio station, or lack for a decent CD, I just make up songs.

I talk to animals — adopting a few that don't even know about it (ponies mostly). Still, there are days when I wish I did live here. At the very least, had access to a cheap motel room. This past Tuesday was such a day. In lieu of a cheap room, I opted for a quiet spot at City Lake.

I knew it was going to be a long day. The girls softball team was at home to play Palo Duro, and the boys were starting district play by

hosting Randall. It was also the night of the boys basketball banquet. I have been invited to so many functions, yet not able to attend, I knew I needed to make this one.

After I was finished at the office Tuesday afternoon, I found my way to a local eatery and had some lunch. Meal downed, I took a look at my watch only to find I still had about 3 hours before the games were to start. I wondered how long the folks at the little restaurant would let me sit there. At what point do you go from welcome patron to loitering vagrant?

I decided to go to City Park, knock-off a few chapters of the Joel Osteen book I've been reading — maybe even grab a quick siesta. The wind was really tough that afternoon. Undaunted, I faced Lil' Bandit (car) into the wind, opened the book and began reading.

Windows cracked just enough to let some fresh air cycle through, I could hear the ducks playing nearby. At least, it sounded like they were playing.

As I watched, I realized it wasn't a game. I had arrived to witness ducks in love. And let me tell you, duck love is angry. Those cute little critters are mean, especially the ones I think were the lady ducks. You see, when the guy duck spotted the object of his desire, he

would start chasing her. No warning. Just a quick "quack", wings flapping like he was mad, and he was off to the races. Needless to say, the babes weren't taken in by it. None of the girl ducks appeared interested in the feathered freak show. They would quack and honk and outrun their would-be suitors. Even worse, if the other girl ducks caught sight of this — and provided they, too, weren't being pursued — they would join in, only they

would attack the boy duck and beat him senseless. They would slap the chap around with their big wings, and occasionally managed to sneak in a beak-jab to his head. All I could think was, "Dude, you're a duck. Fly away!" I even saw some duck babes beating a poor guy goofy in the water near the pier. Dumb as it sounds, I thought they were going to drown the little fella. He seemed to come out of the ordeal unscathed.

There came a time where I almost felt guilty for having watched any of this. To cleanse my eyes, I went back to my book. I could

still hear the sounds of angry duck love, but stayed strong enough not to look. I polished off two chapters, looked at my watch and...whew! It was 3:45 p.m. Time to head to the ball fields.

The Lady Harvesters won. The boys' baseball team won. And the banquet was great (thanks to Coach Reed and the booster club for inviting me). As I began my trip home shortly after 10 p.m. Tuesday night, all was right in Harvester nation. Yet, for all the great things I had seen that day, all I could think of were those darn ducks.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Amarillo Dusters begin AFL2 play tomorrow night

The Amarillo Dusters kick off their first season of Arena Football League play tomorrow night at the Amarillo Civic Center when they host the Tulsa Talons. That game will begin at 7 p.m.

The Dusters were part of the now defunct Intense Football League last year, winning the IFL championship. The move to AFL2 will offer fans a higher level of competition and faster-paced action, according to Warren McCarty, Director of Operations.

"Anyone who has never seen arena football has a real experience in store," McCarty said. "Compared to the NFL, arena football is much faster and exciting. It's just a whole lot of fun for the whole family."

McCarty added that the Dusters Dance Team and the Duster Dude will be

back to entertain the crowd and cheer on the team.

Head Coach and General Manager Don Carthel is pleased with the team's progress during training camp. "Even though we have moved to AFL2, we are going to be competitive," he said. "Our goal is to be in the playoffs in August."

The Dusters have eight scheduled home games. Season tickets and individual game tickets are now available, with groups of 10 or more qualifying for discounts. Regular-priced individual game tickets range from \$16 to \$31. Season tickets begin at \$80. For additional information, call the Dusters office at (806) 322-7277 (PASS). Or log onto the team's web site at www.dustersfootball.com.

Parnell, Williams, Lee and Butler fire 59; win scramble

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Here are the results from yesterday's Senior Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course:

1st Place (59)
Ron Parnell
Kenneth Williams
O.K. Lee
Dale Butler

2nd Place (62)
Don Adams
Harley Knutson
Nathan Lancaster
Bill Abernathy

3rd Place (63)
Bill King
Kent Olson
Travis Johnston
Wayne Jones

4th Place (63)
Jerry Davis
Jim Cantrell
Billie Mac Millican
Richard Abbott

Closest to the Pin: Billie Mac Millican (No. 6), Jerry Davis (No. 15)

Suspension upheld

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The four-race suspension Kevin Harvick's crew chief got for rigging his gas tank was upheld by an appeals committee.

Todd Berrier admitted making the tank appear full when it actually wasn't during a qualifying run earlier this month at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

NASCAR implemented a rule this season requiring all cars to qualify with full tanks. A lighter tank would make the car faster.

In addition to the suspension, Berrier was fined \$25,000. Harvick was docked 25 points, as was car owner Richard Childress.

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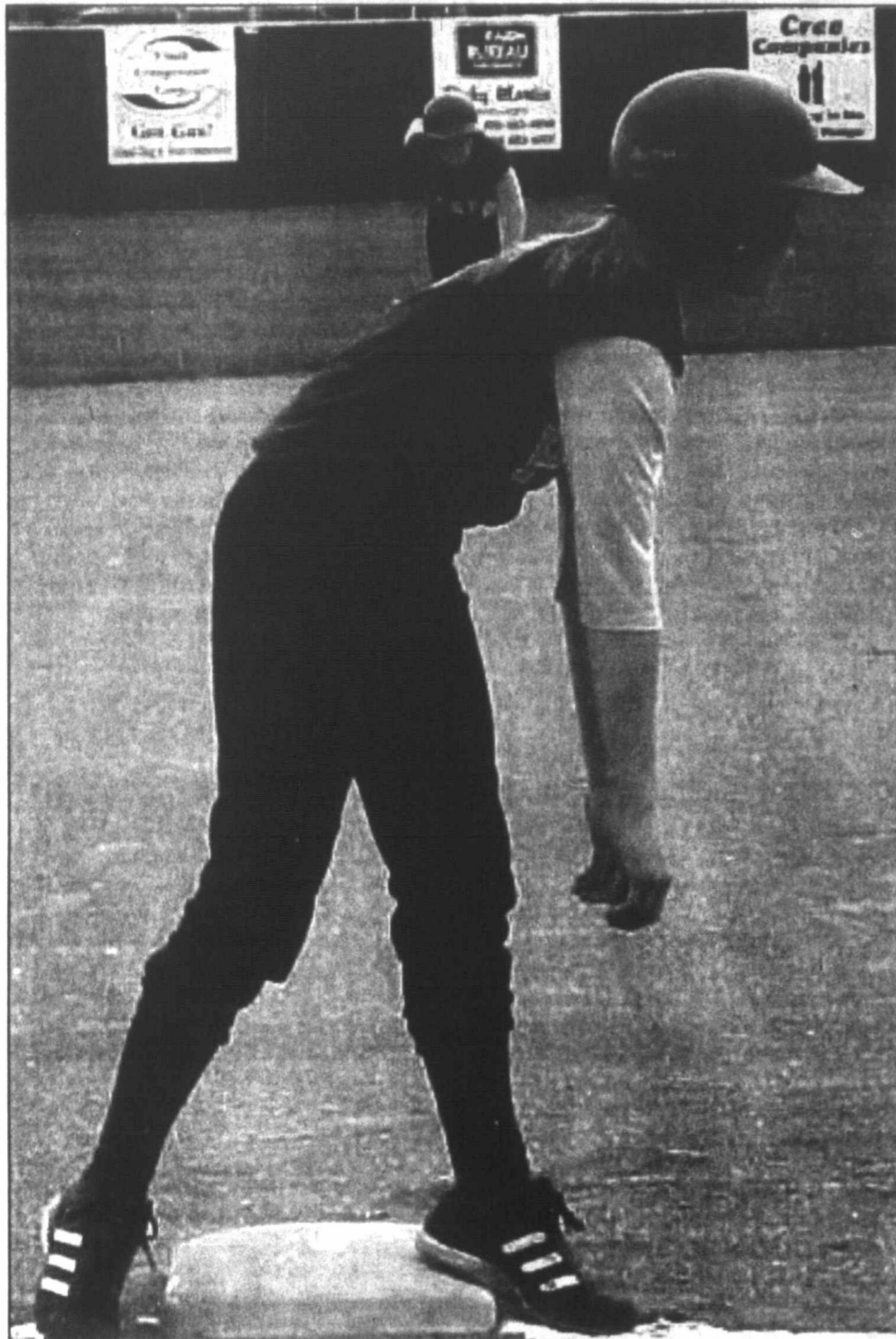
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With teammate Kenzi Nickell in the background, JV Lady Harvester Tamara Trevathan watches home plate during Monday's meeting against Palo Duro. Both would later score. The JV squad will precede the 4:30 p.m. varsity game tomorrow at Dumas.

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Toronto	16	8	.667
Los Angeles	18	10	.643
Baltimore	13	10	.565
Minnesota	14	12	.539
Cleveland	14	13	.518
Tampa Bay	13	13	.500
New York	13	14	.481
Boston	12	13	.480
Detroit	12	13	.480
Oakland	14	16	.467
Kansas City	12	14	.461
Chicago	13	16	.448
Seattle	11	15	.423
Texas	10	18	.357

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
New York	15	9	.625
San Francisco	17	11	.607
Colorado	17	12	.586
St. Louis	14	10	.583
San Diego	16	13	.552
Arizona	15	14	.517
Cincinnati	15	14	.517
Houston	12	12	.500
Los Angeles	12	12	.500
Chicago	14	15	.483
Atlanta	12	13	.480
Washington	11	13	.458
Milwaukee	13	16	.448
Pittsburgh	11	14	.440
Philadelphia	11	17	.393
Florida	9	19	.321

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Tuesday's Games

St. Louis 10, Florida 5
Houston 7, Cleveland 6
Toronto 11, Pittsburgh 5
Baltimore 4, L.A. Dodgers 3
Boston 7, N.Y. Yankees 2
Oakland 10, Seattle 5
San Diego 13, Texas 12
Chicago Cubs 13, Milwaukee 6
Colorado 4, Chicago White Sox 3
Kansas City 10, L.A. Angels 9
San Francisco 9, Arizona 5
Atlanta 12, Detroit 4
N.Y. Mets 4, Washington 3
Minnesota 12, Cincinnati 11, 10 innings

Tampa Bay 5, Philadelphia 4

Wednesday's Games

Washington 4, Atlanta 3, 11 innings
Boston 6, Tampa Bay 4
Baltimore 5, St. Louis 5, tie, 10 innings
Detroit 7, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 5, Pittsburgh 5, tie
Toronto 6, Philadelphia 5
Cincinnati 5, N.Y. Yankees 4
L.A. Dodgers 9, Houston 8, 10 innings
Florida 3, N.Y. Mets 2
L.A. Angels 6, San Francisco 2
Oakland 6, Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 5, Colorado 4
Kansas City 5, Seattle 3
San Diego (ss) 9, Texas 6
Chicago White Sox 14, Arizona 0
San Diego 6, San Diego State 0

Thursday's Games

L.A. Dodgers vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 12:10 p.m.
Houston vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Washington vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) vs. Minnesota at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Cincinnati at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
San Diego vs. Seattle at Peoria, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels vs. Milwaukee at Phoenix, 2:05 p.m.
Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Tucson, Ariz., 2:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 7:15 p.m.
Baltimore vs. St. Louis at Oklahoma City, 8:05 p.m.
Boston (ss) at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Friday's Games

N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston at Arizona, 3:40 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas at Albuquerque, N.M., 6:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Cincinnati at Memphis, Tenn., 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.
Houston at Round Rock (AAA), 7:05 p.m.
Florida vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore vs. St. Louis at Oklahoma City, 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 10 p.m.
Seattle vs. Chicago Cubs at Las Vegas, 10:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Optimist Club to hold coaches meeting; Cajun tickets available at door

The Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club will host a Cajun dinner today, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus, to help raise funds for the Harvester baseball program. The food promises to be delicious. Tickets are just \$12 and can be purchased at the door.

The Pampa Optimist Club will hold a mandatory coaches meeting tomorrow night at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Optimist Club. Any one still in possession of football equipment is asked to return it at this time. Among the topics to be covered during tomorrow night's meeting are the upcoming baseball season. A few Babe Ruth teams are still in need of coaches. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Rockets 100, Blazers 84

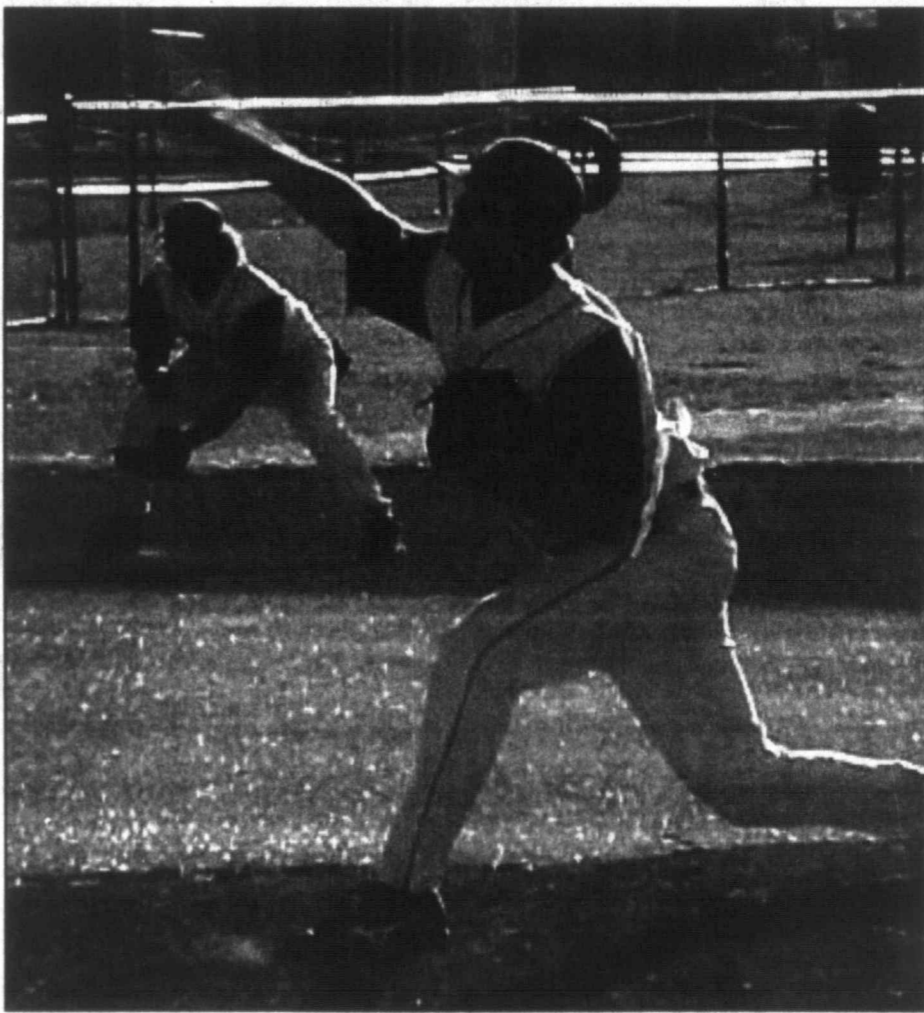
PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Yao Ming scored 29 points and Tracy McGrady had 26 points and 10 rebounds to lead the Houston Rockets to a 100-84 victory over the Trail Blazers on Wednesday night, completing a four-game sweep of the season series against Portland.

McGrady's 3-pointer extended Houston's lead to 72-57 midway through the third quarter, and the Rockets went on to lead by as many as 25 points for their sixth win in seven games.

Houston, in fifth place in the West, went 3-1 on its road trip and will play six of its final 10 games at home.

McGrady had scored 44 points in the Rockets' 99-85 victory over Utah on Monday, showing no signs of a right hip strain that had been bothering him recently. It was his fifth game with 40 or more points this season.

Rocket launcher



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With Seth Foster focused on home, pitcher Tyler Doughty challenges a Raider batter Tuesday afternoon en route to a 4-1 win over district foe, Randall. Doughty, who pitched a complete game, and his Pampa Harvester teammates travel to Hereford Saturday. That game will start at 1 p.m.

Spurs 89, SuperSonics 76

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker scored 28 points, and the San Antonio Spurs let a 20-point fourth-quarter lead dwindle to 10 before holding off the Seattle SuperSonics 89-76 Wednesday night.

A three-point play by Seattle's Ronald Murray midway through the fourth quarter cut the Spurs' lead to 75-65. Parker then made two free throws and a layup, and Brent Barry tipped in his own missed layup to put San Antonio back up by 16 points with about four minutes left.

Seattle coach Nate McMillan soon sat down star guard Ray Allen, who was pestered defensively all night by Bruce Bowen, and the SuperSonics didn't threaten again.

Manu Ginobili had 15 points for the Spurs, whose 34th home victory matched the team record.

Allen scored 14 points on 6-for-17 shooting, with half of those bas-

kets coming in the opening period. Murray scored 13 points of his team-high 17 points in the fourth quarter, and Nick Collison, Antonio Daniels and Damien Wilkins each added 11 points for Seattle.

Neither team was at full strength in the front court. San Antonio went without Tim Duncan (right ankle sprain) for the fifth consecutive game, while Seattle's Rashard Lewis (right foot bruise) sat out for a second straight night.

The Spurs established themselves at the opening tip, when Ginobili grabbed the ball and took it in for a spinning reverse layup.

San Antonio scored its first dozen baskets in the paint and quickly built a double-digit lead, while on defense the Spurs confined Seattle's offense to the perimeter. Seattle shot 6-for-19 (32 percent) in the first period, with only six of its 18 points coming inside.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 1, 2005:

Your public commitments become a high priority this year. You do care what others think, more than you have in the past. Others tend to be a bit more jovial than you in most situations. Take their behavior with a grain of salt. Do the politically correct thing rather than create controversy. You don't need problems. Maintain a high profile. Your leadership adds a dimension to whatever you touch. If you are single, a relationship will develop if you let it happen. You might enjoy dating and socializing more. Don't allow someone special to drift out of your life. If you are attached, your significant other becomes far more bubbly. He or she might want greater involvement. CAPRICORN might care more about power and money than 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)
★★ You might feel like you are a sailboat in the middle of a gale, as you get buffeted in different directions. You'll come out OK if you know where you need to go. Stay in control by not trying to control others. Tonight: Prepare for a late night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Events and news will encourage you to look inward at your processing. Sometimes you need to bend a little in order to adjust to changes. Not being flexible could cause you to break. Explore different types of thinking. Tonight: Split town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Working with an associate could test your self-discipline and ability not

to overreact. You easily enjoy yourself in meetings. Fun and friends emerge as a high priority. It's Friday. Why shouldn't you kick back? Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Distraction becomes a major theme. Others say something, and your mind seems to take off from that point. Don't worry about focus. Rather, enjoy your flights of fantasy. Laughter marks the day. Tonight: Anchor in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Decide what needs to be accomplished in order to feel clear for the weekend. You might need to screen calls. Self-discipline might also be a factor. You cannot shoot the breeze and clear your desk or get errands done. Tonight: Get some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You're in full weekend mode, even if you might need to accomplish certain errands or make key calls. You might want to splurge and approach life in a more convivial manner. Be careful as to how overboard you go. Tonight: Finally -- time to kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Understand what might be going on with a family member. This person might enjoy your lightness but has a problem dealing with key issues. Tone down the lightness and be more sensitive. Curb a tendency to go to extremes. Tonight: Anchor in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Your mind goes on overtime. Keep conversations moving forward. What you think might not have anything to do with reality. Laugh and enjoy the moment. Be a good listener rather than predetermine another's answers. Tonight: Socialize, but be aware of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Use good sense with your finances. You might want to buy some item, which you can justify. Still, know that you have the capacity to go to excess. Play Ralph Nader and do some price comparing. Realize when you have had enough seriousness. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Your personality makes quite an impression on a key associate or loved one. Without realizing it, you might be giving this person permission to be silly and carefree. Don't be surprised by his or her actions. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★ Keep your own counsel and don't exaggerate what is happening. Somehow you manage to make quite an impression on someone you care about. This person, as light as he or she can be, has a way of helping you understand others. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Meetings and people in general are a source of enormous pleasure. How you see someone could change as a result of a conversation. Know that a loved one or dear friend really does care. Don't think that the present flow of money is endless. Tonight: Join your friends and/or loved ones.

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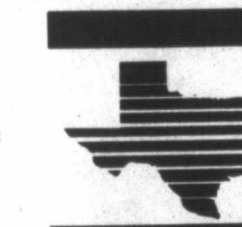
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Age, chronic illness trouble frail Pope

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The use of a feeding tube for Pope John Paul II, struggling to recover from throat surgery, illustrates a key point of Roman Catholic policy he himself has proclaimed: It is morally necessary to give patients food and water, no matter their condition.

As Parkinson's disease and other ailments have left him increasingly frail, John Paul has been emphasizing that the chronically ill, "prisoners of their condition ... retain their human dignity in all its fullness."

The Vatican has repeated that principle recently in comments concerning Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged American woman whose feeding tube was removed earlier this month. While John Paul is fully alert, some see parallels in the two cases.

Hospitalized twice last month following two breathing crises and with a tube placed in his throat to help him breathe, John Paul has become a picture of suffering. When he appeared at his apartment window Wednesday to bless pilgrims in St. Peter's Square, he managed to utter only a rasp.

Later that day, the Vatican announced the pope had been fitted with a feeding tube in his nose to help boost his nutritional intake.

Under John Paul, Vatican teaching on the final stages of life includes a firm rejection of euthanasia, insistence on treatments that help people bear ailments with dignity and encouragement of research to enhance and prolong life.

A 1980 Vatican document makes the distinction between "proportionate" and "disproportionate" means of prolonging life. While it gives room for refusal of some forms of aggressive medical intervention for terminally ill patients, it insists that "normal care" must not be interrupted.

John Paul set down exactly what that meant in a speech last year to an international conference on treatments for patients in a so-called persistent vegetative state.

"I should like particularly to underline how the administration of water and food, even when provided by artificial means, always represents a natural means of preserving life, not a medical act. Its use, furthermore, should be considered, in principle, ordinary and proportionate, and as such morally obligatory."

John Paul's 26-year papacy has been marked by its call to value the aged and to respect the sick, subjects the pope has turned to as he battles Parkinson's disease and crippling knee and hip ailments.

In the Schiavo case, the Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano said recently that removing the feeding tube was tantamount to capital punishment.

"But Terri has committed no crimes, if not that of being 'useless' to the eyes of a society incapable of appreciating and defending the gift of life," it said.

The Rev. Thomas Williams, a Rome-based theologian, said there are parallels with John Paul's case, based on the church teaching that such feeding is required. "In that sense, there is a great similarity," he said.

But he pointed out that the pope is fully conscious and running the church. Court-appointed doctors have determined that Schiavo was in a persistent vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

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Speech

Food ship to give aid to quake-stricken isle

GUNUNG SITOLI, Indonesia (AP) — Aid workers rushed food to quake-stricken Nias island and tried to restore running water Thursday, while rescuers continued to pull survivors from the rubble of the region's latest earthquake. The government lowered its estimated death toll to between 400 and 500.

Survivors living under tarpaulins since Monday night's 8.7-magnitude quake said they were going hungry, but in signs of hope, rescuers pulled a 13-year-old girl alive from a collapsed five-story building, and a baby girl was born in a makeshift hospital.

Indonesia's president visited the remote island, which bore the brunt of the earthquake in the same Indian Ocean region where an even-larger quake three months earlier triggered Asia's tsunami catastrophe.

Gunung Sitoli remained without power and running water Thursday, as islanders and rescuers frantically searched through destroyed buildings for survivors, bodies and belongings as aftershocks continued to rattle the area.

Under a tarpaulin on the grounds of a mosque, Yusman Gule had no water to mix with his meager dried food, so he fed 6-year-old daughter Yummi with just the powder. She lost an ear, broke an arm and badly squashed her fingers in the quake but still managed to smile.

"Don't leave us here to die," the father said. "It's difficult to find food. All we can do is beg."

Later Thursday, a crowd of hungry and angry islanders mobbed Social Affairs Minister Bachtiar Chamsyah, demanding food. "You have been working so slowly," a woman yelled in images shown on Metro TV. "We haven't had any food since the quake."

Chamsyah pleaded for patience, saying food would arrive later in the day.

"The problem is distribution. We admit the distribution has been slow," he said later. "We can understand that people are dissatisfied, but thanks be to God the situation is getting better."

The baby girl born Thursday in Nias was delivered at an emergency hospital in a school staffed by Indonesians and Singaporeans.

Growing colors

Carrots: Palette of phytochemicals provided through Texas research

By KATHLEEN PHILLIPS
Texas A&M News/Public Affairs

COLLEGE STATION

— In the late 1980s, Dr. Leonard Pike stood at a roadside vegetable market in Russia and watched a produce man chop, chop, chop much like a butcher slicing deli meat. When he was finished, the thin, yellow medallions under his knife were gathered up like poker chips, weighed in a bag, and handed to the customer.

"He was cutting carrots. They sold them sliced, even back then. I thought that was fascinating," said Pike, a horticulturist who was in Russia on a seed-collecting mission for the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

Besides the novelty of slicing carrots for sale, Pike was struck by the lemon yellow color of Russian carrots, cousins to the common orange varieties in the United States. Before he left that country, Pike gathered up some Russian seed to deposit in the U.S. Department of Agriculture's world seed collection.

His selection of more than 20 years ago now may be parlayed into sliced carrots for the U.S. market within the next couple of years. Pike eventually obtained some yellow carrot seed for his own planting trials and harvested the crop about a month ago. A Texas processing company is gearing up to package that and other vegetable novelties.

In a processing room at Texas A&M University recently, Pike's yellow yield were stacked up against maroon, red and improved orange carrots for strenuous tests to see

which would make it to the next step in breeding.

"The interest now is more than the color," said Pike, known for developing popular produce such as the 1015 onion and Beta Sweet maroon carrots. "Each of those colors indicates that a certain phytochemical is present. My goal is to get one carrot that has them all."

Phytochemicals are naturally occurring compounds that prevent disease. Pike hopes to pack lutein, carotene, anthocyanin and lycopene into one carrot, regardless of what color — or color combination — the carrot turns out to be. Each of those compounds has been shown to ward off various diseases and improve health.

Breeding a better carrot is important, he said, because adding value to something people already eat plenty of means they could be healthier. Americans eat more than 5 pounds of carrots a year, according to the USDA's Economic Research Service.

Deciding which carrots to keep in the breeding program is no small effort. Pike, research assistant Michael Faries and several students first washed the 250 bushels harvested from a South Texas field, sorted for conformity, tasted for flavor and finally sliced off a chunk to analyze for sugar and phytochemical content.

From that, some 80 bushels will be planted by mid-April in selectively arranged cages designed around individual hives of honeybees to allow carrots



(Texas Agricultural Experiment Station photo by KATHLEEN PHILLIPS)

Dr. Leonard Pike, left, and research assistant Michael Faries sort through more than 250 bushels of red, yellow, maroon and orange carrots to prepare for this year's breeding crop. Pike, a Texas Agricultural Experiment Station vegetable breeder, hopes to develop a variety of carrot packed with all the essential phytochemicals known to prevent human disease.

to pollinate without crossing with unintended varieties.

The process will be narrowed next year, and with

the luck of a good growing season, carrots could begin to show up in grocery stores in another year.

Explosion rocks South Carolina duct-tape plant

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP)

— An explosion late Wednesday rocked a plant that makes duct tape, shooting a fireball into the air and shaking homes a mile away. One employee was killed, officials said.

The blast at the Intertape Polymer Group plant hap-

pened shortly before 11 p.m., said Bradley Anderson, Columbia fire chief.

Firefighters contained the blaze less than an hour after the explosion, although a small fire continued to burn two hours after the blast, Anderson said.

The identity of the dead


worker was not immediately released, but it appeared he was on a boiler in the plant when it exploded, Anderson said.

Emergency officials asked residents living near the plant to stay inside and turn off their ventilation systems because of thick smoke, authorities said.

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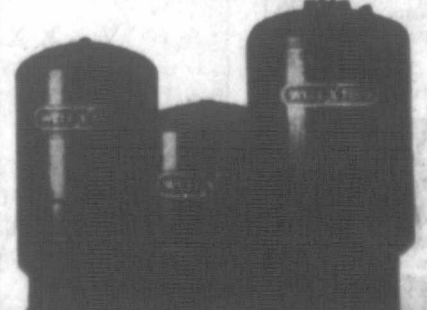
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