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By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

MCLEAN -- Planes bombed it while firefighters from almost a dozen units battled it on the ground amid smoke so thick visibility was often no more than the length of a person's arm.

Fire officials and emergency personnel, as well as the residents of McLean, hoped increased winds today would not fan hot spots in the vast battleground of Tuesday's wildfire on the south side of Interstate 40,

across from the City of McLean.

The fire broke out about noon Tuesday and spread north approaching I-40, burning to the edge of the McLean Feedyard.

Thick, dry grass crackled as units from McLean, Pampa, Gray County, Canyon, Panhandle, Amarillo, Randall County, Groom, Skellytown, White Deer and Hoover

fought to stop the roaring blaze fanned by strong southerly winds.

The Texas Forest Service brought in two planes to join another plane and a helicopter to brave the smoke and heat and bomb the flames from the air with fire retardant.

The Texas Forest Service also brought in firefighters on the ground and two bulldozers to battle the

blaze.

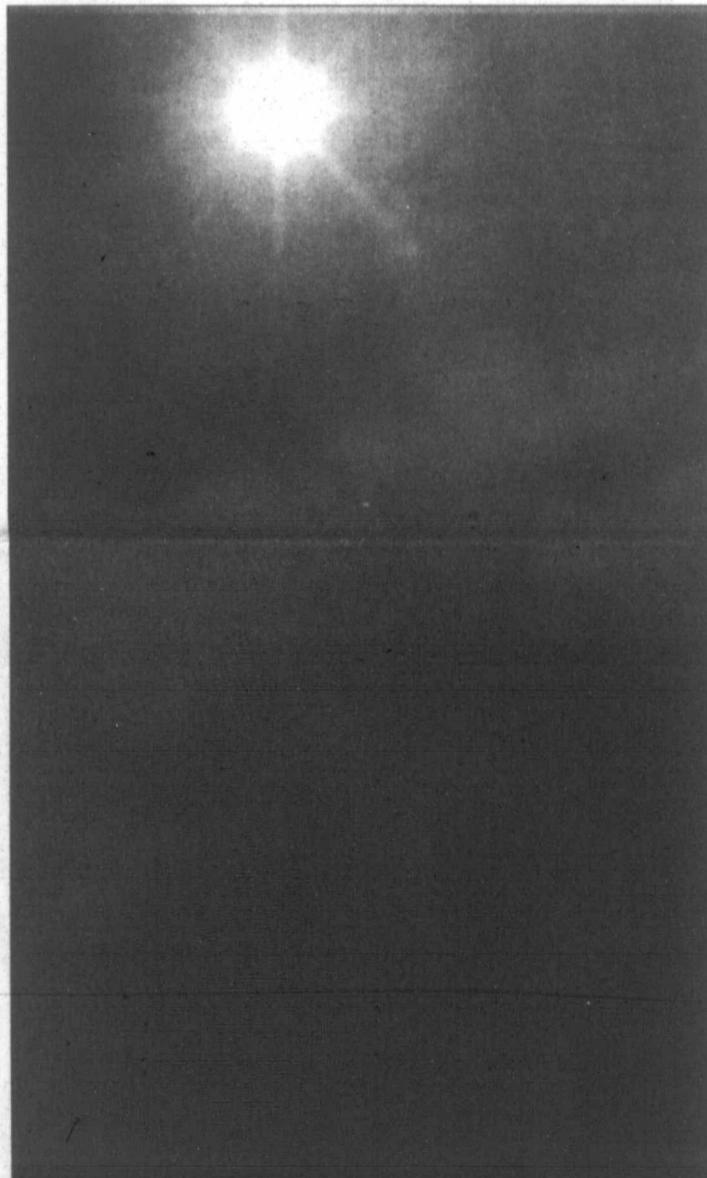
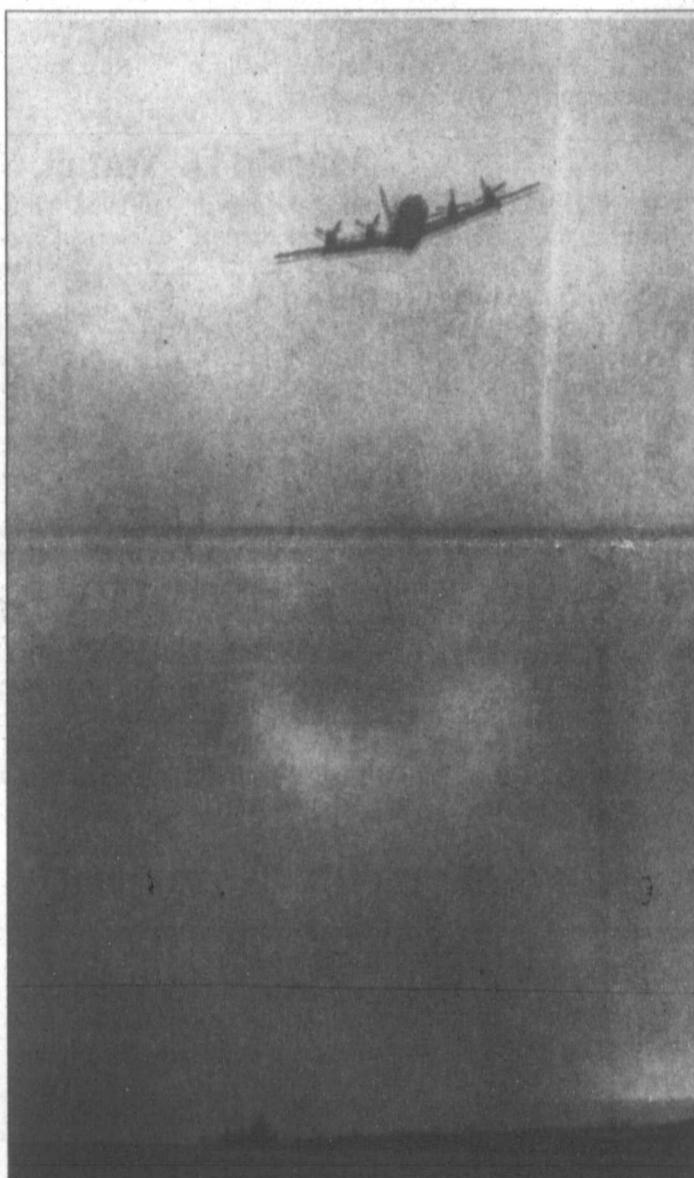
Pampa police officers, Gray County deputies and Texas Department of Public Safety troopers blocked Texas Highway 273 south of the interstate as flames lined the road and smoke was so thick even the emergency crews had difficulty making it through.

Deputies said the fire was out by 6 p.m. with only smoldering hot spots left.

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Red Cross phone number for displaced fire victims:

800-297-2270



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

A Lockheed P-3, left photo, flies out of a column of smoke after dropping its load of fire retardant on a fast moving wildfire on the south side of McLean Tuesday. At right, the sun plays hide and seek behind a column of smoke billowing from the same wildfire Tuesday afternoon.

## City OKs M.K. Brown work, new trash truck, resurfacing

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

M.K. Brown Auditorium will get a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The city will get a new trash truck and more city streets will be resurfaced.

The Pampa City Commission approved a bid by Larry Baker for \$584,564 for the new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system. The bid was almost 20 percent more than had been estimated by the consulting architect.

City Manager John Horst told the commission that the city had budgeted \$500,000.

for the system. The commission concurred with Horst's suggestion to use the extra money generated by sale tax receipts last year to make up the difference.

"It's a critical project," he said.

Shane Stokes, the city's recreation director who oversees the auditorium, said the contractor would have 60 to 70 days to complete the job. The completion target, built around the auditorium's use, is the end of June.

Stokes explained the first 30 to 40 days would be used to get the needed equipment in and work out the plans. Actual work on the installa-

tion would be done in June after the last of the spring performances scheduled for the auditorium.

The commission also approved two bids for the trash truck. The first was for the cab and chassis from Roberts Truck Center for \$49,971.52. The second was for the 25 cubic yard packer body from Southwest Equipment for \$54,528.

Public Works Director Richard Morris explained to the commission that the bid was split because past experience indicated the city could get a better deal.

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## 4 killed by fire are identified

By DENNIS SPIES  
Editor

The bodies of four men found near a car in Roberts County Sunday evening have been identified.

The four, en route to work between 6:30 and 7 p.m., were caught in the smoke from the wildfire in Hutchinson and Roberts counties.

Trooper Daniel Hawthorne of the Department of Public Safety in Clarendon, said the workers were driving on a county road near Miami in Roberts County

in heavy smoke, became disoriented, and drove into a pasture.

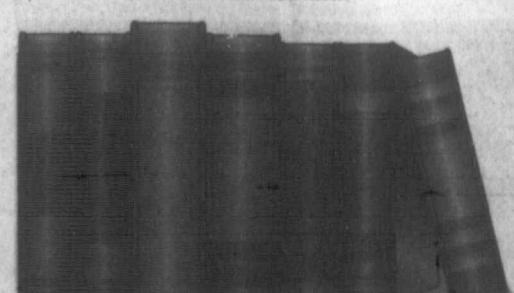
When the car was turned around, it went into a small ravine and became stuck.

The four abandoned the car and tried to exit the smoke on foot, Hawthorne said.

The smoke and fire overtook them and they were found near the car in the ravine.

Hawthorne identified the victims as Roberto Chavira, 42, of Cactus; Arthur Dominguez, 32, of

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## Obituaries

### Donald Denton Harris, 79

Services for Donald Harris will be 2:30 p.m., Friday, March 17th, 2006, at Claremore's First Assembly of God Church. Burial will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery under the direction of Rice Funeral Service. Friends may visit at the funeral home Thursday, March 16 from 2-8 p.m. with family receiving friends from 4-7 p.m.

Donald passed away Tuesday, March 14, 2006. He was 79.

Born October 21st, 1926, in Claremore, to William and Ona McCaskey Harris, Donald was reared and educated first in Verdigris and later Rio Hondo, Texas. Following his schooling, Donald entered the military serving with the U.S. Navy. During his years away, Oklahoma again became home for his parents.

When honorably discharged from the military, he attended college in New York for the next three years. After completing his education, he returned home to his family. Through a mutual friend, he and Laverta Hamilton met and the two became husband and wife on October 25th, 1952, in a Bartlesville ceremony.

Donald's work career spanned a number of companies including Douglas Aircraft, Chance-Vought Aircraft, Cabot Corp., and Cooper Manufacturing. Following his



Harris

employment with Cooper, he began working for a gentleman in Saudi Arabia. This overseas employment opportunity allowed him to learn much about the Arabian culture.

Though Donald retired after years of dedicated work, he never enjoyed being idle. So he chose to continue working different jobs, for most of which he was overqualified. When he found time to relax, he enjoyed reading especially books on history and archeology. He was also a coin and stamp collector. Always keeping his mind busy, Donald loved a good game of solitaire on the computer.

This wonderful husband, father and friend will be missed by all who knew him, but none as much as his beloved family. Those who

survive are his wife, Laverta of Owasso; his daughter, Linda Kaye Sampsley and husband David, also of Owasso; his son, Donald Dennis Harris and wife Jan of Guthrie; grandson, John Daniel Harris and wife Hannah of New Jersey; great-grandson, Samuel John Harris and step-great-grandson, Eli Holden, both of New Jersey; his sister, Lela Preble of Lynchburg, Virginia; and his niece and two nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents.

### James W. 'Jim' Jennings, 80

James W. "Jim" Jennings, 80, of Pampa, died March 15, 2006, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Jennings was born Feb. 2, 1926, in Knox County, Texas. He married Mellonee Williams on July 6, 1950, in Clayton, N.M. He was a self-employed welder from 1946 until he retired in 1981.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1955.

Mr. Jennings was a lifetime member of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, serving as past master and past district grand deputy. He belonged to Lubbock Scottish Rite Consistory, Khiva

Shrine Temple of Amarillo and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member and deacon of Calvary Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Dale Jennings, in 1995.

Survivors include his wife, Mellonee, of the home; a daughter, Gloria Jean Parks of Pampa; a son, Terry Lee Jennings of Pampa; two sisters, Bertha Fay McKinney of Seymour and Willie Yvonne "Tillie" Koelder of Plainview; a brother, T.E. Jennings of Idabell, Okla.; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

## Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 69. Windy, with a south wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as

high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. South-southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north-northwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

Thursday Night: Increasing clouds, with a low near 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 43. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 49. Southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 33. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of Wilcox.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of South Faulkner and the 500 block of Doucette.

One burglar alarm was reported.

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### Mary Adeline Wallace McManamon

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Mary Adeline Wallace McManamon, 96, died Tuesday, March 14, 2006, at the Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Wheeler, Texas.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa, TX, at 1 p.m. Friday, March 17, 2006, with Father Francisco Perez officiating. Burial will be at Memorial Park Funeral Home & Mausoleum, I-40 E. in Amarillo.

Adeline was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on January 7, 1910, to Thomas and Augusta Mae Wallace. She was the oldest of three children. She attended and graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Mrs. McManamon was an elementary school teacher for many years in the Cincinnati school system.

She met her husband of 56 years in Mexico City at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She married James McManamon on September 9, 1942. Throughout their life together the couple traveled extensively in the U.S., Eastern Canada, Mexico, Western Europe, and South America. She kept diaries from all their trips and even copies of expenses from the various hotels and restaurants.

Mrs. McManamon volunteered in the hospital auxiliary at Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, where she and her husband lived for 26 years. Along with teaching and travel, her family was where she wanted to be; she was involved in all their activities. She was an exceptional loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her great-grandchildren loved visiting and playing with "Nana."

She is remembered by all for her being a "social butterfly" with her "cronies" as she

called them. She loved to play Mahjong and Skip-Bo where she won "lots of pennies" playing these games against her "cronies," Katherine Sullins, Glenna Mathau, and Marcella Helbert. She thoroughly enjoyed the trips to the symphonies with Betty Truly, Charlie Neal Gee, Edith Jackson, and Betty Henderson. Thank you all so much for your friendship, love and concern for mother.

She had a lively spirit, was full of grace, dignity and was loved by all.

Her parents, her two brothers, Thomas Wallace and James Wallace, and her husband Professor James McManamon predeceased her in death.

She is survived by her daughter Kathy and son-in-law Rick Massick, three grandchildren, Jimmy Massick of Lubbock, TX; Jennifer Smith and husband Rich of Pampa, TX; Julie Carlock and husband Stephen of Fairview, TX; six great-grandchildren, Colin Massick, Jensen Massick, Braden Clay, Graysen Smith, Teagan Carlock and Caden Carlock.

The family extends their warmest thanks and appreciation to the staff of Odyssey Hospice, especially Bob Lindsey, Lana Winkler, and Kisha Moon. Also to the staff at the Wheeler Nursing Care Center: Kenna, Debbie, Donna, Cherry, Karen, Cami, Betsy, Michelle, Amanda, Becky, Marcella, Junior, Linda, Deloris, Lindsey, Deidra, Erica, Maida and all whom cared for her past and present.

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 west, suite 150, Amarillo, TX or Wheeler Care Center, 1000 Kiowa, Wheeler, TX 79096.

Rest in Peace Nana!

### Marvin D. Nutall, 69

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — Marvin D. Nutall, 69, a former 17-year resident of Pampa, died March 13, 2006, at his home in Grand Junction after a short battle with cancer.

Services are scheduled Saturday

at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary in

Grand Junction.

Mr. Nutall was born Oct. 1,

1936, at Milsap, Texas, to Eldon

and Lucille Nutall.

His early years

were spent in Midwest, Wyo.,

where he graduated from Midwest

High School in 1955.

He attended college in Chadron,

Neb., and Casper Junior College.

Mr. Nutall

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## Pitching in



Courtesy photo

Pampa employees of Bank of America partnered with Ben E. Keith Foods of Amarillo and Culligan Water of Amarillo Tuesday to donate bottled water and snack foods to the Salvation Army for use by volunteers and firefighters battling prairie wildfires. Pictured are, from left, Brandi Wyatt, Kay West, Bill Bryant, Scott Fixsen, Susan Sandoval and Orlene Baird. Fixsen represents Ben E. Keith. The others are bank employees.

## Fires

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Fire officials said they hoped that 40 mph winds forecast for today would not whip up more flames.

North of McLean, officials finally opened Texas Highway 273 to Lefors Tuesday. The road had remained closed since Sunday due to downed

power lines.

Crews from electric utilities and phone companies repaired downed lines and replaced poles burned in two by the flames that swept through here the past Sunday and Monday.

Texas Animal Health Commission agents and inspectors from Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers combed the blackened pastures for dead cattle and horses.

Gray County Justice of

the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter's home north of McLean was burned to the ground as were the homes of several of her neighbors.

Black streaks of ash on the highway marked the places where the fire crossed the road, fanned by 50 mph winds earlier this week. Even the flood plain along McClellan Creek was blackened, the trunks of 100-year-old cottonwoods still smoldering.

dredge pipe used with the dredge, Wright said.

The lake was all but dry at the time of the fire Sunday.

"Right at the dam, there was a small puddle, not even a measurable amount," Wright said. "For all practical purposes, it was dry."

The Forest Service will meet to discuss what can be done for the lake and recreation area, Wright said.

"They're pretty optimistic that federal funds will be available for the disaster situation at the lake," he said.

"We hope to rebuild the permit office and do cleanup."

Lake McClellan, located 23 miles south of Pampa off Highway 70, covers 300 acres. It had facilities for picnicking and camping, and trails for motorized off-road vehicles, as well as fishing and boating activities when sufficient water was present in the lake.

"It's going to take a long time to get it back in shape for people to use," Wright said.

Also lost in the fire was

50,000 feet of plastic

two bids totaled less than \$105,000.

The commission also approved an extra \$100,000 for seal coating city streets, bringing the total for this summer's seal coating project to \$250,000.

Materials cost 86 cents a square yard last year, but this year the materials are expected to cost \$1.26 a square yard.

Last year, the city coated about 11 miles of streets, or about 10 percent of the streets in Pampa, for \$250,000, but because of increased costs, Morris said he expected to coat only about nine to 10 miles of city streets.

The commission formalized the policy.

extra money could come from expected projected increases in the sale tax revenues this year. The commissioners again concurred.

Commissioners also approved correcting a typographical error in the city's International Residential Code and a written policy allowing Lovett Memorial Library to loan and borrow materials from other cities.

Librarian Ann Stobbe said the library has followed the policy for 20 years, but it had not been written as required by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

The commission formalized the policy.

## Lake

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fires, was also burned.

"It's a total loss," Wright said. "It was worth \$250,000 when the U.S. Forest Service brought it to the lake."

Lake McClellan is part of the U.S. Forest Service's Black Kettle and McClellan Creek National Grasslands, based in Cheyenne, Okla.

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The bid for the packer body was not the lowest bid, but Morris said that they had dealt with the company that had made the low bid on two previous occasions and had problems with them. They had bought packer bodies from Southwest Equipment before and had a better experience.

Morris said the life expectancy of the truck was about five years.

The city had budgeted \$110,000 for the truck. The

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two personnel responded to Miami Street on a report of smoke odor.

### Ambulance

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

**Tuesday, March 14**

9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of Somerville.

9:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of Craven and transported a patient to PRMC.

## Miss Deaf Texas killed by train

AUSTIN (AP) — The reigning Miss Deaf Texas who was killed by a train was text messaging her parents and friends on her cell phone as she walked near the tracks and might have been distracted, police said.

Tara McAvoy, 18, was walking about a foot away from Union Pacific railroad tracks. She had typed a message to her parents, both of whom are hearing-impaired, letting them know she was walking along the tracks from home to her mother's workplace on Monday.

A few minutes later, McAvoy was struck by the snowplow on the front of a 65-car Union Pacific train, which authorities said extended 16 inches on both sides of the tracks. She died at the scene.

"As the train approached,

they sounded the horn and got no response," Austin police Detective David Fugitt told the Austin American-Statesman. "They activated the emergency brakes but were unable to stop in time."

Fugitt said he is not sure whether McAvoy would have felt vibrations from the train.

The train was hauling a fleet of cars from Mexico to

St. Louis.

McAvoy graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf in 2005 and won the state pageant in June. She was scheduled to compete in the national pageant in California this year.

She had been a cheerleader, a basketball player and an honor roll student at the Texas School for the Deaf.

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# Viewpoints

## Newsmaker Interviews: T. Boone, the oil tycoon

T. Boone Pickens Jr. — who in 1983 as president of Mesa Petroleum mounted an unsuccessful corporate takeover of Gulf Oil — no longer runs his own independent oil company. But the self-made tycoon from Oklahoma still is very much on top of the day-to-day madness of the global energy business, where prices are spiking, world oil production is said to have peaked and Americans live in daily terror of unfriendly despots in the Middle East and South America.

These days Pickens, 77, is running BP Capital, a successful hedge fund that invests primarily in oil and gas futures, alternative energy and energy-related companies. I talked to Pickens — who says he went after Gulf Oil not to move it out of Pittsburgh but because he thought it was being so badly managed — by telephone recently from his offices in Dallas:

Q: What was your reaction when you heard President Bush say America "was addicted to oil" and we need to kick the habit?

A: Well, there's no question we're addicted to oil. We're using between 20 and

25 percent of all the oil a day in the world and we have less than 5 percent of the population.

Q: In order to kick that habit, there are a couple ways to do it — you replace the oil, you use less of it, you find more of it. What's going to happen?

A: The big oil fields in the world have been found. From time to time you will find another one, but you don't find them so often. I think 85 million barrels a day is all the world can produce and that's what you are producing today. I don't think you can "find" your way out of the problem. Probably the best thing you can do is raise the price and start to kill the demand.

Q: An Exxon executive said this week that the United States should stop trying to become "energy independent" and become "energy interdependent." What do you think of that statement?

A: Well, you can't become energy independent. That's out of the question because you're importing 60 percent of the oil that you use every day. There's no way you're going to (become independent). ... If everybody in the

United States started riding a bicycle, it'll work.

Q: For 100 years people have been saying we've been running out of oil, but every year we have more and more in proven reserves and ...

A: That's not true. What's confused the world is that we've had more oil available to us than we've used. So

the supply was greater than the demand. Now the demand is equivalent to the supply. And I don't think you can get any higher supply than you are getting right now. The demand is going to go up. The main thing is, when the price goes up, demand will slow.

Q: When the price goes up, won't they be able to find new ways of finding and recovering oil? That won't make a difference?

A: That's right. You can do that. But don't count on technology bailing you out. It's too big for technology. You can just do so much with oil in the ground.

Q: Of all the alternative

energy sources, which will become the most important in the next 50 years?

A: I think you're going to have a second infrastructure that's already under way — it's started in California — to use natural gas as a transportation fuel. Of all the oil

used around the world every day, I think about 75 percent is used for transportation.

Natural gas has a misuse — and that is power generation. Natural gas is a more valuable fuel than making electricity out of it, and so that will move out of the power generation and that part of power generation will be absorbed by coal, which already does about 50 percent of power generation, and nuclear, which does about 25 percent. And the natural gas will move into the transportation fuel market. It will go in as compressed natural gas and also liquefied natural gas (LNG).

Q: The switch to using natural gas to power electric plants was a federal energy policy decision, right?

A: What it was, if you remember, was more of an environmental issue. It was cleaner. See, natural gas burns, oh, I don't know, 86 percent cleaner than gasoline. It has many better qualities. But the point is, it is domestic. You're going to import some LNG, but the percentage will not be scary, like the percentage of oil.

Q: It sounds like you're saying let the market figure this out. Is there a role for government?

A: I don't particularly like wind because I don't like the unsightly towers associated with them. But there's no question wind will work. And solar will work. And when the price is right, these things will all start to come into play.

Q: Without the need for subsidies. They're heavily subsidized now, as is ethanol?

A: I don't know whether you subsidize or allow the price of fossil fuel to go up, and when you do, it will create opportunities for the alternatives.

Q: By the way, Wikipedia, the online encyclopedia, describes you as a "well-known takeover artist" from the 1980s. What would you prefer to be remembered as?

A: "Legendary oilman."

**Bill Steigerwald** is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.



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Steigerwald**  
Columnist

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 15, the 74th day of 2006. There are 291 days left in the year. This is the Ides of March — and the day the buzzards return to Hinckley, Ohio.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on March 15, 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My Fair Lady," starring Rex Harrison as Professor Henry Higgins and Julie Andrews as Eliza Doolittle, opened on Broadway.

On this date:

In 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1919, the American Legion was founded in Paris.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied

'People are, if anything, more touchy about being thought silly than they are about being thought unjust.'

— E.B. White  
American author and humorist (1899-1985)

bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

## Players take modern baseball's lead

With baseball season just a few weeks away, the media focus is not on the coming season but instead on what a famed major league batting sensation did a long time ago.

Somebody once remarked that we Americans build our monuments to our heroes out of stone so we'll have something to throw at them when they prove to have feet of clay. The case of Barry Bonds proves the truth of that adage.

In a new book, "Game of Shadows," it is alleged that Bonds was using huge quantities of steroids from 1998 to 2002. Yet he has never failed a drug test. And as USA Today commented,

"Just like everyone else, Bonds should have to flunk a test in order to draw a suspension."

Forget about the fact that long before he ever used a single strength-enhancing drug he was a stand-out star on the baseball diamond.

In 1999, before any alleged steroid use began

Bonds had already hit more than 400 home runs and stolen 400 bases.

Massarotti notes that he had also won three Most Valuable Player awards.

That's what counts in the game. This whole steroid use

business has been grossly

overplayed and is a distraction

from the purpose of the

game, which as far as the

er story. What matters in baseball is the ability to play the game well. And you can say what you want about Bonds as long as you keep in mind that some of the greatest players in the game were a pretty bad lot off the field.

As Massarotti put it:

"Mickey Mantle was an alcoholic.

Ty Cobb was a scoundrel.

Even the lovable [late] Kirby Puckett has allegations against him of spousal and domestic abuse, and rest assured that the list of tainted superstars goes on and on.

"Bonds was and is a baseball player, like Mantle and Cobb and Puckett and McGwire. None of them were really anything more."

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game, which as far as the

team owners are concerned is to attract large numbers of fans to pay the bills and the monstrous salaries the baseball heroes pull down. Fans demand home run heroes and lots of home runs. Historically, the owners have managed to overlook such trifles as steroid use or the less-than-stellar characters of some of the baseball giants.

Last February I wrote that after the ruinous players' strike a few years ago, the team owners needed to get people back to the ballpark.

What they did to make the game more exciting was

build stadiums that had

shorter outfields, they juiced

up the ball by winding it

much, much tighter; and

they went to harder maple bats — all because they wanted to have more home runs and wanted to have records broken.

Thus all the players did

was take baseball's lead.

They reasoned that if baseball could juice up the ball,

why shouldn't they juice up themselves — make themselves stronger, bigger and better — to allow themselves

to get those home runs that baseball wanted them to hit.

And to create excitement, baseball wanted to stir up increased public interest by staging competition over

which home run records would be broken by which players.

Baseball has known about

the use of steroids by their

players for a long time but

they chose to turn a blind eye to it — they needed those

home run heroes to keep the

fans juiced up. With the

home runs and the records

were being broken, the fans were

coming back to the ballpark

and that was the game baseball needed to win.

And all those sportswriters

who are now running

around wringing their hands

and taking pot shots at Barry

Bonds either knew about the

players' use of steroids or

just weren't paying attention.

Now with this new

book they are shocked,

shocked to discover that

Barry Bonds was shooting

up a few years ago.

C'mon, it's time to stop

throwing stones and throw baseballs instead. Let's play ball!

**Mike Reagan**, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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George Orwell remains a valuable writer, though he died in 1950. He was a man who was an active participant in his times, and since the new century appears to be going down the same road as the last one, we can still learn from him.

His essay "Politics and the English Language" ought to be read by every journalist and by everyone who reads journalists or listens to the babble on television.

"The great enemy of clear language is insincerity," he wrote. "When there is a gap between one's real and one's declared aims, one turns as it were instinctively to long words and exhausted idioms,

like a cuttlefish squirting out ink."

The phrase "war on terror" is a phony metaphor. We are not at war. Ninety-

nine and 99/100ths percent of the American people are living the same

# Presidential aide in hot legal water

WASHINGTON (AP) — During President Bush's State of the Union address, Claude Allen had a coveted box seat as a guest of the first lady. He sat there with an embarrassing secret.

For weeks as he worked side-by-side with Bush on policy that would be included in that Jan. 31 address, he carried the secret that was about to threaten the reputation he built during a swiftly rising career in Republican government.

What Allen knew and apparently didn't tell others at the White House is that he could be in legal trouble. Police say Allen was caught trying to get refunds on items he hadn't bought at a Target store in the Washington's Maryland suburbs, just 30 days before the State of the Union address he was helping to craft.

White House officials say they didn't know the truth about the allegations until last week, after Allen, 45, had resigned from his \$161,000-a-year job as Bush's domestic policy adviser. The felony charges have shocked those who knew Allen and considered him completely devoted to God, family and country.

"Nothing from my personal experiences with him would ever have led me to question his integrity, his morals, his honesty," said Alex Azar, the Health and Human Services Department deputy secretary who worked with

Allen during all five years of the Bush presidency. "He was always regarded as someone with real integrity and somebody with a keen moral compass."

Allen is the great-grandson of slaves who was raised a Democrat in a poor Washington neighborhood. In college, he says he became a born-again Christian and a Republican.

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— Alex Azar  
Health and Human Services  
Department deputy secretary

mention Jesus in prayers at the publicly funded institutions. He drew the ire of liberals but impressed those he worked with for being a humble team player who was helpful to staff on all levels. Some of his co-workers, sorry to see him leave, cried at his going away party, held last month in the West Wing.

His explanation that he wanted to spend more time with his family made sense to those who knew him — he complained that he barely saw his two sons and two daughters, ages 2 to 14, with the long hours serving the president. Allen and his Barbados-born wife, Jannece, recently moved to a nearly \$1 million home in the Maryland suburbs to be closer to their church, the non-denominational Covenant Life.

His wife home schools their four children, and Allen told people that having the family close to the church's resources was more important than the 10 miles it would add to his commute to the White House.

In his time of trouble, Allen has asked the church's pastoral team to care for him, senior pastor Joshua Harris wrote in a statement on the church's Web site. "Our concern is for his soul," Harris wrote. "Our desire — and Claude shares this — is for him to walk with humility and integrity."

He rode those ideologies up through positions in state and federal government, all the way to the White House, where last year he became the highest-ranking black to serve in the West Wing.

Allen was a conservative who supported a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage and supported the right of Christian military chaplains to

## Reese

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face of war, of course, is broken bodies, blood, splattered brains and innards, horrible burns and other mutilations. There are no pleasant aspects of war. So, Americans are allowed to see soldiers giving candy to children, and occasionally an explosion on the horizon or the wreckage after the bodies have been removed.

In the meantime, the president and

his folks blather on in carefully chosen euphemisms and newspeak just as if they were characters in an Orwell novel. At least the American people are at last beginning to catch on, and Bush's approval rating is 34 percent and his vice president's rating is 18 percent.

That speaks well of the American people. They do trust their politicians, though that trust is often abused, but eventually they begin to check actions against words, facts against claims. Once they realized they've been bamboozled, then all the fancy words and euphemisms in the world won't restore their trust.

Bush has been in trouble in Iraq and Europe and Asia, and now he appears to be in trouble at home. He has three more years, so it would be a great help if this year one or both of the houses of Congress shifted to Democratic control. That would restore the checks and balances so necessary to preserve liberty, not that Democrats are any prize. That doesn't matter. The genius of our Founding Fathers is that they realized that as long as government fights itself, the liberty of the people is safe.

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

## Events calendar

The local branch of the American Petroleum Institute will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Pampa Country Club. The guest speaker will be Gary Weaver with Security DBS Drill Bits. Dinner will be served at a charge of \$15 per person. Memberships will be available at the door. Door prizes are being donated by Halliburton.

Red Hat Dollies Society will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Members are asked to bring "white elephant gifts." The group will also attend a concert at Stokes Barn at 6 p.m. March 25.

Tenor Eric Barry will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday during the next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art in Amarillo. Barry currently trains with opera diva Mary Jane Johnson. He was one of only six tenors invited to attend the American Institute of Musical Studies in Graz, Austria. Other events will include a documentary about Georgia O'Keeffe and a coffee tasting. Third Thursdays are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

College-bound high school students can take the ACT

Assessment on April 8 the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline was March 3. Late registration postmark deadline is Friday. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration). Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's Web site at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

The next Pampa Area Christian Singles Dance will feature Earl Witt between 8 and 11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman Club on South Barns. The event is smoke free and alcohol free. Admission is \$6 per person. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present the genealogy program "Who's Who in your Family Tree" at 2 p.m. March 26. Guest speakers will include Lisa Lambert, preservation specialist, and Ellen Lovett, of Family History Center. The cost of the program is \$5 for PPHM members and \$10 for non-members. For reservations or more information, call Aarika Hand at (806) 651-2242 or e-mail [ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu](mailto:ahand@pphm.wtamu.edu).

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer advanced Excel from 6:30-9 p.m. every Monday between March 27 and May 22. The instructor will be Connie Mondragon. Students will learn how to integrate Excel files with other applications and the Internet; how to use advanced mathematical functions; how to create and modify charts; how to analyze data; and how to create macros and hyperlinks. The class is limited to 40 students. A fee of \$60 and a textbook are required. To register or for more information, call CCPC at 665-8801.

The Association of Sons and Daughters of World War II Veterans will lead a group to England and France during April 2006 to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the D-Day landings, the Battle of Normandy and the drive through France to Bastogne. The itinerary will include London, Portsmouth, Cherbourg, Omaha and Utah beaches, Caen, St. Mere Eglise, Caretan, Argentan, Falaise and Paris. For more information, call (561) 865-8495 or write Sy Canton 5121 B Nesting Way, Delray Beach, FL 33484.

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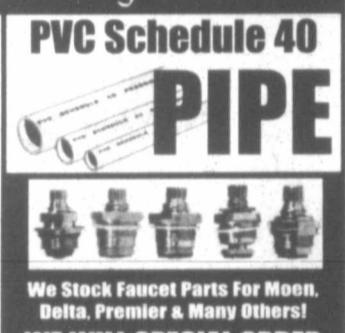


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## Dubai company describes plans to sell American port operations

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Dubai-owned company said Wednesday it plans to sell all its U.S. port operations within four to six months to an unrelated American buyer and laid out new details about how it plans to pursue the sale under pressure from Congress.

DP World said that until the sale is finalized, its U.S. businesses will be operated independently. The announcement was the first time DP World described its plans for the U.S. operations as a "sale" and indicated it would retain no stake in them.

"An expedited sale process is under way and with the cooperation of the port authorities and joint venture partners, it is expected that a sale can be agreed within four to six months,"

*'They have expressed that they are fully committed to doing so, and the Treasury Department said that they would work with them on implementing that decision.'*

— Scott McClellan  
Spokesman

the company said in a statement.

DP World said it will provide information about its business to "interested parties," which it did not identify, and said it will assess offers based on what it described as "value, deliverability and the continuity of management, employees and customers."

The new disclosures by DP World responded to questions raised since its announcement last week about how it intends to transfer to an unspecified American company all the

U.S. operations it acquired when it bought London-based Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Co. for \$6.8 billion.

The British company handles significant operations at ports in New Jersey, New York, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia — plus lesser dockside activities at 16 other ports in this country.

DP World has said those U.S. operations are worth roughly \$700 million.

"This is the first time we have gotten clarification that the intent is for full divestiture," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. "While I still have to look at the details, it looks now like they have fleshed this out in far greater detail," said Schumer, who said he was assured "the process be open and fair and quick."

"That is very good news. That's what we have been seeking from the beginning," he said.

At the White House, moments before DP World's announcement, spokesman Scott McClellan said company executives had earlier promised to transfer their U.S. businesses, "and it's important that they fulfill the commitment that was made."

"They have expressed that they are fully committed to doing so, and the Treasury Department said that they would work with them on implementing that decision," McClellan said.

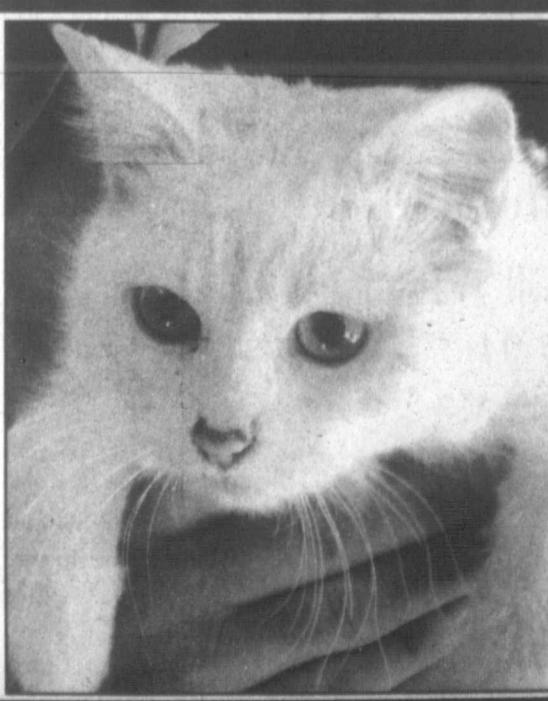
DP World said until the sale is complete, its U.S. operations will be managed independently by P&O Ports North America Inc., the wholly owned U.S. subsidiary of the British company it bought.

Since DP World's announcement last week, Republicans and Democrats alike in Congress have questioned whether the company planned a full divestiture or whether it would retain some stake in the U.S. operations.

DP World said previously that its decision last week was based on an understanding it would be given time for an orderly transfer and that DP World will not suffer economic loss.

But until Wednesday, it had steadfastly declined to clarify its statement or the timing of any possible sale. Leading congressional critics threatened repeatedly to intervene if DP World's plans fell short of a full divestiture of its U.S. operations.

DP World said Wednesday it hired Deutsche Bank Securities Inc. of New York as its financial adviser for the sale.



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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** A few years ago, you helped me with an unhappy relationship I was in. I took your advice, and it made a big improvement in my life. I am now engaged to a wonderful woman, and we're very happy. I never thought I would have to write you again. Abby, I am seeing some behavior in my 15-year-old nephew that has me worried. He's a "high achiever" and, basically, a pretty good kid. Maybe he's under stress from school or sports, but he has been having some shocking, angry outbursts. Whether against his parents, his brother or his girlfriend, he will fly into a rage. He shouts, pounds his fists on the table, slams doors (breaking a glass pane) and storms out of the house. I saw him shove his brother during a recent argument, and I have heard him threaten to put his fist through a wall. Luckily, he hasn't followed through. He doesn't have a history of causing trouble, and these angry outbursts don't happen all the time. I know you have a booklet about controlling anger. Do you think it might help him, and how can I order one? — **WORRIED UNCLE,** ANNAPOLIS, MD.

**DEAR WORRIED UNCLE:** We all have moments when we react without thinking. Your nephew is young, and his problem could be caused by a number of things — including immaturity, lack of self-control and raging hormones. If you have a good level of communication with him, the first thing you should do is have a talk with him and ask what's really going on. If he is not having emotional or substance abuse problems, my anger booklet might be helpful to him. It contains constructive information about anger and suggestions for defusing it in healthy ways. It can be ordered by send

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**DEAR GROSSED OUT:** The answers to both of your questions is yes — and the sooner the better.

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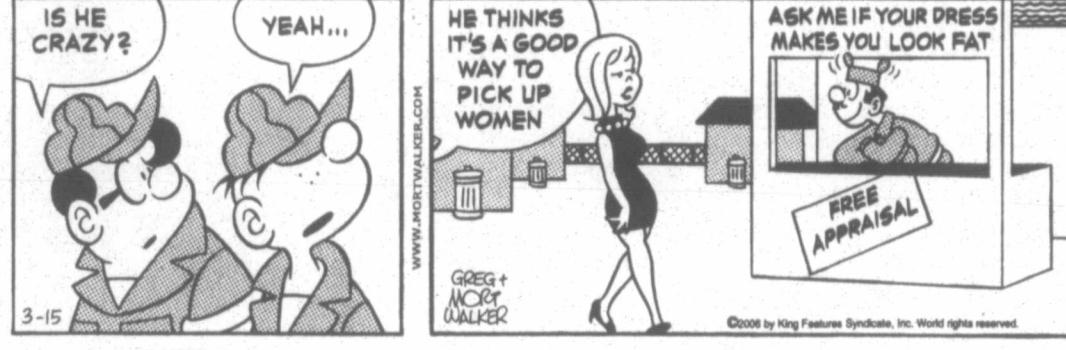
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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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11 Ingenuous

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37 Temptress

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30 Tangential

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31 Day in

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35 Farm unit

36 Wander

37 Pagoda

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38 Kitten

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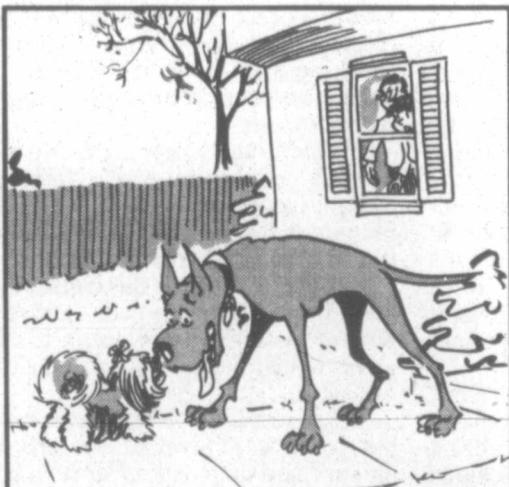
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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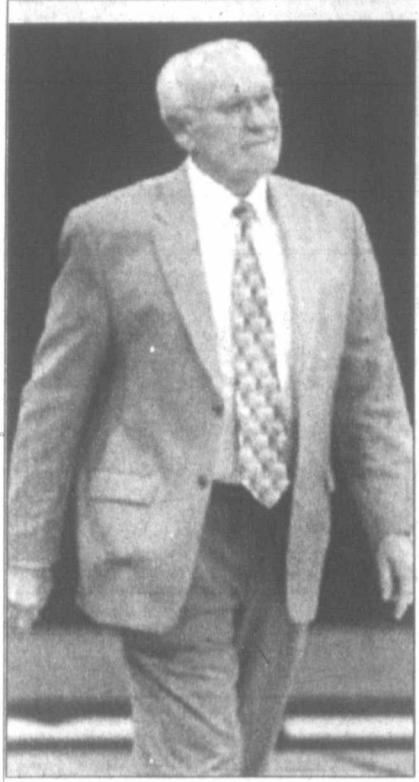
## Flo & Friends



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# Sports Day



Photos by SPORTCLIKS.COM  
WT Lady Buffs head coach Bob Schneider.

## Lady Buffs' Schneider nets WBCA honors

CANYON — The Women's Basketball Coaches Association announced Tuesday that West Texas A&M University women's basketball head coach Bob Schneider has been named Russell Athletic/WBCA NCAA-II Region 6 Coach of the Year.

"This is a great honor, but it is a shared thing with the team. I've always told our team that any honor or award any coach or player gets is a big shared thing," Schneider said. "We've got some great players on this team and the team did some tremendous things this season."

The honor accompanies the Lone Star Conference South Division Coach of the Year Award for the legendary Schneider, who in his 25th season with the Lady Buffs and 28th as a collegiate head coach, and led WTAMU to its conference-record eighth LSC Championship and the NCAA-II South Central Regional Tournament for the third-straight and 14th overall season. The 15th-ranked and second-seeded Lady Buffs were beaten in Saturday's semifi-

nals, falling to eighth-ranked and third-seeded Emporia State University, 88-82. ESU is coached by Schneider's son Brandon. ESU went on to beat No. 1 Washburn, 61-59, in OT Monday night in the Regional Final, dealing Washburn its first loss in 52 games.

WTAMU's season ends with a 28-4 record, the most wins since 1996-97, having its season-long 13-game winning streak snapped. It was the 19th season under Schneider that the Lady Buffs have reached the 20-win milestone.

"Coming in we had some big question marks with some of our returning players and our new people, and they just set their goals high and reached them, exceeding some of our expectations along the way," Schneider said. "We had great chemistry and made some great big steps along the way. We overcame adversity and obstacles as we went through the season that made us stronger and better. I certainly can't take all the credit, it's a shared thing with my coaching staff and players."

## Cooper receives academic honors

CANYON — West Texas A&M University men's basketball player Tyler Cooper has been named the Lone Star Conference men's basketball Academic Player of the Year by the conference office.

The 6'4" sophomore forward from Amarillo has a 4.0 GPA and is majoring in pre-medicine. Cooper was also named to the LSC All-Academic Team.

Cooper leads the conference and would lead the nation — but doesn't reach the minimum — in 3-point field goal percentage. Cooper hit 47.1 percent (41-of-87) from behind the arc this season.

He was third on the team in both scoring and rebounding, posting 8.7 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

Cooper was instrumental in WTAMU's late-season surge, as the Buffs won nine of their last 12 games, including the LSC Championship which allowed WT to advance to the NCAA-II South Central Regional Tournament, where they were beaten by Northwest Missouri State University, 66-51, Saturday in the quarterfinals.

## Bottom of West playoff race now as good as top

(AP) - Once Ron Artest arrived, the bottom of the Western Conference playoff race became just as good as the top.

Dallas and San Antonio stayed deadlocked Tuesday night on top of the West with their 50th wins, but there was movement down the ladder when Sacramento vaulted over the Los Angeles Lakers into the seventh spot.

Artest scored 28 points while playing stellar defense on Kobe Bryant, and the Kings rolled through the fourth quarter of their 13th straight home victory, 114-98 over the Lakers.

Mike Bibby had 29 points and seven assists for the Kings (33-31), who have won 14 of 18 and are a half-game ahead of the Lakers (33-32).

"We've put ourselves in playoff position now, we're right there," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "There are expectations, and this is good, but there's no time to relax."

The Mavericks used a big third-quarter turnaround to beat Cleveland 91-87, and the Spurs answered by beating the New Orleans Hornets 96-81.

And forget the talk about not scoreboard watching. The Spurs are paying attention even when games aren't going on.

"I've got no choice but to

(watch the standings)," Spurs forward Tim Duncan said. "Every time I walk into the practice facility it's right there, so I know what's going on."

In other games, it was: Toronto 111, Philadelphia 97; Miami 121, Utah 83; Washington 119, Charlotte 114; Memphis 93, Boston 76; Chicago 95, Portland 66; and Phoenix 129, Seattle 120.

San Antonio's victory knocked the Hornets further from a spot. The Hornets have dropped a season-high seven straight and are a game behind the Lakers.

Meanwhile, the Kings have passed them both with their spirited play since acquiring Artest at the end of January. Even when Sacramento had one of the league's best offenses, it couldn't get past the Lakers in the postseason because it lacked the defensive presence that Artest provides.

"Sacramento has added a player in the mix that is everything that they weren't when we played them in the playoffs," Bryant said. "The guy plays defense first, and now Sacramento has become much more aggressive on defense."

"Ron gets us going," said Bibby, who hit three of his five 3-pointers in the fourth quarter. "You always get up to play the Lakers, but Ron fighting Kobe for every bucket just makes it better."

## WORLD BASEBALL CLASSIC

### Event means more to some than others

By TIM DAHLBERG  
Associated Press

The worst thing about the World Baseball Classic — besides the incomprehensible tiebreaker system — has always been its timing.

Baseball simply isn't supposed to mean this much in March.

Actually, it doesn't seem to mean that much to the U.S. team, which sleepwalked its way through a loss Monday night to South Korea and now must rely on Roger Clemens and some luck to stave off elimination.

And it still doesn't mean that much to most Americans, if the crowds in Anaheim the last few nights were any indication. The Angels drew more for exhibition games against the Dodgers than the best of the United States did for games against Japan and South Korea.

But in places where they might root for the Yankees and not the Yanks, this is the Olympics on steroids. There, baseball's first real stab at an international series has taken on October-like proportions.

Don't think Fidel isn't tuning in somewhere in Havana? Sure he was when his team pulled a Barry Bonds, refusing to talk to the media after its loss to the Dominican Republic on Monday, and anti-Castro protesters scuffled in the stands.

And how about Japan, where the outrage over a reversed call that probably cost that team its game against the United States on Sunday is so great that the prime minister even felt the need to get involved.

"It clearly looked like we were going to win," Junichiro Koizumi said. "It's a shame to lose on such a strange call."

While the Japanese try to figure out a new definition for the word "homer," other countries are showing America that, while baseball may be its national pastime, it doesn't own the game anymore.

They're ecstatic in Puerto Rico,

where the games at Hiram Bithorn Stadium have been the most festive of all, and where the home team plays Cuba on Wednesday with the winner advancing to the semis. The Dominican Republic may be mired in poverty, but the nation will have plenty to celebrate if its talented team makes it to San Diego by beating Venezuela.

If a team of Dominican superstars playing Puerto Rico's best before a noisy, flag-waving crowd in San Juan doesn't do it for you, then you're one of those fans who goes to Milwaukee Brewers games to cheer for the sausages races.

And what about South Korea? Wasn't this just a team with a couple of marginal major league pitchers in Chan Ho Park and Byung-Hyun Kim and a first baseman even the Dodgers didn't see as an everyday player?

That same team is now the only undefeated squad and on the verge of making the semifinals, thanks to a surprisingly easy 7-3 win Monday night over a U.S. team that has played, so far, as if it's still the first week of spring training.

They may not be dancing in the streets in Seoul, but judging from South Korean manager In-Sik Kim's reaction, his countrymen have to be breaking out some celebratory kimchee after beating the United States at its own game.

"Something happened today which nobody could believe," Kim said. "This is a collection of all the best of the major league players. It's very difficult to believe what happened."

Believe it because the United States now has lost to Canada and South Korea, teams you wouldn't expect guys named Jeter, A-Rod and Griffey to lose to.

They should have lost to Japan, too, but for a call reversal so rare some players said they had never seen it happen before. It did in the eighth inning, and cost Japan the go-ahead run when plate umpire Bob Davidson overruled

the second base umpire and called the runner out for leaving third base too early on a sacrifice fly.

That drew reactions from both Japanese manager Sadaharu Oh and fellow slugger Bonds.

"It's just unimaginable that this could have happened, or this did happen, in the U.S., where baseball is very famous and popular," Oh said through a translator.

"Dude, that guy tagged up," Bonds said through his own translator.

There was no such controversy in the game against South Korea, which was decided early on a three-run homer by Hee-Seop Choi in the fourth inning that put the Koreans up 6-1. Dontrelle Willis got rocked, the American bats were largely silent, and suddenly this whole world baseball thing didn't look so good anymore.

If the Americans don't win — and they may have to win big — against Mexico on Thursday, George Steinbrenner will get his wish and get the left side of his infield back to Florida early.

Just how that works out may be best left to the brains at Cal Tech, who may be the only ones who can figure out a tiebreaker system that, if everything else fails, comes down to picking the short straw.

Take away the tiebreaker, though, and baseball and its union have done nearly everything right in their effort to promote the sport worldwide. They didn't exactly do it for altruistic reasons, because a successful tournament helps fill their coffers with money from merchandise and television rights, but give them credit for making it work.

The timing isn't ideal, of course, but options are limited. And when it returns in three years, maybe American players might have a better idea how to get prepared early enough for it.

Meanwhile, baseball in March has never meant so much. And it's never been so much fun.

## Wednesday's Sports Briefs

### FOOTBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Daunte Culpepper's seven up-and-down seasons in Minnesota came to an end.

The Vikings agreed to trade the three-time Pro Bowl selection to the Miami Dolphins for a second-round draft pick, less than a week after Culpepper — who is still rehabbing his injured right knee — said he wanted out.

Miami released last year's starter, Gus Frerotte.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles released the exiled Terrell Owens, ending a tumultuous, two-year relationship with the wide receiver.

Owens was due a \$5 million roster bonus on Wednesday, so the Eagles had to cut him or trade him before then to avoid paying him the money.

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys released receiver Keyshawn Johnson, avoiding a \$1 million bonus he was due and possibly creating room for Terrell Owens in the lineup and the locker room.

Johnson, a favorite of coach Bill Parcells, was scheduled to make only \$1.5 million this season.

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Free-agent quarterback Drew Brees agreed to a six-year contract with New Orleans, providing the Saints with a proven replacement for Aaron Brooks.

Brees injured his throwing shoulder with San Diego in the final game of the season. He underwent surgery and said last weekend he will take four or five months to be ready.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — David Givens, one of Tom Brady's primary targets on two of New England's Super Bowl winners, signed a five-year, \$24 million deal with the Tennessee Titans.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The San Francisco Giants will celebrate appropriately if Barry Bonds passes Babe Ruth on the career home run list.

Team owner Peter Magowan and executive vice president Larry Baer vowed to honor the organization's star player while also reiterating their commitment to cooperate with the commissioner's office on any investigation into Bonds' alleged steroids use.

Bonds has 708 home runs, six behind Ruth for second on the list.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 16, 2006:

Being part of a partnership could be very important to your well-being. Sometimes you might need to pull away, center yourself and recharge your batteries. You need to work on maintaining your own identity and not giving away too much of yourself. If you erect healthy boundaries, your life will flourish. You will see that a lot happens very quickly if you relax. A move could be a strong possibility. If you are single, you will really want to be with someone. Please don't settle. If you are attached, your relationship skyrockets in importance. You also could feel as if your bond is getting much better as the days pass. LIBRA pulls you close.

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)

Others might want to convince you that they are right. Getting you on their bandwagon might be a major focus of your day. You still call the shots. Remember, every person knows what he or she wants. Tonight: Very playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Your easy style and manner get you far. Listen to what is being shared and what you need. You might spend a lot of money to make your point. Still, others might not hear you or listen. Your creativity spins out. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Your fiery energy defines what happens. Romance will knock on your door if you let yourself relax. Exciting news comes from a distance.

You might not want to be practical right now. Listen to your sixth sense. Tonight: Spontaneity works.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Investigate and find answers. You will be a lot happier if you relax and flow with the moment. Live it up and get to the bottom of a problem. You might want to rethink a situation carefully. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Don't let anything go unspoken. Don't make assumptions, or you could be sadly disappointed. Don't think too much. Rather, get down to basics and understand where others are coming from. Another person might also be making assumptions. Tonight: Visit with pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Expenses highlight your day. You find new ways of making money and turning a situation over. Go with new ideas and focus on what you need to. Laughter surrounds a work situation. You are pressured to make a must appearance. Tonight: Treat yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You break through barriers and get down to basics. You understand a lot more than you realize. Get past a problem. See a situation differently by seeking other opinions. Your laughter takes you in a new direction. Tonight: As you wish.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You might want to think before you make a decision right now. Others enjoy themselves to the max. How you deal with people could change radically because of a revelation or insight. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

What might be a far-out thought could be accepted with a smile and gratefulness. Don't make judgments in advance. Rather, think positively. Others might be full of themselves. Do you really care? Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Finally, you get the kind of respect you desire. Others push and pull you in different directions. Realize what might be happening. Think positively now that others finally contribute, or at least acknowledge a job well done. Tonight: A must show.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You might want to think before you leap in a new direction. Understand more of what you need from others. You laugh, and many are delighted. Share your ideas, and you might improve them. Listen. Think. Tonight: Follow the music.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You might want to slow down and think before you make any decisions. Your mind floats from one topic to another. You could be causing yourself more of a problem than you need to. Chill out first. Tonight: Work with someone as part of a team.

BORN TODAY

Actor, comedian Jerry Lewis (1926), novelist, playwright Maxim Gorky (1868), singer Jerry Jeff Walker (1942)

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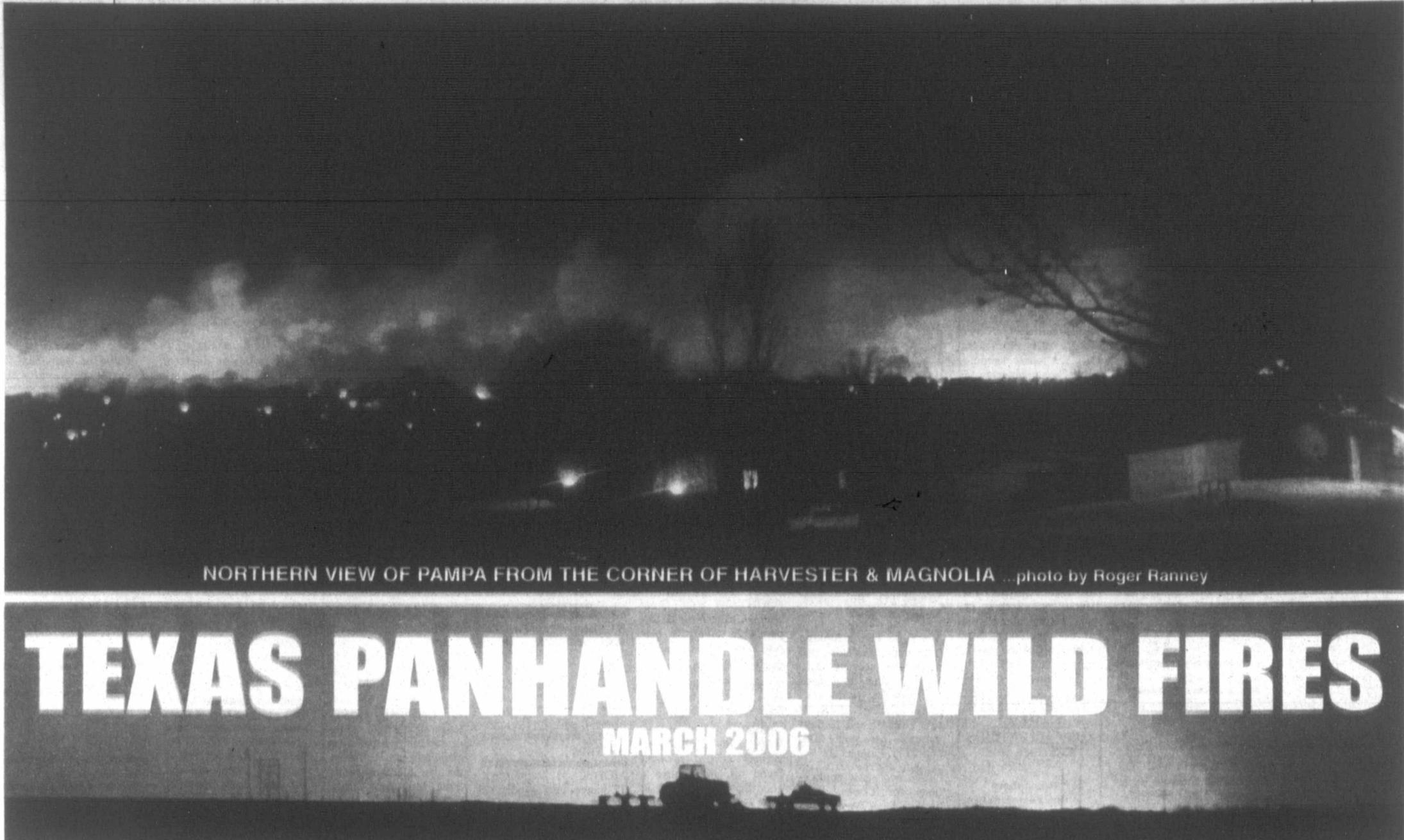
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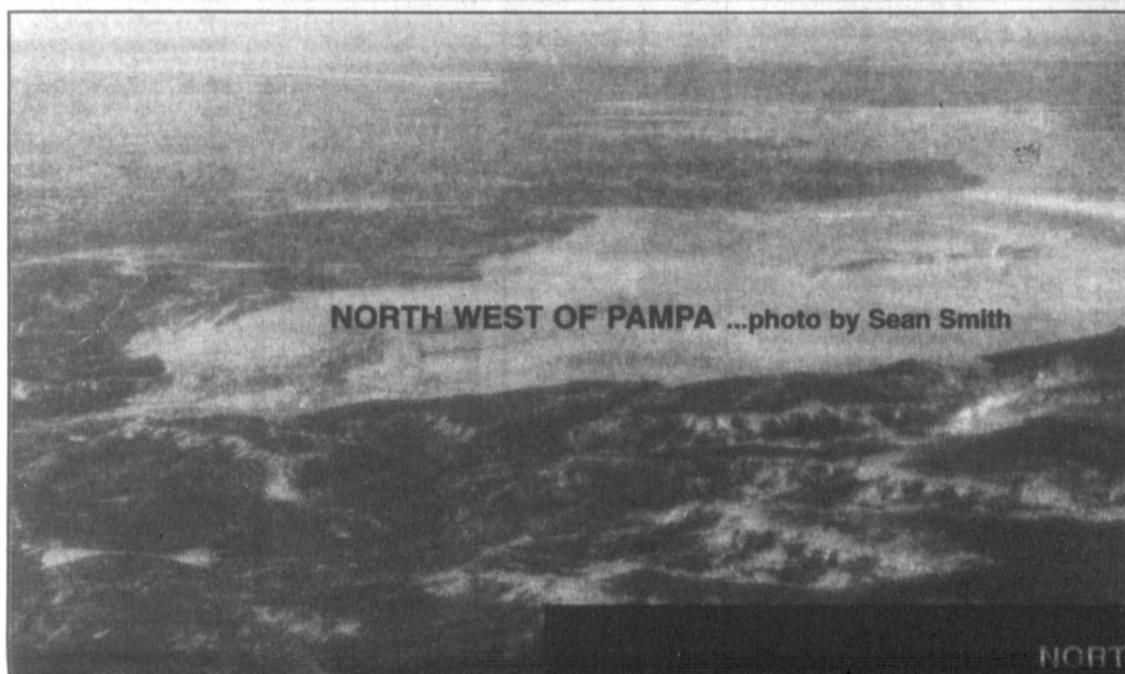
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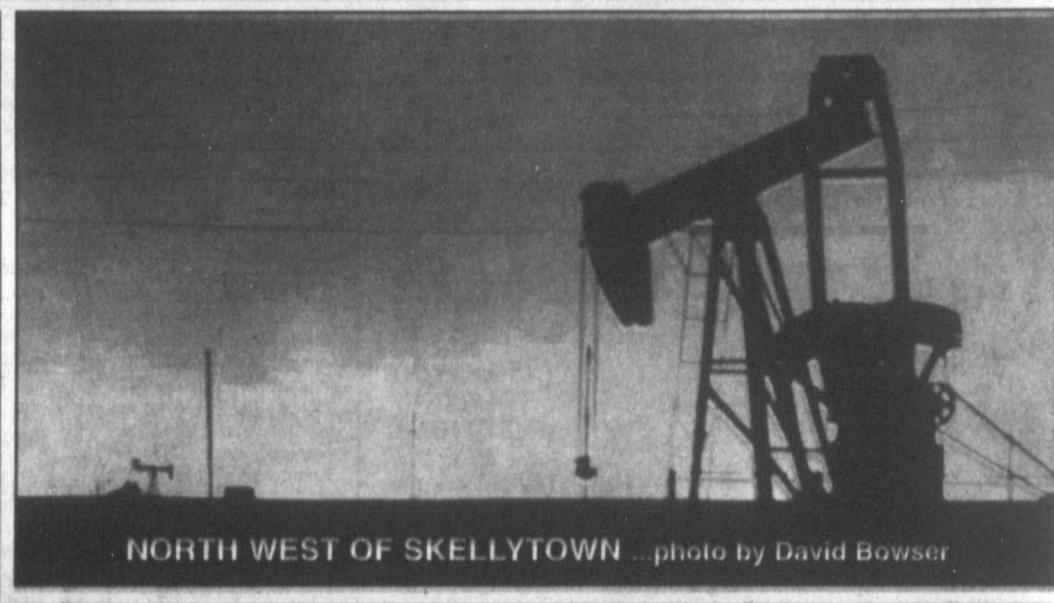
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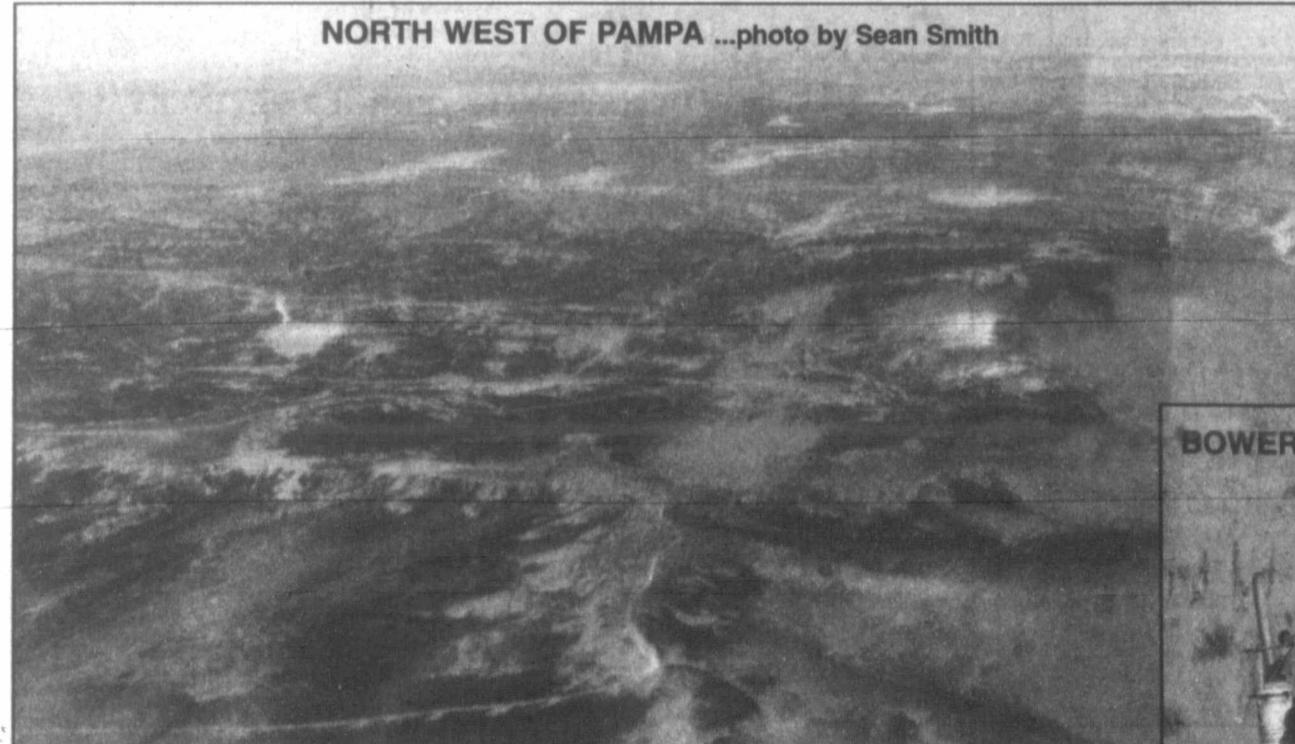
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