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Honor graduates of 2006 announced by PHS

Superintendent of Pampa Schools Barry Haenisch and Pampa High School Principal Danny Seabourne have jointly announced that — out of a class of 220 — 22 students number among this year's PHS honor graduates. These honor graduates and their parents will be honored Tuesday during the school's annual Honor Banquet at Pampa Country Club.

Leading this top 10 percent of the class are Valedictorian Christopher Smith and Salutatorian Zack Edens.

Three of the 22 honor graduates were named Superintendent Scholars. Superintendent Scholars must score a 1900 or higher on the SAT or a 29 on the

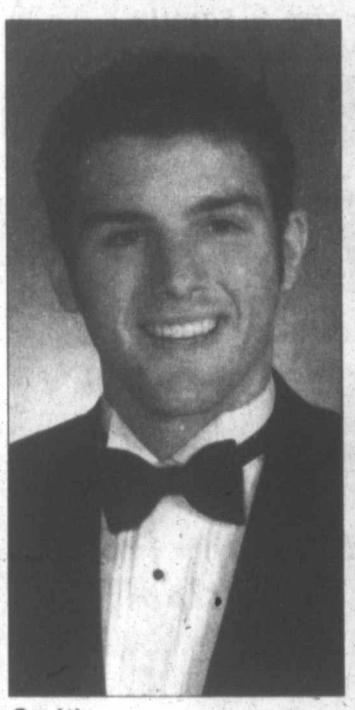
ACT and complete four or more Advanced Placement Courses.

Valedictorian Smith, a Superintendent Scholar, earned a grade point average of 4.398. Smith is the son of Charles and Karen Smith. He is a National Merit Scholar semifinalist, recipient of the Pampa Harvester Football Leadership Award, and national qualifier and state-level competitor in Speech & Debate. He is a National Latin Exam gold medalist, is student body president and is active in PHS Choir, and UIL Theater. Smith plans to attend St. Edward's University in Austin and pursue a double-major in theater and arts administration with a minor

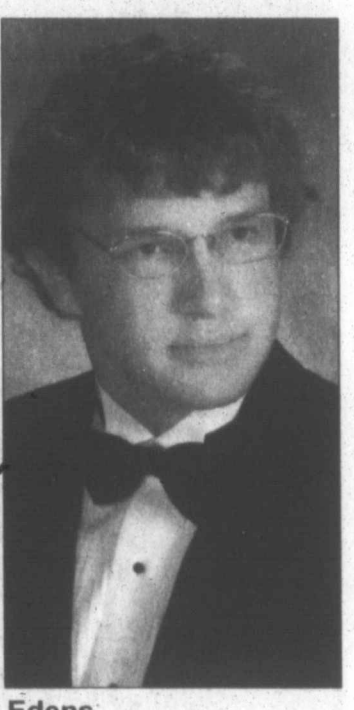
in music.

Salutatorian Edens, son of Bill and Jane Edens, earned a 4.327 GPA. He holds the Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the American Chemical Society Science Award and garnered the distinction of "Band Guru" of PHS, serving the band in several leadership positions. Edens has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and is active in Jazz Band, Speech & Debate, Pep Band, Marching Band and Symphonic Band. He plans to attend Texas A&M University and major in nuclear engineering.

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Historic fire magazines valuable keepsake



By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

"Wildfires March 2006" is a commemorative magazine compiled and printed by The Pampa News that is available to the public as a historic keepsake.

The 24-page, full color publication includes an array of color photos of the wildfires that began on March 12 and a comprehensive recount of area volunteer fire departments that responded to the deadly fires.

The wildfires have been termed as

the largest grass fire in Texas history, and this magazine captures the stunning images of damage and the heroic efforts of volunteers who battled long and hard to save people's homes.

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Aggies offer help to rebuild ranches

Students of Texas A&M University and the Corps of Cadets will travel to the Texas Panhandle this month to lend their hand in the rebuilding process of the many ranches left ravaged by wildfires.

More than 1,000 square miles of rangeland in the eastern Texas Panhandle were claimed by fires beginning on March 12. Over the next six days, the blaze claimed a dozen lives, thousands of cattle and miles of fence lines.

Hearing of the disaster, the students offered their assistance to those in need. They will arrive May 15 in Pampa and stay at the Graceland East Ranch near Borger through May 28, helping ranchers clear the many homes and barns laid waste by the fires, as well as assist in rebuilding the downed fence lines.

"We're all ready to make this happen," said Ricky Martin, of the Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau. "We're hoping this project will be a huge success not only for the people who suffered losses but for our community and organization as a whole."

The Gray-Roberts County Farm Bureau will coordinate the students' efforts, as well as serve as the main staging point for the relief projects. For more information, contact the Gray-Roberts office at (806) 665-8451.

Tax deductible contributions continue to be accepted for the Texas Farm Bureau Fire Relief Fund at the Pampa office. The deadline for ranchers to file applications for assistance through the fund is Wednesday.

Now open



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Josh Erdman, computer specialist for AmericInn, makes a phone call in the lobby of Pampa's newest completed hotel. Pampa's AmericInn, at 1101 N. Hobart, opened April 12 with 54 rooms. The property is owned by Top of Texas Hospitality Partners, Ltd. and managed by Three Rivers Hospitality. The hotel's amenities include suites with fireplaces and whirlpools, and free high-speed Internet access. An indoor recreation area has a swimming pool and whirlpool.

Minivan compartment hides 215 lbs. of marijuana

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The compartment beneath the floorboards of a minivan which normally hold the vehicle's seats when they are folded out of sight held something besides seats Thursday when Texas Department of Public

Safety troopers stopped an east-bound 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan on Interstate 40 in Gray County.

Troopers stopped the Caravan for traffic violations and received verbal consent to search the vehicle. The search was made with the help of a DPS K-9 unit.

The search yielded 215 pounds of marijuana in the seat compartment beneath the floorboards, according to DPS reports. The marijuana had been packaged into one-pound bundles.

Jose O. Rodriguez, 53, of Las Vegas, Nev. was arrested in connection

with the incident and booked into Gray County Jail at 10:10 p.m. on a charge of possession of over 50 pounds but under 2,000 pounds of marijuana, a second-degree felony.

Rodriguez remained in jail as of press time Friday in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

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**Ruth Swearingim & Family
Terry Putman & Family
Ronny Putman & Family**

Obituaries

Rex H. McAnelly, 81

Rex H. McAnelly, 81, of Pampa, died Friday, May 5, 2006, in Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



McAnelly

Mr. McAnelly was born on Jan. 22, 1925, in Hamilton, Texas, and was a 1942 graduate of Hamilton High School. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and graduated from Texas A&M University in 1947 with a degree in agricultural education.

He married Anne Bowyer on Aug. 26, 1950, in Anson.

She preceded him in death on May 7, 2005.

Mr. McAnelly worked in Saudi Arabia for five years and came to Pampa in 1957 from the Rio Grande Valley. He managed Moody Farms which was the first commercial cattle feedlot in the Texas Panhandle. He also farmed and ranched in Gray and Wheeler counties for many years.

He was a former board member of the Texas Cattle Feeders Association and a former longtime member of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Board. He was a member of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Associations, Pampa Rotary Club, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo, First United Methodist

Church, and the Texas A&M Century Club.

Survivors include daughter, Laura Easter of Amarillo; brother, J.W. McAnelly of Olathe, Kan.; three grandchildren, Brett Greenhouse and wife Melissa of Houston, and Ashley Easter and Dylan Easter, both of Amarillo; and a great-granddaughter, Jia Greenhouse of Houston.

The family requests memorials be to Anne McAnelly Scholarship in care of Amarillo College Foundation, P.O. Box 447, Amarillo, TX 79178.

The family would like to express their thanks and appreciation to Riverstone Assisted Living in Amarillo for the wonderful care they gave to Mr. McAnelly.

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

Troy Rains, 66

Troy Rains, 66, of Pampa, died May 5, 2006, in Pampa. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

The family will receive friends at 1225 Darby.

Services tomorrow

Services today
BROGDON, John J. — Graveside services, 3 p.m., Dye Mound Cemetery, Dye Mound.
Services tomorrow
McANELLY, Rex H. — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

Friday, May 5

Kermitt Kenneth Hartley Jr., 37, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on two capias pro fines for nonpayment of court costs and fines.

Gaspar Antonio Olivas, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with no valid driver's license, no insurance and improper flashing lights.

Jason David Sprows, 19, of Payne Springs was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation-motion to appear-possession of a controlled substance out of 31st District Court.

Christina Avila, 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with securing execution of a document by deception.

Saturday, May 6

Tamara Crystal Price, 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ira Lee Smith, 46, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no seat belt and failure to appear.

David Sinches, 51, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession of marijuana under 2-ounces, tampering with evidence, possession of a controlled substance under 4-ounces, and possession of a controlled substance over 1 gram and under 4-grams in a drug-free zone.

Adam Jared Robertson, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxication and minor in possession of tobacco.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to no calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period

ending at 7 a.m. Saturday.

Thursday, May 4

9:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1300 block of Kentucky.

10:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Friday, May 5

8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Duncan and Harvester streets. No transport.

11:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to PRMC.

11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported one patient to Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

3:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Hughes and transported one patient to PRMC.

4:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one patient to NWTH.

4:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Charles and transported two patients to PRMC.

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Gray County Weather

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 54. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

with a high around 80. North wind around 15 mph becoming east.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Southeast wind around 15 mph becoming northeast.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 73. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

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New jobs slow, but unemployment rate holds steady at 4.7%

WASHINGTON (AP) — New hiring slackened last month to the slowest pace since last fall, as retailers cut thousands of jobs. Manufacturers and other businesses boosted employment, though, and the national jobless rate held steady at 4.7 percent.

The latest snapshot, released by the Labor Department on Friday, painted a mixed picture of the country's employment climate and suggested the economy is heading for more moderate but still healthy growth, analysts said.

"It is consistent with the idea that the economy — which had been bounding ahead — is throttling back a notch," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com.

Employers boosted payrolls by just 138,000 in

April. That was the smallest increase since October when businesses still reeling from the blows of the Gulf Coast hurricanes added only 37,000 jobs.

Stephen Stanley, chief economist at RBS Greenwich Capital, viewed the slower overall job growth in April more akin to a "one-time bump in the road" rather than a harbinger of a serious backslide in labor market activity.

The sluggishness in April's payrolls mostly reflected job losses in retailing. Manufacturers actually added the most number of jobs in nearly two years. Financial firms, professional services, construction and other companies all boosted employment during the month.

Workers' wages went up sharply in April.

Average hourly earnings climbed to \$16.61, a big 0.5 percent jump from March. Over the last 12 months, earnings rose 3.8 percent, the largest 12-month gain in nearly five years.

Wage growth is good for workers but a rapid, sustained acceleration can ignite inflation concerns.

Some economists said the big acceleration in wages last month was probably affected by the mix of jobs: the addition of more higher-paying factories jobs and the loss of lower-paying retail positions during the month.

Because of that, some economists said they weren't overly worried that overall wage inflation was taking off.

To fend off inflation, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues are expected to

bump up interest rates on May 10 by one-quarter percentage point to 5 percent.

After that, some economists predict the Fed will take a break in its two-year rate-raising campaign. Analysts in that camp said Friday's employment report would justify a such pause. However, others who are more worried about the prospects of an inflation flare-up believe the Fed will push rates even higher.

The payroll performance in April fell short of the 200,000 jobs that economists were forecasting would be added during the month.

Job gains in February and March, meanwhile, turned out to be less than previously estimated. Payrolls grew by 200,000 in each month. While that was 36,000 fewer jobs for the two months combined, it still was good job

growth. The report comes as President's Bush standing with the public has deteriorated. Bush's job-approval rating is now at 33 percent, the lowest in AP-Ipsos polling.

Bush called Friday's job growth good, while Democrats suggested they would like to see stronger gains.

On the payroll front, retailers cut just over 36,000 jobs in April, the most since September.

Some economists said the declines reflected a move by retailers to pare staffing after bulking up their employee ranks in March. Some said the drop was a byproduct of consolidation seen in retailing such as at department stores. Others suggested the decline was related toward the growth of self-service

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Patrick Kennedy to enter drug rehab after car crash near Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rep. Patrick Kennedy said Friday he was entering treatment for addiction to prescription pain medication, a decision made after a highly publicized car crash near the Capitol that the congressman said he cannot recall.

Kennedy, D-R.I., said he would seek immediate treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

He announced his decision to reporters at a Capitol Hill news conference. He walked in alone, gripped the lectern, cleared his throat and began haltingly.

Kennedy, who has struggled with addiction and depression, said he had checked into the Mayo Clinic over the Christmas holidays and returned to Congress "reinvigorated and healthy."

"Of course, in every recovery, each day has its ups and downs, but I have been strong, focused and productive since my return," Kennedy said.

The congressman said he again became concerned about his condition after the Thursday morning car accident.

"I simply do not remember getting out of bed, being pulled over by the police, or being cited for three driving infractions," Kennedy said. "That's not how I want to live my life. And that's not how I want to represent the people of Rhode Island."

As he was leaving the room, Kennedy was asked whether he might resign, and he shook his head no. "I need to stay in the fight," he said. He did not take other questions.

Kennedy — nephew of the late President Kennedy — was elected to Congress in 1994.

The congressman's father, Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., issued a statement saying he was proud of his son for admitting his problem and taking steps to correct it.

"He has taken full responsibility for events that occurred ... and he will continue to cooperate fully with any investigation," the elder Kennedy said.

The younger Kennedy said he hoped that his "openness today and in the past, and my acknowledgment that I need help, will give others the courage to get help if they need it."

Kennedy was cited for three traffic violations after his early morning car crash Thursday near the Capitol, according to a police report.

The report by a U.S. Capitol Police officer said Kennedy drove his green 1997 Ford Mustang convertible into a security barrier near the Capitol shortly before 3 a.m. Thursday, and that Kennedy had red, watery eyes, slurred speech and unsteady balance.

Kennedy had said in a statement Thursday that he had taken a sleeping pill and another drug that can cause drowsiness, but had not been drinking alcohol before the accident. "Apparently, I was disoriented from the medication," Kennedy said.

The police report described Kennedy as "ability impaired," and listed alcohol influence as a contributing circumstance in the crash.

Louis P. Cannon, president of the Washington chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police, who was not on the scene, said the congressman had appeared intoxicated when he crashed his car. The officers involved in the accident were instructed by an official "above the rank of patrolman" to take Kennedy home and no sobriety tests were conducted at the scene, Cannon said.

"I never asked for any preferential treatment," Kennedy said to reporters as he left his congressional office Thursday night.

It was Kennedy's second auto crash in three weeks. His car struck the passenger rear door of a second car while Kennedy was making a left turn from a roadway into a CVS pharmacy, according to a police report on the April 15 accident. No injuries were reported in the accident in Portsmouth, R.I., and Kennedy was not cited.

In Washington, Kennedy, 38, told the police officer he was "headed to the Capitol to make a vote," the report said. He was cited for failure to keep in the proper lane, traveling at "unreasonable speed" and failing to "give full time and attention" to operating his vehicle.

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Pampa ISD Events For The Week of May 8 - May 13

Pampa High School

- May 8 • Parent Support Meeting • Bible Church 7:00-8:00PM
- May 8 • Biology AP Exam
- May 9 • Class Officer Elections
- May 9 • Honors Banquet Pampa Country Club • 7:00PM
- May 10 • Chemistry AP Exam
- May 10 • Caps & Gowns Delivered • Cafeteria 11:30AM-12:25PM
- May 11 • Awards Assembly Gym • 9:00-11:45AM
- May 11 • Band Spring Festival • McNeely Field House 7:00PM
- May 12 • Class Officer Runoff Election
- May 12 • Enlighten Seminar/Sr. Girls
- May 12 • Band Banquet • MK Brown 7:00PM
- May 12 • Powder Puff Football Game • 7:00PM
- May 13 • Journalism Banquet • 7:00PM

Pampa Junior High

- May 8, 9 & 10 • 6th Grade Band Rehearsal • Auditorium 3:35-4:30PM
- May 8 • Magazine Prize Store Open After School
- May 9 • 5th Grade Students Visit PJH
- May 9 • Question & Answer Session For 5th Grade Parents • 6:30PM
- May 9 • All Students Turn In Text Books
- May 11 • All Library Books Due
- May 11 • Annual Signing Party
- May 11 • Band Spring Festival • McNeely Field House 7:00PM
- May 12 • Theater Arts Play "The Trial of Goldilocks" • 7:00PM

Austin Elementary

- May 9 • 5th Grade Visits PJH • 9:00AM
- May 9 • 1st Grade Choir Program • 9:30AM

Lamar Elementary

- May 8 • 3rd Grade Field Trip To Wildcat Bluff
- May 8 • Head Start Transition To Austin Elementary • 9:30-10:30AM
- May 9 • 5th Grade To PJH • 8:30AM
- May 9 • Head Start Visits Wilson 9:30-10:30AM
- May 9 • PHS Show Choir • GYM 1:00PM
- May 9 & 11 • Kid's Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
- May 9 • Family Literacy • 6:00-7:30PM
- May 10 • Head Start Transition To Travis • 9:30-10:30AM
- May 11 • Head Start Transition To Lamar • 9:30-10:30AM
- May 11 • 2nd Grade Trip To Discovery Center
- May 12 • 3 Year Old Head Start Transition • 9:30-10:30AM
- May 12 • 4th Grade Field Trip To Miami Museum
- May 12 • Volunteer Appreciation Lunch • 11:00AM-1:00PM
- May 12 • 5th Grade Celebration • 6:00-9:00PM

Travis Elementary

- May 9 & 11 • GED Class • 7:00PM
- May 9 • 5th Grade Visit PJH • 8:15-10:15AM
- May 10 • 4th Grade To Square House Museum In Panhandle • 8:30AM-3:00PM
- May 11 • 5th Grade To Symphony In Amarillo
- May 12 • 2nd Grade To Square House Museum In Panhandle • 8:45AM-2:15PM
- May 12 • 5th Grade To Wonderland Park

Wilson Elementary

- May 8-12 • Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 8 & 10 • Kids Cafe • 5:30-6:30PM
- May 8 & 10 • Family Literacy Night • 6:00-7:30PM
- May 9 • Head Start Visits Wilson • 9:30-10:30AM
- May 9 • 5th Grade Visits PJH
- May 10 • ESL • 1:00-3:00PM
- May 11 • 3rd Grade Parent Conferences
- May 12 • PHS Show Choir • Gym 1:00PM

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at www.pampaisd.net. From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

Viewpoints

'Forever' stamp could cushion future rate hikes

I notice that our friends at the Post Office want to raise the cost of stamps again, from 39 cents to 42 cents.

These proposed changes would be effective next spring, but have to be approved by an independent Postal Rate Commission.

Do you suppose the independent commission might turn down the request?

Not likely. Bureaucrats operate in a quid pro quo system. There is safety in numbers.

I would not mind the increase so much if only postal management would go to management school and learn how to manage a business.

The Lone Star Station on South Western Street in

Amarillo is notorious for having one or two clerks on duty to handle 50 to 60 patrons who stand in line for 30 minutes or more every day.

One of the new ideas is to create a "forever" stamp that people could use as a hedge against rate increases in the future.

The forever stamp would help soften the blow of a rate increase by allowing customers to stock up, the Associated Press reported. As originally proposed, it would sell for the first class rate and, once purchased, would remain valid for whatever the first-class rate is when it is used, regardless of future increases.

Smart shoppers who have

enough money will buy those by the thousands and be immune to all the future rate increases that they will surely inflict upon us.

The postal service said that each penny increase in the price of a gallon of gasoline costs the post office \$8 million, and payroll, health expenses and other costs also have been rising, according to the Associated Press.

And, unlike private delivery companies, the post office cannot add a fuel surcharge to its rates.

What is really puzzling is

that the postal service has put some \$3 billion in an escrow account, a step required by law. That was why rates increased in January.

The House and Senate have both passed bills to eliminate the escrow requirement and efforts are under way to resolve differences between the two versions, but it also faces the threat of a presidential veto, according to the Associated Press.

Congress put the escrow requirement in effect in 2003 when it passed a law reducing the amount of

money the agency has to pay into its retirement system, which auditors said was being overfunded. Instead, Congress ordered the money to be used to reduce debt and, when that was done, to be put into the escrow fund.

The White House has opposed the release of the money from the fund because placing it there counts as income for the federal government and releasing it would have the effect of raising the deficit.

OK, so they continue to play with numbers and our tax money. They have been doing it for years.

There are some very nice people working for the post office. One letter carrier that

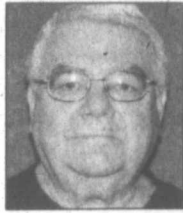
used to deliver mail at my home, was always friendly and efficient. He even went out of his way to do special things for us. I do not know what happened to him, but he is gone.

At one point, our mail at home was being delivered at 9 p.m. in the dark. Fortunately, someone had the foresight to say, "Golly, what's wrong with this picture?"

But one of the things the post office has done that I still fail to understand is abbreviating all the states to two-digit letters.

The prevailing joke is that none of them knew how to spell Connecticut.

Dennis Spies
Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Sunday, May 7, the 127th day of 2006. There are 238 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 7, 1915, nearly 1,200 people died when a German torpedo sank the British liner Lusitania off the Irish coast.

On this date:

In 1789, the first inaugural ball was held in New York in honor of President and Mrs. Washington.

In 1847, the American Medical Association was founded in Philadelphia.

In 1939, Germany and Italy announced a military and political alliance known as the Rome-Berlin Axis.

In 1941, Glenn Miller and His Orchestra recorded "Chattanooga Choo Choo" for RCA Victor.

In 1945, Germany signed an unconditional surrender at Allied headquarters in Rheims, France.

In 1954, the 55-day Battle of Dien Bien Phu in Vietnam ended with Vietnamese insurgents overrunning French forces.

'When an old man dies, a library burns down.'

— African proverb



Our readers write

Volunteer firefighters deserve praise

I really appreciated your story in the Sunday, April 30, edition of The Pampa News about the volunteer fire departments.

Too often the volunteer firemen and women are not given the credit, praise and thanks they deserve for the outstanding work they do.

Some people have the idea that volunteers only show up when they choose. They do not understand the dedication and commitment of men and women who choose to serve others without pay, and usually without recognition of their efforts.

The magazine paying tribute to these outstanding people will be a treasure.

Dpn Reed
Pampa

Immigration laws need enforcing ...

I have written this in an attempt to awaken real Americans to the brutal fact that their country is being forcibly and aggressively invaded by millions of foreign nationals. There

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Mother's Day is a time for appreciation

May is a time to celebrate beginnings. As the weather warms and flowers bloom, the arrival of summer is on the horizon. The end of the school year has students looking forward to vacations, while others are anxious to graduate and begin the next phase of their lives.

This month also offers an opportunity to observe one of my favorite holidays, Mother's Day, which this year falls on May 14. We cherish the love and nourishment of our mothers.

Mother's Day is a time to remember the lessons our mothers taught us that we follow throughout our lives. Mothers are the first teachers of the leaders of tomorrow. Mothers share knowledge with their children and love them unconditionally. My mom was a huge influence in my life and always encouraged me to follow my

dreams. Many of our country's wisest leaders reserved their highest praise for their mothers. Our first president and the father of our country, George Washington, said of his mother, Mary, "My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."

President Abraham Lincoln said of his stepmother, Sarah, "All that I am or ever hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." And President Theodore Roosevelt said, in honor of his mother, Martha, "The

mother is the one supreme asset of national life; she is more important by far than the successful statesman, or business man, or artist, or scientist."

Though Mother's Day was not nationally recognized until 1914, it has roots from many years before. In 1858, an Appalachian homemaker named Anna Jarvis organized Mothers' Work Days. In 1870, Julia Ward Howe, who wrote the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," issued a proclamation calling for a Mother's Day for Peace.

Anna Jarvis passed away in 1905, and in 1907, on the two-year anniversary of her passing, her daughter (also named Anna) helped organ-

ize a Mother's Day celebration at her mother's church in West Virginia. Other states soon started celebrating the day, and on May 8, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day.

Mother's Day is also an opportunity for mothers to share in the achievements and accomplishments of their children. A happy and successful child inspires a special sense of pride in a parent. Mothers are there to share in the rites of passage that children experience, from your child's first words and first day of school to their first job and first love.

I was once told by a telephone company executive that the industry's busiest day of the year is Mother's Day — fittingly so.

Kay Bailey Hutchison



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **April 30**

The Dallas Morning News on immigration reform rallies:

We're not sure that tomorrow's national boycott by immigrants and their allies is the most effective way to demonstrate our country's dependence on illegal immigrants. Never mind that it's also difficult to measure a boycott's economic impact.

If anything, the protests should provide more fuel for Congress to push through the contentious immigration debate engulfing our country and come up with a solution.

Although immigrants living here illegally come from all corners of the

world, Latinos, who make up three-fourths of the nearly 12 million illegal immigrants, have become the face of the debate. And tomorrow which coincides with Labor Day in Mexico and other Latin American countries they hope to flex their collective muscle by participating in rallies and boycotting work.

So don't be surprised if you find a sign like this at your favorite restaurant: "Due to the inability to adequately staff our operation and still give you outstanding service, we will not be open on Monday, May 1."

Organizers of the boycott also are urging people not to spend a penny tomorrow. And that could be significant. Latinos spent \$736 billion in 2005, according to projections by the Selig Center.

The group's consumer trends point to a culture rooted in family. Though they tend to be poorer than average Americans, Latinos are some of the most loyal spenders, especially when it comes to buying for their children. For instance, Latinos were 57 percent more likely than other Americans to have purchased children's furniture in the last year.

They're also more likely to help out their parents financially and get together for big home-cooked meals, according to a government consumer survey.

It's going to be tough to top the images of the nearly half a million who peacefully marched on the streets of our city earlier this month. But if this boycott succeeds in drawing attention to the magnitude of immigrants' contributions, it's not a bad thing.

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are millions of Mexican nationals who plan to take this country by brute force and extort citizenship, rights and benefits, no matter what real Americans think! Unfortunately, George Bush and most of our Congress care no more about the will of the people than the invaders from Mexico do.

Every American citizen should know that our president and Congress took an oath to enforce the laws of our sovereign nation! Being in a state of war, as we most definitely are, no law, no mandate, is more important to our national security that sealing our borders. Since our government officials refuse to uphold their oath of office, I believe George Bush should be impeached for dereliction of duty. Any federal or state officials who refuse to implement the wishes of the majority of legal U.S. voters should go along with the president.

I believe both my opinion and the laws that are not being enforced are pretty clear, so I would like to leave you with some thought-provoking questions.

1) Do you feel bound by the laws which every year put thousands of American citizens in prison for minor offenses, while millions of foreign nationals force themselves into our country and threaten violence and chaos if we try to enforce our federal laws?

2) If you have heard the liberal propaganda about how many taxes illegals pay, please give some thought to how many taxes anyone, legal or illegal, actually pays if they have a house full of children.

3) What right does anyone have to demonstrate for or against anything if they are not legal citizens of this country?

Mike Stone Jr.
Pampa

No nation should accept illegal immigrants ...

Today I'm not writing as a preacher, but as a legal citizen of the United States.

I can't tell you how many people I have recently heard expressing words of anger and frustration over this "illegal immigration" issue. And I am one of them. But this letter will focus on 2 tiny parts of the issue.

#1 - No one has a right to be in any country illegally. If they are, then they should suffer the consequences of the punishment of that nation's laws. And if the punishments are not significant, then the laws should be changed until they are. Illegal immigrants should have no rights in any nation, not just the USA. Why? Because they are there illegally.

#2 - American citizens flying any other country's flag within the borders of the United States, prompted by supreme allegiance to that other country, should be against the law.

Only one nation's flag is appropriate to fly within the borders of the USA (with allegiance in our heart) and that is Old Glory; the Stars and Stripes.

Those who don't like that should pack their bags and move to the nation to whom they want to give their allegiance. I you want to give your allegiance to the Confederate flag, then pack your bags and go find yourself some property outside the USA and start your own nation. If you want to give your allegiance to the Mexican flag, then pack your bags and move to Mexico.

But if you want to give your national allegiance to Old Glory, then stay here in the USA and fly her with pride and live a life worthy of the price paid for that flag and this great nation.

Mike Sublett
Pampa

Events calendar

• **Habitat For Horses, Inc.**, is in the area distributing horse feed, hay, medical and barn supplies. The volunteer organization will continue to organize feed and hay drives to the fire damaged area and coordinate distribution centers as needed. For more information, call (866) 434-5737 or (806) 681-5858.

• **Pampa High School Class of 1956** needs help locating the following students: Aurelia (Adams) Gallaher, Beverly (Bonnell) Carruth, Andrena (Chisum) Greasby, Bobbie Jean Lindley, Dorothy Payne, Zona (Ruttman) McNeely, Velda Thompson and Bill Weatherford. Contact Glenda Malone at 665-4563 with any information.

• **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 clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., May 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 10 a.m.-1 p.m., May 22, 100 Main, Wheeler School, Wheeler.

• **Carson County Historical Commission** will meet May 8 after its board of trustees meeting at approximately 8 p.m. in the Hazlewood Building of Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. Reports of activities will be made and future projects discussed. The meeting is open to the public.

• **Armstrong County Extension** will host a Wheat Tour starting at 10 a.m.

May 9 at Troy Skarke's test plot west of Claude. The tour will be worth two CEUs. Featured speakers will be Dr. Brent Bean and Dr. Carl Patrick. For more information, contact the local Extension office.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a nursing assistant course May 15-June 10 in Room 106 of the college. Students may choose between an afternoon or an evening class. The class is given to prepare the student to take the state certified nursing assistant exam. The overall cost for the class is \$320 with an additional \$75 fee for the state exam. Participants must have a current CPR certificate. A CPR training will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. May 20 for an additional \$35 for those whose certificates aren't current. For more information or to register, contact the college at 665-8801.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a one-day basic life support CPR class from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. May 20 in Room 106 of the college. The instructor will be Sharron Rust, RN. The class is worth 0.8 CEU. The class fee will be \$35. For more information or to register, call the college at 665-8801.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: May 23, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. 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.

Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m. This changes to 12 noon Tuesday on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. Meeting the deadline does not guarantee publication that week.

Preceptor Chi
Preceptor Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met May 1 in Pampa.

New officers were installed for the 2006-07 club year. Irvine Riphahan was elected Girl of the Year, 2006.

A scholarship was awarded to Robin Bell for 2006. The announcement was made during Founder's Day recently at Pampa Country Club.

Members discussed sum-

mer activities. The chapter will next meet for its end of year party at 6:30 p.m. May 15 at the home of Mary Baten in Pampa.



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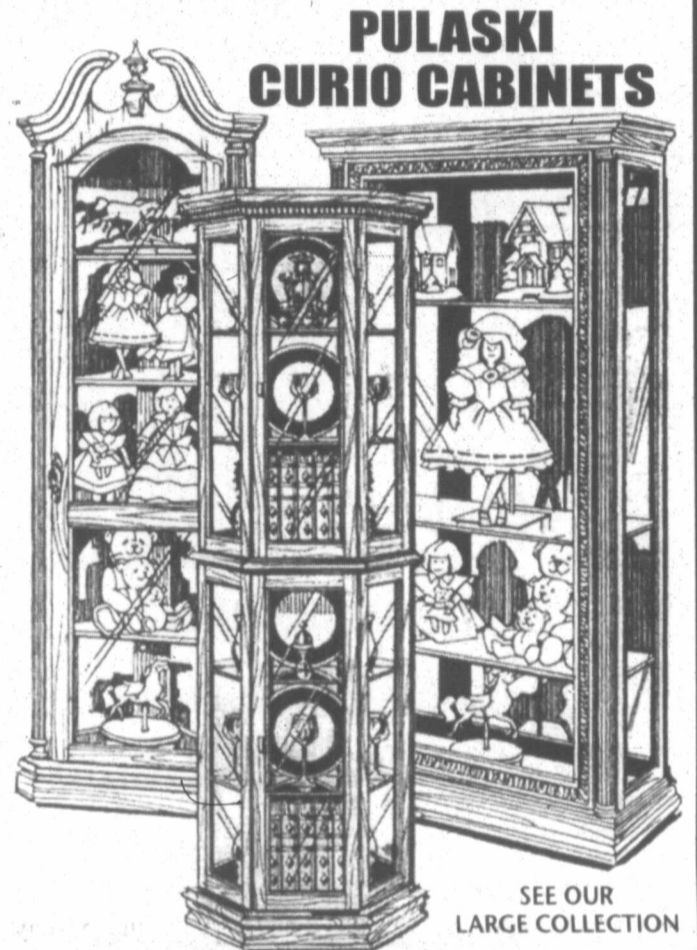


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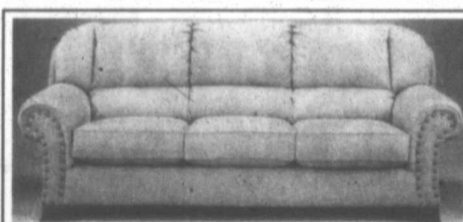


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FSA announces emergency farm loans available

Applications for emergency farm loans for physical and production losses caused by fire and high winds on March 12 and 15 are now being accepted by the local FSA office, 12125 S. Frederic.

Gray County is one of five counties recently named by the secretary of agriculture as eligible for loans to cover physical and production losses resulting from fire and high winds.

FSA Farm Loan Manager Larry Goetze said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating

loan needed to continue their agriculture business, whichever is less. For producers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Goetze said.

Producers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss.

"Applications for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until Dec. 18, 2006, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Goetze concluded.

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Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & ALLISON PARKS Upper Morrow) Questar E&P Co., #1403 Jones, 467' from South & 2000' from East line, Sec. 14,Z-1,ACH&B, PD 16500'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #3 SW Hobart '59', 240' from South & 1090' from West line, Sec. 59,A-1,H&GN, PD 6100'.

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., Fillingim, Sec. 40,M-1,H&GN, PD 13500', for the following wells:

#4020P, 1280' from North & 825' from West line of Sec.

#4021P, 1595' from North & 467' from West line of Sec.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Questar E&P Co., #7010 Prater, 1600' from South & 2037' from West line, Sec. 10,4,AB&M, PD 14000'.

HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & GIT MO Morrow) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #8 Mendota Ranch '36', 470' from North & 920' from East line, Sec. 36,1,I&GN, PD 11885'.

HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #2 Locke '57', 900' from North & 500' from East line, Sec. 57,A-

2,H&GN, PD 12208'. HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Virgil Mathews, 1250' from South & East line, Sec. 1,M-22,TCRR, PD 9000'.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) Stallion Energy, L.L.C., #4R Read, 3000' from North & 1980' from West line, J. McDonald Survey, PD 2100'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Mewbourne Oil Co., #2 E.S.F. Brainard, 1250' from South & West line, Sec. 6,E,H&GN, PD 9000'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Raydon Exploration, Inc., #2018 Hale, 2230' from North & 2130' from East line, Sec. 18,B-1,H&GN, PD 9800'.

ROBERTS (HORIZON Cleveland) Latigo, Petroleum Texas, L.P., #1A Courson Ranch '136', 1250' from North & West line, Sec. 136,C,G&M, PD 8400'.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & KIM FLOWERS Morrow) Texakoma Operating, L.P., #3 McMordie '84', 467' from North & West line, Sec. 84,C,G&M, PD 10500'.

ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Pitco Investments, Ltd., Maulsby, Sec. 4,B,H&GN, PD 9200', for the following wells:

#8-4, 1980' from North & 467' from West line of Sec.

#9-4, 660' from North & 1980' from West line of Sec.

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Grayhawk Operating, Inc., #102 Lard Ranch, 600' from South & 2100' from West line, Sec.—,HRS P. Osborn, PD 11000' (BHL: 600' from South & 3999.99' from West Sec. line) Horizontal

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1505 Flowers 'B', 467' from South & 2663' from West line, Sec. 5,C,BS&F, PD 11000'.

ROBERTS (SOUTH PARSELL Upper Morrow) Brighton Energy, L.L.C., #1 Mahler, 660' from North & 825' from East line, Sec. 1,Y, A. Studer, PD 10800'. Recompletion

WHEELER (WILDCAT & BILLY ROSE Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., PD 10000', for the following wells:

#3014 Hale, 750' from South & 1750' from West line, Sec. 30,A-8,H&GN.

#1315 W.R. Hefley, 800' from South & 2173' from East line, Sec. 13,A-8,H&GN.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & FRYE RANCH Granite Wash 'A') Questar E&P Co., #101 Hefley, 1163' from North & 1707' from East line, Sec. 1,—,H&GN, PD 16000'.

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WHEELER (WILDCAT & IVESTER Atoka) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., #1 Austin, 1275' from South & 1326' from West line, Sec. 6,L, J.M. Lindsey, PD 17200'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., PD 18000' for the following:
#1003 Stiles '3', 1980' from South & East line, Sec. 3,A-3,H&GN.

#6018 Stiles '18', 660' from South & West line, Sec. 18,A-3,H&GN.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #1169 Stiles '68', 587' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 668,A-7,H&GN, PD 18000'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., for the following wells:

#10 Britt Ranch 'C' 35, 2002' from South & 2007' from East line, Sec. 35,A-3,H&GN, PD 15850'.

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Woodrow Wilson Elementary honor roll

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 2005-06 school year.

A Honor Roll. Isaac Chavez, Dennise Pepi, Joel Resendiz, Allison Whitson, Kyra Moyer, Cynthia Ramirez, Madison Winborne, Tyler Hottman, Raeden Mason, Serenity Leal, Joseph Paulson, Chase Voss, Steven Barnes, Thomas Standlee, Ashley Solis, Tyler Beller, Gaby Perez, Connie Leal, Kristian Vizcaino, Dakota Roberson, Trace Leftwich, J.T. Skinner, Vanessa Valenzuela, Miguel Salazar, Jade L'Esperance, Katrina Casey.

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Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #24 Meek '67', Sec. 67,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-18-05, drlg. compl 1-9-06, tested 3-10-06, TD 13421', PBTD 13320' —
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1753 Barker, Sec. 53,M-1,H&GN, spud 1-3-06, drlg. compl 2-4-06, tested 3-23-06, TD 13450', PBTD 13450' —
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #8048A Irene Dixon, Sec. 48,A-2,H&GN, spud 12-19-05, drlg. compl 1-7-06, tested 3-23-06, TD 12900', PBTD 12816' —
ROBERTS (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #9027 BFA Byrum, et al, Sec. 27,B-1,H&GN, spud 11-23-05, drlg. compl 12-8-05, tested 2-28-06, potential 2485 MCF, TD 10600', PBTD 10523' —
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1460 Helton, Sec. 60,M-1,H&GN, spud 1-5-06, drlg. compl 1-26-06, tested 3-23-06, TD 13690', PBTD 13589' —
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #8060 Helton, Sec. 60,A-2,H&GN, spud 2-1-06, drlg. compl 2-23-06, tested 3-23-06, TD 13805', PBTD 13693' —
WHEELER (LUCAS PRESTON Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1012 Miller, Sec. 12,1,B&B, spud 5-30-05, drlg. compl 8-11-05, tested 8-

15-05, potential 1559 MCF, TD 16124', PBTD 13424' — Plug-Back
WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Pogo Panhandle 2004, L.P., #5034 Britt, Sec. 34,A-3,H&GN, spud 1-30-06, drlg. compl 3-12-06, tested 4-7-06, TD 15900' —
Plugged Wells
WHEELER (ALLISON BRITT 12350') EOG Resources, Inc., #1 Britt '9', Sec. 9,2,B&B, spud 3-28-83, plugged 3-11-05, TD 16600' (gas) — Form 1 in HNG
WHEELER (ALLISON BRITT 12350') EOG Resources, Inc., #3 Britt '10', Sec. 10,1,B&B, spud 8-16-93, plugged 12-3-04, TD 12640' (gas) —
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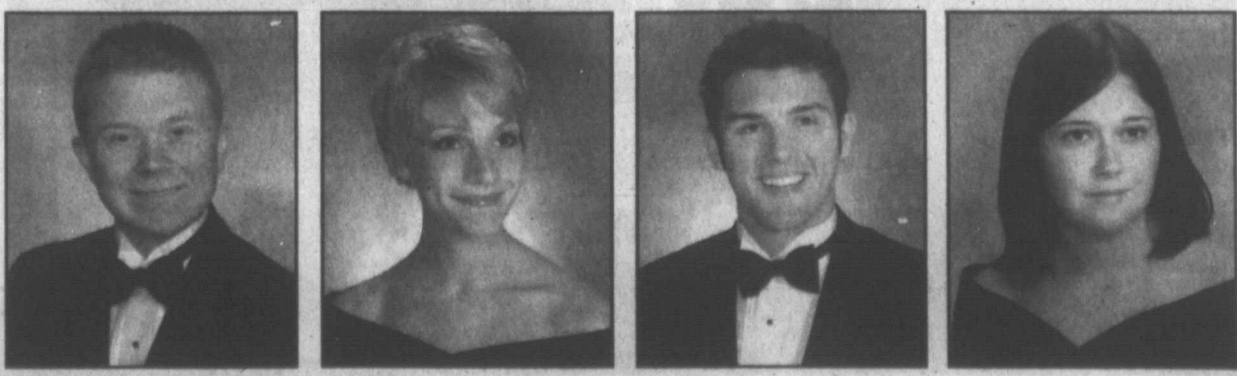


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'Cottage' to serve as transitional facility Rotary awards

AMARILLO — Presbyterian Home for Children in Amarillo broke ground this past week on a "Transitional Living Concepts Cottage," a new facility for high school seniors, to be located on the southwest corner of the Children's Home campus, 3400 S. Bowie.

The proposed 7,200-square foot coed facility will include a wing of four bedrooms for boys and a wing of four bedrooms for girls, separated by common living areas and a community kitchen.

A three-bedroom apartment will house the facility's family teaching couple and family. Office space will double as the assistant family teacher's quarters. Two multi-use rooms will serve as guest rooms when a graduate of the program needs to come back to the home temporarily.

The cottage is specifically designed for graduating seniors and will afford them the opportunity to practice more freedoms and more responsibilities during their last

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Local Rotarians Jack Reeve, left, and Jacque Burklow were recognized during District Conference held recently in Ruidoso, N.M. The Paige Carruth Statesman Award was conferred upon Reeve and the District Governor's Presidential Citation for "Outstanding Achievement for Service Above Self, 2005-06" was bestowed upon Burklow. The Pampa Rotary Club earned "Outstanding Club of the Year, 2005-06," for District 5730 and district governor citations for "Meeting or Exceeding Rotary Foundation Goals in 2005-06" and for "Outstanding Club, Area 2, 2005-06."



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Travis Elementary honor roll

Travis Elementary School recently announced its honor roll for the fifth six-weeks grading period of the 2005-06 school year.

THIRD GRADE

A Honor Roll. Maggie Hayes, Reid Malone, Erin Brown, Jacob Clark, Taylor Eubank, Dacie McGill, Denisse Morales, Ericka Spence, Tori Robles, Emilee Frost.

AB Honor Roll. Tyler Lambright, Shattner Reeve, Luis Chavez, Kylie Kreider, Allison Noble, Cheyenne Williams, John Allen, Brittney Green, Kenzie Griffin, Risa Rodriguez, Daniel Winton, Zoe Yearicks.

FOURTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Lacey Dodson, Trey Miller, Savanna Mertz, Ryan Thompson, Samara Cummins, Ashlee Kieth, Sandra Ramos, Brooke Woelfle.

AB Honor Roll. Keenen Hughes, Bret Troxell, Blake Chisum, Sage Dorn, Ceygan Jameson, Ethan Hunt, Susie Joiner, Anthony Villanueva.

FIFTH GRADE

A Honor Roll. Heather Parks, Rebecca Corbitt, Keva Dallas.

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The dividend will reduce most customer's net cost of borrowing by approximately 70 basis points or almost three-quarters of a percent, a release from the lending institution said.

This marks the eighth consecutive year over 6,500 First Ag Credit stockholders will receive a cash dividend from the cooperative. With this year's distribution, First Ag has returned \$49 million in cash patronage and stock retirements to its stockholders as a result of the 2001 merger.

Keith Vandivere, chairman of the board from Lubbock, said, "The refund is a result of the financial strength of the association as well as the value we try to create for our stockholders."

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Museum Mementos:

City of Pampa not officially incorporated until 1912 ...

There has been confusion about when the town of Pampa was incorporated, possibly because the city vehicles show a year that is incorrect. Although 1902 is an important year in the early history of Pampa, it is not the year of incorporation. The town of Pampa was incorporated in 1912.

Perhaps it is appropriate to review some of the events in the early history of Pampa that occurred in the years 1892, 1902 and 1912.

On April 15, 1892, George Tyng wrote to Frederic Foster: "A couple of months ago, the Railway Co. changed the name of their siding from Sutton to 'PAMPA'."

Tyng was the manager of the White Deer Lands that had given land for the station, and Foster was a trustee for the British bondholders of the White Deer Lands.

Pampa was first known as a station named Glasgow on a map of the Santa Fe Route in 1888. Because of confusion with Glasgow, Kan., the name of the station was soon changed to Sutton. Three years later there was confusion with Sutton County in southwest Texas, and railroad officials asked Tyng to choose a new name for the station.

Tyng's first suggestions were unsatisfactory. Then he thought of how the grassy plans of this area resemble the "pampas" of Argentina and said to a friend, "We will take the 's' off and call it 'Pampa'."

The railroad officials approved this suggestion.

Then Tyng began to circulate a petition for a post office, and on Oct. 29, 1892, the United States Post Office Department established a post office at Pampa with Thomas H. Lane as postmaster. The application for the post office stated that there were 24 inhabitants in the village, and that the post office was to serve a population of 43 and new settlers coming.

At the beginning of 1902, unorganized Gray County was attached to Roberts County for judicial purposes. On April 14, 1902, Roberts County Commissioners Court approved the plat

for the original town of Pampa.

The townsite consisted of 38 blocks bounded by Atchison Avenue on the south, Starkweather Street on the east, Browning Avenue on the north and West Street on the west. The sale of town lots began in May.

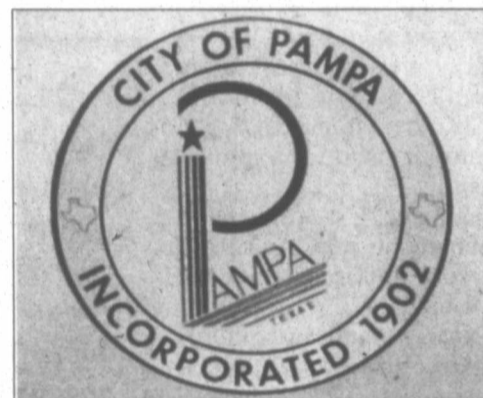
Also on April 14, 1902, 152 qualified voters in unorganized Gray County filed for petition to hold an election for organizing the county. On May 21, 1902, the petition was granted.

On Feb. 17, 1912, an election for incorporation of the town of Pampa was held at the school house, a red brick building at 309 N. Cuyler.

The result was 34 votes for incorporation and 28 against. On March 5, 1912, the first election was held. On June 23, 1919, the classification of Pampa as "town" was changed to "city." At that time, Pampa had 860 inhabitants.

The information for this article was published in "The Pampa News" on March 9, 1933. It was the eighth article in a series of 13. The series, titled "The Queen City of the Plains," quoted some of Pampa's early city records.

Eloise Lane
White Deer Land
Museum,
Pampa



(Photo courtesy of White Deer Land Museum)

▲ The emblem on city vehicles shows 1902 as the year Pampa was incorporated. On April 14, 1902, Roberts County Commissioners Court approved the plat for the original town of Pampa. It wasn't until 1912 that Pampa was actually "incorporated."

Class of 1996 planning reunion

The reunion committee for the Pampa High School Class of 1996 is planning its 10-year reunion. Committee members are currently seeking the whereabouts of the following classmates: Amber Adkins, Patricia Anguiano, Matt Archibald, Rene Armendarez, Chris Arzen, Katina Atchley, Kenny Black, Todd Blackburn, David Bolch, Jennifer Bowers, Jason Bowles, Joshua Brookshire, Amy Burke, Michelle Bybee, Joshua Calfy.

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The reunion committee can be reached via e-mail at pampahigh1996@hotmail.com.

XIT Trail of Sales to promote rural tourism

DALHART — Yard sales, flea markets and food will attract hundreds of shoppers to the annual "XIT Trail of Sales" on June 3. But good deals are not all they'll find, said one Texas Cooperative Extension agent.

A little tourism and history will be mixed in for bargain hunters who make their way along the 75-mile stretch of highway that follows the XIT Trail through Channing, Hartley, Dalhart and Texline, said Susie Breitling, Extension family and consumer sciences agent for Dallam and Hartley counties.

The annual "XIT Trail of Sales" is sponsored by Extension and Dalhart Area Chamber of Commerce. The outdoor shopping trip is designed to be fun, Breitling said.

"We designed activities to foster rural tourism and commerce with a tip of the hat to bygone days once filled with a trail full of cowboys and cattle herds," Breitling said.

The string of sales from Channing via state Highway 385 to Hartley then via Highway 87 to Dalhart will bring visitors into the heart of

XIT country. Texline will be the fourth and final stop, via state Highway 87 from Dalhart.

For visitors from New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma, the trail will be reversed.

Selling begins at 8 a.m. and runs through 5 p.m. Shoppers may start at any community involved. Locator maps, with sales sorted by address for each of the participating communities, will be available at the Channing Mercantile in Channing; at 918 7th Street in Hartley; Prairie Dog Junction in Dalhart; and the Oasis Convenience Store in Texline.

Residents interested in joining up as a seller will pay a \$10 fee to ensure a spot on the map and need to contact their community chairman to register.

Contact Dean Rhodes at the Mercantile in Channing at (806) 235-3800; Jennifer Been in Hartley at (806) 365-0042; Kristine Olsen at the Chamber office in Dalhart at (806) 244-5646; and Alicia Riley in Texline at (806) 362-4571 (after 7 p.m.) to participate with a sale site.



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Cottage

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year at the home.

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they will have curfews, may own a car, be employed off campus and participate in extra-curricular school and church activities.

Currently high school seniors are housed in five different cottages on campus. By housing them together in one residence, they will receive increased opportunity for daily teaching, problem intervention and sharing of information and experience.

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Sports Day

16th annual Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament Saturday

The 16th annual Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday May 13 at Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course. Tee times will run through 2:30 p.m.

Sunday's round will be played at Pampa Country Club, also beginning at 8 a.m.

Entry fee is \$70 per player, cart not included. Because entries are limited to the first 72 teams to pay their entry fees, organizers encourage all entrants to sign up as soon as possible.

Entrants may sign up and pay

their entry fee at either pro shop.

For the tournament's first round, there will be four to five zones, each zone consisting of 16 to 24 teams and named A, B, C, D, etc. Each team of two partners will be placed in the appropriate zone based on their combined handicaps, the spread between their handicaps and their performances in past tournaments.

After Saturday's round, each zone will be split into two flights, but all teams will remain in their original zones no matter what their score in Saturday's round.

Teams will compete for gift certificates donated by each course's pro shop.

For the first three places in each flight, one team member will receive a gift certificate from Hidden Hills and his partner will receive a gift certificate from Pampa Country Club.

Prizes will be awarded after completion of the tournament Sunday evening. Tee prizes are also given.

All players are invited to attend the Pampa Partnership Tournament Dinner on Saturday at

the completion of play in the Pampa Country Club dining room.

Cost of the dinner is included in the entry fee. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased at Pampa Country Club.

Entrants may call Hidden Hills pro shop at 669-5866 Friday morning for first round tee times. Second round tee times will be available after 7:30 p.m. Saturday by calling Pampa Country Club pro shop at 665-8431.

The two-man, low ball tournament began in 1991 as a means to create an atmosphere of coopera-

tion between Pampa's golf courses.

The unique opportunity to play two different courses has made the tournament one that golfers from all over the Panhandle look forward to.

Organizers say that even though the tournament has been designed to be a lot of fun, golfers should not expect an easy win because both courses present their own unique challenges and will demand good play both days.

GOLF

Van Pelt ties course record

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Bo Van Pelt hardly would call himself a fashion plate.

"I'm pretty much a khaki and white shirt guy, pretty bland," he said.

Yet that hardly describes his attire Friday at the Wachovia Championship. He stuck with the white shirt, but completed the ensemble with — gasp! — BRIGHT ORANGE PANTS.

"I guess I felt the heat," Van Pelt said. "I put on these orange pants, and I felt like I really better play good or I was going to get made fun of. Maybe I ought to wear them more often."

Something worked, that's for sure.

Van Pelt set the 36-hole tournament record, tying the course mark with a 64 Friday for a 10-under total of 134 at Quail Hollow. It was good for a three-shot lead over former U.S. Open champ Jim Furyk, with Davis Love III another stroke back.

Play was suspended for about 90 minutes during the afternoon because of thundershowers, then called off for good about 30 minutes after it resumed when more bad weather moved through.

Seventy-four players did not finish the round, although six players — including John Daly — didn't show up to finish the round, knowing they likely would miss the cut. Luke Donald also withdrew with a back injury.

The cut was at 2-over 146, and among those making it on the number was 52-year-old Jay Haas, who birdied three straight holes Saturday morning and finished with a par. His 23-year-old son, Bill Haas, completed a 72 and was six shots off the lead.

Masters champion Phil Mickelson dropped two shots in seven holes Saturday morning and was at 1-under 143.

Van Pelt matched the 64 shot by Kirk Triplett in the first round of the inaugural event in 2003.

"I was concentrating when I was out there, but it's always fun when you feel like you've got control over your golf ball," said Van Pelt, still looking for his first career victory. "You know, you feel like you can work it the way you want to work it. They rhythm with my putter felt really good, so that always helps."

As Nowitzki's career climbs, likewise Mavericks flourish

By JAIME ARON
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki's basketball "toolbox" is almost full.

Once a lanky teenager with little more than a natural jump shot, Nowitzki's raw potential made him a lottery pick at age 20. Even when he became an All-Star at 23, the 7-footer still had plenty of room for improvement.

Defense, especially. Rebounding, too. And for a big guy, he sure had a lousy post-up game.

Now, a month shy of turning 28, Nowitzki has put it all together.

He's coming off his best regular season, topping his performance of the previous year, when he was third in the MVP voting. This one was better because he led the Dallas Mavericks to 60 wins — matching the franchise record he helped set three years before.

While Kobe Bryant, LeBron James and others have been dazzling in the playoffs, Nowitzki's been brutally efficient.

He helped Dallas build insurmountable halftime leads in the first two games against the Memphis Grizzlies. Then, with Game 3 seemingly lost, he grabbed a loose ball, smartly maneuvered behind the 3-point line and swished a shot that forced overtime and essentially wrapped up the series.

Since finishing the sweep Monday, the Mavs spent all week waiting for San Antonio and Sacramento to finish their series. The Spurs closed it out Friday night, setting up a second-round series that starts Sunday.

Nowitzki didn't like the layoff. He fretted about losing his rhythm, a statement typical of his desire and almost comical to those who know better.

After all, he's no longer a wunderkind. He's an established, dominant player going into the prime of his career and — this is the part the Mavericks really love — he's still striving to improve.

"We've been asking ourselves the last nine years, 'When are we going to hit the ceiling on this guy?'" said Donnie Nelson, Dallas' president of basketball operations and the man most responsible for bringing Nowitzki to the NBA.

"The thing that continues to baffle our minds is how he grows as a player in every situation. He just continues to improve. ... He has an incredible work ethic combined with a very unique talent."

Nowitzki was deficient in many areas early in his career because he didn't grow up around the game the way most NBA players do.

Growing up in Germany, there were no all-star basket-

ball camps. Not even a high school team. All he had was a coach-mentor-guru who'd played in the Olympics and who knew the quickest way to the NBA was the novelty of someone really big who could shoot from really far.

'The thing that continues to baffle our minds is how he grows as a player in every situation. He just continues to improve. ... He has an incredible work ethic combined with a very unique talent.'

— Donnie Nelson
Dallas' president of basketball operations

Even after he established himself in the pros, Nowitzki went home every summer to work on rounding out his game. "Filling the toolbox" is what the molder of his career, Holger Geschwindner, calls it.

Geschwindner visits several times per season, and was in town at the start of the playoffs. Meanwhile, Nowitzki has been a regular at the team's practice court, refining the shot that's produced at least 20 points in 31 straight games and an average of 31.3 in the playoffs.

'I love working on my game, love improving. I just love the sport so much, I think there's always stuff to work on, get better.'

— Dirk Nowitzki
Basketball player

Coach Avery Johnson sometimes threatens fines when he fears Nowitzki is overworking himself. He relented this week, even sending a coach to the gym for nighttime workouts.

"I love working on my game, love improving," Nowitzki said this week, sweat dripping from a thick, shaggy beard. "I just love the sport so much, I think there's always stuff to work on, get better."

"Ultimately, our goal, my goal, is to take this team to a championship level. The first round means nothing if we lose in the second round.

I'm just trying to stay ready and do more of the same in the second round."

Nowitzki's rising career hit some turning points before and during last season.

First, his best friend on and off the court, Steve Nash, switched teams. That thrust Nowitzki into the front-and-center role of team spokesman and leader, things his talent had demanded long before but his personality wasn't necessarily ready to handle.

Then, six weeks before the 2005 playoffs, his leadership was put to the test with the retirement of Don Nelson, the only NBA coach he'd had.

Donnie Nelson and team owner Mark Cuban already were transforming the team from an ill-fated scheme featuring five shooters on the floor to a system based on the more traditional championship formula of defense first. The plan hit full speed with Johnson replacing Nellie.

Nowitzki had to go along for it to work. The coach of the year trophy now in Johnson's office proves that he did.

Nowitzki didn't do anything heroic, unless you consider how other All-NBA first-teamers might have reacted. Think about it: Offensive-oriented player loses his beloved offensive-oriented coach and is told to play defense and go get banged around in the paint.

Tough sell? Not with Nowitzki.

"There's no ego," said teammate Darrell Armstrong, who over 12 NBA seasons has seen all kinds. "It's unbelievable. That makes Dirk Dirk."

Nowitzki had a forgettable postseason in '05.

His shot was off and so was his temper, leading to embarrassing scenes with teammates Erick Dampier and Jason Terry. Dallas needed seven games to beat Houston in the first round, then was knocked out the next round by Nash and his new teammates in Phoenix.

This season, Nowitzki averaged a career-best 26.6 points despite the Mavs scoring their fewest points since his rookie year. Part of the increase came from his confidence in the low post. Johnson said that on a 10-point scale, Nowitzki has gone from about three to 6 1/2.

"When you get older, you get more experienced," Nowitzki said. "I'm not a great post-up player, but I'm more comfortable."

Those easy baskets helped Nowitzki shoot a career-best 48 percent from the field this season. He also set personal bests by making 90 percent of his free throws and 41 percent of his 3-pointers.

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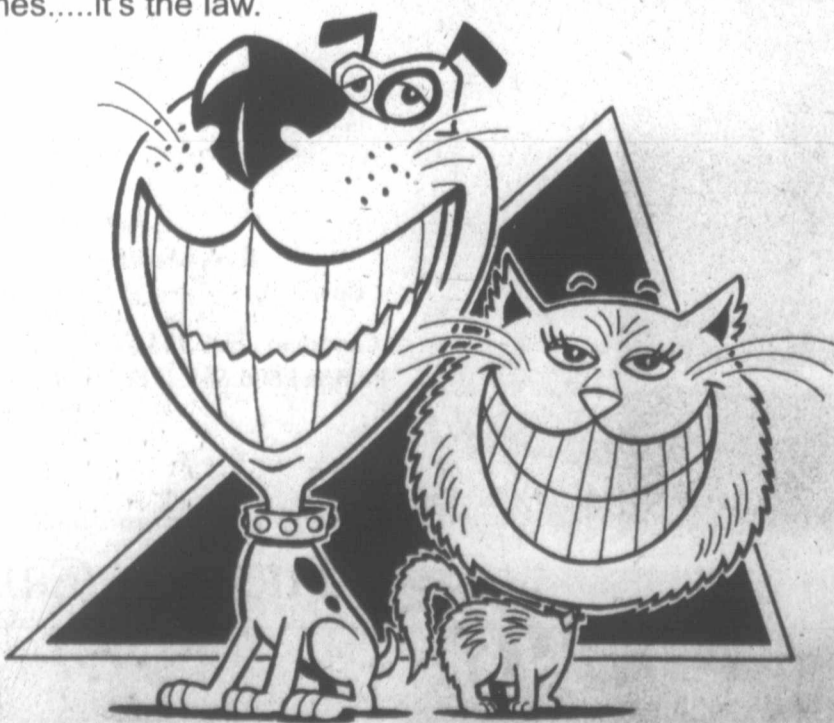
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Busch celebrates 21st birthday amid intense scrutiny

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — If the NASCAR community had one universal wish for Kyle Busch on his 21st birthday, it probably would be for him to start behaving like an adult.

Busch, one of the youngest drivers in the Nextel Cup series, has been under constant criticism this season for reckless or immature behavior. He's twice tangled with series champion Tony Stewart, wrecked race leader Michel Jourdain Jr. in Mexico City, took the brunt of the blame for aggressive driving in Daytona and was ticketed for reckless driving in Richmond, Va.

Most recently, he gave Casey

Mears a retaliatory bump under the red flag at Phoenix that earned him a five-lap penalty and a severe tongue-lashing from NASCAR president Mike Helton.

"The guy is really fast and he's got a lot of talent, but he really does a lot of stupid stuff — and that's across the board, that feeling throughout the garage," Mears said. "When he grows up, he's going to be a real good race car driver."

Busch's rivals eagerly await that day. He celebrated his 21st birthday on Tuesday and is rapidly closing in on a time when he won't be able to shrug off his errors as youthful mistakes.

For now, much of what he's done can be attributed to immaturity.

"You've got to remember how old he is," said four-time series champion Jeff Gordon, Busch's teammate at Hendrick Motorsports. "He's got pressure on him. He's got a tremendous amount of talent. He has a great team."

"I think a lot of times when you're young you're so under the microscope, everybody is coming down on you and the whole world is watching and it's hard for you to take all that in at times. It only makes it tougher for yourself."

It doesn't help that he's the kid brother of Kurt Busch, who had

more than his share of missteps in his first four Nextel Cup seasons. During that time, Kurt Busch became one of the most disliked drivers in NASCAR — both in the garage and the grandstands.

It's possible that Kyle is paying the price for some of his brother's sins. He's been cut very little slack since graduating to the Cup series last season, and the criticism directed at him has seemed harsher than what's leveled at the rest of the young drivers.

"He's definitely guilty by association," Kurt Busch said. "But he's also young and an aggressive racer who likes to race hard. Mix it all up and it sometimes breeds the ques-

tion: 'Is he over the line or not?'"

Kyle Busch himself has wondered if he's not judged in a harsher light, if he'd maybe have a bit of a smoother ride if he wasn't one of the "Busch Brothers."

"I have that feeling sometimes, that it's difficult to show your differences between each other," Kyle Busch said. "It's very difficult to be in the news, and yet to try to be in the good news. What I've noticed here lately is that any little thing that is out of the ordinary, I get shamed on."

"It's very difficult to get the amount of respect that you wish you could get in the right way."

Texas fishing report

By JOHN PAUL GREESON

For The Associated Press
AUSTIN (AP) — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for May 3. (Report also available on Web at www.txfishing.com.)

PANHANDLE

BAYLOR: Water lightly stained; 65 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on live bait.

GREENBELT: Water lightly stained; 60 degrees; 25.25 low. Black bass are good on topwater lures at dawn, and shad-colored spinnerbaits with willow blades and white twin-tail trailers near grass lines and timber throughout day. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows. White bass are good on live bait and jigs tipped with minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on chartreuse crankbaits along channels and drop-offs. Walleye are good on live bait and crankbaits. Catfish are good on live bait and chicken liver.

MACKENZIE: Water lightly stained; 58 degrees; 69 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored crankbaits or jerkbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and striped bass are good on minnows and inline spinners. Smallmouth bass are fair on small crankbaits. Walleye are good on slabs and minnows. Catfish are good on live baits.

MEREDITH: Water lightly stained; 56 degrees; 27.75 low. Black bass are fair on live bait, white/chartreuse spinnerbaits and green crawfish-colored crankbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs suspended 12-14 feet. White bass are good on minnows and jigs near humps. Smallmouth bass are good on crankbaits. Walleye to 4 pounds are fair on bottom bouncers and live bait near northern points and riprap. Channel catfish are good on cut shad and minnows. Fritch Fortress ramp is closed for upgrades.

PALO DURO: Water lightly stained; 54 degrees; 47.6 low. Black bass are fair on live bait, black/chartreuse jigs and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Smallmouth bass are fair on small crankbaits and live bait. Walleye are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are fair on minnows and chicken liver. WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 1.5 low. Black bass to 10 pounds are good on live bait, black/blue jigs in timber, and deep diving chartreuse crankbaits in stained waters in Gobbler Creek and river along timber lines. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs.

ARROWHEAD: Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 26 low. Black bass are fair and improving on crankbaits and soft plastics in back of creeks and coves. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs in the reeds at State Park, and Henrietta, Deer Creek and Post Oak bridges. White bass are good on shad-imitation baits on shallow points and flats with some school-

ing action. Blue catfish are good on shad, punch bait and juglines in upper part of lake.

COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 70 degrees; 2.5 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait and jerkbaits. Catfish are fair on live baits.

FT. PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 68 degrees; 6.7 low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and live bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; 10.52 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and watermelon red soft plastics fished tight to cover. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass and hybrid stripers are good on live baits. Catfish are fair on minnows.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 68 degrees. Black bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are good on cut shad and inline spinners. Catfish are fair on prepared baits and minnows.

OAK CREEK: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 19 low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Catfish are good on minnows and chicken liver. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on dirt road near the dam.

OH. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 67 degrees; 17.15 low. Black bass are good on live bait, white spinnerbaits, white soft jerkbaits or dark jigs in timber. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on slabs tipped with minnows. Smallmouth bass are good on chartreuse/black crankbaits. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; 76 degrees; 4.2 low. Black bass are fair on Senkos, spinnerbaits and crankbaits in the shallows lake wide. White bass are good in and around river. Striped bass are fair at night near lighted piers. Blue and channel catfish are fair on setlines baited with shad in the upper part of reservoir.

SPENCE: Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; 50.6 low. Black bass are fair on live baits and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. White bass are fair on minnows and jigs. Striped bass and hybrid stripers are fair on minnows and chrome/black crankbaits. Catfish are fair on cut shad

and minnows.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; Black bass are fair on live bait and white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on white jigs and minnows. White and striped bass are good on live bait. Catfish are fair on minnows and cut shad.

SWEETWATER: Water lightly stained; 68 degrees; 31.75 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and dark jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on minnows and cut shad.

WHITE RIVER: Water lightly stained; 70 degrees; 22.82 low. Black bass are fair on live bait and green pumpkin soft plastics around timber and grass lines. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Walleye are fair on live bait. Channel catfish are good on live baits.

WICHITA: Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 1.11 low. Crappie are good on 1/8 oz. chartreuse jigs or small minnows along dam riprap and near old pavilion pier poles American Legion point and old yacht club areas. White bass and hybrid striped bass are fair on minnows and white twister-tails along dam and trolling. Channel catfish are fair on bait shrimp, punchbait or trotlines baited with shad. The north side (yacht club) and east side boat ramps have are open but difficult to use due to low water level.

Marlins ballpark advances

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — The Florida Senate approved an amendment last week that put the Florida Marlins back in the game for a new ballpark at a site in northwest Miami-Dade County.

The amendment was approved by a voice vote that sets up a floor vote, possibly as early as Thursday. The vote could certify the baseball team as Florida's ninth professional sports franchise eligible for a \$60 million subsidy over a 30-year period.

Marlins president David Samson, in Washington to watch the club against the Nationals, was elated at the development.

"I got a call today telling me the amendment passed," Samson said Wednesday evening. "It was a good phone call to get."

Samson and Marlins' executives and players have lobbied lawmakers for several years to qualify the

Bonds: A lot of reasons to dislike him, but there are some reasons to like him

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist
MILWAUKEE (AP) —

They booed Barry Bonds when he was announced, and booed him every time he came to bat. Chants of "steroids, steroids" followed the slugger when he lumbered out to left field, where he was greeted with other chants that aren't as printable.

The normally genteel fans at Miller Park hadn't been this upset at an opposing player since Randall Simon took a baseball bat to a sausage racer a few years back.

That, of course, was personal. You don't mess with sausages in Brat City.

Booing Bonds, though, is rapidly becoming as much a baseball tradition as the seventh-inning stretch. Think Johnny Damon in a Yankees uniform in Fenway Park every night as Bonds brings his own personal road show to National League cities.

The best thing is you don't need to be loaded up on beer to do it because, unlike steroids, it comes naturally.

Just ask the 17,358 in attendance Wednesday night. Together, they had 17,358 reasons to hate Bonds.

Had they looked a little more closely, though, they might have found some reasons to offer him some love.

Since they didn't, we'll

offer our own:

— He gives us a TV show so awful that it makes viewers feel less guilty about enjoying more highbrow entertainment like "Dancing With The Stars" and "Eliminate." The weekly propaganda, er, reality show "Bonds on Bonds" serves a dual purpose by giving ESPN less time to air bass fishing and the ubiquitous poker tournaments.

— He has an entertaining head: Sure, Babe Ruth's gut made it to first base 45 seconds before the Babe himself did, but Bonds' head has achieved national prominence in its own right. It came into play Wednesday night when Bonds was leaning against the batting cage and got hit in the head by a foul ball, a startling collision that the physicists will probably argue for years about.

— He doesn't hold grudges: Bud Selig's office is a 10-minute drive from Miller Park, but Bonds didn't seem to mind that the baseball commissioner couldn't take time to come and see him attempt to break Ruth's home run mark. Bonds defended Selig, which seemed kind of humorous because Selig is the one who opened an investigation into his alleged steroid use. Then again, maybe Bonds knows more about the eventual outcome of that alleged investigation than we do.

— He's quick in the batter's box: If you've ever watched a four-hour baseball game, you've got to appreciate the way Bonds gets into the box and does his business. No taking four or five practice swings outside the

box. No pulling at batting gloves, adjusting pants, or spitting between pitches. Bonds just waggles the bat and dares the pitcher to throw. It's a good thing, because he takes forever to circle the bases.

— He doesn't disappoint autograph seekers: They come to the stadium already knowing Bonds will blow them off.

— He's committed to medical research: While America's top drug conglomerates were busy trying to lower cholesterol and improve people's sex lives, Bonds took it upon himself to discover the potential health benefits of flaxseed oil. His willingness to advance the cause of a more healthy America saved the lives of an estimated 1,263 lab rats a year.

— He's encouraging the use of dictionaries at a time when they've gone out of style. Asked before the game whether pitchers are challenging him more, Bonds said:

"What do you call a challenge? Define your word challenge."

Uh, as in being pitched up and in, Barry?

"Up and in is not a challenge. When you figure out the definition of challenge, then I'll answer your question."

— He's an advocate of the American legal system: His child support case with a former wife is now case law in California, but that wasn't enough for Bonds. He's a real legal beagle, going to court a few weeks ago in an effort to protect the grand jury system.

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WT to host child welfare conference

CANYON — West Texas A&M University, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, will host its annual Title IV-E Child Welfare Conference from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Friday, May 19 in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom on campus.

Registration for the "Preparation 'H'elp Conference" begins at 8 a.m. with a full day of guest speakers and workshops for caseworkers, foster parents, CASA volunteers and child-placing agency staff. Participants also have the option of attending a lunch presentation with Jimmy Myers, counseling director at The Timothy Center in Austin. His topic will be "Thanks for the Memories."

A workshop on "Self Care and Stress Management" will focus on compassion fatigue and burnout issues experienced by mental health professionals. A self-test will be administered and self-care tips offered.

The "Getting to Know CASA" workshop will look at court-appointed special advocates. The workshop is designed to educate non-advocates on the advocate role in representing the best interests of abused/neglected children.

In addition to his lunch presentation, Myers also will lead a workshop on "Parenting Adolescents: Undergoing the Change."

Mo Cuevas, assistant professor of social work, and Melody Loya, instructor of social work, will discuss children and the transition from birth families into foster care in a workshop.

The conference is free for Child Protective Services caseworkers, foster parents, CASA volunteers and child-placing agency staff. Lunch is \$10 for Title IV-E participants and by reservation only. Conference cost for all others is \$35 if registered by May 12 and includes Continuing Education Units and the luncheon. The cost after May 12 is \$40.

For more information about registration, call the WTAMU social work program at 806-651-2594 or the Continuing Education Center at 806-651-2037.

Amarillo airport site of Xtravaganza

AMARILLO — The third annual "Top of Texas Wheels Xtravaganza" will be staged from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 13 at the Tradewind Airport in Amarillo. Bikers Against Child Abuse and Brown Impressions Low Riders will be represented. Organizers anticipate over 300 specialty vehicles to take part in this Xtravaganza.

A classic live auto auction will be held along with a variety of other activities and exhibits geared for all ages including a children's choo choo train.

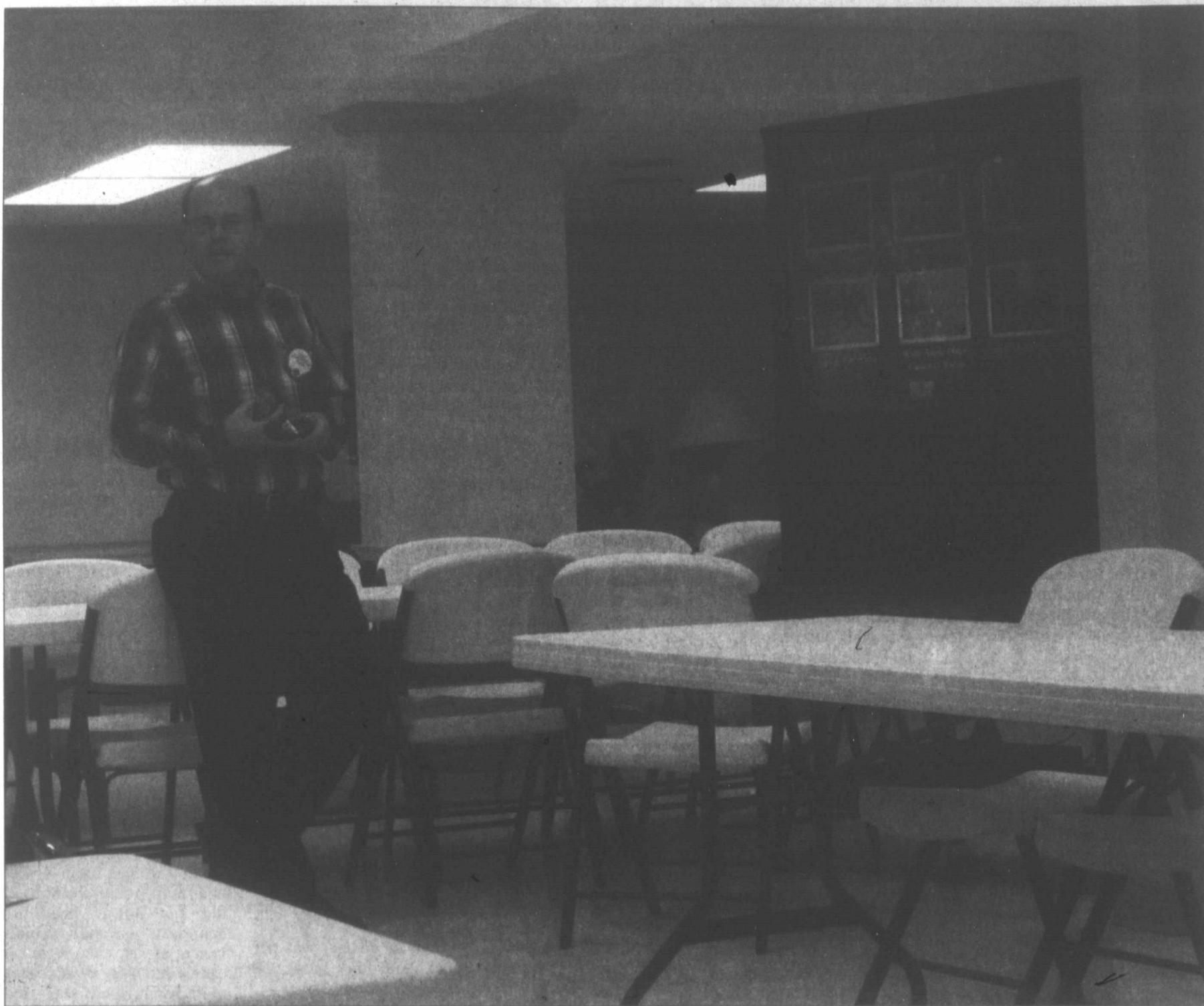
A large race car memorabilia collection will be auctioned off at 11 a.m.

The Xtravaganza will include the only full collection of Callaway Corvette Cars in the world, a 1987 Corvette personally owned and driven by movie star Don Johnson and another owned by Carlos Santana. Drag cars will be performing along with other speed vehicles.

The Amarillo Area Corvette Club and Tradewind Airport Group host the Xtravaganza annually.

Admission will be \$5 per person. Children under 5 will get in free. For more information or to enter a corvette, motorcycle or Low Rider, call (806) 374-0055.

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Lifestyle

NEWSMAKERS

The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Brian Haddock was named a United States National Award Winner in band.

The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. The Pampa High School student was nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a high school counselor.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Haddock is the son of Greg and Jacque Haddock and is the grandson of Jo Haddock, all of Pampa.

LUBBOCK — Sarah Schwab of Pampa was recently awarded the Fray Stallings Wells Scholarship at Texas Tech University in Lubbock for the academic year 2006-07. The award, in the amount of \$1,000, is bestowed based upon academic achievement and university and community involvement.

Schwab is a senior at TTU, majoring in apparel design and manufacturing in the College of Human Sciences.

CANYON — Jerilyn Brooks, a junior social sciences major from Pampa, talked her way to the top at West Texas A&M University's Best Speaker contest recently.

Brooks' speech on her service-learning experience at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa earned her first place in the event.

The Best Speaker contest, sponsored by the WTAMU speech-communication program, is conducted each fall and spring semester.

Students enrolled in the basic public speaking course or the business and professional speaking course are eligible to compete. Students competing must deliver a five- to seven-minute persuasive speech based on their service-learning experiences with local agencies.

In the speech, the speakers must urge the audience to either volunteer or donate funds to the agency. The service-learning requirement was added to the competition as part of the University's Quality Enhancement Plan.

Judges for the contest were members of Lambda Pi Eta, the national Communication Honor Society. Dr. Trudy Hanson, professor of speech communication, directed the event.

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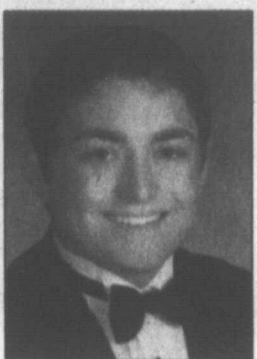
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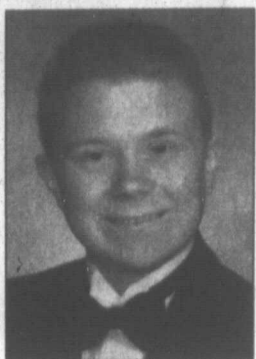
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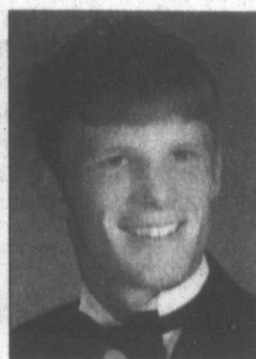
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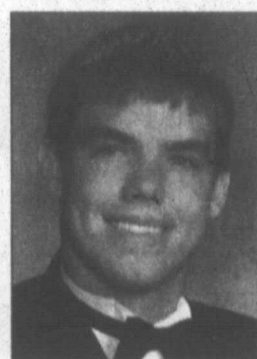
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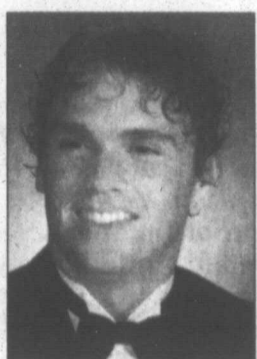
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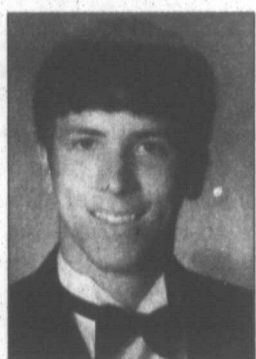
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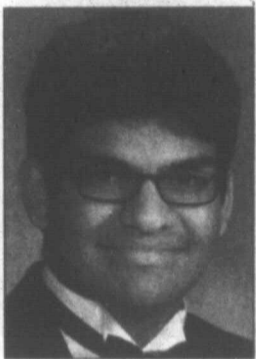
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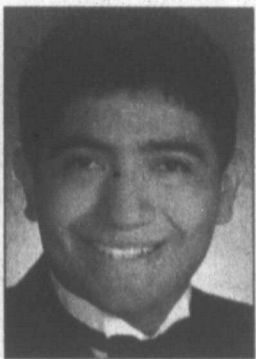
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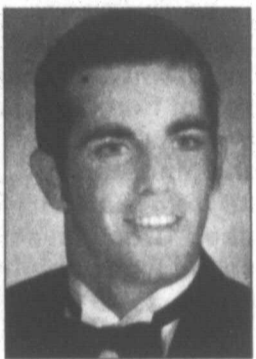
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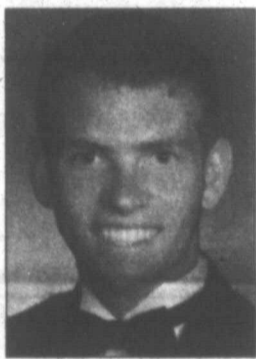
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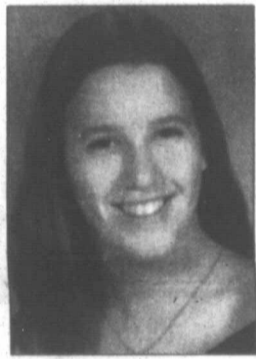
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Cooper Brazile



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Robyn Bell

Grads

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Monica Johnson, daughter of Dwayne and Mozetta Johnson, ranks third in her class with a 4.168 GPA. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include All-Region Choir (two years); One Act Play (two years); Outstanding Women's Choir member; Rotary Youth Leadership Award recipient; National Honor Society (NHS) member; track team member; Speech & Debate; high school theater; and D-FY-IT member. Johnson's plans are to pursue degrees in psychology and business at the University of North Texas.

Rachel Parker, daughter of C.W. and Lois Parker, ranks fourth in her class with a 4.144 GPA and is a Superintendent Scholar. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include UIL Academics Regional Qualifier in computer applications and second place science team member; UIL Academic Team member; NHS; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Band; Color Guard; Family Career and Community Leaders of America member; and D-FY-IT member. Parker's plans are to major in interior design and minor in architecture at Texas Tech University (TTU).

Lacie Long, daughter of Mark and Randi Long, ranks fifth in her class with a 4.094 GPA. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: National Honor Roll distinction; Who's Who

Among American High School Students; Lions Club Sweetheart; Rotary Leadership Award finalist; varsity golf; varsity tennis; regional qualifier in tennis (2003 and 2004); ASTRA Club member; NHS member; and D-FY-IT member. Long's plans are to pursue a degree in special education at TTU.

Heather Dills, daughter of James and Louise Dills, ranks sixth in her class with a 4.08 GPA. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include U.S. Achievement Academy; Rotary Youth Leadership Award; All-Region Band member; All-Region Jazz Band member; Solo/Ensemble contests state qualifier; Band; track; cross-country; NHS member; and ASTRA Club member. Dills' plans are to attend Southern Nazarene University and minor in instrumental music.

Taylor Reeves, son of B.B. and LaJona Reeves, ranks seventh in his class with a 4.061 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include Cross Debate National Qualifier; seven-time state debate qualifier; Who's Who Among American High School Students; three-time American Classical League (Latin) medal winner; National Association of High School Scholars; Forensics (Speech & Debate); Little Harvester Newspaper staff member; PHS Symposium; NHS member; and Latin Club member. Reeves' plans are to earn an English degree from TTU and then pursue law degrees at the University of

Austin and Tulane University.

Andy Anderson, son of Don and LaNee Anderson, ranks eighth in his class with a 4.029 GPA. He is a PHS Superintendent Scholar. His honors, activities and accomplishments include UIL Academics; UIL Regional Math Qualifier; NHS member; Who's Who Among American High School Students; National Honor Roll; bowling; Little Harvester Newspaper staff member; yearbook staff member; and Special Olympics coach. Anderson's plans are to major in chemical engineering at the Colorado School of Mines.

Weston Teichmann, son of Shelly and David Teichmann, ranks ninth in his class with a 3.996 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include National Honor Roll, All-District honors (baseball and golf); Wendy's High School Heisman Award nominee; NHS member (two years); Who's Who Among American High School Students; varsity baseball; varsity golf; varsity basketball; Latin Club; and D-FY-IT member. His plans are to attend Oklahoma State University (OSU) and possibly pursue a coaching degree.

Sarah Langford, daughter of Mark and Sandra Langford, ranks 10th in her class with a 3.983 GPA. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include Who's Who Among American High School Students; All-District Choir; three UIL solo/ensemble con-

tests division 1 ratings; All-American Scholar; U.S. History, Home Economics, and IPC Awards; Business Professionals of America member; Teachers Association of Future Educators; NHS member; and Concert Choir. Langford's plans are to major in elementary education and minor in music at Wayland Baptist University.

Taylor Fatheree, son of David and Natha Fatheree and Kristi and Larry Petty, ranks 11th in his class with a 3.972 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include All-District Golf (three years); All-District Football; All-Region Choir qualifier (three years); National Latin Exam, summa cum laude; National Honor Roll; football; golf; Choir; and Latin Club. Fatheree's plans are to major in engineering at Oklahoma University.

Chadd Malone, son of Johnny and Cheryl Malone, ranks 12th in his class with a 3.952 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include Academic All-State Athlete in football; National Honor Roll; Who's Who Among American High School Students; All-American Scholar; National Leadership and Service Award recipient; varsity football; NHS member; D-FY-IT member; Peer Tutor; and competitive weightlifter. Malone's plans are to attend TTU and major in computer engineering.

Clay Jones, son of Craig and Kim Jones, ranks 13th in his class with a 3.926

GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include: Academic All-State Football; National Honor Roll; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Who's Who Among Student Council; football; Student Council; track and field; and baseball. Jones' plans are to major in architecture at Oklahoma State University.

Chase Guyer, son of Craig and Lori Guyer, ranks 14th in his class with a 3.924 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include "Eagle Scout"; Best in State Technology Students Association; NHS; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Regional Track Meet - Sprint Relay; track; cross-country; Choir; Technology Student's Association; and D-FY-IT member. Guyer's plans are to attend West Texas A&M University and major in mechanical engineering.

Nicole Fernuik, daughter of Ronald and Taci Fernuik, ranks 15th in her class with a 3.898 GPA. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include: Texas All-State Choir (two years); Girl Scouts-Youth Womanhood Recognition award; Lions Club Sweetheart; cheer-leading squad captain; Who's Who Among American High School Students; Choir; NHS; UIL One-Act Play; and track. Fernuik's plans are to attend Brigham Young University for a year and later major in musical theater and art history.

Sunil Kamnani, son of

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Anders/Wells

Jacqueline Bliss Anders and Timothy L. Wells, both of Frisco, plan to wed June 10 at Round Grove Historical Chapel in Lewisville. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Timothy L. Anders and Ms. Venetia Stanfield-Anders, both of Longview, and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Joe Stanfield of Marshall and Billy R. Anders and Mrs. Betty J. Wigman, both of Carthage. She graduated from Plano East Senior High School in 1999 and attended Richland College and Brookhaven College in Dallas. She is currently president and CEO of Axiom Credit Consulting. The future groom is the son of Ben C. Wells and the late Ms. Mary L. Wells of Pampa and is the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin C. Wells of Pampa. He graduated from Pampa High School in 1993 and attended Brookhaven College in Dallas. He is employed with Jani-King International as a network technician.

HARDIN, HESTER WEDDING

June Hardin and Troy Hester, both of Pampa, were wed April 15 at Central Baptist Church of Pampa.

The bride's children and granddaughters stood by her side — Tina Gentry of Venus, Texas, Todd Hardin of Lubbock, Texas, Heather Flowers of Arlington, Texas, and Ashley Matthews of Fort Drum, N.Y.

The groom's children and grandchildren stood by his side — Troy L. Hester of Austin, Texas, Tonya Smith of Happy, Texas, Kimberly Bach of Hereford, Texas, David Smith of Justin, Texas, and Michael Hester and Kyle

Hester, both of Austin, Texas.

The ushers were Dwayne Gentry, son-in-law of the bride of Venus, Texas, and Randall Smith, son-in-law of the groom of Happy, Texas.

Registering the guests was Sue Muir, sister of the bride of Amarillo, Texas.

Music was provided by pianist Amy Parnell and vocalist Breanna Beesley, both of Pampa. Beesley sang "The Rose" and "My Valentine."

Serving the guests at the reception that followed the nuptials were Louise Walker, Pat Denham, Ellen Malone, Priscilla Raines, and Diane Young, all of



June Hardin and Troy Hester

Pampa, Texas.

The bride grew up in Wheeler, Texas, and attended Wheeler schools.

The groom grew up in Homney, Okla., and gradu-

ated from Homney High School. He retired from Cabot Corp. in 1992.

June and Troy will make their home in Pampa, Texas.



Gwyn/Warren

Holly Kathryn Gwyn and William Douglas Warren plan to wed June 3 at First Baptist Church in Plainview. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Dr. Bentley and Kathy Gwyn of Plainview. She graduated from Colorado High School in Colorado City in 2000 and has attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview. The future groom is the son of Ron and Barbara Warren of Plainview. A writer, he graduated from Pampa High School in 2002 and earned his degree from WBU last month.

Menus

Week of May 8-12

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: French toast bagel. Lunch: Popcorn shrimp or steak fingers, fries, carrots, fruit, rolls.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Egg patties, toast. Lunch: Cheeseburger pockets or pizza, English peas, salad, pineapple tidbits.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits. Lunch: Soft burritos or chicken nuggets, pinto beans, corn, peaches.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Cinnamon tastry. Lunch: Chicken patty on a bun or beef/cheese nachos, blackeyed peas, burger salad, pears, chocolate cake.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Grilled cheese sandwiches or hot dogs, green beans, salad, fruit.</p> <p>Lefors Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Cheese omelets, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Chili dogs, fries, apples/oranges, sherbet.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, refried beans, cinnamon crispies.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, breaded okra, rolls, frozen fruit bars.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Pancakes, cinnamon toast, cold cereal, toast, juice, milk. Lunch: Burgers, carrots, baked beans, Rice Crispy Treat.</p> <p>FRIDAY No school.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Beef/cheese nachos, Mexican rice, salad, dessert.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Burgers, pork beans, chips, dessert.</p>	<p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar TUESDAY Barbecue wieners, potato casserole, English peas, rolls, dessert.</p> <p>THURSDAY Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, dessert.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY Chicken fried steak or chili rellenos, mashed potatoes, spinach, cheese grits, pinto beans, German chocolate cake or banana pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>TUESDAY Chicken salad or hamburger steak, curly fries, macaroni/tomatoes, English peas, beans, angel food cake or lemon icebox pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, carrots, beans, pineapple upsidedown cake or blackberry cobbler, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>THURSDAY Chicken strips or liver and onions, au gratin potatoes, Italian green beans, fried squash, beans, orange streusel cake or rice pudding, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish/hushpuppies or three-way chili, potato wedges, cheese hominy, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Barbecue, potato salad, baked beans, pudding.</p> <p>TUESDAY Hamloaf, hominy casserole, asparagus, pineapple.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Chicken, dressing, gravy, English peas, yam-boree.</p> <p>THURSDAY Sphepherd's pie, pickled beets, corn, salad, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Chicken nuggets, baked potatoes, peas/carrots, cookies.</p>
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Thank You

We would like to thank everyone who has helped us after losing our home to the grass fires of March 12, 2006. We appreciate everyone who has donated clothing, household goods, food & cash donations. We also want to say how much we appreciate the firefighters. So many people volunteered their time to control the fire, save homes & property. You are definitely special people. Billy & I feel truly blessed to have the support of family, church family & friends. God has truly blessed us. Please know that we appreciate each & every act of kindness.
Billy & Pat McBee

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EXAMPLES

MOTHER,
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Happy Mother's Day!
Love,
SUE

MOMMY
You are really cool!
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JOSHUA

MOM,
Thank You for all that you do and all that you are. I love you!
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- The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.
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 - Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.
 - Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.
 - Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four
- See POLICY, Page 10-B

Michaela Marie Miranda

Michaela Marie Miranda was born at 6:19 p.m. Feb. 27 at Banner Good Samaritan Hospital in Phoenix, Ariz., to Chris and Christy Miranda of Chandler, Ariz. At birth, Michaela weighed 8-pounds, .04-ounces and was 20-inches long. Grandparents are Ignacio and Patricia Miranda of Tucson, Ariz., and Dannie and Angie Hoover of Pampa.

Grads

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Laxmichand and Nirmala Kamnani, ranks 16th in his class with a 3.895 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include Cross Debate State Qualifier (two years); All-Region Jazz Band (two years); Texas Forensics Association; Technology Students of America state winner (two years); Technology Students of America member; Solo/Ensemble contests Division 1 rating; Speech & Debate; Band; theater; and UIL Academics. Kamnani's

plans are to major in biochemistry at the University of Texas at Austin and later attend medical school.

Junior Navarrete, son of Raquel and Manuel Navarrete, ranks 17th in his class with a 3.885 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include UIL District second place winner; Technology Student of America state winner (two years); Technology Students Association regional first place winner; National Honor Roll; Geometry and World Geometry Academic Awards; Football; NHS member; Technology Students of America member; and ASTRA Club member. Navarrete's plans are to major in architecture at

TTU. Megan O'Neal, daughter of Ron and Amy Unruh and Julie O'Neal, ranks 18th in her class with a 3.875 GPA. O'Neal is a Superintendent Scholar. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include Who's Who Among American High School Students; UIL One-Act Play All-Star Cast member; PHS theater president; Speech & Debate state qualifier; ASTRA Club; NHS member; and Little Harvester Newspaper staff member. O'Neal's plans are to major in theater at Stephen F. Austin State University.

Whitney Wichert, daughter of Rodney and Jarilyn Wichert, ranks 19th in her class with a 3.858 GPA. Her

honors, activities and accomplishments include 2005 Voice of Democracy state finalist; All-American Scholar; Wendy's High School Heisman Award nominee; 2004 Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Teen Queen; 2005 Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo Queen; Student Council Senior Class Secretary; varsity softball; NHS member; Concert Choir; and D-FY-IT member. Wichert's plans are to study pre-veterinarian medicine at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and later transfer to OSU.

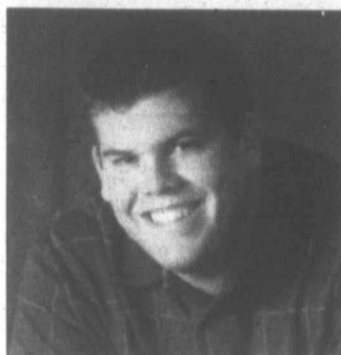
Cooper Brazile, son of Kim and Jeff Skinner, ranks 20th in his class with a 3.786 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments

include: NHS member (two years); Who's Who Among American High School Students; All American Scholar; U.S. Achievement Academy Honor Roll; football; golf; track and field; and soccer. Brazile's plans are to attend TTU and major in cell and molecular biology.

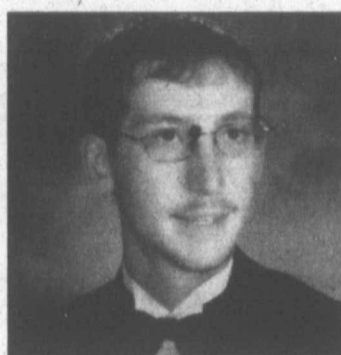
Braydon Barker, son of Jimmy Barker and Lori Barker, ranks 21st in his class with a 3.774 GPA. His honors, activities and accomplishments include: Academic All-State Basketball; PHS Leadership Award; National Honor Roll; National Society of High School Scholars; Who's Who Among American High School Students; basketball;

golf; tennis; and D-FY-IT member. Barker's plans are to major in education at Lubbock Christian University.

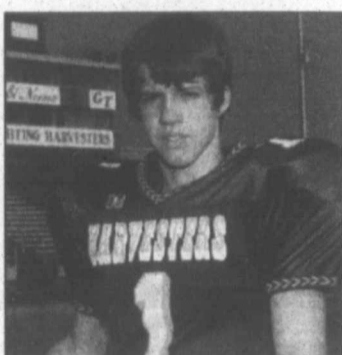
Robyn Bell, daughter of Chris and Lorrie Bell, ranks 22nd in her class with a 3.746 GPA. Her honors, activities and accomplishments include Who's Who Among American High School Students; U.S. Achievement Academy Award; ASTRA Club's Leadership Award; Peer Tutor Leadership Award; Special Olympics coach; track; band; and NHS member. Bell's plans are to major in animal sciences and minor in business at Texas A&M University.



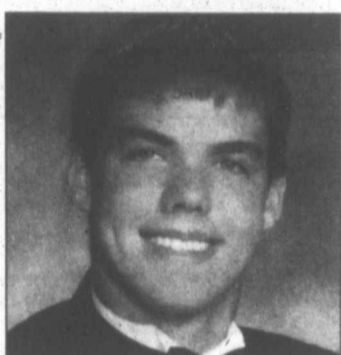
Hunter Hadley



Nick Foust



Ryne Malone



Chadd Malone

Names

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CANYON — The Department of English and Modern Languages (EML) at West Texas A&M University announced its scholarship winners for 2006-2007 during an awards luncheon recently. Awards totaled more than \$24,000.

Scholarship recipients included Kari Cahill, EML Excellence Award, and Mark Murray, Arlin Turner Memorial Scholarship and Pat Sullivan Scholarship, both of Pampa; Kristin Robinson of Canadian, EML Excellence Award; and Julie Book of Miami, Evelyn and Kenneth E. Frieze English Scholarship and EML Excellence Award.

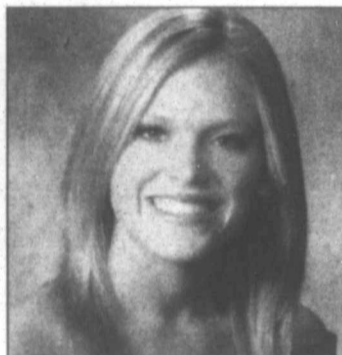
The United States Achievement Academy recently announced Hunter H. Hadley, Nick Foust, Ryne Malone, Chadd Malone, Jarron Clark, Meagan Clark and Sara E. Swan were all named United States National Award Winners.

Hadley and Meagan were named USAA award-winners in leadership. Foust, Ryne, Chadd and Jarron were award-winners in honor roll. Swan was an award-winner in both honor roll and band.

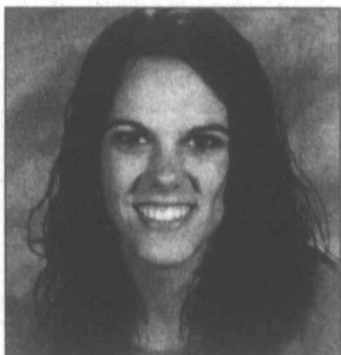
The Academy bestows USAA awards upon fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students. Hadley, a student at White Deer High School, was nominated for the award by Linda Allen, a counselor at WDHS. Foust, Ryne, Chadd,



Jarron Clark



Meagan Clark



Sara Swan

Jarron, Meagan, and Swan, students at Pampa High School, were nominated for the award by Starla Kindle, a counselor at PHS.

All USAA award-winners will appear in the USAA Official Yearbook, published nationally.

"Recognizing and supporting our youth is more important than ever before in America's history," said Dr. George Stevens, USAA executive director. "Certainly, United States Achievement Academy winners should be congratulated and appreciated for their dedication to excellence and achievement."

The Academy selects USAA winners based upon the exclusive recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. Other criteria includes academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Hadley is the son of Ron and Renel Hadley of Pampa and is the grandson of Wanda

Tigrett of Amarillo, Martha Hadley of Pampa, and Don and Carolyn Hadley of Duncan, Okla.

Foust is the son of Wanda Côtter of Pampa and is the grandson of Mike and Nell Côtter of Littlefield.

Ryne and Chadd Malone are the children of Johnny and Cheryl Malone of Pampa and are the grandchildren of Larry and Linda Starnes and Harold and Neva Malone, all of Pampa. Ryne was also named to Who's Who Among American High School students for 2005-06. Only 5 percent of students in the nation's 24,000 high schools are honored in Who's Who each year. Who's Who honorees are eligible to compete for one of 61 scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000 and may use The College Referral Service.

Chadd was also named to

Who's Who and is a USAA All-American Scholar. To qualify as an All-American Scholar, a student must earn a 3.3 or higher grade point average. Only students selected by a school instructor, counselor or other qualified sponsor are accepted. Chadd was nominated by Kindle. USAA All-American Scholars are named in the All-American Scholar Yearbook, published nationally and are also eligible for other awards given by USAA.

Jarron and Meagan are the children of Jeff and Tammy Clark of Pampa and are the grandchildren of Jerry Clark and Richard and Sue Matthew, all of Pampa.

Swan is the daughter of Karan and Joe Swan of Pampa and is the granddaughter of Marietta Baird of Howardwick and Doris Swan of Pampa.

Bridal Registry

Lindsay Langford & Jared Spearman
Lizette Navarrete & Drew Burks
Gina Mann & Christopher Lewis
Janelle Powers & Chris Styne
Amanda Lee & Michael Peterson
Lacey Jaye McGuire & Josh Crawford
Holly Myers & Daniel Taylor
Erin Lauderback & Clayton Johnson
Courtney Finstrwald & Josh Blackmon
Misty Ivey & David Auwen
Jennifer Mays & Joey Resendez
Cyndi Wyley & Bart Wyatt
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Susie Wilson and family.

Former local music instructor earns doctorate degree from UNT college

Susie Wilson will receive a doctor of musical arts in choral conducting degree from the University of North Texas College of Music in graduation ceremonies May 13.

While a student at UNT, Wilson was a Graduate Fellow, teaching conducting as well as directing the Womens' Chorus. In addition, she sang in the UNT A Cappella Choir, serving as its student conductor under Mel Ivey and performing with the group at the national ACDA convention in Chicago.

She was chosen Outstanding Student Conductor in 1998-99 and was inducted into Pi Kappa Lambda, an honorary music fraternity whose members

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING MAY 7, 2006. TV schedule grid with columns for time slots (12pm to 10pm) and rows for channels (KACV, KAMR, KCIT, etc.).

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

MAY 11, 2006

Table of TV programming for Thursday afternoon/evening, May 11, 2006. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 10pm and various channel listings.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

MAY 12, 2006

Table of TV programming for Friday afternoon/evening, May 12, 2006. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 10pm and various channel listings.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

MAY 13, 2006

Table of TV programming for Saturday afternoon/evening, May 13, 2006. Columns include time slots from 12pm to 10pm and various channel listings.

MEETINGS & PSAs

MUSEUMS, MILITARY
Freedom Museum USA. Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.
Harrington House. The tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, lasts April through mid-October.
Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals.

Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library.
Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa.
Celebration of Lights. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster.

of each month at Keep Pampa Beautiful office, 836 W. Foster. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Friday.
Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.
Fellowship of Christian Cowboys. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

gregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.
Macedonia Baptist Church. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6 p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information, call 665-4926.
Pampa Area Literacy Council. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.
Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill, stated meeting is the third Thursday of each month at the same time.
Pampa Ministerial Alliance. Pampa Area Ministerial Alliance meets the first Monday of every month. Location changes monthly.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I had an affair with a married man several years ago. It ended, and now I am friends with his wife. I want very much to tell her about the affair because I feel so guilty about it. I see her every day. She has joined the same church I go to, put her kids in the same school as my kids, and we go to all the same parties and have the same friends. Everyone knows about the affair except her, and I feel uncomfortable every time I talk to her husband or when conversations arise regarding cheating. I know I'll feel more comfortable around her if I get this off my chest. Should I tell her? -- **FEELING GUILTY IN SOUTH NEW JERSEY**

DEAR FEELING GUILTY: I see no reason to make this woman suffer so that you can feel better. If you feel you MUST confess, confess to someone who won't be hurt to hear the news -- such as a clergyman. They've heard just about everything.

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me how to politely inform our friends that their daughter, "Jane," who is 12 and a special-needs child, needs a bra. My wife picks up Jane and our daughter every day after school, and their teacher has asked us to talk to her parents. Jane's parents seem oblivious to the obvious. Please help, before the situation gets any bigger. -- **PERPLEXED DAD IN TEXAS**

DEAR PERPLEXED: The person to discuss this with Jane's parents should first be the teacher. If she has already done so and your friends continue to ignore the problem, then your wife should approach Jane's mother and say something -- and perhaps offer to go shopping with them. It's possible that they are in denial about the fact that their "baby" is becoming a woman.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 20-year-old college student caught in a turmoil of emotion. My

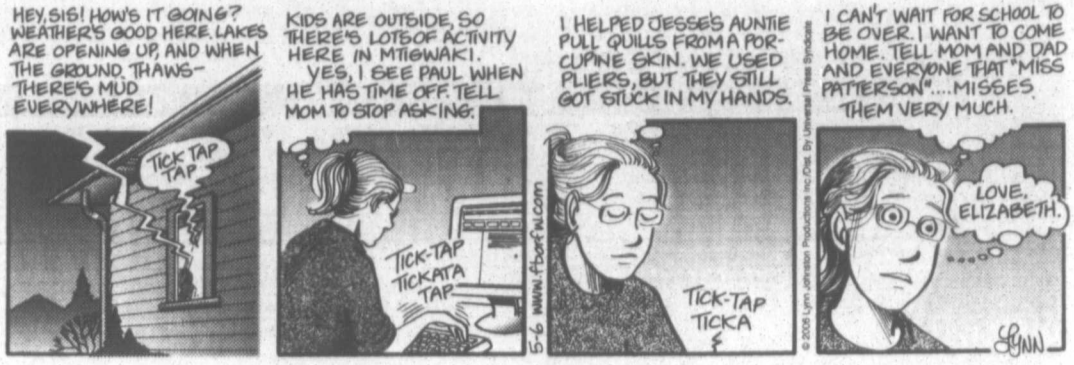
parents were divorced two years ago. It left my mother and me on our own. Not long after, to my great joy, my mom was back in the dating world. I was shocked the night Mom brought one of her dates home to meet me. She later explained that it was time for me to become aware of her new lifestyle. She was now living her life as a lesbian, and I had to accept it. I immediately moved in with my father and refused to return my mother's phone calls. I miss her, but I can't come to terms with this. What should I do? -- **DESPERATE IN DETROIT**

DEAR DESPERATE: Judge not, lest ye be judged.

DEAR ABBY: I recently inherited a substantial amount of money from my great-grandmother. I want to start a college fund for my younger cousins. Here's the problem: My uncle (their father) has two children with his girlfriend, who also has two children from a previous marriage. I want to give the money only to the cousins who are related to me, and announce what I'm planning on my grandparents' anniversary. My fear is that I will cause a "bad vibe" between my uncle and me since I'm excluding his "stepchildren." How should I handle this? -- **LOVING COUSIN IN ORLANDO**

DEAR COUSIN: Rather than make a public announcement of your intention at the celebration, I suggest you speak privately to your uncle and tell him what you have in mind. That you want to share your great-grandmother's bequest with those children who are related to her is admirable -- but the offer should be made with delicacy and sensitivity so that it does not cause a rift in your uncle's family.

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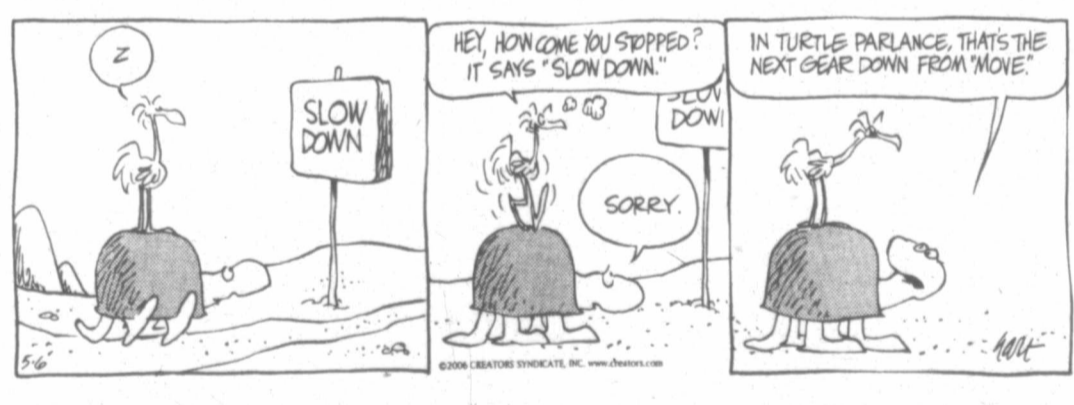
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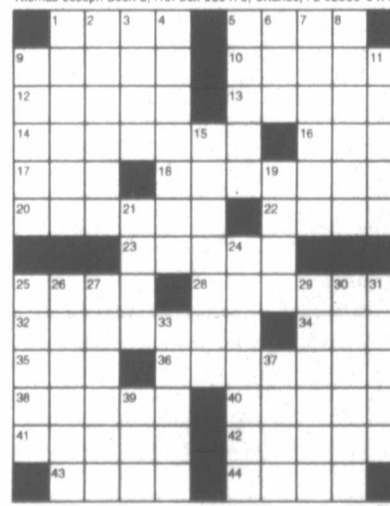
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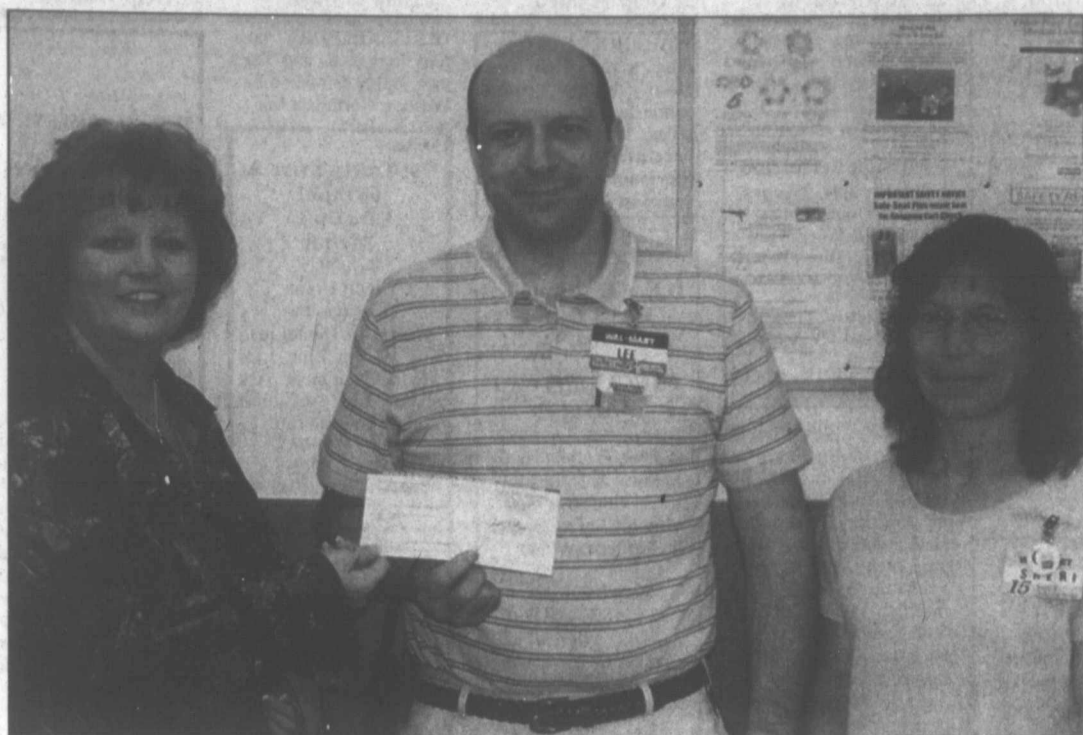


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Fire Chief Kim Powell, left, accepts a donation for the Pampa Fire Department from Lee Schones and Sherry Tice of WalMart in the amount of \$1,000. This annual grant donation is from the "Safe Neighborhood Heroes" program. "This is our way of showing our appreciation for everything the firefighters do for the community," Tice said.

Rumsfeld faces hostile protesters

ATLANTA (AP) — Already under fire from some retired military brass who want him to resign, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was greeted at a speech in Atlanta by unusually hostile anti-war protesters.

"This man needs to be in prison for war crimes," shouted Gloria Tatum, 63, of near-by Decatur, Ga., before being hauled away by security officials.

Ray McGovern, a former CIA analyst and noted critic of the war in Iraq, waited patiently in line to question Rumsfeld, then let loose.

"Why did you lie to get us into a war that caused these kind of casualties and was not necessary?" McGovern said.

"I did not lie," shot back a feisty Rumsfeld, who waved off security guards ready to remove McGovern from the hall at the Southern Center for International Studies.

With support for the war in Iraq low, it is not unusual for top Bush administration officials to encounter protests and hostile questions. But the outbursts Rumsfeld confronted Thursday seemed tougher than usual.

Three protesters were escorted away by security as each interrupted Rumsfeld's speech by jumping up and shouting anti-war messages. Throughout the speech, a fourth

protester stood in the middle of the room with his back to Rumsfeld in silent protest. Officials reported no arrests. The protesters said afterward they had purchased tickets for the event in order to confront the defense secretary.

Rumsfeld also faced tough questions from a woman identifying herself as Patricia Roberts of Lithonia, Ga., who said her son, 22-year-old Spc. Jamaal Addison, was killed in Iraq. Roberts said she is now raising her young grandson and asked whether the government could provide any help.

Rumsfeld referred her to a Web site listing aid organizations and offered his condolences.

President Bush seldom faces such challenges. Demonstrators usually are kept far from him when he delivers public remarks.

Rumsfeld has been interrupted by anti-war demonstrators in congressional hearing rooms as he has delivered testimony to lawmakers in recent months, and at some speeches around the country.

More than half of Americans say the war in Iraq was not worth the cost financially or in loss of life, recent polls have found. Just over one-third of those surveyed say they approve of Bush's handling of the war.

Northwest cherry growers expect harvest to top last year's

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — Cherry growers in the Northwest are optimistic they could top last year's record harvest — and provide a long, cherry-filled summer for consumers.

It's good news after a year in which growers couldn't meet demand.

"Last year we had a record crop, and we still couldn't provide all the cherries we needed," said B.J. Thurlby, president of Northwest Cherry Growers, a promotional group for growers and shippers.

The group is aiming to increase sales by as much as 30 percent this year, getting more cherries — including new varieties that ripen later in the summer — to consumers both in the U.S. and other countries.

The Northwest, along with California, produces the bulk of the nation's sweet cherries.

Growers in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Utah harvested a record 117,000 tons of fresh cherries last year. The early estimate for the 2006 four-state fresh crop ranges between 110,000 and 130,000 tons, with much of the harvest in Washington.

If the weather stays warm, with no extended heavy rain, growers see potential for the harvest to come in at the higher end of that

range, Thurlby said. Washington state has an estimated 29,000 acres of cherry orchards, up from about 25,000 acres in 2004. That number continues to increase as growers tear out apple orchards and replace them with cherry trees and wine grape vineyards, which have been more profitable in recent years.

Many growers have planted varieties that ripen later in the season, extending the normal June-to-July season into August.

Bing cherries make up 60 percent of the Washington state crop, down from 80 percent about 10 years ago. They have been replaced by the later-ripening varieties, such as Sweetheart and Lapin. As a result, the harvest from mid-July to mid-August should grow by about 5 percent, Thurlby said.

Susan Fox, who operates C & S Orchards on Stemilt Hill near Wenatchee with her husband, hopes to contribute to that increase. They don't usually start picking cherries until mid-July.

"Depending on Mother Nature, we should have no trouble setting fruit," Fox said, noting that the orchard produced about 1,100 tons last year. "It should be larger. We're hoping it's more."

Northwest Cherry Growers is

strengthening sales and marketing efforts in Asia — where Taiwan is the biggest offshore market and China is a rapidly growing customer. They are also working to strengthen sales in Mexico, where they had been barred from exporting until late in last year's season.

Thurlby said promotional campaigns include a Latino dance contest in parts of Mexico, with the championships in Cancun in mid-July, and a separate campaign with The Hershey Co., which is promoting cherry-filled Hershey's Kisses in Mexico.

"Most Mexicans don't eat cherries. They don't grow them, and we've never had access," Thurlby said. "It's going to be an uphill battle for the next five or six years, but we're going to go in with our guns firing."

5 Pacific island nations not on tsunami warning list

EWA BEACH, Hawaii (AP) — A computer glitch left five Pacific island nations off a list of areas at risk of being hit by a tsunami after a powerful underwater earthquake struck near the South Pacific nation of Tonga, an official said.

Though a major tsunami never occurred after Thursday's earthquake, the error resulted in Tonga, the country closest to the epicenter, and four other nations being left off an initial alert transmitted from the Hawaii-based Pacific Tsunami Warning Center.

Gerard Fryer, the center's acting director, told The Associated Press that a problem with the center's computer database resulted in the omission, and a staffer failed to catch it while rushing to get out the alerts.

"That was a foul-up," Fryer said. "They were so eager to get the message out that all they did was to check the earthquake had the right parameters. They didn't check to see who was on the warning."

Officials had said Tonga — a 170-island archipelago about halfway between Australia and Tahiti with a population of about 108,000 — did not receive an alert because of a power failure.

Except for Tonga, the other countries received the center's bulletins, even if they were not listed as being under a tsunami warning or watch in the initial alert, Fryer said. The center has said an alternate messaging system may be necessary for Tonga.

The first alert warned that an earthquake occurred near Tonga early Thursday and a tsunami warning was in effect for Fiji and New Zealand. But Tonga and four other nearby nations were not

given tsunami "warning" or "watch" status on the initial alert.

A second bulletin issued 49 minutes later correctly included Tonga, Niue, American Samoa, Samoa and Wallis-Futuna as countries also under the tsunami warning, Fryer said.

By that time, it would have been too late if a destructive tsunami materialized — it would have already hit Tonga, Niue and American Samoa, according to forecasts.

There were no reports of injuries from the magnitude-7.9 temblor, which struck about 95 miles south of Neiafu, Tonga, and 1,340 miles north-northeast of Auckland, New Zealand. Authorities lifted the tsunami warnings within two hours, and waves never exceeded 2 feet.

On Friday, aftershocks with magnitudes of 6.0, 5.7 and 5.4 hit the same region of Tonga, damaging a hospital and several other buildings in the Ha'apai island group, officials said.

Severe cracks in the main walls of Nui'ui Hospital could mean its patients will have to be moved, Ha'apai Governor Malu Po said.

"The cracks are pretty serious — all over the building," Po told The Associated Press.

The communications failure raised troubling questions about the effectiveness of such alerts, which have come under scrutiny since an earthquake-driven tsunami in the Indian Ocean nearly 18 months ago left at least 216,000 people dead or missing.

Twenty-three countries on both sides of the earthquake-prone Pacific are scheduled to take part in a test of the system in two weeks.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, May 7, 2006:

The single determining factor of this birthday year is that everything happens in extremes. The way you deal with others could change because of a more positive and upbeat attitude. Your imagination kicks in, allowing you to jump over problems and find solutions. Investigate new opportunities, and take sound risks. Sometimes you might get discouraged, as friends and people don't always react as you think they should. If you are single, a relationship will warm up your life. This person could be very special to you. If you are attached, the more attention and caring you give, the more you will receive. VIRGO is always fun.

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 want to play and enjoy yourself. Step one is being more nurturing to yourself. The unexpected runs rampant with your plans. Don't let your nerves get the better of you. Family might be asking a lot. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

This Week: Zeroing in on what you want looks like courting another's favor.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Put on your favorite play clothes and go out and enjoy yourself. You really don't get many opportunities to be carefree and frivolous. Make it OK to change plans. Calls, conversations and much fun surround you. Tonight: Ever playful.

This Week: Focus on your job, not your social life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Anchor in and take care of personal errands and projects. You finally might decide to make that purchase or expenditure. Do some price comparison, but don't cause yourself a problem or make this purchase a nightmare. Tonight: At home.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, May 8, 2006:

You have pizzazz and sparkle on your team this year. Knowing when to call it quits and do something totally different can make or break your year. A partner and people in general give you a lot of feedback nearly all the time. You will notice that others' perspectives transform and change a lot. If you are single, a relationship will challenge you to grow and will help many of your relating skills evolve. If you are attached, this year could be a banner year if you allow your sweetie to grow. LIBRA helps you get the job done.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Others might inadvertently pressure you. Try to understand and integrate new information. What might result is a change in plans. You will head in a new direction if you are willing to relax and let go. Tonight: Say yes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You might need to think through a decision that involves your work and/or daily routine. Evaluate what might be going on with a loved one or a friend, understanding that you can only do so much so fast. Give yourself space. Tonight: Relax and let go of tension.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Someone near you does a total reversal, encouraging you to think twice about what is going on. Allow more fun and happiness to enter your life. Think in terms of gaining new information through creative inquiries. Tonight: Footloose and fancy-free — even if it is

This Week: Let your creativity toss you into uncharted territory.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You're happiest visiting with others. You could be overwhelmed by all that is going on. Everyone wants something from you right away, at the last minute. Pace yourself and squeeze in what you want. Tonight: Easy does it. Don't make a big deal of anything.

This Week: Anchor in and get what you want. Just know what it is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Don't stretch yourself too far or accept an invitation or suggestion that could later be difficult, as far as the ramifications. You might be surprised by a family member or someone in charge. Your family backs you. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Make the first move. Respond. Be there for others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are all smiles. Remember, you have the ability to make the sun shine in your life. Others are flaky and changeable. You will have to work on getting along with a male or a boisterous friend. You know what to do. Tonight: Order in.

This Week: Be willing to put in some overtime on a project.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Continue the low-key approach. Others might be fried and more difficult than usual. What a great time to play the reclusive or do something you really want to do. Someone you need to deal with could become very demanding. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

This Week: You are all smiles. With that attitude, how can anyone say no to you?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might have a difficult time slowing down. Nobody says you need to. Get together with friends and use every moment for fun and leisure. Listen to someone you care about, even if you might be offended by his or her manner or words. Tonight: Act as if there is no tomorrow.

Monday!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Establish greater concern and security within your personal life. Sometimes even you — the sign associated with family and home — can get too preoccupied and wound up in details and life's issues; don't. Remember your priorities, please. Tonight: As you like it — at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Sometimes you could get overwhelmed by all that others want and expect. You have a lot of give and energy, but everyone, including the Lion, has his or her limits. Know when to say enough. Rearrange your plans in order to avoid a risk. Tonight: Chat away with a friend. Catch up on weekend news.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You are in prime shape during the daylight hours. Still, a conflict could arise when you least expect it. Know when to pull back and say enough. Rather than get angry or triggered, walk past this issue. Tonight: You've got what it takes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Adjust plans and continue to be willing to take a back seat. Understanding your limits might be more important than you realize. Think positively. Take action when day turns to night. You are favored at that point. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might want to jump through a hoop or two to accomplish more of what you want. A financial risk — whether to make plans work or to have a situation work better — needs to be bypassed for now, despite what you think! Tonight: Vanish when the sun does.

This Week: Hold off on important actions and decisions until Thursday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Use your vision of what can happen for inspiration. You might not realize how strong your ability to visualize is. Knowing when to call a spade a spade could make all the difference. Tonight: A must show.

This Week: Don't hold back. Zoom in on what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Be willing to break patterns and head in a new direction. Your ability to adjust and flex is tested. News, calls and perhaps a visitor encourage you to do something other than what you have planned. Tonight: Try a new spot.

This Week: You are in the limelight. Others see you as a leader.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Let another dominate, and relax with the opportunity. As you get into the moment, let go of worries and concerns. Do nothing high-risk financially, or you could be in hot water. Worry less about what you have to do. Tonight: Love the one you are with.

This Week: Let your imagination point the way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ No one says you have to do what everyone else does. You could be tired and overwhelmed by what is happening around you. Go in your own direction. Try something totally different. Ease up and don't worry so much. Tonight: Let someone else do what he or she wants to do.

This Week: Work diligently with a key associate.

BORN TODAY

TV journalist Tim Russert (1950), actor Gary Cooper (1901), composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840)

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You feel pressured and react to others in a strong manner. Don't cause yourself a problem with a higher-up or someone you need to honor or respond to. You might be overwhelmed by news or just plain tired. Tonight: Relax with friends. You will feel better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You could be edgier than usual, and as a result, misinterpret someone or a situation. Try to detach and take the high road. You need to get to the bottom of a problem, but you won't gain more information by reacting. Tonight: Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might not be as anchored as you would like to be. Others affect you in odd ways. You could be sorely disappointed by a friend or a meeting. Know when to defer to a trusted associate. He or she has more resilience right now. Tonight: Get together with a special friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You know when to find others and what to do. You need to defer to those around you rather than become embroiled in a power play. Know when to back off and not get into a problem. Think positively, not reactively. Tonight: Say yes to another's suggestion.

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Author Peter Benchley (1940), comedian Don Rickles (1926), singer Enrique Iglesias (1975)

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The Texas Department of Transportation will be accepting applications for one full-time position at the Pampa Area Engineers Office located at 12139 E. Frederic Ave. Pampa, Texas. The applicant must have graduated from high school or equivalent plus two (2) years experience in applicable engineering support, transportation-related or roadway maintenance work, college education in engineering areas or technical training in construction inspection, laboratory testing, contract inspection, drafting, data collection, bridge inspection, surveying, roadway construction or maintenance, contract record-keeping or play review may be substituted for experience on a year per year basis. (Experience requirements may be satisfied by full-time experience or the prorated part-time equivalent.) The starting salary will be \$1912.00 to \$2638.50 per month. A completed application is required and applications will be accepted until 5:00pm., Wednesday, May 10, 2006, for further application information, including a complete job vacancy notice, contact nearest Texas Department of Transportation. Information may also be accessed via the Internet at www.dot.state.tx.us

Mailed applications should be postmarked the day the job vacancy closes and sent to 5714 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79110; Attn: Human Resources. If more information is needed or if an applicant needs an accommodation in order to apply for this job, contact Linda Tucker at (806)356-3231.

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Local residents will have the opportunity to show their support for the men and women of the United States military services during the area-wide banquet, staged

in tribute to America's military personnel.

Jay Ricci, KVII TV news anchor, will serve as master of ceremonies for the event which will include a special tribute to fallen heroes from the area; a reception for military guests and their families; proclamation presentations for each of the military branches; a toast to the Armed Forces by Major Gen. Robert Dempsey, USAF, retired; a tribute to Vietnam veterans by Randall County Judge Ernie Houdashell and more.

The Tascosa High School Freedom Singers, under the direction of Billy Talley,

will perform and a special video tribute produced by Johnny Mann will be aired. Among fallen heroes from the area to be honored are the late 1Lt Benjamin Britt of Wheeler.

Captain Steve Young, commanding officer, Naval Construction Battalion 22, is another speaker slated to speak during the banquet. Young's Seabee Battalion Detachment recently returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom. He will report on current progress and achievements by the U.S. military in Iraq.

Proceeds from the banquet will benefit

the American Red Cross, Disabled American Veterans, Ussery-Roan Texas State Veterans Home in Amarillo, and Junior ROTC Scholarship programs in Amarillo Independent School District.

Tickets will be \$25 per person for non-military attendees. All military personnel and veterans will be admitted free with a reservation. The deadline for reservations is May 15. Reservations are required of all guests. For more information, call (806) 290-1380 or e-mail kgallery@amaonline.com.

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details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$25 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$25 (\$50 for both).

weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more

Wilson

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Dr. Wilson formerly taught private voice in Pampa for 15 years, was the assistant choir director at Pampa High School for eight years, and served as pianist at First Baptist Church for 22 years. In Dallas, she was the director of worship and fine arts at Hillcrest Church for five years.

She is a member of the Dallas Symphony Chorus, and will perform with the group on a South American concert tour in June. Her husband, Jerry, will accompany her on the trip.

are recommended by faculty on the basis of scholarship.

This spring, she was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi, the country's oldest and largest scholastic fraternity.

Arbor Day



Pampa Nursing Center celebrated Arbor Day recently by planting a fruitless mulberry tree. Above, from left: Anita Ford, Jodie Jones, activity director for PNC, Sherry Begert, Cheyenne Whittington, granddaughter of Begert, C.T. Rasco and Marie Boyd.

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