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## *Cub scout banquet*



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**Cub Scout Pack 404 recently had a "Blue and Gold Banquet," which included food, skits and singing with friends and family. Pictured here is the Bear Den getting ready to sing a song for the event. The musicians are Evan Allen, Hylee Gomez, Feece Hutchinson, Jonah Munsell and Austin Stone.**

## County to consider road crossing policy

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Dumping of junked appliances, furniture, tires and other refuse at rural sites in Gray County is among the items on the agenda for Gray County commissioners' 9 a.m. meeting Friday in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

"We wanted to see what our options are and what we can do to correct that," said County Judge Richard Peet concerning rural dumping.

Commissioners will also consider amendments to the county road crossing policy, including requiring permits for non-agriculture-related crossing of county roads.

A fee would be charged if permits are adopted by the county, Peet said. The fee would help offset increased costs associated with the crossings.

"Trenching across county roads results in increased maintenance," Peet said. The practice of requiring permits and collecting fees for crossing county roads is not a new one, he said; Wheeler County is among those counties


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## GCSO makes drug arrest

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A McLean woman remained in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of $5,000 bond after a traffic stop resulted in her arrest Wednesday.

At approximately 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, a Gray County sheriff's deputy stopped a vehicle at the intersection of 6th and Grove streets in McLean on a reported traffic violation, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

The deputy discovered that the driver, Christy Joann Blaylock, 32, was unlicensed and placed her under arrest.

"During an inventory of the vehicle, the deputy found a white powder residue in a plastic bag," Hoard said. "The substance is believed to be methamphetamine."

Blaylock was booked into Gray County Jail Wednesday on charges of driving while license is invalid and possession of less than one ounce of a controlled substance, according to jail records.

Blaylock was the only occupant of the vehicle at the time of the traffic stop, Hoard said.

POLITICS

## Early voting ends Friday, turnout considered good

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Early voting totals as of 5 p.m. Tuesday showed a "very good" turnout so far in Gray County, according to Elections Administrator Linda Lewis.

"We've really had a pretty good showing in both parties," Lewis said concerning Republican and Democratic ballots.

By the time the polls closed Tuesday, 843 ballots had been cast, she said. Of those, 119 were on Feb. 19, 100 on Feb. 20, 127 on Feb. 21, 198 on Feb. 22, 152 on Feb. 25 and 147 on Tuesday.

"We expect Friday to be our biggest day," Lewis said.

Friday is the last day to vote early in the March 4 primary election. Early voters may cast their ballots in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and Friday.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday for Election Day.

Only two local races have more than one candidate. Incumbent Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland is being challenged by Vincent M. "Sonny" Marasco. Don Fletcher and Curtis Broaddus are vying for Precinct 4 constable. All four are Republicans, and all four are Pampa residents.

John Mark Baggerman is the only unopposed local candidate who is not an incumbent. He is running for Precinct 3 county commissioner. Current Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright chose not to run for re-election.

## Election official predicts record turnout in primary

AUSTIN (AP) — Turnout for next week's election will likely set a new Texas record, Secretary of State Phil Wilson said Wednesday.

Based on early voting numbers, Wilson projected a turnout Tuesday of 26 percent of the more than 12.7 million registered voters in Texas. With three days left in the early voting period, turnout in the Democratic primary on Tuesday surpassed the early voting record set in 2002 with 511,809 Texans casting their ballots.

"The number of voters participating in the Texas primaries is greater than anything we have seen before," Wilson said. "If the voting trends continue through election day, Texas


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## Governor declares severe weather awareness week

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Residents of Tornado Alley, which includes the Texas Panhandle, may want to brush up on their emergency response plans and preparedness as the traditional tornado season for the Pampa area approaches.

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed the week of Feb. 24 through March 1 as Severe Weather Awareness Week for 2008.

"During this Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week, the National Weather Service, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management and the emergency management community join together to urge citizens to learn more about severe weather and the safety rules," said Steve Drillette of the NWS and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Pampa has sirens throughout the city, Walnut Creek Estates and the Cole Addition. When the sirens are sounded to warn of a tornado or possible tornado, they will continue to sound as long as the threatening storm is being reported.

Cable television service will be interrupted with information on the warning, and the information will be repeated every five minutes as long as the storm is being reported as threatening the city. Updated reports will be given on cable when there is no longer a threat.

Pampa's current policy on sounding sirens and other warnings of a tornado threat is to activate the city's warning system when a report is received from a law enforcement officer or other qualified spotter that a tornado, funnel or large wall cloud with intense rotation is


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**This tornado photograph was taken on April 19, 1977 and can be found in the archives of the National Severe Storms Laboratory. The tornado occurred near Lakeview over the valley of the Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River.**


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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. North-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. Wind chill values between 32 and 37. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. North-northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

**FARMER,** Alma Charleen — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Westlawn Memorial Park, Borger.
**LAUGHLIN,** Jimmy — Memorial celebration of life service, 2 p.m., Criswell Funeral Home, Ada, Okla.

### Jimmy Laughlin, 51

Jimmy Laughlin went to be with the Lord Jesus on Feb. 25, 2008, at 51 years of age. He was born on Aug. 17, 1956, in Eldora, Iowa, to Gerald and Monique Laughlin.

Jimmy lived and worked much of his life at McCall's Chapel in Ada, Okla. It was originally called McCall's Chapel School, a Home for Exceptional Children, and he truly was exceptional.

He always had a cheerful smile and was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed not only by his immediate family, but also his "family" of residents and staff at McCall's.

Jimmy was born with Down's Syndrome and was a joyful example of how life should be lived. His life proved the truth of one of his favorite T-shirts that said, "God don't make no junk."

James Byron Laughlin is survived by his father, Gerald D. Laughlin of Pampa, Texas; his mother, Monique M. Laughlin of Edmond, Okla.; his brother, Roy Laughlin and wife Marki of Wheeler, Texas; his brother, Owen Laughlin and wife Charlette of Woodward, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial celebration of Jimmy's life will be held at Criswell Funeral Home in Ada, Okla., at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29, 2008. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas.

Memorials may be sent to McCall's Chapel, 13546 CR 3600, Ada, OK 74820.

# Emergency Services

## Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-nine traffic stops were made.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner and the 200 block of West 17th.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of Alcock.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of Lefors, the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 800 block of West Foster, the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 1000 block of West McCullough, and the intersection of Barrett and McCullough streets.

A missing person was reported in the 200 block of Tignor.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Crawford Street and Varnon Drive, the 800 block of South Hobart and the 900 block of Octavius.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets.

Prowlers were reported in the 2200 block of Chestnut and the 900 block of South Sumner.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of South Sumner and the 800 block of West Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Two alarms were reported.

One building check was made.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A mountain bike valued at $40 was taken from an unreported location.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A radio was taken from a residence. Estimated value of loss and location of incident were unreported.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A pistol and knife were taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Elm. It is unknown if any items are missing. Entry may have been through a window of the residence.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of West Brown. Miscellaneous tools valued at $116 were taken.

## Sheriff

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**

Andy Ray Ritchie, 20, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for assault causing bodily injury.

Benjamin Richard Reyna, 22, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for open container and capias pro fines for no valid driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and two counts of displaying expired registration.

Christy Joann Blaylock, 32, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and driving while license is invalid.

Casey Lee Hinds, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department for possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear.

**Thursday, Feb. 28**

Cole Marcus Dampier, 19, of McLean was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by PPD for possession of marijuana, no valid driver's license and no insurance.

## Fire

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**

12:55 p.m. – One unit and four personnel responded to the 1400 block of Somerville on call for lifting assistance.

3:52 p.m. – One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of Starkweather on a first responder call.

8:56 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart on a first responder call.

10:26 p.m. – One unit and four personnel responded to the 700 block of North Christy on a medical assistance call.

## Ambulance

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

**Wednesday, Feb. 27**

12:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:12 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

3:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Starkweather. No transport.

6:13 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:30 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:21 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:55 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:25 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Thursday, Feb. 28**

12:05 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 2300 block of Chestnut.

# Heroin found in bus passenger's boots

LAREDO, Texas (AP) — These boots weren't made for walking.

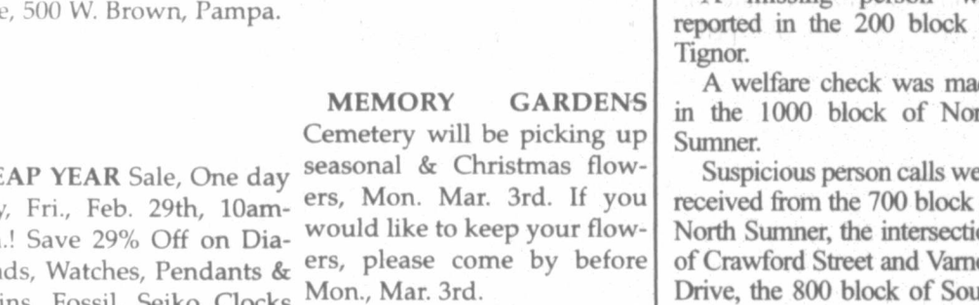
Customs agents at a Laredo port of entry found nearly two pounds of heroin hidden in the soles of boots in the luggage of a commercial bus passenger.

Authorities say the heroin is worth about $170,000.

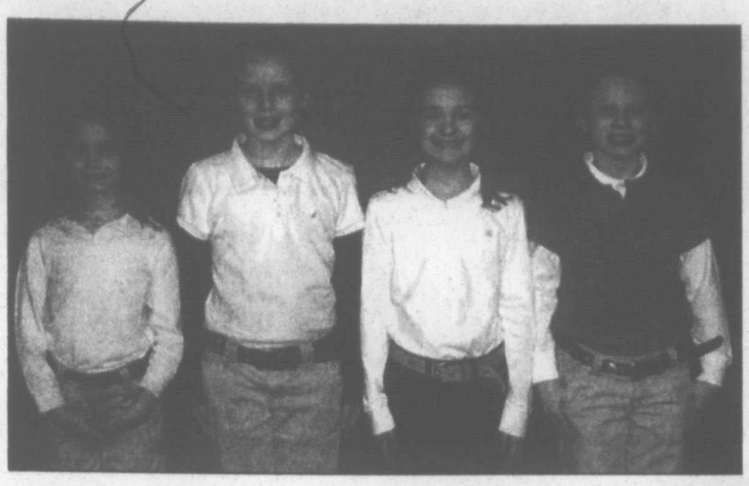
The bust happened Tuesday afternoon as the man on the bus, which was traveling from Mexico to Texas, was selected for a secondary inspection.

An imaging system noted something unusual within the boots.

Officers arrested 40-year-old Jose Angel Romero of Fort Worth on federal drug charges.

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# Teen indicted for giving cheese heroin

ROCKWALL, Texas (P) — A Rockwall County grand jury indicted a 19-year-old man on charge of criminally negligent homicide, accusing the teenager of providing a 16-year-old girl with a fatal dose of "cheese" heroin.

Timothy J. Salahi, 19, was indicted Wednesday in connection with the Sept. 17 death of Paige Elliott.

Salahi is accused of buying Paige cheese heroin, a combination of black tar heroin and ground up cold medicine. Toxicology tests later showed she had cheese heroin as well as ecstasy, Xanax, cocaine and marijuana in her system.

At least 40 people in the North Texas region have died from cheese overdoses since 2004, authorities said. Authorities have filed murder charges in Dallas and Irving against people who have sold cheese to youths who have died from overdoses.

A Rockwall County prosecutor said she hopes the Salahi indictment serves as a warning to people who take or sell cheese heroin.

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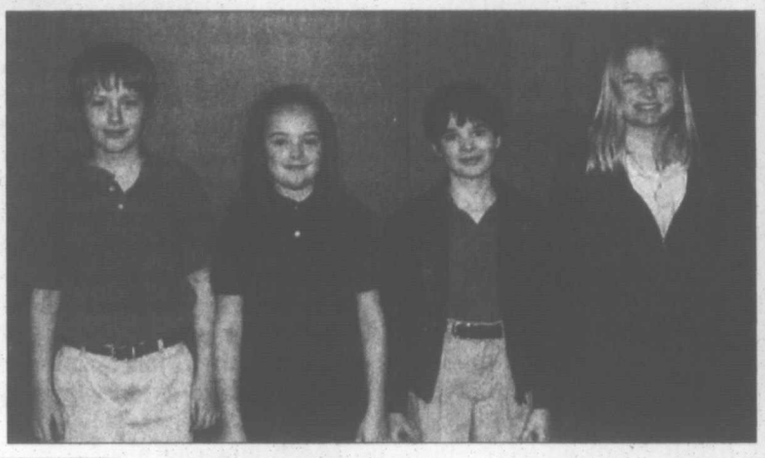
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**Students from Community Christian School recently participated in a science fair at San Jancito Christian School in Amarillo. Some of the students advanced to the district level.**

**▲ The 3rd grade students who advanced are, from left, Laura Ellis, Harper Kelly, Elise Kennedy and Sarah Gordzelik.**

**▶ The 4th grade students who advanced are, from left, Jordan Green, Mary Grace Little, Matthew Ellis and Jenna Leigh Bonner.**



# County

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which already do so.

An interlocal agreement with Lefors Independent School District will be brought before commissioners Friday. The agreement concerns repair of drainage at Third, Fourth and Shaw streets which surround the school district's football field by cleaning out existing ditches and creating ditches.

"Their proposed new track could result in drainage problems onto a county road there if the county doesn't address the problem ahead of time," Peet said.

Commissioners will consider whether to extend the burn ban currently in place in Gray County since Jan. 15. The ban was prompted by dry weather with low humidity, dry vegetation and frequent high winds.

Other items on Friday's agenda include an external auditor's report, a road crossing request by Rex McKay at County Roads 4 and I, budget amendments and payment of bills and salaries.

# Primary

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will set a record for turnout in a primary election with 3.3 million Texans casting a ballot."

The previous record in Texas was set in the 1988 presidential primary election with more than 2.7 million Texans voting. As of Tuesday, more than 680,000 Texans had voted in early voting, more than doubling the 2004 numbers.

Due to the high turnout expected, Wilson is encouraging Texans to take advantage of the last two days of early voting.

"It is exciting to see people of both parties energized about participating in the democratic process in our state," Wilson said. "And because of the high turnout, I would encourage Texans to take advantage of the convenience of early voting and avoid the lines that may be encountered on election day."

Early voting ends Friday.

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# Weather

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in, over or approaching the city, when a weather watch or warning is in place and the NEXRAD radar indicates a forming tornado approaching the city or when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Pampa.

A tornado watch is issued when severe weather is expected along with large or multiple tornadoes, according to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management. A tornado warning means a tornado is imminent and is on the ground.

When a tornado is sighted, the most important rule is to get low and stay low, according to the GDEM web site. A tornado shelter is the best place to be. If a shelter is not available, follow these survival tips:

• Seek shelter in an interior room on the lowest floor of the home, such as a bathroom, closet or room without windows.

• In an office building, go to an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor.

• Leave a mobile home and take shelter in a nearby building. If no building is nearby, lie flat in a ditch or ravine.

• Never stay inside a car. Leave the car and lie flat in a ditch or ravine. If a building is nearby, take shelter inside. Never try to outrun a tornado in a car.

• At school, follow plans and go to a designated shelter area, usually interior hallways on the lowest floor. Avoid auditoriums, gyms and areas with wide, free-span roofs.

• Go to the interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor of a shopping center. Do not leave the shopping center to get in a car.

• In open country, take cover on low, protected ground.

• Avoid areas near exterior glass or doors, areas along exterior walls, or rooms with wide expanse roofs, such as auditoriums, cafeterias and gyms.

A public tornado shelter is available at First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, according to Fred Courtney, Pampa emergency management coordinator.

"The 2007 severe weather season was a record-breaking season for the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles," Drillette said. "There were a total of 59 tornadoes, surpassing the 1995 record of 46 tornadoes."

Other history-making tornado events for the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles for 2007 were:

*"The 2007 severe weather season was a record-breaking season for the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles"*

— Steve Drillette
*National Weather Service*

• March 28 — Sixteen tornadoes occurred, including two rated EF-3 and three rated EF-2. There were three fatalities, and these were the first tornado fatalities in the panhandles since one fatality in 1995. The 16 tornadoes represented the biggest March outbreak on record, and the 18 total tornadoes for that month were the most ever recorded during the month of March.

• April 21 — A total of 14 tornadoes occurred on April 21. This was the largest one-day outbreak of tornadoes ever recorded across the panhandles during the month of April.

• May 23 — Fourteen tornadoes occurred on this date in 2007. A grand total of 24 tornadoes occurred during the month. This surpasses the average number of tornadoes normally experienced across the panhandles in an entire year. In an average year, the panhandles experience about 22 tornadoes.

During the March 28, 2007 tornado outbreak, eight tornado reports were received for Donley County, five for Gray County and one each for Lipscomb and Hemphill counties, according to the NWS.

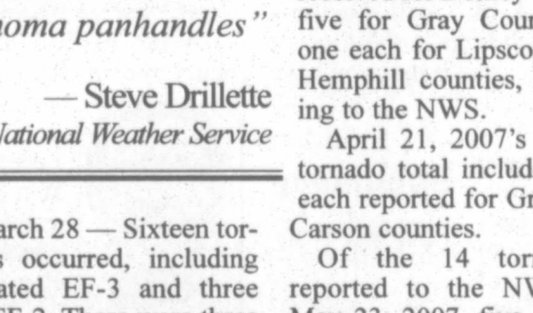
April 21, 2007's record tornado total included one each reported for Gray and Carson counties.

Of the 14 tornadoes reported to the NWS on May 23, 2007, five reports were received each from Ochiltree and Lipscomb counties and two each from Roberts and Hutchinson counties.

The deadliest tornado in Texas history since 1900 occurred May 11, 1953 at Waco. It killed 114 persons and injured another 597. Approximately 600 homes and other buildings were destroyed, and another 1,000 were damaged.

The fourth deadliest tornado in state history since 1900 touched down five miles northwest of Pampa. Known as the Tri-State tornado, it occurred on April 9, 1947. After touching down, it traveled nearly parallel to U.S. Highway 60. Just before crossing into Oklahoma, it destroyed the town of Glazier and most of the town of Higgins. It killed 17 and injured 40 in Glazier. Fifty-one were killed and 232 injured in Higgins. Final totals across Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas for the tornado were 181 killed and 970 injured.

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# Viewpoints

## Who said change is a good thing?

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By the way, T-post is not a new kind of compost manufactured primarily with recycled magazines. No, T-post IS a magazine. That's right. T-post is a magazine you wear like a shirt. Well, it is a shirt actually, according to an electronic news release from presswire.com.

"Subscribing to T-post is a lot like having a subscription to a magazine," presswire boasts in the e-release, "but instead of receiving magazines in your mailbox – you receive T-shirts. As a subscriber you receive a new T-shirt based on a current news item every six weeks. Select designers provide their interpretation of a specific news story and that design is combined with the actual news which is printed on the inside of the shirt."

Excellent concept. So what if you enjoy reading your periodicals in the bath tub or on the verandah in full view of the neighbors? Don't want to go topless? Just take a mirror with you. It should be no problem unless, of course, you find it difficult to read text in the reverse, and unless you want your news to be, er, relatively timely and up-to-the-last-minute.

**Skyla Bryant**
News Editor

I mean, for a different perspective on the current presidential race, I would recommend MAPLight.org on the World Wide Web to provide a widget-slice of real-time information.



MAPLight's "Presidential Money Race Widget" "allows you to track presidential campaign contributions on blogs, media sites, and personal Web sites," an e-news release from MAPLight said.

MAPLight can also give you the skinny on the latest data posted by the Federal Elections Commission, so you can keep abreast of how much money your favorite candidate – or your least favorite candidate – is actually making, er, raising during this fast and furious campaign.

But, back to T-post. Really. Some ideas would be better off "not pursued." Humph. Like, don't ask me to read a book on-line because I like to snuggle with my reads. I like to curl up in my most comfortable chair while listening to my favorite music playing in the background.

I'm old-fashioned, okay? I do not want to perch for endless hours on a desk chair and stare at the virtual pages of a virtual book on a computer screen. For one thing, the mere thought makes my eyes hurt. For another, how can I possibly be transported to another place and time in the harsh light of a computer's glare? And what if my Internet connection or electricity were to go down, huh? What then?

A more UN-relaxing afternoon or evening I cannot contemplate. Virtual reality is no kind of reality. The "virtual" world can never truly compete with the natural world where light comes in beams, sound travels through wind and air, and laughter sets stillness to song and motion.

Don't forget to get out and vote!

## *Today in History*

**By The Associated Press**

Today is Thursday, Feb. 28, the 59th day of 2008. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 28, 1849, the California gold rush began in earnest as regular steamship service started bringing gold-seekers to San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1827, the first U.S. railroad chartered to carry passengers and freight, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., was incorporated by the state of Maryland.

In 1844, a 12-inch gun aboard the USS Princeton exploded, killing Secretary of State Abel P. Upshur, Navy Secretary Thomas W. Gilmer and several others.

*'Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers.'*

— Voltaire
*French author-philosopher (1694-1778)*

In 1861, the Territory of Colorado was organized.

In 1951, the Senate committee headed by Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., issued an interim report saying at least two major crime syndicates were operating in the U.S.

In 1953, scientists James D. Watson and Francis H.C. Crick announced they had discovered the double-helix structure of DNA, the molecule that contains the human genes.

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai issued the Shanghai Communique at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

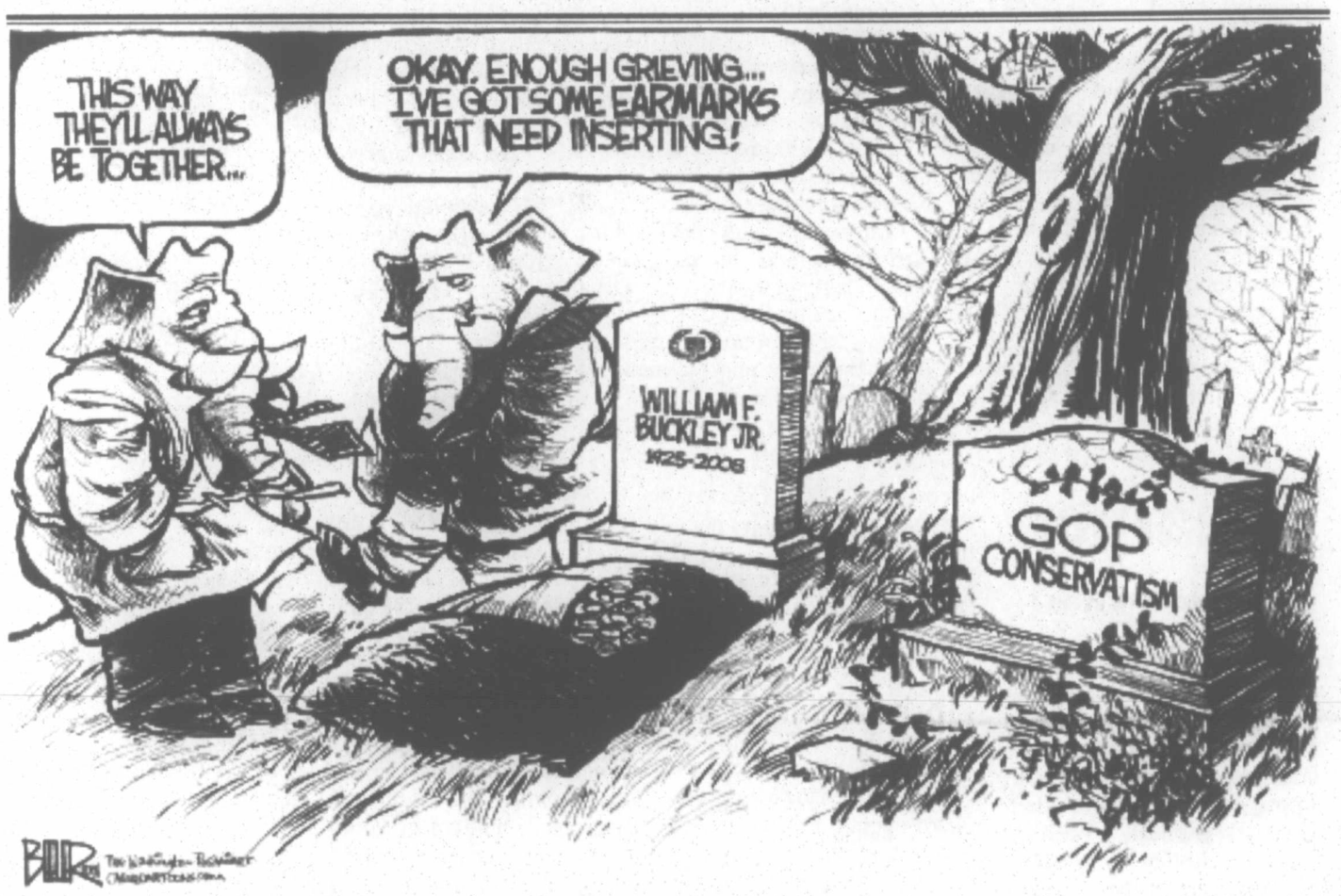
In 1975, more than 40 people were killed in London's Underground when a subway train smashed into the end of a tunnel.

In 1986, Swedish Prime Minister Olof Palme was shot to death in central Stockholm.

In 1993, a gun battle erupted at a compound near Waco, Texas, when Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to serve warrants on the Branch Davidians; four agents and six Davidians were killed as a 51-day standoff began.

In 1997, in North Hollywood, Calif., two heavily armed masked robbers bungled a bank heist and came out firing, unleashing their arsenal on police, bystanders, cars and TV choppers before they were killed.

Ten years ago: In their weekly radio addresses, President Clinton and the Republicans sparred over education, with Clinton describing tests showing American high school students lagging behind those of other industrial nations as a "wake-up call" while the Republicans blamed the disappointing results on a "hungry bureaucracy in Washington" that gobbled up education funds.




## Starting a business the online way ...

Have you ever wanted to run your own business? Do you have a surefire idea, but no idea how to proceed? Let the Web help. About a year and a half ago, I started contemplating starting my own company. Having never attempted such a project before, I had little idea where to start. Luckily, I had some great Web resources to get me going.

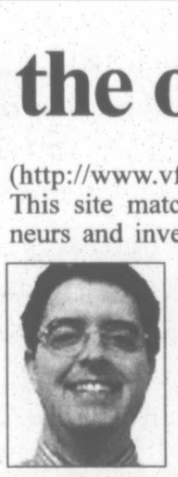
**Eric Spellmann**
Columnist

Step One – I first surfed to the Small Business Administration's Small Business Startup Kit (http://www.sba.gov/starting/). This site offers an impressive "beginning-to-end" checklist of critical decisions you must make during this process.

In the middle column, locate the main title, "Startup Basics." Find the link labeled, "Free Small Business Startup Guide" below it and click it. The page that appears will list a myriad of small business resource links in the form of a guide. Make sure you have enough printer ink. You'll find yourself printing out many of its sections.

Another great site is the Entrepreneur section of About.com (http://entrepreneurs.about.com). Here, you'll find hundreds of opinions and expert advice from people who've "been there and done that." I found so many useful articles and links, I made this site a favorite. To this day, I still check in to read about the latest trends.

Need Money? A great idea without money is just a "great idea." If you're looking for potential investors, go no further than Finance (http://www.vfinance.com). This site matches entrepreneurs and investors through a unique networking resource.



Another great site to check out is Raising Money (http://www.raisingmoney.com). While offering a paid investor/entrepreneur matching service, they also have numerous articles on: business plans, proposals and what investors are looking for.

On the Cheap – Once you get your business going, finding the services and products you'll need to operate can be an expensive search. However, the Web can help here, too.

Why Buy Software? You can easily spend a lot of money in equipping your new office – especially in the software arena. After all, you'll need an accounting package, contact management, lead tracking, inventory control and a host of other expensive tools.

However, many small businesses are now turning to outsourced solutions. Here are some of my favorites:

SalesBoom (http://www.salesboom.com) is an excellent choice for customer management and lead tracking. Their various modules integrate well, allowing the user to enter information once and have it available in a variety of forms. Pricing starts at $120/year.

Salesboom shines the brightest in customer management and collaboration resources. However, it lacks any type of accounting package. Instead, consider QuickBooks Online

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## *Texas Thoughts*

**By The Associated Press**

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n Feb. 18

Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on President's Day, the difficulty of holding the office:

Many adults remember celebrating the Feb. 12 birthday of Abraham Lincoln and the Feb. 22 birthday of George Washington each year when they were children.

The closeness of the birth dates of the two great presidents linked them together in the minds of many Americans. Washington's birthday was a national holiday - and it still is, although today it generally is called Presidents' Day and has been expanded to honor all presidents.

While we sometimes regret the eroding of individual recognition of Washington and Lincoln, having a holiday to recognize all presidents is not a bad thing.

The office of president is a very difficult job that can also be a dangerous one. Four of our 43 presidents - Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley and John F. Kennedy - were assassinated in office. Others, such as Gerald Ford and especially Ronald Reagan, who was seriously wounded, had narrow escapes.

Four presidents - William Henry Harrison, Zachary Taylor, Warren G. Harding and Franklin D. Roosevelt - died of natural causes while in office.

Most presidents lived out their terms of office, but they nonetheless devoted significant portions of their lives to serving their country as president.

Each president faced a unique set of challenges and difficulties in office. Most presidents were called upon to make tough decisions that alienated part of the public against them, and all of them were controversial in the eyes of at least some of their countrymen.

America's presidents have varied greatly in the quality of leadership they have offered, but from the strongest successes to the controversial failures, they all were part of the development of our nation.

When the next Presidents' Day rolls around, America will have a new pres-

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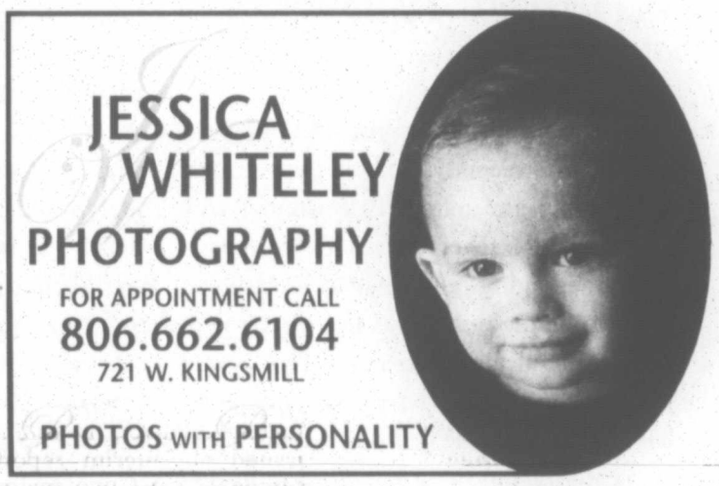
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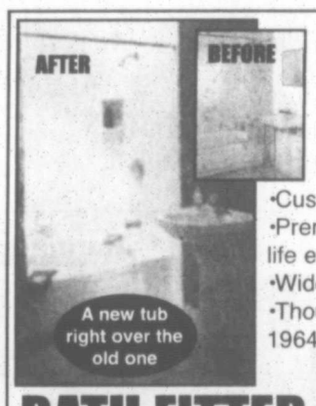
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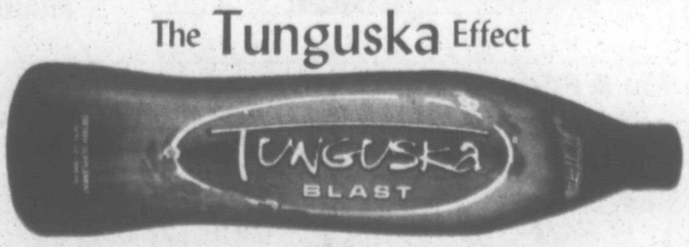
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have been married for 35 years. The first 30 were pretty much devoted to raising children. Now that we are both retired and empty nesters, I realize just how focused our lives have been on family issues. While I have developed many interests, "Fred," has none besides solitary activities. He isn't interested in most of the things that I enjoy, but offers no alternatives. Consequently, I've learned to make social plans that do not include him. I do spend a good deal of time at home with him, but I am feeling increasingly detached. I would like to have more of a life with Fred, but must I give up the relationships and activities that have provided a needed balance in my life in order to revive our marriage? -- **MRS. COUCH POTATO**

**DEAR MRS. POTATO:** And what's to guarantee that if you give up your friendships and activities that your marriage will be "revived"? Marriage is about compromise. Before this situation goes any further, you and Fred should talk to a counselor about the state of your union. People who are anti-social may be extremely narrow in their range of interests, or they could be depressed. I'm advising you to find out now into which category your husband falls before you sever your social contacts.

**DEAR ABBY:** My 15-year-old daughter, "Amy," was recently dumped by text message, and I am extremely frustrated with how to address her tears and heartbreak. Text messaging and instant messaging seem to be the only ways that young people communicate these days. This young man took the coward's way out. Amy and I have had several heated discussions about it, mostly ending with us agreeing to disagree. My perspective is, when two people are ready to end a relationship, they should face the other person and talk about the reasons why it isn't working. Hers is, "That's just the way we do things now." Any thoughts? -- **KATHY IN SPIRIT LAKE, IOWA**

**DEAR KATHY:** You are both right. Communication is a skill that people learn through practice. And I, too, am concerned that a generation of young people isn't learning to communicate face-to-face. It's almost as though there is a fear of intimacy, and the signals that people send through facial expression and gesture are being lost because of over-dependence on technology. Although "that's the way we do things now" may be your daughter's perspective, my question to her would be, "Now that you know how terrible being dumped that way feels, would you do it to somebody else?"

**DEAR ABBY:** When someone sneezes multiple times, do I have to "bless them" after every sneeze, at the end of all sneezes or only after the first sneeze? -- **BLESSED OUT IN MENOMONEE FALLS, WIS.**

**DEAR BLESSED OUT:** It depends upon how superstitious you are. The custom of "blessing" a person who sneezes originated during the Middle Ages, when people believed that when someone sneezed their souls left their bodies for an instant. Saying, "God bless you" ensured that the soul would jump back in, rather than be "lost." If you're really superstitious, then you should utter the blessing every time someone sneezes. However, today most people say it only once after the first sneeze.

## For Better Or For Worse




## Zits



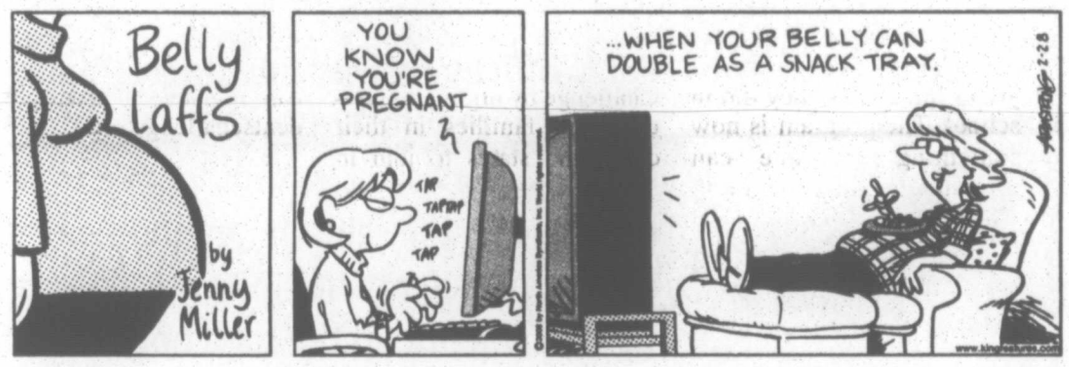

## Garfield




## Beetle Bailey




## Marvin




## Crossword Puzzle

### *CROSSWORD*

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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10 Thinker Descartes
11 Beach tent
12 Verdi creation
13 Gotten up
14 Was important
16 In shreds
20 High-stepping aids
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25 Bowling round
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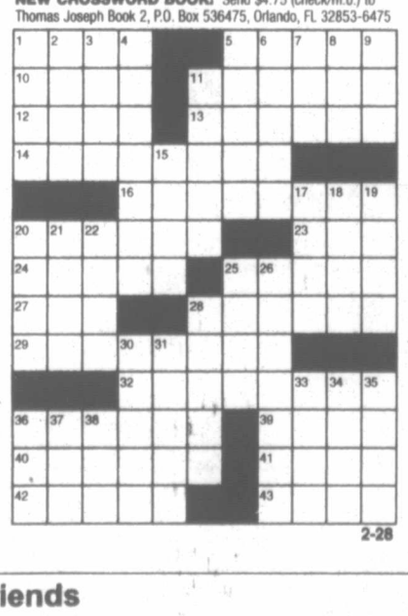
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## Marmaduke




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## The Family Circus

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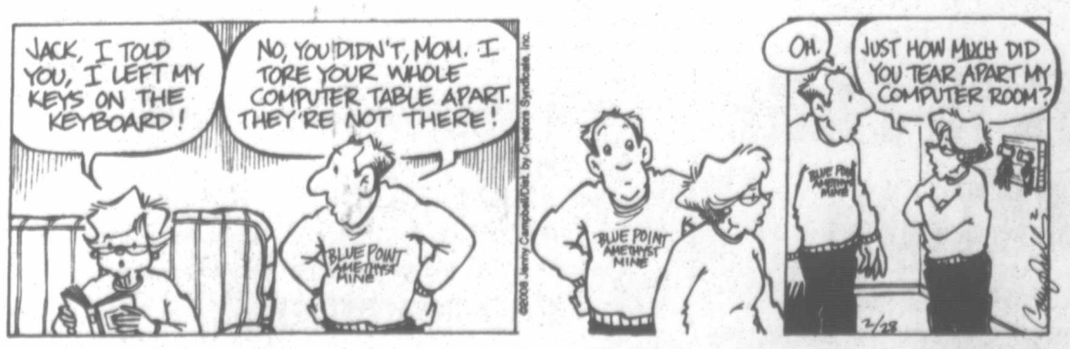

## Haggar The Horrible



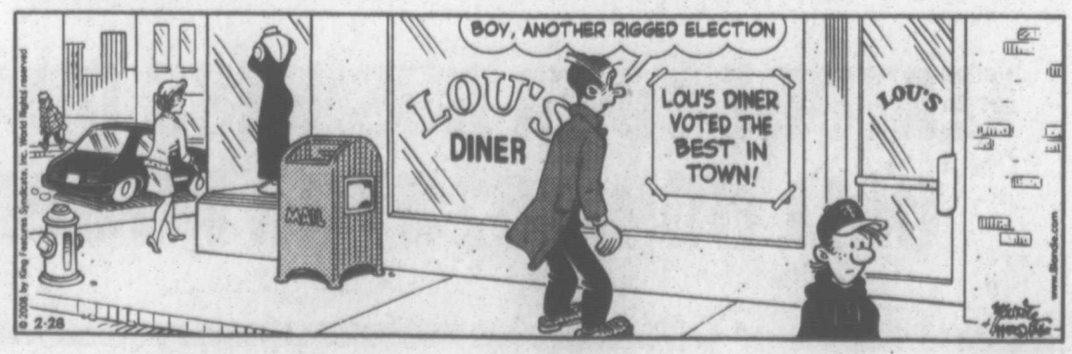

## Peanuts




## Flo & Friends




## Blondie



# Sports

PARALYZED FOOTBALL PLAYER

## Player paralyzed in football game dies

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Edwards, who was paralyzed during a 2003 high school football playoff game and whose injury was fictionalized in the TV show "Friday Night Lights," died Wednesday. He was 20.

Edwards, who had been stricken with pneumonia since late last year, stopped breathing Monday night and slipped into a coma, his grandfather said.

Edwards would have turned 21 on Saturday.

Edwards, a junior defensive back at San Antonio Madison, had the fourth vertabra of his neck snapped when he collided with an Austin Westlake wide receiver when both were reaching for a pass during a November 2003 playoff game.

Director and producer Peter Berg was attending the game. In the pilot episode of Berg's TV show "Friday Night Lights," a high school football player breaks his neck and is paralyzed while trying to make a tackle.

## President's Council issues challenge

WASHINGTON, DC - The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports is launching the first National President's Challenge - a six-week physical activity challenge to encourage Amaricans to be more active. It kicks off March 20, but registration begins March 1.

"The National President's Challenge is a great way for Americans of all ages and abilities to challenge themselves to become healtheir and lead more active lives," says Acting Surgeon General Steven Galson, M.D., M.P.H. "Physical activity is incredibly important for living well and living longer because it helps us maintain a healthy weight, build strong bones and reduce the risk of many serious diseases, like heart disease, type 2 diabetes and depression."

Many people remember the President's Challenge, which began in 1966, as the youth fitness test they did in school. The program is now something everyone can participate in, including youth, adults, seniors and people with disabilities. This is the first time in its history that the President's Council is issuing a challenge to all Americans to be active 30 minutes a day, five days a week.

Jouining the National President's Challenge is easy and free. Everyone aged 6 and older is encouraged to be active five days a week for six weeks. To complete the Challenge, adults 18 and older need to be active 30 minutes a day, while youth aged 6-17 need to be active an hour a day.

Participants can set goals, log their activity, see their progress and challenge themselves to become healthier. They can also join as an individual or with a group - a great way to get friends, family and co-workers moving.

Mayors and governors across the country will also be participating in the National President's Challenge by urging individuals and families in their cities and states to join in getting active. The state with the highest participation will be declared the national winner, and special recognition will be given to governors of the top five participating states.

"With obesity rates rising and more than 25 percent of Americans leading sedentary lives, it's more important than ever for Americans to get active, says Melissa Johnson, executive director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. "We hope that people across the country will rise to the challenge and join the nation in leading healthier, more active lives."

Registration for the National President's Challenge begins March 1 and will conclude April 3. The Challenge kicks off March 20, the first day of spring, and concludes May 15 during National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, giving participants eight weeks to complete the six-week program. Participants can register at www.presidentschallenge.org.

## Congress again raises possibility of drug sports law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Once again, professional sports and their leaders were hauled up to Capitol Hill on Wednesday by lawmakers who say they might try once again to legislate drug-testing policies for U.S. leagues.

Facing a House subcommittee that also held hearings on steroids in 2005, commissioners sat side-by-side with their sport's union chief: Bud Selig was inches away from Donald Fehr; the NBA's David Stern was next to Billy Hunter. Then there was the NFL's Roger Goodell and Gene Upshaw, and the NHL's Gary Bettman and Paul Kelly, who rounded out the day's first set of witnesses.

"Let's get it right this time. ... Let's go ahead and get something into law that is acceptable," Texas Republican Joe Barton said. "It's no fun having this hearing every two to three years."

Barton's response prompted an interruption from Stern, who twice spoke out of turn to defend the progress made — including more stringent testing across professional sports — since the 2005 hearing.

"The sports leagues HAVE gotten it right in the intervening three years," said Stern, who added: "This is an area where federal legislation is not necessary."

Shortly afterward, Tennessee Republican Marsha Blackburn, who had earlier questioned whether Congress should be dealing with weightier issues, said to the NBA commissioner: "Mr. Stern, I would suggest that we have not gotten it right enough. If we had gotten it right — if you all had gotten it right — we would not be here again today."

Blackburn said the sports should be doing more to stem substance abuse at the grass roots level, and her comment to the witnesses that "you all have been very well coached" piqued Stern further.

"Enormous progress has been made," responded Stern, who then referred to the "voluminous, uncoached record" of material made available to the subcommittee.

"Things seem to be going in the right direction," Stern said during a break in the hearing. "If you read the statements of the leagues and listened to the testimony, that seems to be the case."

In the early going, Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla., reminded everyone: "I am already on the record calling for the resignation of commissioner Selig." Stearns was the chairman of this subcommittee three years ago, when it brought a similar collection of sports officials to testify. Stearns introduced a bill then that fell by the wayside.

"The purpose of today's hearing is to restart — and perhaps finish — the legislative process we started in 2005," said Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection.

"Let me just say, I do resent the elitists, the cynics and cultural critics who dismiss this issue as a populist spectacle," Rush said in his opening remarks. "I believe that we can move forward in a measure, deliberative and bipartisan manner with legislation that seriously tackles drugs in sports."

As members of the subcommittee delivered their opening statements, some backed the idea that it would be important for the government to impose standard testing and punishment on the various sports leagues.

## Texas swimmers set American record

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Four Texas swimmers set an American record Wednesday in the men's 800-yard freestyle relay at the Big 12 Conference Swimming and Diving Championships.

Dave Walters, Matt McGinnis, Michael Klueh and Ricky Berens finished in 6 minutes, 10.55 seconds, breaking by more than three seconds the previous American record of 6:14.14 set by Michael Phelps, Peter Vanderkaay, Davis Tarwater and Chris DeJong on Nov. 30.

Walters swam his opening leg in 1:32.51, followed by McGinnis in 1:33.31. Klueh completed leg three in 1:32.21, and Berens closed in 1:32.52.

"I was hurting in the end, but I told myself not to screw it up because it would all turn out great in the end," Berens said.

Missouri leads the meet after the opening day with 121 points. Texas is in second with 116 points, followed by Texas A&M with 109 points.

## Pampa JV baseball plays today

The Pampa JV Baseball team defeated Tascosa Tuesday by a score of 10-7. The game was called early due to darkness. The game ended in the bottom of the 6th with Pampa batting and the tying run on 2nd base and no outs. At the time, Pampa was behind by a score of 12-11. By UIL rules, the end of the game reverts back to the last full inning played.

Garrett Ericson started on the mound for Pampa and pitched 4 innings, giving up runs on 5 hits, striking out 5 and walking only 1 batter. Anthony Allen pitched the 5th and last official inning giving up 5 runs on 1 hit, striking out 1 and walking 3. In that 5th inning, Pampa was charged with 3 errors.

Getting base hits for Pampa was Douglas Smith, Johnny Anguiano and Mitch Simon. Tascosa was charged with 2 erros and Pampa benefited from 7 walks.

The win evened the JV's record at 1-1. The play against Plainview today at 2:00 in the Hereford tournament.

## Paris, Robinson lead No. 10 Oklahoma

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Courtney Paris and Danielle Robinson each scored 19 points to lead No. 10 Oklahoma over Texas Tech 65-55 Wednesday night.

Paris, who also got 22 rebounds, extended her double-double streak to 87 games.

She struggled in the first half but with her team down, Paris came out and scored the Sooners first seven points. Robinson picked up from there, scoring eight of OU's next 12 points, including a basket to tie it at 48.

Jenna Plumley hit her third 3 of the game to put OU up for good at 51-50,

The comeback by Oklahoma (21-5, 11-3 Big 12) included a 14-4 run for a 60-52 lead with four minutes remaining.

Tech (16-12, 4-10) was held to two field goals in an 11-minute span late in the game and hit on only nine of 17 free throws.

The Sooners, who last month beat Tech 78-39 to hand the Lady Raiders their worst loss since 1990, have now won 10 of their last 11 games.

Jordan Murphree scored 18 points and Maria Moore added 12 to lead the Lady Raiders.

Tech led 36-29 at halftime. The Lady Raiders tied it at 16 and used a 19-5 run, with Murphree scoring nine points, to go up 31-21.

During the spurt, the Sooners went 10 straight possessions without a field goal in a six-minute span. But OU battled back, using a 6-0 run to whittle the deficit to 31-27. Murphree hit her second 3 of the half to give the Lady Raiders their edge at the break.

## A&M breaks 3-game skid with 98-54 win

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M rebounded from one of its worst performances with perhaps its best.

Dominique Kirk scored 16 points, including five 3-pointers, and Texas A&M snapped out of its Big 12 nosedive with an easy 98-54 win over Texas Tech on Wednesday night.

The Aggies had lost three straight and dropped out of the Top 25 rankings this week for the first time in 36 weeks.

The 44-point margin is A&M's biggest win in Big 12 history and in its series against Tech.

Texas A&M (21-7, 7-6) was aggressive, scrappy and excited from the beginning of this one, looking nothing like the team that scored just 59 points in a loss to Nebraska on Saturday.

"On Saturday we didn't play defense and on offense we sat around and today was the exact opposite," he said. "It was good. It was one of our best games of the year."

The Aggies scored the first five points of the game and never trailed, leading by double-digits through most of the game.

The win breaks a three-game losing streak to the Red Raiders and avenges a 68-53 Texas Tech win earlier this season that gave Bob Knight his 900th career victory.

All Kirk's baskets came on 3-pointers on 5-of-7 shooting from long range.

"He was aggressive," Texas A&M coach Mark Turgeon said. "He didn't hesitate. He jumped up to shoot it like he meant it."

Kirk was nonchalant about his 3-point accuracy.

"I was just ready to shoot today," he said.

Joseph Jones added 13 points for A&M and Donald Sloan had 12.

"This game was about pride and getting back on track," Jones said. "There's no telling where we might end up ... but tonight we gave great effort for 40 minutes."

The Aggies scored the first eight points of the second half, thanks to 3-pointers by Kirk and Josh Carter to extend their lead to 64-29 with about 18 minutes left. Texas A&M led 67-34 before two quick baskets pushed its lead to 37 points with about 15 minutes to play.

Texas Tech (15-12, 6-7) trailed by 37 points before going on an 11-3 run, capped by a 3-pointer by Trevor Cook to get within 74-45 with about three minutes later. The Aggies answered with a 15-5 run to push the lead to 89-50 with about five minutes left and coach Turgeon sat all his starters.

Texas Tech, which had won two straight, was doomed by its own poor shooting (33 percent) coupled with 57 percent shooting by the Aggies, who made 12 3-pointers.

"I want to apologize to our fans because we just did not compete tonight," coach Pat Knight said. "I don't like to lose, but we didn't even compete tonight."

Pat Knight used seldom played forward Tyler Hoffmeister to start the second half, with Damir Suljagic on the bench with three fouls. Hoffmeister, who won the reality show "Knight School," had four points and a steal in 15 minutes.

"If I'm going to go down in flames, I'm going to go down with at least somebody I enjoy watching play," he said of Hoffmeister.

Starter Mike Singletary played just three minutes and was banished to the locker room by Pat Knight with about 16 minutes remaining in the second half.

"If you're going to sit there and pout and not cheer for your teammates, you can go sit in the locker room," he said. "I'm not a baby sitter ... I am the head coach now and I don't care how bad the score is you've got to be there for your teammates. When I look down there and I see a kid feeling bad for himself. I don't need that."

The loss drops Pat Knight's record to 3-4 since taking over after his father's resignation earlier this month.

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# Girls basketball banquet held Wednesday night



Team members and guests make their way through the buffet line Wednesday night.

The Pampa High School Lady Harvester Basketball Banquet was held Wednesday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Trisha and Jasmaine Moore opened the banquet up with a welcome, then passed it on to Layce Beesley for the Invocation.

Ashley Brown made the welcome, with dinner following.

A buffet was served, complete with steak, baked potatoes, salad, and desert.

Meagan Crawford and Krishna Henderson introduced the special guest.

Coaches Gene Valentine, Janyth Bowers and Troy Fry discussed their teams and the previous seasons.

Coach Fry then proceeded to give out awards.

Amber Brown recognized the Varsity Cheerleaders, giving them roses.

The presentation of gifts to the coaches was done by the freshman, JV and Varsity teams.

The seniors then gave their will and prophesy to the underclassmen.

Kiersten Taylor closed the evening up, with a highlights film following.



Coach Janyth Bowers talks about her JV team after the dinner.




The Freshman team line up with their dates while parents and friends photograph them.

*Story and Photos by Katherine Flanary, Sports Editor*



The Senior girls give their will and prophesy to the underclassmen.



Coach Gene Valentine talks of his Freshman team and how he challenged the girls by telling them if they won 18 games, he would bleach his hair.

## AWARDS GIVEN

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Jasmine Moore (95 rebounds, averaged three per game)
**Fighting Heart Award**
Trish Moore
**Hustlin' Lady Harvester Award**
Emilie Troxell
Meagan Crawford
**MVP**
Shelbie Watson

# Now Clemens' legal fate rests with DOJ

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens' vehement public denials about using steroids drew congressional scrutiny. Now his denials under oath have the Justice Department's attention.

Clemens failed to convince a House committee he was telling the truth about performance-enhancing drugs, so two congressmen asked the Justice Department to investigate whether the star pitcher committed perjury.

It was possible a federal inquiry could open as soon as Thursday.

In a letter sent Wednesday to Attorney General Michael Mukasey, House Oversight and Government Reform Committee chairman Henry Waxman and ranking Republican Tom Davis said Clemens' testimony that he "never used anabolic steroids or human growth hormone warrants further investigation."

The seven-time Cy Young Award winner gave a sworn deposition behind closed doors Feb. 5, then spoke alongside his accuser, former personal trainer Brian McNamee, at a public hearing Feb. 13.

"We are not in a position to reach a definitive judgment as to whether Mr. Clemens lied to the committee," Waxman and Davis wrote. "Our only conclusion is that significant questions have been raised about Mr. Clemens's truthfulness."

Clemens didn't answer questions directly Wednesday or Thursday when approached by reporters at the Houston Astros' spring training camp in Kissimmee, Fla.

"I'm going to handle it the right way," Clemens said Thursday. "You guys are wasting your time. We're going to handle it the right way."

Asked Wednesday whether Clemens would comment on Congress' action, his lead lawyer, Rusty Hardin, told The Associated Press: "Roger's trying to concentrate on baseball and spring training. He's going to let the courtroom decide all of this. And he's done talking."

Astros owner Drayton McLane, meanwhile, might reconsider Clemens' 10-year personal services contract with the team — which kicks in when the star pitcher officially retires — in light of Clemens' legal issues.

"That makes it more complex, it sure does," McLane said Thursday. "We'll just have to look at that and see what transpires. We'll have to evaluate it at the time."

# Man admits Internet hoax threatening stadiums

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — A man pleaded guilty Thursday to making bogus Internet postings warning of terrorist attacks against seven NFL stadiums in 2006.

Jake J. Brahm admitted that he posted false information that so-called dirty bombs would be detonated at the stadiums in Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland, Cleveland and New York on Oct. 22, 2006.

He said the reference to New York was intended to indicate Giants Stadium, in East Rutherford, N.J., where the Jets played the Detroit Lions that day.

Brahm, 22, of Wauwatosa, Wis., pleaded guilty to a one-count indictment that had been handed up exactly a year earlier. The charge, part of the Patriot Act, accused him of willfully conveying false information that the stadiums would be attacked by terrorists with weapons of mass destruction and "radiological dispersal devices."

Brahm admitted composing and posting the threat about 40 times on a Web site between September and Oct. 18, 2006. The message said that bombs would be delivered by trucks and that "the death toll will approach 100,000 from the initial blasts and countless other fatalities will later occur as result from radioactive fallout."

The posting added that the stadium explosions would be praised by Osama bin Laden as "America's Hiroshima" and spark global conflicts.

Brahm remains free on bail and faces up to five years in prison and a $250,000 fine when sentenced June 5 by U.S. District Judge Jose L. Linares.

A message seeking comment from Brahm's lawyer, Walter A. Lesnevich, was not immediately returned. When Brahm was indicted last year, the lawyer said the incident was "greatly blown out of proportion."

"This was a stupid mistake by a kid that nobody took seriously," Lesnevich said last year.

Authorities disagreed, and said Brahm's actions wasted homeland security efforts.

"This was the Internet version of yelling fire in a crowded theater, but to a much wider audience," U.S. Attorney Christopher J. Christie said in a statement. "I don't think anyone needs to be reminded in this day and age how serious and dangerous such conduct is."

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★★★ Basics punctuate your decisions. You have a set group of precepts that you might not choose to veer away from. Someone tosses you a boomerang that might force you to rethink some of these ideas. Tonight: Happily head home.
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Easy works with others. In fact, if you can stay light in a conversation, even if the topic is heavy, you'll get better results. You see the difference that charm can and will make. Use your special brand of charm. Tonight: Join a friend for munchies.
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Expenses could add up a lot faster than you might like. Be willing to loosen up and try another approach or a different style. Confusion surrounds a risk, child and/or an amorous attachment. Tonight: Ever playful.
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You are in the thick of the action, like it or not. You could be a touch overwhelmed by all that is occurring. Your natural style keeps others warm and close. The unexpected revolves around home, family and real estate. Tonight: Know that the world is your oyster, and act like it.
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Discomfort comes with an unexpected realization or event. Know that you can get past this situation if you so choose. Lie back, but use your honed sixth sense with finances. If you feel it is right, do buy a lottery ticket or two. Tonight: Hide out. Company is an option!
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★★★★★ You have unusual wit and allure. Others seem to come toward you as if they are bears looking for honey! Knowing that the Force is with you, make important choices. Home in on goals. Be careful with spending. Tonight: In the whirl of living. Find a friend to celebrate TGIF with.
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
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**2-28** **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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# Events calendar

• **The reunion committee for the Pampa High School Class of 1978** will meet at 7 p.m. March 3 at 2213 Chestnut. The reunion will be Aug. 1-2. All classmates are welcome to attend the meeting. The committee is currently seeking addresses for all fellow classmates. For more information or to provide contact details, call Lynn at 665-2105 or e-mail dlb.ferrell@sbcglobal.net.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet for coffee at 9:30 a.m. March 4 at Harvester Donuts. For more information, call Rita at 669-9916, Vivian at 669-9297 or Emilie at 669-3580.

• **Rushing Wind Emmaus** will meet at 6 p.m. March 8 at Waka Christian Center in Waka for a potluck supper, sponsor training, and praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided. Log onto www.rushing-windemmaus.com on the Internet for more information.

• **Memory Gardens Cemetery** in Pampa will host a family Easter egg hunt starting at 11 a.m. March 15. Activities include egg hunt, bouncer for kids 10 and under, prizes and more. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be postponed until 2 p.m. March 16. For more information, call Memory Gardens.

• **Tickets are currently available** now through March 14 for the Area Friends of the NRA banquet set to kick-off at 5:30 p.m. March 15 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Prime rib with all the trimmings will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner tickets are $30 for adults, $15 for participants 18 and under or $50 per couple if purchased in advance. The deadline for advance ticket sales is the day prior to the banquet. A limited number of tickets will be available at the door. Tickets are available in Amarillo at Pro Shooters, Panhandle Gunslingers and A&K Shooters Supply. For more information, contact Connie at (806) 683-9079 or Bill at (806) 231-0771.

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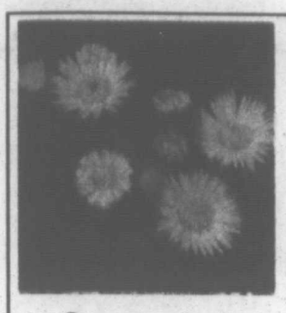
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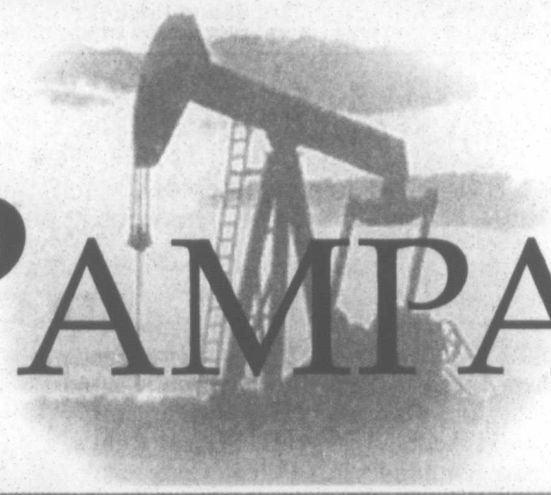
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# Punishment phase begins in local trial

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The punishment phase of the trial of Carlos Jose Cordova of Pampa began at about 9:20 a.m. today after Cordova was found guilty Thursday afternoon of two counts of aggravated robbery.

The prosecution's portion of the punishment section of the trial was completed by press time today, and the defense was to present its side before jurors were to decide on Cordova's punishment.

Prior convictions and impact statements given by those affected by the crimes are included in punishment phase testimony, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, the prosecutor in Cordova's trial.

"We anticipate the case going to the jury by noon," Switzer said during a recess in this morning's proceedings in 223rd District Court, on the third floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell. Judge Lee Waters is presiding over the trial, and James Wooldridge is the defense attorney.

The guilty verdict on both aggravated robbery counts was handed up by the jury at about 4:20 p.m. Thursday after they began deliberations at 2:20 p.m. The trial had begun with jury selection Monday, and the jury was seated at about 3 p.m. that day.

Cordova was originally scheduled to be tried for two


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## *Presidential candidate*



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

**Presidential candidate Mike Huckabee returned to Amarillo Thursday for a fundraiser at the Quarter Horse museum. Friday morning he was in Lubbock. In an impromtu press conference in front of the Quarter Horse Hall of Fame Museum when he arrived, Huckabee said that this was not his first visit to Amarillo. He had been here before the Iowa caucuses. He said that at that point, his campaign did not have the money to campaign in Iowa, but a fund raiser by Jack and his son, Trent Sizemore, provided the money to go on to Iowa and win.**

JUDICIAL SYSTEM

# JP says warrant roundup collects approximately $30K

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A warrant roundup which encourages persons with charges outstanding against them in Pampa municipal court and/or Gray County Precinct 2 justice of the peace court has resulted in the collection of approximately $30,000 from about 100 warrants as of Monday, according to Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, who also serves as Pampa municipal court judge.

"We've had numerous phone calls and numerous inquiries," he said of the roundup.

This is the first year for local participation in the annual statewide roundup, which started this year on Feb. 1. It is the second year for the statewide event.

The roundup gives wanted persons a chance to take care of their court fines before the end of the month. Anyone with outstanding warrants after the roundup is completed will be actively pursued and arrested, Curfman said.

There were over 1,300 outstanding warrants issued out of the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace office at the time the roundup began Feb. 1. Another 2,400-plus are outstanding out of Pampa Municipal Court. Offenses listed in the warrants are Class C misdemeanors.

Each court could collect over $800,000 if all outstanding warrants were taken care of, Curfman said. The total equals an average of $333 per warrant for municipal court and an average $615 per warrant for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace court.

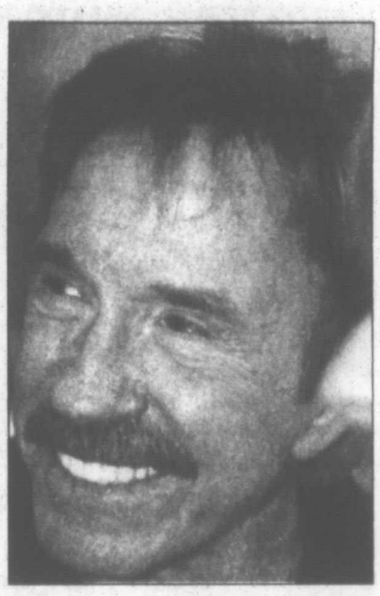
More of the warrants may be taken care of if others who have responded will follow through, Curfman said.

"We do have many promises and many 'I will' s," he said.

## *Actor*

Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

**Actor Chuck Norris, accompanying Republican presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, was mobbed by women of all ages during a fund raiser in Amarillo Thursday night.**



# County votes to continue burn ban

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners voted at their 9 a.m. meeting today to continue the burn ban currently in effect for the county since Jan. 15.

"We encourage residents to be very cautious with activities such as outdoor barbecues," said County Judge Richard Peet.

The burn ban will next be considered at commissioner's next meeting, in two weeks.

Commissioners agreed to hear proposed new rules concerning junkyards and rural dumping at their next meeting. Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby and County Attorney Josh Seabourn will prepare the proposed rules.

Willoughby told commissioners today about state laws which may be adopted by counties concerning junkyards and dumping. Both activities can cause a variety of problems, including driving property values down, creating eyesores and depositing hazardous waste, he said.

One rural junkyard was bounded by 55-gallon drums welded together in an upright position, Willoughby said. The drums' labels showed that they had contained a product hazardous to human health, according to a material safety data sheet Willoughby had obtained concerning the product. The data sheet for two products for which some of the drums were labeled cautioned against welding, cutting or otherwise


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# High fire danger continues in Texas

ARCHER CITY, Texas (AP) — With winds up to 35 mph and low humidity, fire danger was high across much of Texas and one city was prepared to evacuate.

Twelve fires that had started earlier in the week continued burning and officials had gotten word of several more by Thursday afternoon, said Texas Forest Service spokeswoman Anne Jeffery.

Archer County Judge Gary Beesinger said that after a wildfire came within about 1 1/2 miles of the city on Wednesday, officials remained on alert for flareups and will evacuate the town of about 2,000 if needed. Already, the schools were closed Thursday and about 45 nursing home residents and 3-4 jail inmates were evacuated, he said.

"We're just anxious right now," Beesinger said.

A fire that began Monday in Archer County and went into Young County has burned about 13,500 acres. It's been 80 percent contained, Jeffery said.

While fighting that fire, four firefighters were injured in a head-on collision of fire trucks Monday. One remained hospitalized Thursday in stable condition, Beesinger said.

As of Wednesday night, about 333,000 acres have burned in Texas since Jan. 1, Jeffery said.


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Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 59. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: A chance of rain showers before 2 a.m., then a chance of rain and snow showers between 2 a.m. and 4 a.m., then a chance of snow after 4 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

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# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

**COOK,** J.B. Jr. — 10:30 a.m., Peoples Church, Dalhart. Burial, 3:30 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
**LAUGHLIN,** Jimmy — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

### J.B. Cook, Jr., 64

DALHART — J.B. Cook, Jr., 64, died Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2008, at Dalhart. Services are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Peoples Church in Dalhart. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. in Memory Gardens Cemetery at Pampa.

Arrangements are under the direction of Horizon Funeral Home in Dalhart.

Mr. Cook was a native of Borger. He was born Dec. 20, 1943, at Borger, to J.B. Sr. and Ruby Pillow Cook, and graduated from Borger High School in 1962.


Cook

On Oct. 12, 1965, he married Karen Whiteside.

Mr. Cook co-owned and operated C&C Oil Field Services in Pampa for more than 16 years. He lived in Houston prior to moving to Dalhart in 1997. He was an avid outdoorsman and fisherman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Walter Spicer.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Cook of Dalhart; a son, J.B. Cook III of Austin; a daughter, Keri Marler of Amarillo; a brother, Joe Cook of Trinidad; and two grandchildren.

Visit www.horizonfuneral.com to sign the online registery.

### Jimmy Laughlin, 51

Jimmy Laughlin went to be with the Lord Jesus on Feb. 25, 2008, at 51 years of age. He was born on Aug. 17, 1956, in Eldora, Iowa, to Gerald and Monique Laughlin.

Jimmy lived and worked much of his life at McCall's Chapel in Ada, Okla. It was originally called McCall's Chapel School, a Home for Exceptional Children, and he truly was exceptional.

He always had a cheerful smile and was loved by all who knew him. He will be missed not only by his immediate family, but also his "family" of residents and staff at McCall's.

Jimmy was born with Down's Syndrome and was a joyful example of how life should be lived. His life proved the truth of one of his favorite T-shirts that said, "God don't make no junk."

James Byron Laughlin is survived by his father, Gerald D. Laughlin of Pampa, Texas; his mother, Monique M. Laughlin of Edmond, Okla.; his brother, Roy Laughlin and wife Marki of Wheeler, Texas; his brother, Owen Laughlin and wife Charlette of Woodward, Okla.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial celebration of Jimmy's life will be held at Criswell Funeral Home in Ada, Okla., at 2 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 29, 2008. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1, 2008, at the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Jeff Taylor officiating.

Memorials may be sent to McCall's Chapel, 13546 CR 3600, Ada, OK 74820.

### Rene Mauricio Nieto, 32

Rene Mauricio Nieto, 32, of Pampa, died Feb. 27, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Nieto was born Feb. 11, 1976, at Dumas. He grew up in Miami, graduating from Miami High School, and married Tonya DeArman on May 1, 2004, at Pampa.


Nieto

Survivors include his wife Tonya Nieto, of Pampa; a son, Maddox Nieto of Pampa; two stepsons, Richard Leal of Pampa and Alex Romero of Pampa; his mother, Margaret Nieto of Dumas; his father, Ruben Nieto of Dimmitt; a sister, Mary Gallegos of Aurora, Colo.; and a brother, Sergio Ortiz of Dumas.

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TEACHERS

## Mixed results from teachers merit program

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school districts are paying teachers smaller bonuses than what was recommended by lawmakers, one factor that has led to mixed results in the first year of the nation's largest merit pay plan, according to an independent study funded by the state.

The $100 million Texas Educator Excellence Grant program received a favorable response from teachers in the 1,148 schools where bonuses were awarded, according to the study.

But researchers said they are unsure if the program will prove to be a long-term success, in part because of massive turnover among schools participating in the merit pay program and smaller-than-expected bonuses. Although the Legislature recommended awarding teacher bonuses between $3,000 and $10,000, the average bonus awarded across the state was $2,263.

The study has also produced mixed reactions from supporters and opponents of the merit pay program.

"We think the program is accomplishing what the Legislature intended," said Jerel Booker, the state's director of education initiatives and performance. "One of the primary goals was to retain good teachers in our schools, and at least 70 percent of these teachers said they have a strong desire to participate in the program."

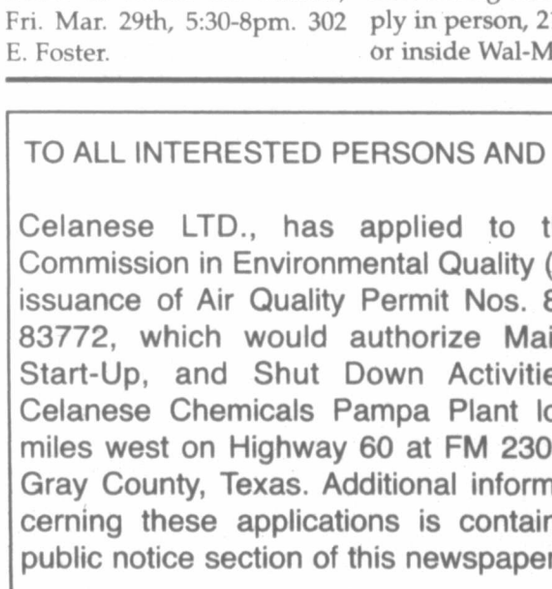
But the merit pay program's detractors, including many teacher associations, said the study proves the program had little effect on teachers. One element of the study indicated that 85 percent of teachers in the program said the bonuses did not change their approach to classroom work.

"What did the $100 million accomplish?" said Richard Kouri of the Texas State Teachers Association. "These teachers were already doing a good job."

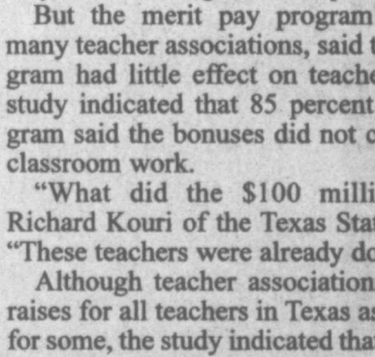
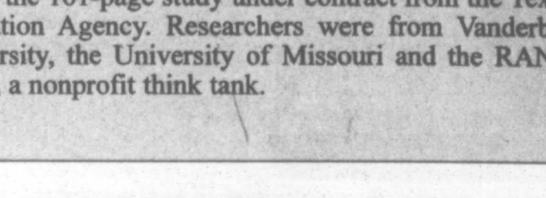
Although teacher associations generally support pay raises for all teachers in Texas as opposed to merit raises for some, the study indicated that teachers in the program generally supported performance incentives.

"Most teachers responded favorably to their school's program ... ," the study said.

The National Center on Performance Incentives produced the 161-page study under contract from the Texas Education Agency. Researchers were from Vanderbilt University, the University of Missouri and the RAND Corp., a nonprofit think tank.

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ELDERLY

# Study finds robots and dogs decrease lonliness

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Dogs may have a hard time wrapping their paws around this one: Robotic competition is nipping at their heels in the man's-best-friend department.

A study by Saint Louis University found that a lovable pooch named Sparky and a robotic dog, AIBO, were about equally effective at relieving the loneliness of nursing home residents and fostering attachments.

The study, which appears in the March issue of the Journal of The American Medical Directors Association, builds on previous findings by the researchers that frequent dog visits decreased loneliness of nursing home residents.

Andrew Ng, who leads Stanford University's team in building a home-assistance robot and was not involved in the study, said the strength of the research is very encouraging.

If humans can feel an emotional bond with robots, even fairly simple ones, some day they could "not just be our assistants, but also our companions," he said.

To test whether residents responded better to Sparky, a trained therapy dog, or the Sony-made robot dog, researchers divided 38 nursing home residents into three groups at a trio of long-term care facilities in St. Louis.

One group had weekly, 30-minute one-on-one visits with Sparky; another group had similar visits with AIBO; a control group did not visit with either dog. Their level of loneliness — determined by residents' answers to several questions — was tested at the beginning and near the end of eight weeks of visits.

Investigator Marian Banks delivered the dogs, but did not interact with the residents. In the end, both groups were less lonely and more attached.

Most of the elderly used Sparky, a 9-year-old, red-dish-brown mutt with a white muzzle and floppy ears, as a confidant, telling him "their life story," Marian Banks said.

"He listened attentively, wagged his tail, and allowed them to pet him," said Banks, who adopted and trained Sparky after finding him in an alley behind her home seven years ago.

Those who visited with AIBO took a little longer — about a week — to warm up to the metallic creature. Over time, they grew more comfortable with AIBO, and petted and talked to him. He responded by wagging his tail, vocalizing and blinking his lights.

"AIBO is charismatic if you start to interact with him," said the study's author, Dr. William Banks, a professor of geriatric medicine at Saint Louis University. "He's an engaging sort of guy."

The research could mean that a world is possible where robots could substitute for living dogs and help people, William Banks said.

"They could be personal, not an intrusive crazy inanimate object," he said.

Sara Kiesler, professor of computer science and human-computer interaction at Carnegie Mellon University who was not involved in the study, said the results of the study are encouraging but not completely convincing.

The problem is inferring it was the robotic dog that reduced the loneliness, and not the human who brought him into the room, she said.

# Trial

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counts of aggravated assault in addition to the two counts of aggravated robbery, but he will be tried at a later date on the assault charges, Switzer said.

"He had raised an issue with the other two indictments that we need to look at and research before continuing with them," she said. "So, rather than delay the trial, we separated them out and proceeded only on the two aggravated robbery charges."

Cordova faces a range of punishment of five to 99 years or life in prison plus a possible fine not to exceed $10,000 on each of the two charges for which he has been convicted. Punishment for each of the two charges, which are first-degree felonies, will run concurrently, Switzer said.

Cordova is one of three men indicted by a Gray County grand jury on Oct. 3, 2006 in 223rd District Court on two counts each of aggravated robbery and aggravated assault in connection with a Pampa home invasion. Bond was set at $300,000.

At about 9 a.m. May 21, 2006, two armed men broke into the home of Layne and Mae Conner in the 1100 block of East Francis and took a blue Citibank bag with $100 and $50 bills totaling $4,000. A third man was believed to be the driver for the group.

One of the two armed men fired a shot at Layne Conner in the course of the robbery. Conner was not injured as a result of the shot. Also present in the home at the time of the robbery were Mae Conner and an 8-year-old grandson of the Conners, neither of whom were injured during the incident.

Also indicted in connection with the robbery were Davey Enriquez and Adam Refugio Aguilar, both of Amarillo. Both were charged with two counts of aggravated robbery and two counts of aggravated assault. Enriquez' charges were enhanced due to his prior convictions for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and burglary of a habitation.

Enriquez was convicted in January and sentenced to four 99-year prison terms for the four felonies.

# County

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heating the drums due to the risk of toxic vapors, and gave directions for disposing of the drums, along with warnings against reusing them.

"Under the state's Health and Safety Code, there are various options we can take," said Peet. "We may adopt regulations if they are found to be of benefit to the public health and safety."

"Traditionally, the county commission does not like to interfere with private property and private business, but when it is in violation of the law and hazardous, that's something we need to look at," he said.

"I hate to step on private property rights, but we need some guidance and teeth behind what we represent that we're trying to do," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "We can never go wrong by cleaning up."

Commissioners also agreed to hear at their next meeting a proposal to be drawn up by Peet and Seabourn concerning amendments to the county road crossing policy.

The amendments may include requiring permits and payment of fees in order to cross a county road with items such as utilities or natural gas lines, Peet said.

An interlocal agreement with Lefors Independent School District was approved by commissioners. The agreement concerns work being done by the school district to install a new track with grant funds.

Precinct 1 will provide equipment, manpower and fuel to clean out existing ditches and create ditches and other drainage alongside a county road at the track field, said Wheeley.

An outside audit of the county's financial status by Doshier, Pickens and Francis, PC, certified public accountants, was accepted. The report stated that no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting were found by the accountants.

Gray County currently maintains enough operating capital in its fund balance to cover about five and one-half months' operations, and the road and bridge fund has seven months' worth of operations costs on hand, said Cory Joiner, project manager for the accounting firm. The account containing funds for the county's employee health insurance has enough to cover "a little over two months' worth," Joiner said. The retirement fund is also in a strong position, he said.

"You are in a really strong operating position," Joiner said. "None of the accounts stands out as a problem or concern."

In other business, a road crossing request by Rex McKay at County Roads 4 and I was approved by commissioners, as was payment of bills and salaries.

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# Viewpoints

## Exactly what changes does Obama plan?

"I was so overcome with emotion, I nearly passed out."

"Passed out?"

"The wife and I have been following Barack Obama around the country. Every time he enters a room, the wife collapses into my arms. I have to use smelling salts to bring her out of it."

"I see."

"He's quite a presence, that Obama. As president, he's not only going to change America, he's going to change the world!"

"Change? What kind of change?"

"The kind of change in which he's going to do things differently – differently than they've ever been done before. There'll be no more same old-same old with Obama."

"What will his change accomplish?"

"It will give us hope – lots and lots of hope."

"Hope is good. But what will this hope accomplish?"

"Haven't you been paying attention? It will help us believe in change! Obama wants us to believe in our own ability to bring about change."

"But if you already believe in your own ability to bring about change, why do you need Obama?"

"Because of the future! Obama is going to make the future bright – he won't fail as our past leaders have."



**Tom Purcell**
Columnist

"Look, it's true that Obama has charisma and charm. He's an articulate fellow and he gives an inspirational speech. But before we propel him to the presidency, would you mind if I asked some hypothetical questions?"

"Bring it on."

"Would you rather have a president who believes that individuals will drive America's success or one who puts all of his hope in the government?"

"That's easy. Individual Americans are the reason we've gotten where we are."

"Would you prefer a candidate who promises to initiate several new government programs or one who promises to restrain government growth?"

"That's easy, too. If our government keeps growing, we'll end up with more regulations and higher taxes and our economy will become as stagnant as the one in France."

"OK, then would you prefer a president who will lower taxes for everyone or a president who says he will raise taxes on the 'rich'?"

"I'd go with the low-tax guy. Isn't it obvious by now that low taxes unleash investment and economic growth, which is good for all income levels?"

"Congratulations. You just voted AGAINST Barack Obama."

"I did?"

"Look, Obama has been getting a free pass on his policies. Nobody seems to care what they are, but when they are examined in detail, the picture is not very pretty."

"It's not?"

"All you have to do is go to Obama's Web site, BarackObama.com, to see what he is promising to do. Take global warming. Obama believes man is the cause of it, and he's got a host of ambitious mandates and programs he will push if he becomes president."

"He does?"

"As for taxes, he says he'll lower them for working families but that he'll raise them on the 'rich.' The unfortunate reality, however, is that the 'rich' are the ones who invest in new businesses. By raising their taxes, he will impede investment and impede growth."

"He will?"

"Go ahead and visit his Web site and you'll see the word 'expand' all over the place. He likes the word 'create,' too – as in create new government programs. He's got lots of ideas to grow the government."

"I didn't know that."

## Eight weeks enough time to campaign

Let me remind you that we have to put up with presidential candidates until Nov. 4, and the snow of February hasn't even begun to melt. We also have to put up with pundits. I suggest we ration our exposure to both to avoid terminal boredom.

It's true that yours truly can be classified as a pundit. I, however, along with my print brethren, am lucky. I only have to practice punditry three times a week at about 650 words a pop. That limits the opportunity to make a fool out of myself.

Actually, I loved the days when I was just a reporter. All I had to do was collect the facts and state them in simple, declarative sentences. Candidate Puffy received so many votes; candidate Huffy received this many. Puffy said this in his victory statement. Huffy said this in his concession speech. Then I was through and could go get a drink. I didn't have to analyze, comment on or speculate about the election, its outcome or its possible consequences.

The cable-television pundits have a much worse job. They are given an hour – sometimes several hours, as on election nights – and they have to yap the whole time until the clock mercifully frees them from the necessity of knocking the enamel off their teeth.

Since the average person talks about 120 words a minute (Chris Matthews is probably closer to 240), it doesn't take long to speak when the facts are few. Trouble is, the pundits run out of facts before they run out of time, and they have to keep yapping. I'm afraid I've already filled my quota of listening to yaps, so until the Little League World Series begins (some of the best entertainment on television), I'll just give the tube a rest.



**Charley Reese**
Columnist

One of these days, we may elect some people intelligent enough to shorten the campaign process. Eight weeks of campaigning from start to finish should be enough. If people knew in advance that it would be a short campaign, they'd pay attention. As it is, we certainly have the longest political campaigns of any country on the face of the Earth.

If these long campaigns gave us detailed information about the candidates, their philosophies and their proposals, they might be worth it, but of course they don't. The campaigns are as repetitious as the pundits. So-called debates are a farce. They are more like a quiz show, and the moderators have the power to give the airtime to their own favorite candidates. Most of the speeches are without substance.

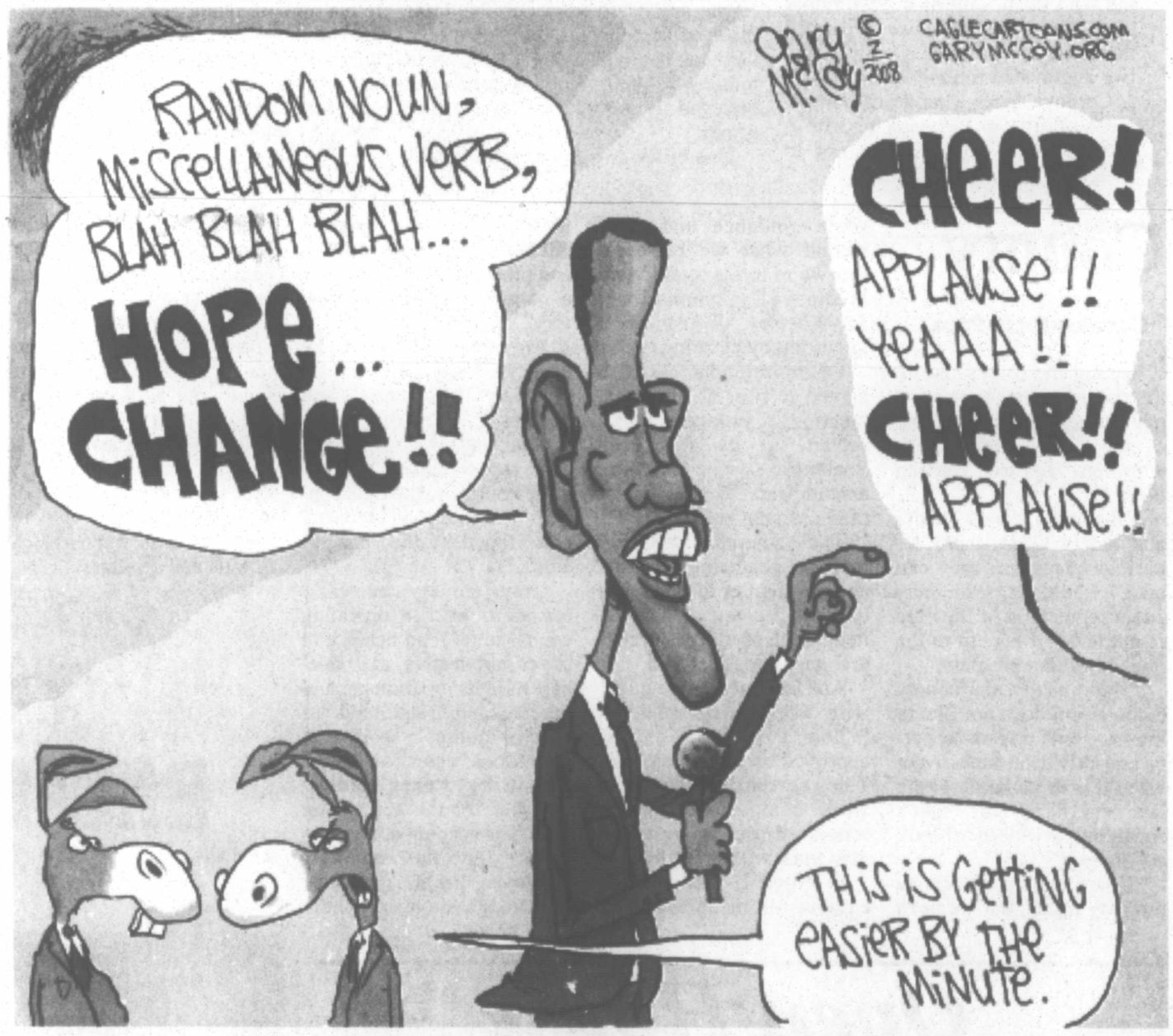
A favorite technique of political speeches these days is to list problems in the form of promised solutions. For example, "We are going to make health care affordable; we are going to repair our public education system; we will end the war, balance the budget, cut taxes, cure cancer, repair our infrastructure, preserve the environment and stop global warming." Exactly how these miracles are to be accomplished is never mentioned.

It would also be a good idea to ban paid advertising. Since both public radio and public television are allegedly publicly owned assets, they should be required to give every candidate an equal amount of time. Speechwriters and campaign managers should also be banned. If a candidate can't write his own speeches and manage his own campaign, what good is he? These professional manipulators, along with pollsters, are a relatively recent addition to our political process.

All candidates should sign a contract making specific promises to do certain things (their choice) and to resign immediately if they break any of those promises. Old "read my lips, no new taxes" Bush the elder broke that promise. He didn't resign, but the people resigned him at the next election, and we got stuck with Bill Clinton.

A definition of pundit, by the way, is a learned Hindu. I guess I don't qualify after all.

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## *Texas Thoughts*

**By The Associated Press**

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

n Feb. 18

Akron (Ohio) Beacon Journal, on the foreclosure crisis:

Mortgage lenders and loan service companies insist the foreclosure crisis is a national problem that demands national solutions. Partly on that basis, the industry association, the Mortgage Bankers Association, rejected an overture last fall for mortgage companies in Ohio to join in a voluntary compact proposed by Gov. Ted Strickland.

The mortgage companies preferred to address foreclosure prevention through a national alliance, Hope Now. ... The alliance has not lived up to expectations.

The idea for Hope Now, launched last fall, was that participating loan servicing companies would be amenable to freezing low introductory interest rates and renegotiating loans for thousands of borrowers with subprime adjustable rates. The companies were required to notify such borrowers 120 days before the loans reset. Homeowners could call a toll-free number for guidance. So far, the effort has led to loan modifications for a mere 10,000 borrowers from the 176,000 callers to the hotline.

The less-than-satisfactory outcome hardly surprises. Essentially, Hope Now is little more than a phone service, not advocates, as one official put it, "trying aggressively to convince the lender to do something. "Which is precisely the problem.

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n Feb. 16

The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo., on schools and guns:

Here we go again, but it has to be said: Northern Illinois University is another gun-free zone. So when a suicidal mass murderer showed up at a lecture hall Thursday, nobody had the means to stop him. As a result, he was able to shoot 21 people, killing five.

Illinois is largely a rural state, and lots of students at Northern Illinois University own weapons and know how to use them in defense. Unfortunately, the code of student conduct requires that all weapons be stored at the university security office.

We can be reasonably certain that the policy told the killer, who strategically planned a brief, rapid-fire assault, this much: Nobody in the crowd will take you out when you start shooting.

That, in fact, was the case. Everyone but the killer obeyed the school's gun rule, giving him the time and freedom he needed to kill. ...

Since those who administer schools aren't getting the message, it's time to consider state-by-state bans on gun prohibition at public universities. And it's time for states to require high schools and elementary schools to provide reasonable security for students. It's the least we can do.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 12-year-old freshman at an all-girls school. Prior to this I was in the public school system. Today I was thinking about my experiences in both systems of schools, which inspired me to write the following poem. You can print it if you like. Perhaps it will strike a chord with educators and students. Maybe it won't. But I wanted to get my feelings out on this subject and help to stop unfair judgment. **-- LEALIA XIONG, GUILFORD, CONN.**

**DEAR LEALIA:** I'm pleased to share your poem and the important message it so succinctly conveys. You have tremendous insight for one so young, and talent as well.

**DON'T JUDGE**

Don't judge people you hardly know.
You don't know what their day has been like. You don't know what their life has been like. Don't judge. Don't judge someone who seems. As if she's overreacting.
You don't know if she's lost someone she loved dearly. Or if her parents are getting a divorce or fighting over nothing. Don't judge. Don't judge someone who's different. He's probably one of the nicest people you'll know or the funniest or the smartest. Take the time to get to know people. Walk with them. Run with them. Share their triumphs and their sorrows. Maybe they don't dance through life as you thought. Don't judge.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a stay-at-home mom of an active 3-year-old boy, with another on the way. Before my son, "Chad," was born, my husband and I took in a loving yellow Labrador, "Sparky" (now 8), who had been neglected. While I love Sparky very much, he is just too much work for me because he is so needy. He often becomes nervous and "stuck" in certain rooms and must be physically coaxed into the next room. His anxiety causes him to bark uncontrollably at cars, people walking by, etc. He is absolutely out of control when someone comes to the door. He has damaged our home, wakes us up when we're sleeping, wants to go in and out all day, and is constantly underfoot. Our efforts to train Sparky have failed, and I'm simply out of patience. The trouble is, my husband has no sympathy for the difficulty this causes me when I'm home during the day, and he refuses to discuss alternative options. I don't know what to do and have overwhelming feelings of guilt. I find myself actually looking forward to the day when Sparky dies so that I can be relieved of this burden. Please help. **-- DOG TIRED, PALMYRA, N.Y.**

**DEAR DOG TIRED:** The problems you described are not your dog's fault. Many rescue animals have "issues" not unlike Sparky's. You need to talk to your vet about this, and also a professional dog trainer. If that doesn't resolve your problem, then contact the rescue group that placed Sparky with you so they can find him another home.

## For Better Or For Worse




## Zits




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## Crossword Puzzle

**CROSSWORD**
By THOMAS JOSEPH

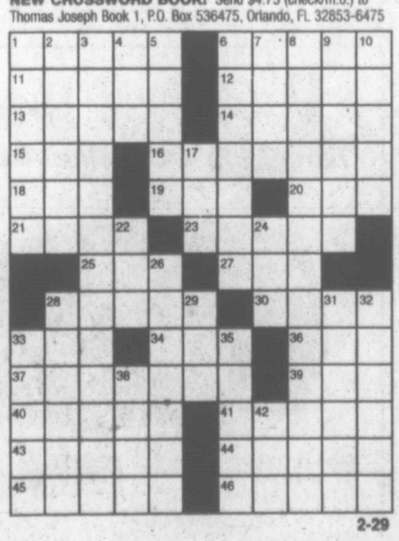
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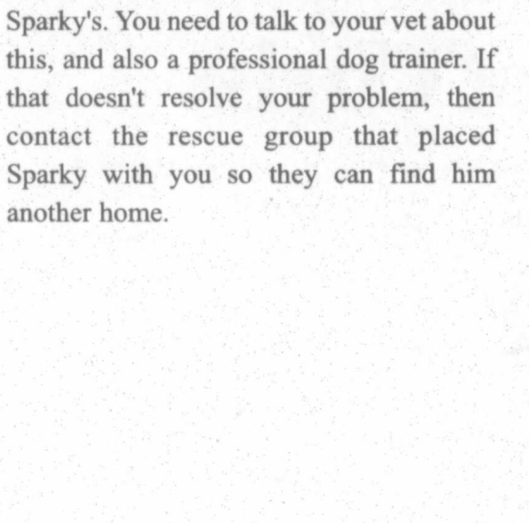
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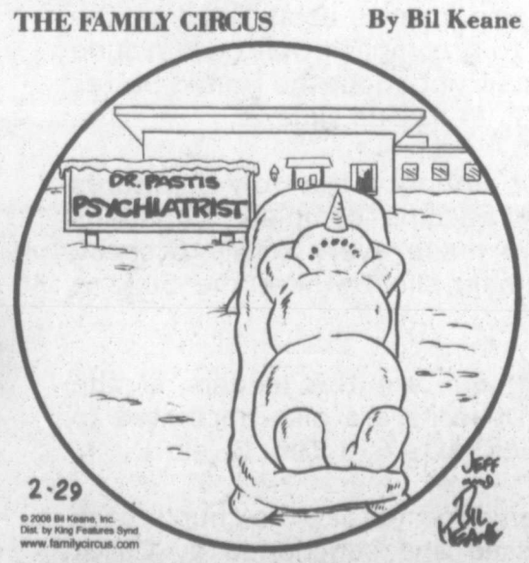
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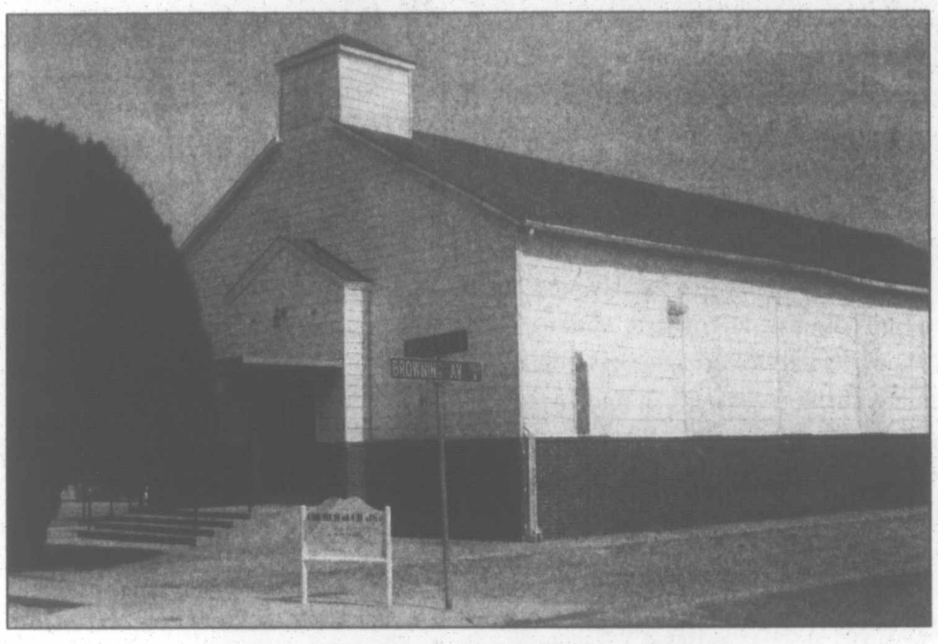
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## Wells Street Church of Christ

**Church name:** Wells Street Church of Christ, 400 N. Wells.

**Minister:** At present, we have 10 different men who minister and teach (1 Cor. 14:29). These men are appointed by the leadership. They come from a variety of backgrounds and a variety of vocations. This method, used by the New Testament church, provides a variety of topics, a fresh perspective and promotes a great deal of study among members within the congregation. This also reduces the financial burden of the local congregation because all of these men are volunteers.

**Services:** Sunday -- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship, 6 p.m. Evening Worship; Wednesday -- 7 p.m. Evening Worship.

**Activities:** Gospel meetings are conducted two or three times each year to reach out to the community. These meetings are advertised and brochures are passed out to inform the public of the scheduled speaker, times and dates.

**Members:** 90 members at present.

**Denomination:** We are autonomous, but we are affiliated with a nationwide group of autonomous congregations that support the restoration of Biblical principles.

**How long here:** The congregation was started in the late 1930's when the army air base was disbanded at the end of WWII and the base chapel was acquired and moved to 400 N. Wells Street.

**Goals:** Land has been purchased and plans are being made to build a new building in the near future.

**Other activities:** We conduct regular services at the Meredith House, as well as the Baten Unit and we enjoy sharing the Good News of the simple plan of salvation given to us in the bible with those we come in contact with. We have luncheons after morning services on the second Sunday of each month and everyone is welcome to attend.

**Main goal:** The main goal of our congregation is to promote the restoration of New Testament principles established by the Apostles of Jesus Christ. Efforts to accomplish that goal include supporting the work of evangelists throughout the United States and in countries overseas such as India and Nigeria.

**Church message:** As our sole authority, the Holy Scriptures provide everything we need to become complete Christians (2 Tim. 3:16). And as such, we make every effort to speak where the Bible speaks and remain silent where the Bible is silent.

**Responsible parties:** The elders are the leaders of the congregation (Acts 20:17-28). Deacons are also appointed to assist the elders in many activities (Acts 6, 1 Tim. 3, etc.).

**Information:** We are part of an effort to take the church back to its original simple form blessed and sanctioned by Christ Himself. A place where the scriptures are taken and applied in their entirety. We are truly a loving church family. If you are looking for a loving environment to worship where the love of God and His Son, as well as our fellow man, is stressed using the simple basic principles and examples of the original New Testament Church. Come by and see what is happening in a congregation where we make every effort to "speak the truth in love" (Eph. 4:15).

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# Sports

## Pampa JV baseball advances in tournament

Pampa JV baseball played Thursday in the Hereford tournament. By way of a tie breaking system, the Pampa JV team defeated Plainview Thursday in the first round of the Hereford tournament.

The game ended in a 7-7 tie after regulation and by rule one extra inning was played. The game was still tied after 8 and Pampa won based on the fact that they had more base hits than Plainview by an 8-5 margin.

Braden Hunt started on the mound and pitched five solid innings. Hunt struck out 10 hitters, walked none, he gave up four unearned runs and only three base hits. At one point in the game, Hunt struck out seven consecutive hitters.

Anthony Allen finished up the game by pitching three solid innings, giving up three runs on only two hits and striking out four and walking three.

Getting hits for Pampa was Douglas Smith with a single, Anthony Allen with a double, Braden Hunt with two singles, Reid Bradley had a single and two outs, game tying double in the bottom of the 7th, Johnny Anguiano added a single, Wes Hannah had a single and Ty Powell added a double.

By winning, Pampa advances to the winners bracket round game that will be Friday at 4:30 p.m.

## Optimist boys basketball season ends

Optimist boys basketball wrapped up another successful season on Thursday night with the completion of the last three games of the regular season. At 6 p.m., the K.C. Enterprise Irish defeated the Douglas Paint and Body Tarheels 28 to 10.

High point for the Irish was Zach Wilson with 13 points, Ryan Lee had 12 and Kade Hood dropped in two points to round out the night for the Irish.

The Tarheels were led by Brenden Woelfle with six, Tyler Hughes had two and Chris Cryer added one to complete the scoring for the Tarheels.

In the 7 p.m., game the Alvey Law Mavericks revenged an earlier loss to the NBC Sonics with a 28-19 victory the second time around. The Mavericks were led by point guard Brandon Stokes with 10 points, Jonathen Stevens and Dylan Zawicki each had four and Korbin Ramirez, Aaron McKinney and Nicholas Wells each scored two points.

The Sonics were led by one of their big men as Cager Osborne got on the boards for 10 points, Ethan Hunt added four and Josh Hernandez and Braden Childress each tossed in two points.

The Clifton Supply Pistons got their second victory of the season by defeating the Celtics 16-14. Lead man for the Pistons was Cyler Clifton with eight points, Alec Hendricks had four and Logan Turley and Asjen Payne each tossed in two. The Celtics were led by Justin Velasquez with six points, Ceygan Jamison had four and Braxton Maul and J.T. Skinner finished with two points.

With the regular season now complete, both the 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade age groups will compete in a single elimination city tournament set to begin Fri. March 1 and end Thurs. March 6. The final standings for the regular season will determine how the City Tournament is seeded.

In the 3rd/4th age group the Buckeyes finished 1st (#1seed), Cowboys are 2nd (#2 seed), there was a three-way tie for third with the Aggies, Longhorns and Irish all finishing the regular season at 3-3. Based on head to head play and point totals, the Aggies will take the #3 seed, the Irish will take the #4 seed and the Longhorns will have the #5 seed.

The Tarheels finished in fourth and will hold down the # 6 seed and the Red Raiders finished in fifth will compete in the City Tournament as the # 7 seed,

In the 5th and 6th grade age group, the first place Nuggets will hold down the #1 seed, their's was a tie for second place with the Mavericks and Sonics finishing the regular season with identical records of 5-3.

Based on point totals, the Mavericks will take the #2 seed and the Sonics will sit in at the #3 seed. The Pistons finished the season in third place and will hold down the # 4 seed and the Celtics in fourth place will compete as the #5 seed in the City Tournament.

The Optimist Club and Boys Basketball Commissoner Chris Engle would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaches, referees, sponsors and parents for all the hard work and effort put in during the season. Our coaches and sponsors this year were:

In the 3rd and 4th grade age group, Guy Green coached the Great Plains Abstract & Title Buckeyes, Harry Fisher coached the Fenton Motor Cowboys, Joe Mechelay coached the Roden Oilfield Aggies, Jermey Winkler coached the Embridge Longhorns, Ty McCoy and Steve Hood coached the K.C. Enterprise Irish, Charlie O'Rear coached the Douglas Paint & Body Tarheels and Scott Troxell coached the Celanese Red Raiders.

In the 5th and 6th grade age group, the coaches and sponsors were John Allen who coached the Willis Oilfield Nuggets, Shane Stokes coached the Alvey Law Mavericks, Kevin Hunt coached the NBC Bank Sonics, Larry Webb, Nathan Webb and Gary Turley coached the Clifton Supply Pistons and Jermey Silva coached the Celtics.

This is the first year that Optimist Basketball has had paid officiating and they all did a great job. The officiating crew of Shane Stokes, Guy Green, Todd Alvey, Richard Stowers, Neal Hoelting, John Warner, Jack Bailey, Jimmy Barker, Braden Hunt, John Allen and Kaleb Snelgrooes called a combined 58 games in six weeks.

The officials did a great job and we all appreciate the time you all gave to help us out and we hope that we will have you all back next year. The Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Organization.

## Pampa JV girls softball plays double-header

The JV girls softball team lost a double-header to Bushland varsity Thursday.

Pampa lost 7-6 in the first game. Pampa lead 6-5 in the last inning, but Bushland was able to score two unearned runs to pull out the 7-6 win.

Katelyn Wall pitched and had five strike-ours and five walks. She only gave up three earned runs.

Leading hitters were Rachel Houston and Katelin Wall, who each had doubles.

Pampa lost the second game 3-0. The game was called after three innings due to darkness.

Jordon Mayhew pitched and had three strike-outs, four walks and gave up two hits.

Pampa's only hit was a single by Katelyn Wall.

Pampa is entered into the Dumas JV tournament today and Saturday. They play Dalhart varsity at 11 a.m., Caprock JV at 1 p.m. and Tascosa JV at 5 p.m.

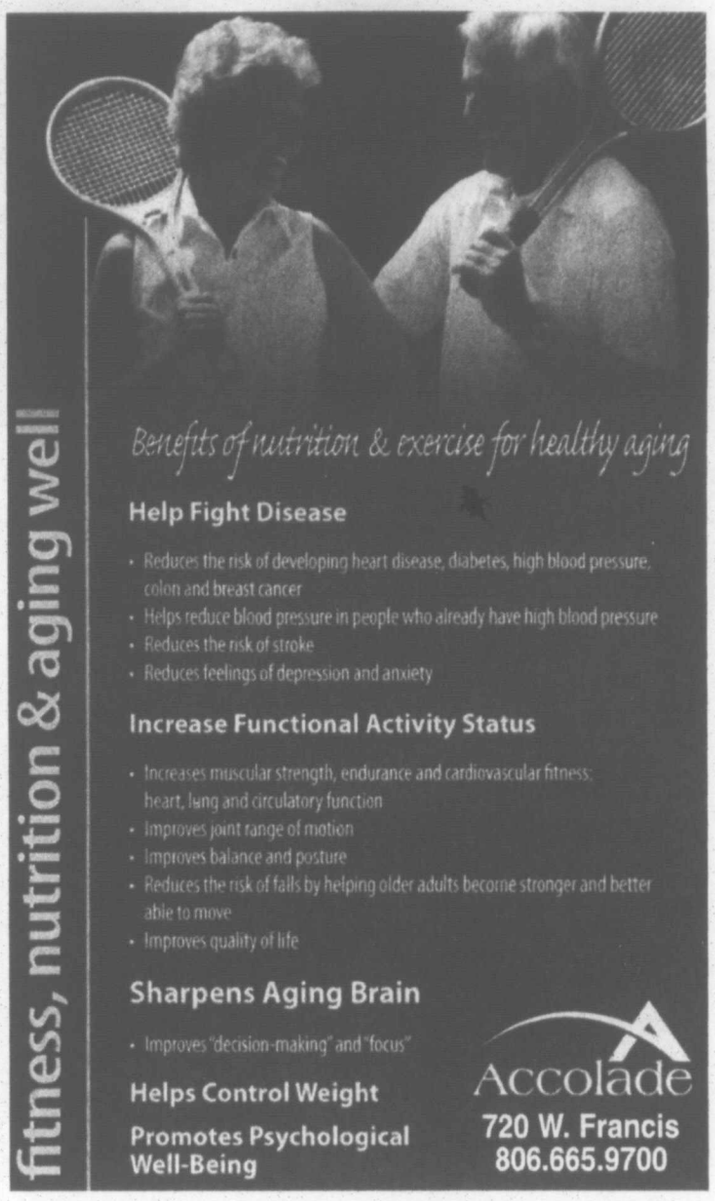
## Zach Thomas officially signs with Dallas Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) _ Linebacker Zach Thomas officially joined the Dallas Cowboys on Thursday after spending his entire career with the Miami Dolphins.

The signed one-year, $3.3 million deal had been confirmed last weekend by agent Drew Rosenhaus.

Thomas was released Feb. 14 by the Dolphins, part of the massive rebuilding project being overseen in Miami by new vice president of football operations Bill Parcells, the former Cowboys coach.

The seven-time Pro Bowler missed much of last season because of concussions and migraines. Coincidentally, the Cowboys made room on their roster by releasing fullback Oliver Hoyte, who gave Thomas a concussion when Dallas played Miami in September.


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**1 Public Notice**

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT PROPOSED AIR QUALITY PERMIT NOS. 83769 AND 83772**

**APPLICATION** Celanese Ltd., has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for issuance of Air Quality Permit Nos. 83769 and 83772, which would authorize Maintenance, Start-Up, and Shut Down Activities at the Celanese Chemicals Plant located 5.0 miles west on Highway 60 at FM 2300, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds and carbon monoxide.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 4, 2008. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ Amarillo regional office, and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.** The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing request is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING You may request a contested case hearing.** A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court.

Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I / we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application / permit which would satisfy your concerns.**

If a hearing request is timely filed, additional notice may be provided. Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**INFORMATION** Written public comments or requests for a public meeting or contested case hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087. For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at www.tceq.state.tx.us.

Further information may also be obtained from Celanese Ltd., P.O. Box 937, Pampa, Texas 79066-0937 or by calling Ms. Christa Perry, Environmental Engineer III at (806)663-4216.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 1, 2008:
Your drive soars and evolves to become your path to success this year. Even in the face of "no," you find another end to the same results. Your creativity keeps bubbling forth. Others start to tap into this gift, hoping you can help them realize a long-cherished desire. Make a wish list, and go after one or two of your goals. Don't underestimate your creativity and ability to manifest. If you are single and you're ready to give up that status, you could meet that special, long-fantasized-about person. If you are attached, at times romance blends with disagreements. Be careful, and be aware, as there could be a new addition if you're at the right age. CAPRICORN understands you.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)
★★★ Others make demands, and even if you are taking off, you could feel like work, burdens and responsibilities keep dropping on you. The Ram could see red as a result. In the long run, is a temper tantrum worth the end results? Tonight: Check in with an older friend or relative.
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Learning to take an overview would be a great asset. You might get wound up in others' stories. Listen but also trust that there could be more going on than just what you see. Remain loose and easy. Be willing to discuss a change. Tonight: Take off and choose a different type of escape.
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Deal with a partner directly, even if it might be uncomfortable. You know much more than you realize. Understanding comes out of another's anger. Though you might be ill at ease, listen. Tonight: A long-overdue talk.
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your temper could cause a problem with more than one person. You have been holding on to some strong feelings. Could they be exploding inappropriately? Let others do their thing and see how they feel, without projecting. Tonight: Reach out for a certain pal.
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Even if you would like to be footloose and fancy free, it appears that a project or responsibility could draw you in. Anger or frustration easily might be bubbling forth. Express your feelings so that others might hear. Start practicing now. Tonight: Easy does it.
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Though anger could result from a friendship, somehow you use it to make another relationship better. Consider charging this energy into a hard game of racquetball or into a pillow fight. Tonight: Have fun and relax.
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Pressure builds, and you might start acting like Mount Vesuvius. You are experiencing tension and perhaps anger. How much of those feelings are caused by your own judgment of what you should or need to do? Tonight: Consider cocooning.
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★ You might feel powerless to put a halt to some difficult feelings, unanticipated reactions and/or a change of plans. Be willing to walk to your own drummer. You will be much happier rather than reacting to others. Tonight: Visit with favorite people.
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ If you are noticing that a steady stream of funds running out of your wallet is becoming a river, stop. See what is motivating this spending. Also verify that all your spending on credit cards, etc. is really yours. Tonight: Curb possessiveness.
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Though certain friends or loved ones might be touchy, know that you can deal with their issues without impacting your mood. Look at what might be going on on a more profound level in order to discover the right path. Tonight: Your first choice.
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Much might be going on in your mind. It might be wise not to express those thoughts, as others could react. Get some exercise, giving up the leisurely sport of couch potato or even reading a good book. Tonight: Vanish, if you want. Others wonder what's up.
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ If you don't get where you want to be one way, you can be sure you will try another path. You act like a fountain of endless ideas. Your drive to create and enjoy peaks. Surround yourself with friends. Tonight: Throw a spontaneous party.

BORN TODAY
Composer Frederic Chopin (1810), singer, actor Harry Belafonte (1927), actor Ron Howard (1954)
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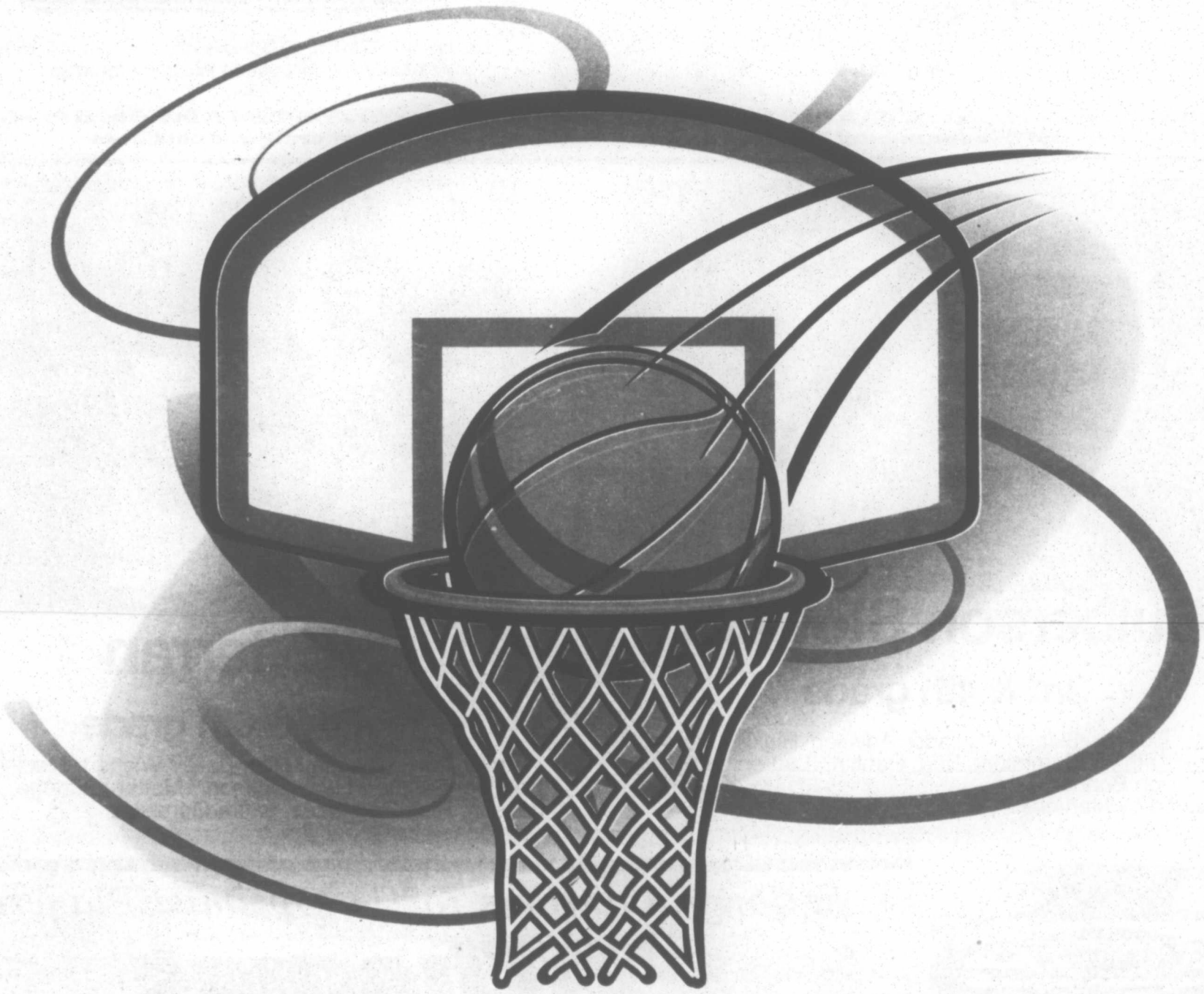
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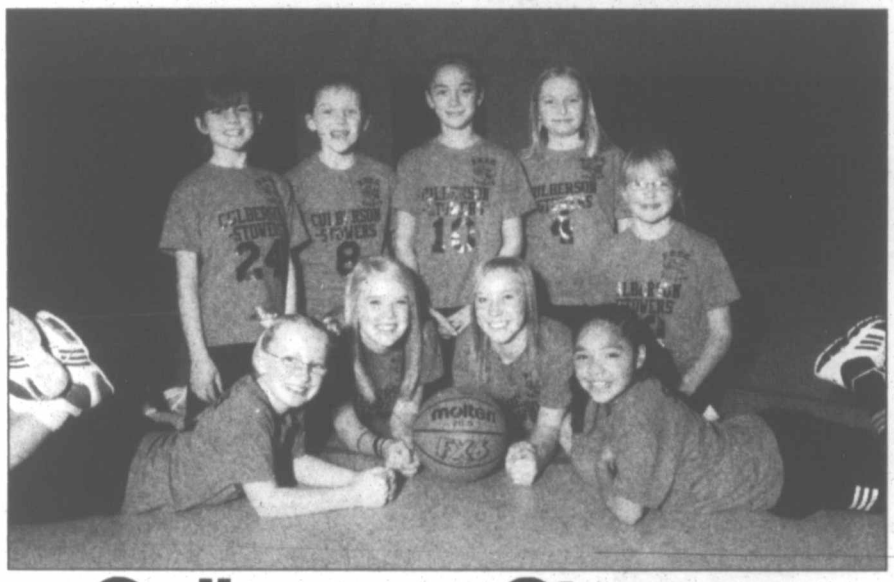
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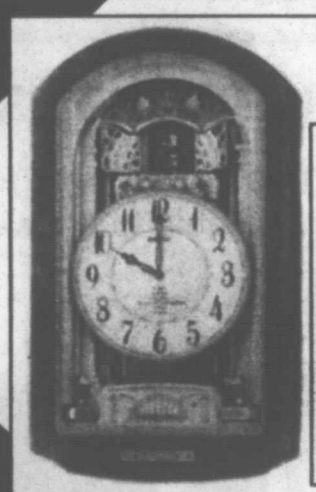


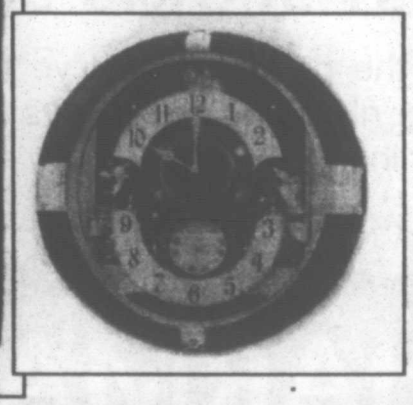
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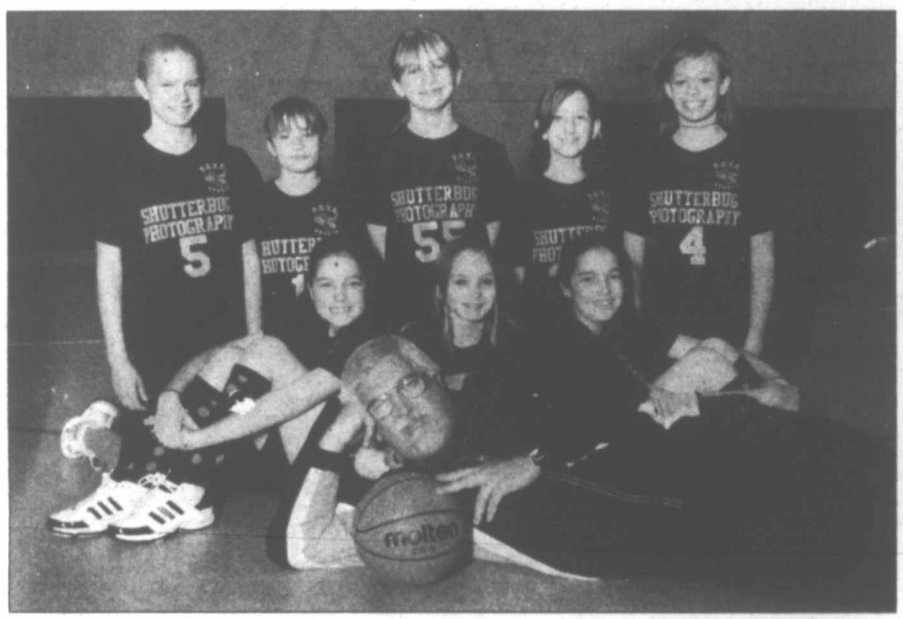
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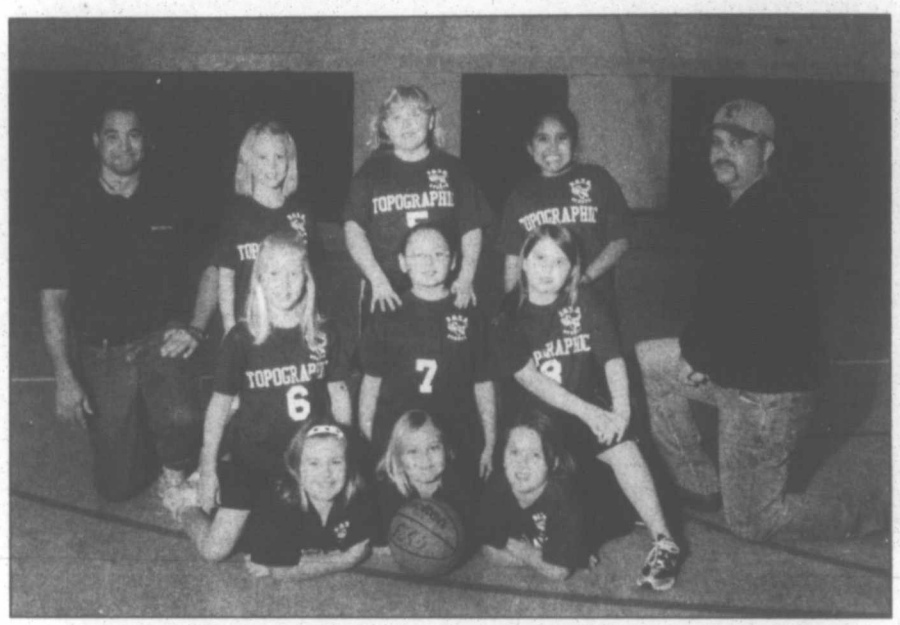
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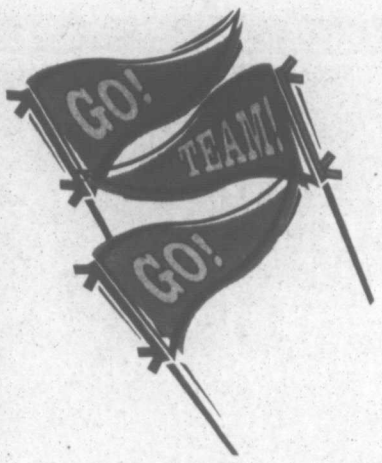


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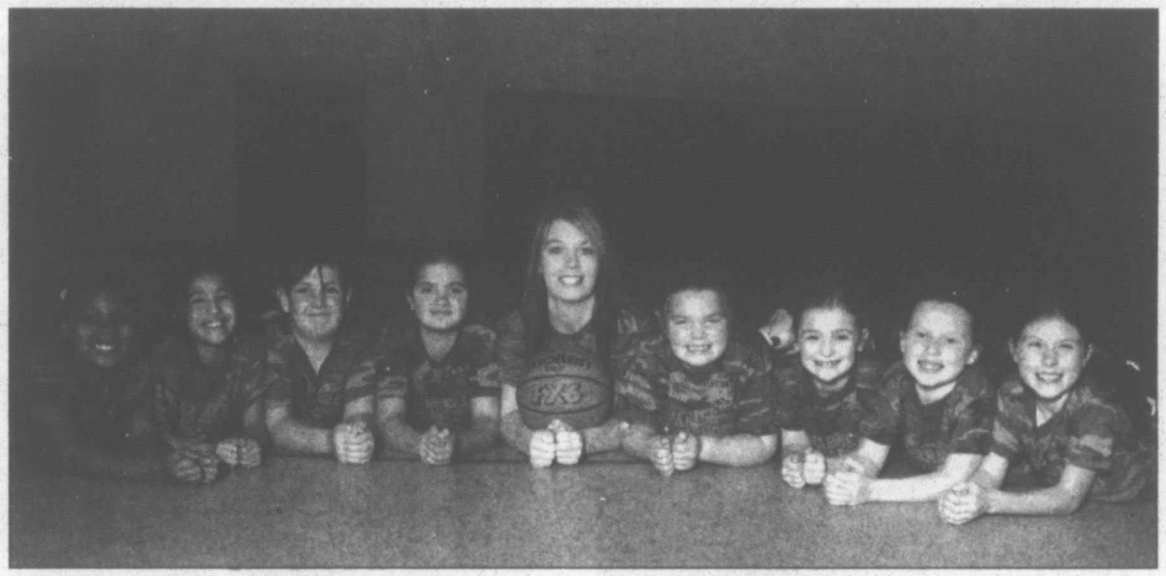
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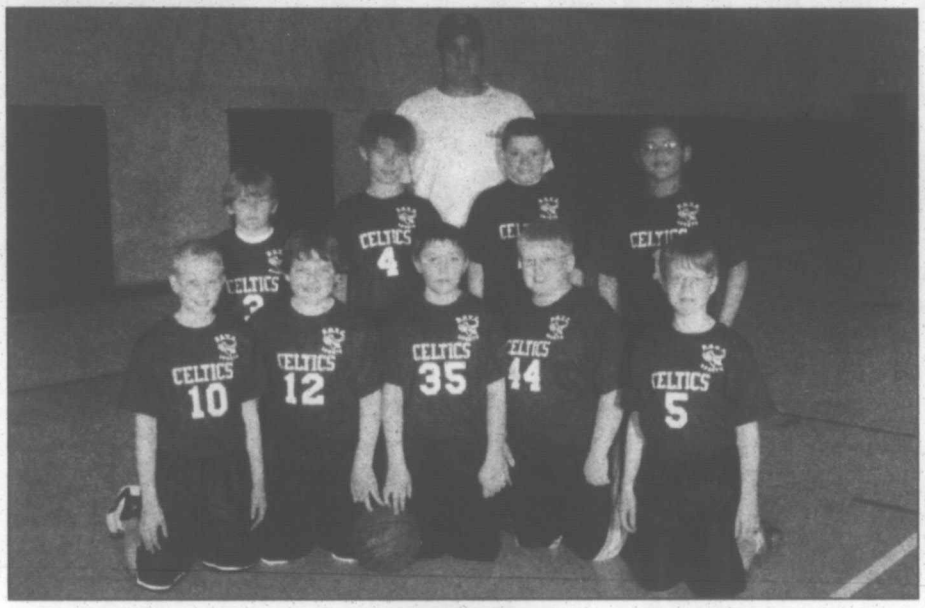
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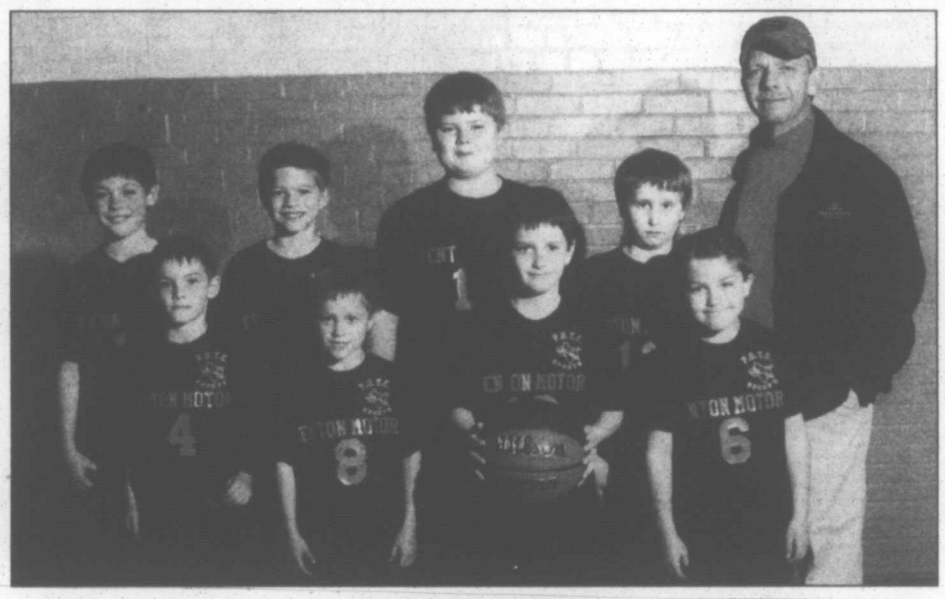
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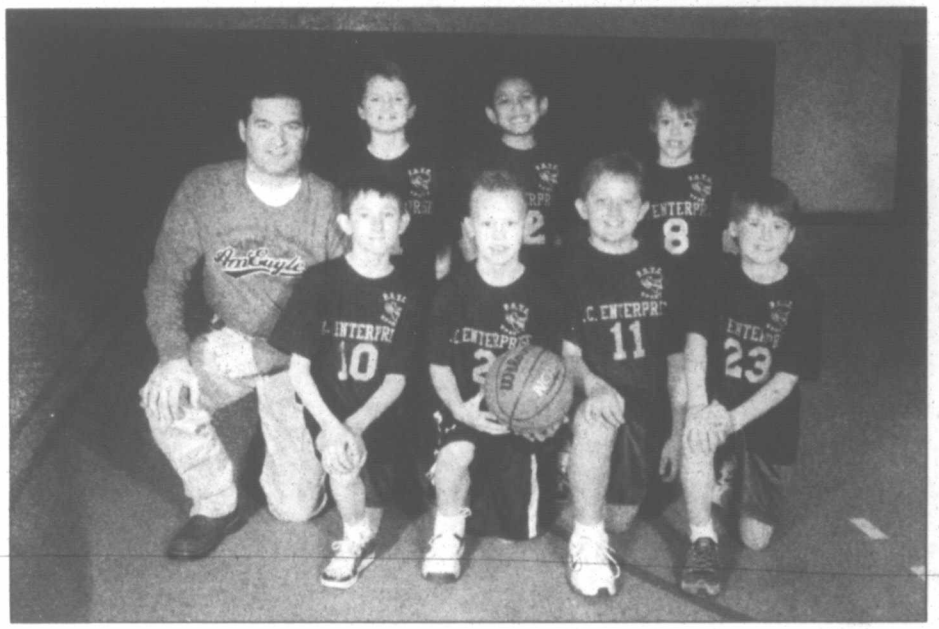
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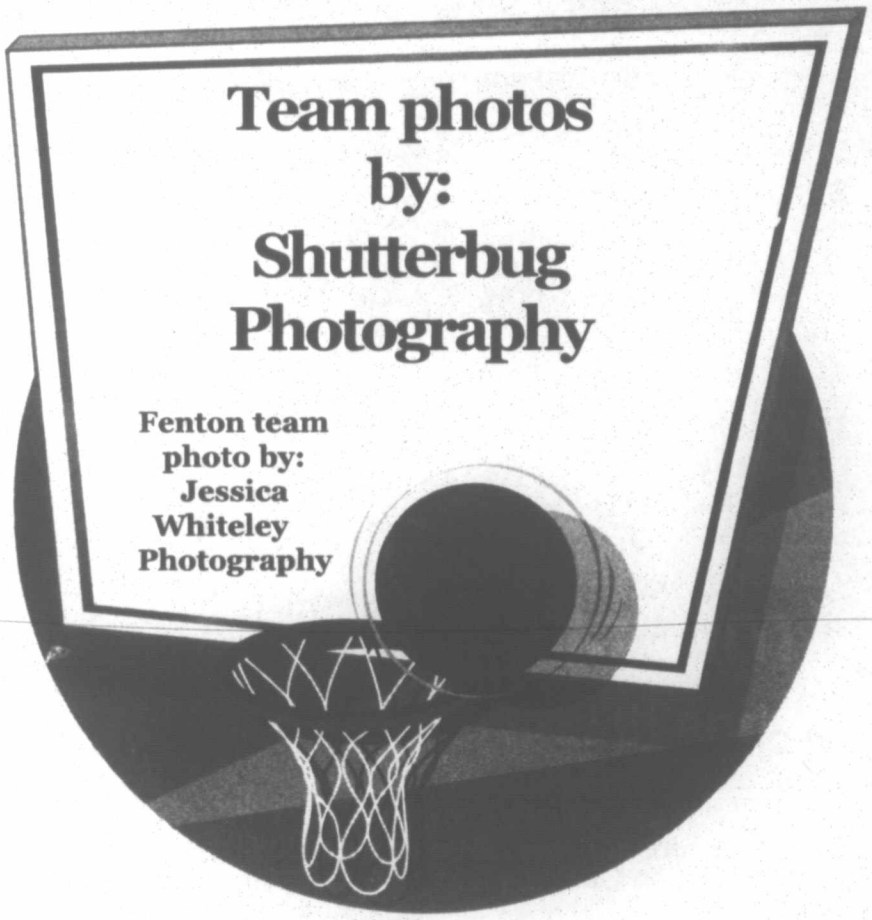
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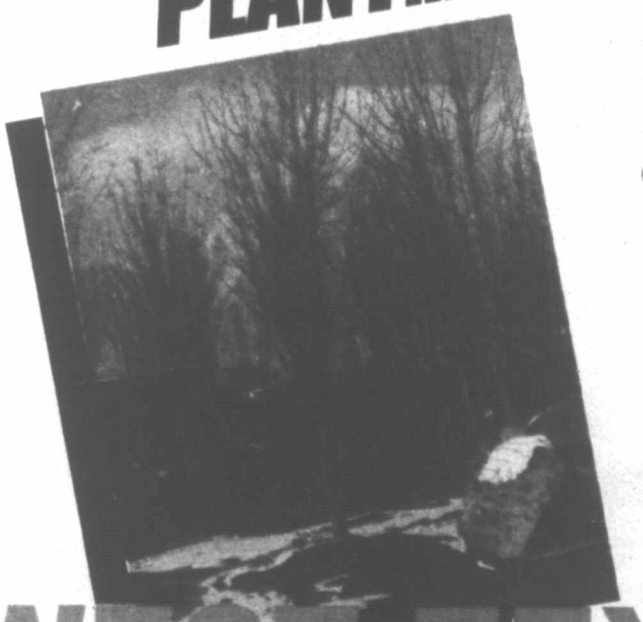
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