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Bluegrass, gospel celebration



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Carolyn Stokes stirs a pot of stew at the Stokes Barn east of Pampa for a Winter Indoor Old Time Live Music Bluegrass and Gospel Show held Saturday night.

PISD to lease voting machines

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education met briefly this morning and approved a lease agreement with Gray County for electronic voting machines for the school board election.

Estimated cost for using the Direct Recording Electronic voting machines is approximately \$2,500.

Hart Intercivic, maker of the machines, will charge \$1,900 to program the machines. The remainder will go to Gray County.

Paper ballots will also be available to voters who prefer to use them.

March 13 is the deadline for candidates to file for a place on the ballot. Early voting begins on May 1 at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert for the May 13 election.

Charles Smith, Place 4, and Lee Porter, Place 5, have both filed for re-election.

Early voting polls will be open between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. On election day, polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

Early voting figures average

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Voter turnout continues to be average in early voting for the March 7 primaries, according to the Gray County Clerk's office, with 329 ballots cast as of the end of the day Friday.

The primary election is the first local election in which new electronic voting machines are available for use. The machines were bought by Gray County as the result of a federal mandate requiring that they be available for all voters as of Jan. 1.

Paper ballots are also available for those who wish to use them.

Early voting continues between 8:30 a.m. and 5

p.m. weekdays in the second-floor courtroom at the courthouse through March 3. Election day is March 7, when voters may cast their ballots between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. at precinct polling places.

The offices of U.S. Senator and U.S. District 13 Representative are up for election, as are state offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the general land office, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, District 88 state representative, a member of the state

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Water management team learning about each other

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- Officers were elected, bylaws discussed and everybody agreed they need to continue learning about each other.

The Ground Water Management Area 1 joint planning committee met Friday at the offices of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District here as they continued to organize.

Ground Water Management Areas, or GMAs, were mandated by the Texas Legislature last

year. The Legislature's objective was to get neighboring ground water districts across the state to work together. While ground water districts in the Texas Panhandle and on the South Plains have histories going back a half century when state government first authorized such organizations, newer ground water districts downstate have found themselves in squabbles during the past couple of years as they've tried to

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St. Matthew's Pancake Supper marks 50 years

By NATALIE REEVE
Special to the News

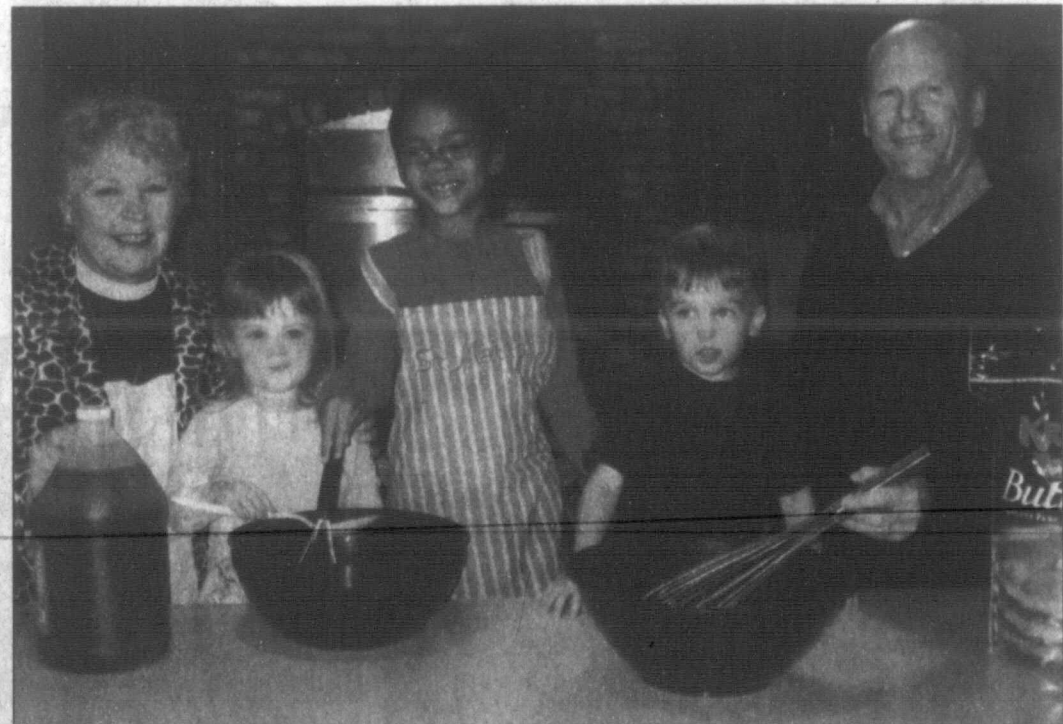
Each year in preparation for the Lenten season, St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa sponsors the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This year will be the 50th year the local church has been holding the pancake suppers. The event will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday in the Parish Hall of St. Matthew's, 727 W. Browning.

"For centuries the Church has observed Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday—Carnival as a way of enjoying one last fling with worldly pleasures before Lent begins on Ash Wednesday," said the Rev. Linda Kelly, Rector of St. Matthew's. "Join us at St. Matthew's on Feb. 28th and help us with the task of consuming the bacon and pancakes (meat, eggs, butter) that at one time were forbid-

den during Lent. We must eat up all these foods so there will be nothing in the pantry to tempt us during the great fast. Bring your friends and family and indulge with us. Then we invite you to return and join us in worship on Ash Wednesday at 6 p.m. to mark the beginning of a holy Lent."

"On Feb. 14, 1956, St. Margaret's Guild, of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, sponsored the first Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper to be held in the Parish Hall," said Iris Ragsdale, who was president of St. Martha's Guild at the time. This event has been such a roaring success that it has never been called off. Even during the blizzard of 1963, everything in Pampa had been canceled

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Courtesy Photo
The Rev. Linda Kelly, Raegan Beckham, Danielle White, Jacob Ebenkamp, and Hal Cree, chairman, take an inventory of the supplies needed to feed a crowd at the 50th Annual Pancake Supper to benefit St. Matthew's Day School.

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Obituaries

Virginia Weis Renner, 88

Virginia Weis Renner, 88, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Renner was born on July 27, 1917, in Shattuck, Oklahoma. She married John G. Renner on May 25, 1933, in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on Dec. 27, 1978.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1991, moving from Canyon. She was a member of the Seventh Day



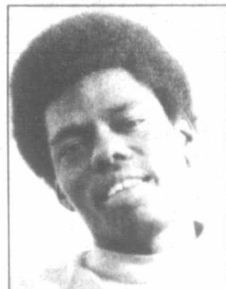
Renner

Marvin Frank McCampbell, 55

Marvin Frank McCampbell, 55, died Thursday, Feb. 23, 2006, in Oklahoma City.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at the New Hope Baptist Church with the Rev. Darren Willis, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral



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Adventist Church.

Survivors include three sons, Clyde Renner and wife Ruth of Friona, Donnie Renner and wife Betty of Pampa, and Jerry Renner and wife Harriet of Canyon; four brothers, Vilo Weis of Keene, Vernon Weis of College Place, Washington, Harry C. Weis of Bakersfield, California, and Viddian Weis of Perryton; three sisters, Vivian Cozart of Cisco, Denise Werner of College Place, Washington, and Viola Stevens of Amarillo; seven grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Fabian Renner, in 1973.

The family requests memorials by to a favorite charity.

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Directors.

Mr. McCampbell was born June 20, 1950, and was a graduate of Pampa High School. He attended Brownwood College.

Survivors include his mother, Della Mae McCampbell of Pampa; and two brothers, Richard McCampbell of Houston and Eugene McCampbell of Dallas.

The family requests memorials be to Multiple Sclerosis Society, National Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX 79109.

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Juanita Kitchens, 85

BORGER — Juanita Kitchens, 85, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Brown's Chapel of the Fountains with the Rev. Robert Hensley, pastor of Bunavista Baptist Church and the Rev. Les Sharp, pastor of Faith Covenant Church, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Brown Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mrs. Kitchens was born Jan. 27, 1921, in Guber, Texas. She was retired from the Pantex Federal Credit Union. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Borger, and of Tri City Concert-Tri Ad.

She married Kelly Kitchens Sept. 28, 1951, in Clovis, New Mexico. He preceded

her in death on Aug. 17, 2005.

She had lived in Borger for 55 years. She served in the Women's Air Corps as a corporal during World War II in England and Germany.

Survivors include two sons, Joe Kitchens and wife Beth of Borger and Jon Kitchens and wife Kathy of Tyler; two brothers, Lyndall Keel of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Don Keel of Terrell, Texas; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Honorary casket bearers will be John Bayless, Eck Spahich, Dr. John Robbins and Paul Robinson.

The family requests memorials be to Short Term Mission Fund at First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 470, Borger, TX 79008.

Services tomorrow

McCAMPBELL, Marvin Frank — 10 a.m. New Hope Baptist Church.

KITCHENS, Juanita — 2:30 p.m. Brown's Chapel of the Fountains, Borger.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thirty traffic stops were made, five of which resulted in one or more arrests.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler during a traffic stop. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported during a traffic stop in the 700 block of West Buckler.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported during a traffic stop in the 800 block of West Kingsmill, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1100 block of Clark, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Randy Matson Avenue, the 500 block of North Frost, the 600 block of Roberta, the 700 block of North Cuyler, an unreported location, the 1200 block of Bond and the 300 block of South Tignor.

Vehicle accidents were reported at an unreported location, the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets, the intersection of Foster and Cuyler streets, the intersection of 28th and Perryton Parkway and the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of East Harvester.

An animal complaint was received from the 1000 block of Crane Road.

Agency assistance was rendered at Highway 60 West and the 1100 block of Neel Road.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A bag of marijuana was found in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Found property was reported in the 1900 block of Williston. A driver's license was found.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of

North Wynne.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of East Kingsmill. A man's wallet was found, the owner was contacted and the property was returned.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of Cinderella. A mailbox with pipe attached was found.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of North West.

One suicide attempt was reported.

A runaway was reported in the 1100 block of Perry. The runaway was later found in the 100 block of Rider.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2600 block of Rosewood.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Ballard and Browning streets, the intersection of Foster and Ward streets, the 1200 block of Williston, the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the intersection of 15th and Dogwood streets and the 1100 block of Finley.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 300 block of East Brown.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Russell, the 1000 block of South Banks and the 300 block of Jean.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Jean. A vehicle was egged.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of North Wells and the 2500 block of Mary Ellen.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of Doucette, the 500 block of North Wells, the 2300 block of Primrose and the 200 block of Tignor.

Harassment was reported in the 2700 block of Comanche, the 500 block of Magnolia, the 100 block of West 30th and the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Assault was reported from an undisclosed location.

A sexual offense was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive. The incident was verbal only.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Red Deer. A juvenile was involved. No injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster. No injuries were reported. Arrests were made in connection with the incident.

Domestic disturbances were reported on three occasions from an undisclosed location, the 600 block of North Christy, the 1200 block of Garland, the 1800 block of North Dwight and the 1200 block of Darby, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A disturbance was reported in the 300 block of East Tuke. A firearm was discharged; no injuries were reported. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Starkweather.

Forgery was reported at Joy's Unlimited, 110 N. Cuyler. The incident involved a value of \$318.63.

Theft was reported at Family Dollar, 421 E. Frederic. Items valued at \$43.10 were taken.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was also reported in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Wells. A cell phone valued at \$90 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Charles. A PlayStation 2 and jewelry were taken. A back door was damaged. Estimated cost of damage and loss is unknown.

Burglary was reported in the 1700 block of Holly. A door was broken, and rings, watches and other jewelry was taken. Estimated cost of damage and loss is unknown.

Burglary was reported in the 1800 block of Dogwood. Limoges porcelain valued at \$20,000 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1200

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Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. West wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. West

wind around 5 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 83. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 51.

Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. West wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchey Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	3.92
Milo	3.26
Corn	4.16
Soybeans	4.64

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

OXY	92.11	-0.27
BP PLC ADR	67.34	-0.26
Cabot Corp	37.24	+0.36

Celanese	21.71	+0.20
Cabot Oil Gas	47.20	-0.42
Coca Cola	42.29	+0.06
VLO	55.59	-0.60
HAL	70.46	-0.76
TRI	43.16	-0.24
Kinder Morgan	93.96	-0.10
XCEL	18.99	-0.04
Kerr McGee	100.54	+0.25
XOM	60.49	+0.07
Nat'l Oilwell	62.76	-1.03
Limited	24.21	+0.28
Williams	22.35	-0.01

MCD	35.45	+0.11
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Record

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block of Finley. A portable CD player valued at \$80 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1900 block of Lea. Avon items, a sculpture, camera, jewelry and treasure box were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$960.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 300 block of Canadian. Jewelry, a picture, an oilcloth box, a box with an oval glass top and a Betty Boop box were taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Grape. A DVD player, wallet, driver's license, Social Security card and bank card were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$345.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Grape. Credit cards, walkie talkies and money were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$170.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Summer. An insurance card was taken.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Feb. 25

Melford Neal Hanks Jr., 27, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Tukey by Pampa Police Department for deadly conduct -- discharging a firearm.

Shawn Dale Green, 36, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft over \$20 and under \$500 by check.

Jerren David-Thomas Long, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Kingsmill by PPD for possession of marijuana.

Jerad Jerrome Matlock, 22, of Skellytown was arrested in the 700 block of West Buckler by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, prohibited substance, tampering with evidence and assault on a public servant.

Sunday, Feb. 26

Elida Lopez Rivas, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Foster by PPD for interfering with public duty, disorderly conduct/language and simple assault.

Roberto Galvan Jr., 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Foster by PPD for interfering with public duty.

David Lopez Adame, 32, of Memphis was arrested in the 1200 block of East Foster by PPD for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle.

Mario Manuel Adame, 29, of Memphis was arrested in the 1200 block of East Foster by PPD for public intoxication and resisting arrest/detention.

Robert Anthony Price, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Christy

Pancakes

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except the Pancake Supper which had a capacity crowd all evening. People got on their CB radios contacting others and several enjoyed using their 4-wheel drives to bring others with them to the Parish Hall.

"Pancake races down Browning Street were also included until Cotton John Smith of Amarillo franchised the races for this area and the fee was too sizable, discouraging our group from continuing this event. It was fun while it lasted and we had some good flippers that were equal or better than the pancake race time in Olney, England."

Molly Johnson Hearn, former church member now living in Albuquerque, N.M., had some thoughts on the celebration.

"I remember my dad,

Carl Johnson, restaurant owner in Panhandle, taught them to have hot water for the syrup pitchers to sit in so the syrup would be warm," she said. "This was before microwave ovens. He also had trouble getting the 'cooks' not to overcook the bacon."

Paul Hinton remembers when he first started working in 1956 having a hard time keeping the dishwasher going fast enough to keep enough dishes and silverware clean for the serving line. After we started using paper plates, he moved to the Bacon Frying Committee arriving at 5 a.m. the morning of, so they could finish by noon, giving enough time to get the grills hooked up to start serving pancakes by 5 p.m. that evening.

A quote from the church's anniversary book reads, "If the pancakes cooked in the kitchen of the Parish Hall could be laid end to end they would probably circle the earth several

times."

Tickets for the all-you-can-eat pancakes and bacon are \$5 and may be purchased at the church office, from church members and at the door. Children five and under eat free.

Since 1976, all proceeds have gone to St. Matthew's Day School Scholarship Fund which is used for the education of young children. Scholarships are provided to assist pre-school and kindergarten students in attending the Day School.

Classes are currently offered for 3 and 4 year olds, Pre-K and Kindergarten. Day Care is also available for 18 months old and up. During the regular day other learning experiences include daily chapel, music and gym, Spanish, Bible and computer class.

The Day School Support Group will have a Bake Sale and Scholastic Book Fair during the Supper.

Water

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establish themselves.

Janet Guthrie, general manager of the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, said Friday's meeting was amiable. She said that while ground water supplies and uses varied across the Panhandle, the four water districts that form Ground Water Management Area 1 share a number of common concerns.

GMA 1 consists of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer; the North Plains Ground Water Conservation District in Dumas; Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District in Canadian and parts of three counties of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District out of Lubbock.

The committee developed a set of bylaws that each member water district board will now have to approve.

The joint planning committee also agreed Friday to continue moving their meetings though the area so each hosting district could familiarize other members with their organization's rules, regulations and philosophy when it comes to ground water.

Ultimately, said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, the GMA is to reach a consensus on the future of the Ogallala Aquifer and the smaller aquifers beneath their water districts.

Following Williams' presentation on the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District that included the district's goal of maintaining 50 percent of the ground water in storage for the next 50 years, Moore said he'd like to hear pre-

sentations from other districts as well.

Jim Conkwright, general manager of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, one of the oldest in the state, told the group Friday that his district had the farthest to go in their rule-making.

"We've been looking at setting a goal for the past year," he said, indicating his interest in the PGWCD's 50-50 goal.

"We're in the process of writing a management plan," said Mark Meeks of the Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District, the newest of the four districts.

The committee elected officers Friday. Moore was elected chairman.

Conkwright was elected vice chairman, and John R. Spearman of the PGWCD was elected secretary.

The next meeting will be hosted by the North Plains Ground Water District in Dumas. It is tentatively scheduled for late March.

Voting

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board of education and a number of state Supreme Court and appeals courts positions.

District and county offices in the March 7 primary are 31st and 223rd District judges, 31st District attorney, district clerk, county clerk, county treasurer,

inspector of hides and animals, justices of the peace, Precincts 2 and 4 county commissioners, and county chairman for both political parties.

Lee Waters is the only local candidate on the Democratic ticket. He is running for re-election as 223rd District judge.

Only two local races have more than one candidate. Incumbent Gary Willoughby, Precinct 2 county commissioner, is

being challenged by Pampa businessman Durward Dunlap. Both are Republicans.

The local race with the most candidates is that of county treasurer. Incumbent Lee Cornelison is running against Tory Peet and former county treasurer Scott Hahn. All three are on the Republican ticket, and the candidates in this race are the same as in the last race for that office.

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**GREAT PLAINS
ABSTRACT & TITLE**

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Viewpoints

Life happens so fast we forget what's really important

I had just finished lunch, my cell phone rang and the caller ID showed a familiar number, my mother. However, on this particular day I knew this was not a typical phone call.

I answered the phone and like so many times before I heard a long drawn out "Sean, it's Mom." I tell her I had just spoken to my sister, and I know about the accident. There is a pause and before any other details she

simply says, "I love you."

My mom explained that there had been a car accident, and we lost a friend of the family. The flurries of images that rush through my head are barely comprehensible. It is so early, and things are only beginning to come to light, so the details are sketchy and uncertain.

Only one thing is for sure, we have lost a friend. Mom is visiting our friend's family and does the best she can to

help the grieving family. Our conversation is short, and she tells me to pass her love to all of my family.

In the hours that follow, I cannot help but reflect on my memories of this family in mourning and of my own childhood. Times and places come to mind that

Sean Smith

Publisher

I have not thought about in many years. It is amazing how time passes quickly. With each stage of life — childhood, school, career, family — time seems to disappear faster.

Several hours later, my mom called back. She was in tears and could hardly speak.

Her message to me was simply, I love you and I will do a better job of keeping in touch. Death happens every day, but when it touches close to home it forces me to reflect on my own life. Life happens fast and sometimes the important things, or the things that should be the most important to us, get lost in the daily routine of our life.

Before I hang up with my mom, I promise to also do a

better job of keeping in touch, and in my mind I make a promise to myself to take time out of a busy schedule to stay in touch with those who mean the most.

Call your parents, call a friend, hug a child, or kiss your spouse because life comes fast and the future is uncertain.

Sean Smith is publisher of The Pampa News.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 27, the 58th day of 2006. There are 307 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 27, 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.

On this date:

In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1807, poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow was born in Portland, Maine.

In 1902, American author John Steinbeck was born in Salinas, Calif.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment to the Constitution that guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1939, the Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games

'There is no inevitability in history except as men make it.'

— Felix Frankfurter
U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1882-1965)

in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1972, President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's historic visit to China.

In 1979, Jane M. Byrne confounded Chicago's Democratic political machine as she upset Mayor Michael A. Bilandic to win their party's mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight.

Ten years ago: Bob Dole won the North Dakota and South Dakota primaries, while Steve Forbes captured Arizona's winner-take-all primary.

Five years ago: President Bush went before Congress with a \$1.9 trillion spending plan that would sharply reduce growth in many government programs while leaving room to give Americans the biggest tax cut in two decades.

One year ago: Pope John Paul II made a surprise first public appearance after surgery, appearing at his Rome hospital window.

The Iraqi government announced the capture of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, Saddam Hussein's half brother and former adviser. Academy Awards went to "Million Dollar Baby," director Clint Eastwood, star Hilary Swank and Morgan Freeman.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 76. Actress Elizabeth Taylor is 74. Consumer advocate Ralph Nader is 72. Actress Barbara Babcock is 69. Actor Howard Hesseman is 66. Actress Debra Monk is 57. Rock singer-musician Neal Schon (Journey) is 52. Rock musician Adrian Smith (Iron Maiden) is 49. Actor Timothy Spall is 49. Rock musician Paul Humphreys (Orchestral Manoeuvres in the Dark) is 46. Country singer Johnny Van Zant (Van Zant) is 46. Basketball Hall-of-Famer James Worthy is 45.

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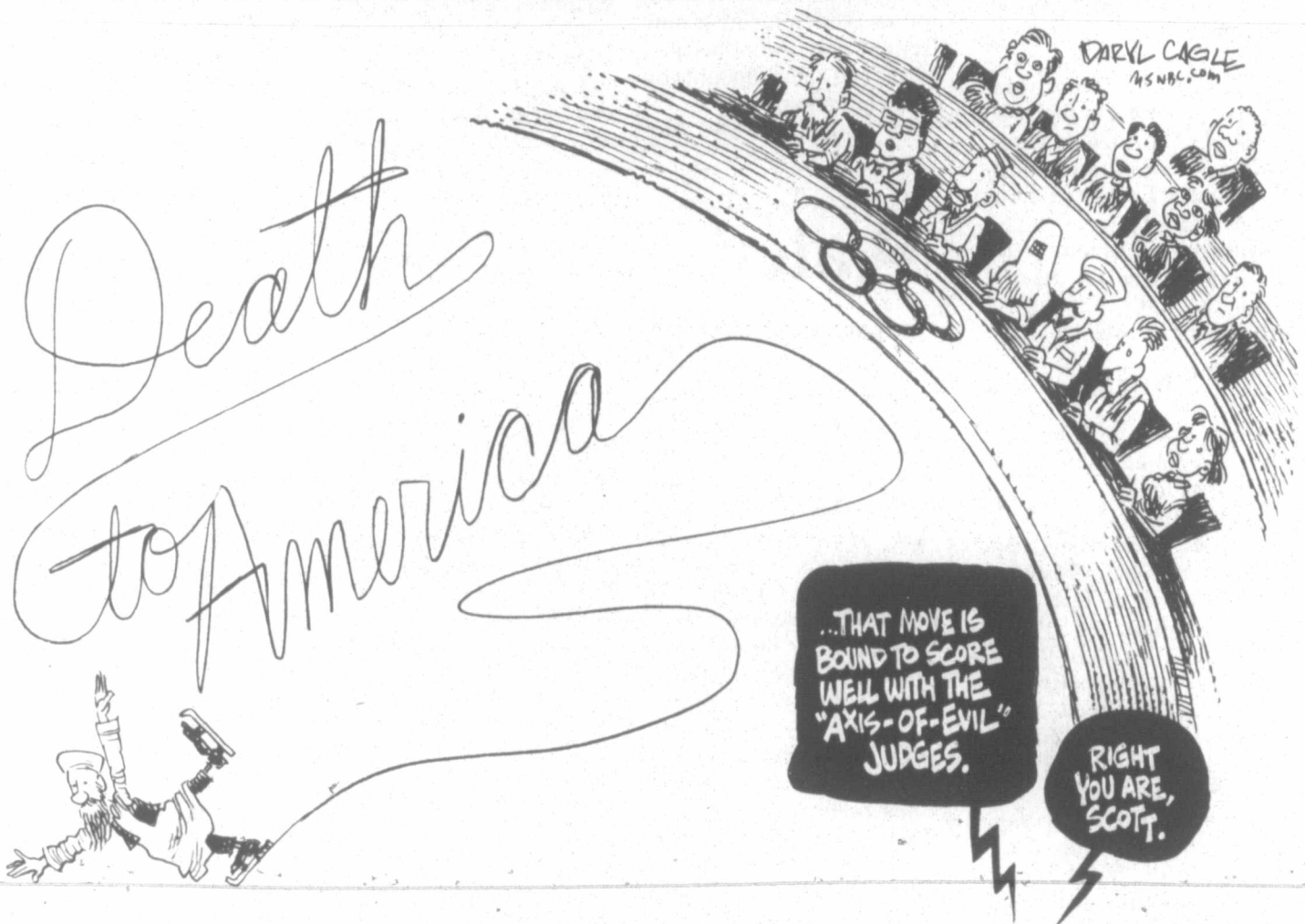
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State pride goes deep for Texas natives

People learn quickly when someone is from Texas, usually right after they learn that person's name. We're proud to introduce ourselves as Texans. It is a badge of honor we wear with pride, and it is as much a part of our identity as any other element of our background.

I meet a lot of non-Texans who just do not fully appreciate what it means to be a Texan. I explain to them that Texas pride is more than just a phrase. We are proud of our heritage because it reveals a lot about our character and vision. Our early fight for independence says something important about who we are today.

Texas's march toward freedom became an all-out stampede on March 2, 1836, with a declaration of independence from Mexico. Texas residents were no longer willing to live under Mexican rule, and they were determined to do whatever it took to establish self-governance.

A 54-member delegation signed the original declaration, including my great-great-grandfather — Charles S. Taylor. The signers of the

Texas declaration, like those who signed the American Declaration of Independence in 1776, risked their lives and families when they took that bold step. Since Texas was Mexican territory, they were considered traitors, but the threat of death did not stop them because they were willing to pay any price for the freedom of Texas.

In the battle for independence, Gen. Sam Houston and the Texas Revolutionary Army defeated Santa Anna and his Mexican forces in less than two months. While victory was achieved at the battle of San Jacinto, the siege of the Alamo was a defining moment for the spirit of Texas. Though the Texas army suffered a defeat in San Antonio, their courageous stand gave Gen. Houston valuable time to marshal his forces at San Jacinto.

Col. William Barret Travis commanded the badly outnumbered Texas forces, who fought valiantly until the bit-

ter end against a Mexican army that outnumbered them at least 10-to-1. Despite overwhelming odds, Col. Travis swore in a letter to the "People of Texas and All Americans in the World" that "I shall never surrender or retreat."

He closed the letter with the promise, "I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a

soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country — victory or death." In the end, this heroic group of 189 Texans inflicted nearly 600 casualties on Santa Anna's Mexican forces. To this day, their valiant stand is a model for schoolchildren of how to remain brave in the face of adversity.

Word of the Alamo spread quickly throughout the state, rallying Texans behind the fight for independence. Just over six weeks later, the war was over, with Texas standing tall and victorious at the battle of San Jacinto — but

not before another group of brave Texans gave their lives for the cause.

At the battle of Coleto, a group of Texas soldiers led by James W. Fannin were overwhelmed, and he surrendered his command to Mexican forces according to the customs of war. After his troops were disarmed and had peacefully entered Mexican custody, Santa Anna gave an order to execute them, and all 342 men were lost at Goliad.

This massacre only cemented the determination of Texans to not rest until victory was achieved. Anything less would dishonor the memory of the men who had already paid the ultimate price fighting for Texas. When Gen. Houston's 900-member force overpowered Santa Anna and his 1,300-man army to end the war at San Jacinto, the soldiers cried "Remember the Alamo! Remember Goliad!" in the name of those who had fallen.

Today, Texans are still aware of the debt we owe to those

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Republics sing and empires go to the dogs

If you watched the hearings on Hurricane Katrina and the hearings on the fate of whistle-blowers on C-SPAN, then three words come to mind: "incompetence," "cover-up" and "denial."

Those of us who are of a libertarian bent have been arguing for years that government is inherently incompetent and inefficient. Only a government could have 11,000 empty trailers sitting in Arkansas while at the same time it evicts thousands of homeless people from hotels and motels.

Only a government would tell the team in charge of

testing the security at nuclear-weapons facilities that it must notify the facility in advance of the test. Even so, 50 percent of the time the test-terrorists succeeded. The response of the Department of Energy was to demote the man who led the team and try to publicly discredit him.

I often liken government to a mentally retarded giant. It is immensely powerful but basically incapable of doing

any but the simplest of tasks. People have been teaching reading for more than 5,000 years, but our government schools seem to find the task

very daunting. The Romans built roads that are still around, while our governments seem to build roads that pothole within a year.

I heard some fool of a bureaucrat recently spouting off about how "new" forms of warfare compel us to restructure our thinking and

our forces. This young man, who looked like he was not that long out of the university, apparently believes that guerrilla warfare began in Baghdad in the year 2003. Guerrilla warfare — or, to use the bureaucratic term, "asymmetrical warfare" — has existed for millennia. The guy has apparently never heard of Robin Hood and Sherwood Forest, much less read any of the classic texts on war. The American Indians employed asymmetrical warfare for 300 years.

It's scary how stupid some federal officials appear to be.

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Charley Reese

Columnist

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your recent letters regarding domestic violence bring important attention to the dangers of this problem. Unfortunately, every year thousands of Americans lose loved ones to this terrible epidemic, and most are left wondering what they could have done to prevent it. Too often we assume that violence happens only to other people -- people of a different race or culture, people who live in a different community, or people in a different type of relationship. But domestic violence does not discriminate. It can touch everyone -- through friends, co-workers and family members who are suffering silently without our even knowing it. Many of us also know abusers -- people who may seem charming and likable on the surface but cause fear, self-doubt, pain, even death, to those they claim to love. Recent studies show that as many as one-third of teens experience abuse in a dating relationship. And, more than half of teens say they know friends who have been physically, sexually or verbally abused. The need for early intervention to change these shocking statistics is clear. We must reach out to youth and talk openly and often about these issues so we can help them to avoid the terrible sorrow felt by families and others who are victims of abuse. Each of us has the right to a safe and healthy relationship free from violence, coercion and fear. -- **JESSICA ARONOFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BREAK THE CYCLE**

DEAR JESSICA: Thank you for an important letter. I hope it grabs the attention it deserves from teens and their parents. Your statement that as many as one-third of teenagers experience abuse in a dating relationship, and more than half of them have friends who have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused, will shock many people, I am sure. Readers, Break the Cycle provides domestic violence

education, information and help to students ages 12 to 24 throughout the country. It teaches what healthy relationships are and helps them to recognize the warning signs of abuse. Break the Cycle lets them know that help is available if they are suffering or in danger, and shows them that they deserve safe, supportive, non-violent relationships. There are opportunities for interested people to help in this endeavor. To find out more about this worthwhile program, log onto www.breakthecycle.org, or call toll-free at 1-888-988-8336 (TEEN). I have supported Break the Cycle in the past, and continue to do so, because the earlier young people learn to differentiate between healthy relationships and obsessive, destructive ones, the healthier our society will be.

DEAR ABBY: I am confused about my sexual orientation. I am an 18-year-old girl. Although I encounter a lot of attractive guys at work, I don't find myself attracted to any of them. I do think that they are handsome, but I never, ever get that "butterflies in the stomach" feeling that my friends describe to me. At the same time, I am pretty sure I am not a lesbian. Is there something wrong with me? Could I be asexual? Is there any way this can be diagnosed? -- **CONFUSED IN NEVADA**

DEAR CONFUSED: I hate to see you diagnose and label yourself. It is possible that you have simply not met the right person yet. Real life is not the way it's presented in movies and music videos, where the hero and heroine are struck by lightning and carried away at first encounter. Give it one more year, and if you still feel there is something missing, discuss it with your doctor. Sexuality is a matter of degree, and no two people are exactly alike.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Sports Day

A perfect start to the season

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Pampa 17, Estacado 11

If you are going to host an inaugural baseball tournament, you might as well win it. First year head coach Clay Wilson and his 2006 Pampa Harvesters did just that, claiming the first ever Cavalier Classic high school baseball tournament over the weekend.

And if we can take anything away from how Pampa played, it would be that the Harvesters can hit and score runs.

Consider this — Pampa opened the tournament with a 22-0 win over Dalhart Friday. They followed that up with a 9-4 win over Perryton, and a 23-1 win over West Texas High.

54 runs in three games while allowing just five. Yikes!

Things were a little closer on Saturday. Pampa defeated Caprock 6-1, setting up a title game with Lubbock Estacado. Interestingly, the two schools will meet Tuesday night in another title game. This

one will be played with a basketball though.

The Matadors opened up a 6-2 lead over Pampa after two innings Saturday. The Harvesters would bounce back in the top of the third, scoring six runs. They added five more the following inning and three in the fifth to win going away.

Jake Craig was the winning pitcher of record (1-0) for the Harvesters, who went undefeated (5-0) in the tournament, which also marked the start of the season.

Weston Teichmann and Tyson Hickman had a pair of doubles. Brett Ferrell and James Coffee also had doubles. Hickman also had a home run in the game.

"Field of Dreams" T-shirts commemorating the tournament are still available for \$10. Call 665-6689 or 665-4242.

Pampa takes to the field again Tuesday when the Harvesters host Coach Wilson's former team, the River Road Wildcats. First pitch is set for 4 p.m.

The freshman team is at PD today at 4:30. The JV team opens the season this afternoon at 4:30 in Perryton.



Courtesy photo

The Pampa Harvesters baseball team is all smiles following Saturday's win over Lubbock Estacado for the Cavalier Classic title. Pictured are (L-R), front row- Assistant coach Clint Allen, Keenan Davis, Alex Torres, Shavious Kelley, Madison Wilson and head coach Clay Wilson. Back row- Brett Ferrell, Dylan Henley, Robbie Dixon, Jake Craig, Weston Teichmann, James Coffee, Tyson Hickman and Brady Eakin.

Harvesters hold own in tough tourney

The Harvester Tennis team competed in the Eagle Tennis Tournament in Canyon Friday and Saturday.

The tournament was flighted and included Hereford, Randall, Canyon, Borger, Dumas, Amarillo High, Palo Duro, and Pampa.

Pampa coach Emily Laurence said, "This proved to be a difficult tournament for our team. Our team is struggling in some areas but hopefully we can pull it together by the time our district tournament comes around."

"On the other hand," Laurence continued, "we did have some players do very well in the tournament. I was very proud of my three seniors, Myca Vinson, Ashlee Lucas, and Deschna Afram. Myca played what could have been a tough first round match in singles, but she was determined to win and did just that. All of the seniors play provides good leadership on the court."

Pampa will compete in the Palo Duro Open Friday and Saturday in Amarillo.

Varsity Results.

Girls Singles

Myca Vinson-2nd place

Def. Berkley Peeples (Canyon) 7-6 (7-4),

6-2 Def. Emily Mountain (Randall) 6-0, 6-1

Lost to Michelle Hood (Amarillo High)

3-6, 1-6

Ashlee Lucas-4th place

Def. Christy Phommassak (Palo Duro) 6-

3, 6-1

Lost to Katy Turnbow (Amarillo High)

Lost to Addyson Woodrum (Dumas) 5-7,

2-6

Kourtney Farmer-5th place

Lost to Sarah McAfee (Canyon)

Def. Jessica De La Cruz (Hereford) 8-3

Def. Jessica Novak (Amarillo High) 8-2

Maegan Patterson-8th place

Lost to Mandi Dodson (Amarillo High)

Lost to Linda Truong (Palo Duro) 2-8

Lost to Joscelyn Rogers (Hereford) 2-8

Deschna Afram-3rd place

Def. Sandi Kramer (Borger) 6-1, 6-2

Lost to Hannah Fordham (Canyon) 3-6,

0-6

Def. Cindy Hoang (Palo Duro) 3-6, 4-6

Sammie Pereira-2nd place

Def. Meme Siphaphon (Palo Duro) 6-3,

6-4

Def. Alexa Jackson (Amarillo High)

Lost to Jennifer Bass (Canyon) 0-6, 1-6

Katie O'Neal-5th place

Lost to Lyhan Wang (Amarillo High) 1-

6, 4-6

Def. Sarah Paulsell (Borger) 4-8

Def. Brittney Shea (Randall) 3-8

Boys Singles

Michael Foreman

Lost to Heath Cochran (Dumas) 1-6, 6-7

(5-7)

Def. Steven Davis (Randall) 8-6

Tyler Morris-8th place

Lost to Narendra Abhanykar (Amarillo

High) 4-6, 1-6

Lost to Jade Green (Dumas) 4-8

Lost to Brad McKenzie (Randall)

Kevin Frels-8th place

Lost to Shawn Hodge (Canyon) 0-6, 1-6

Lost to Mykey Warren (Randall) 4-8

Lost to Tom Paxton (Borger) 0-8

Lost to Landon McNeely-6th place

Lost to P.J. Hernandez (Here.) 3-6, 2-6

Def. Cody Pepper (Borger) 9-8 (7-3)

Lost to Issac Olive (Randall) 8-1

Def. Taylor Martin (Randall) 8-6

Def. Brandon Leinen (Hereford) 8-3

Def. Haley Acker/Tanna Stowers-6th place

Lost to Minboupah/Phommassak (PD) 4-

6, 4-6

Def. Schafer/Brame (Borger) 8-6

Lost to Mountain/Wright (Randall) 2-8

Def. Myca Vinson/Ashlee Lucas-1st place

Def. Rogers/DeLa Cruz (Hereford) 6-3,

6-0

Def. Truong/Hoang (Palo Duro) 6-0, 6-1

Def. Wright/Fordham (Canyon) 6-3, 6-3

Def. Kourtney Farmer/Maegan Patterson-

3rd place

Def. Payne/Fuentes (Hereford) 6-0, 6-1

Lost to Lint/Phothisen (Dumas) 4-6, 7-5,

7-6(7-4)

Def. Shea/Owings (Randall) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4

Def. Tyler Morris/Kevin Frels-8th place

Lost to Green/Wilhelm (Dumas) 1-6, 1-6

Lost to Granados/Bullard (Hereford) 4-8

Lost to Milner/Allen (Borger) 1-8

Def. Michael Foreman/Landon McNeely-

5th place

Lost to Paxton/Haggard (Borger) 6-1, 6-

7(6-8), 6-7(5-7)

Def. Brown/Hernandez (Hereford) 8-2

Def. Olive/Martin (Randall) 8-1

Def. Mixed Doubles

Def. Deschna Afram/Jack Ware-4th place

Def. Leinen/Gavina (Hereford) 7-6(11-

9), 6-3

Lost to Baird/Sisemore (Amarillo High)

1-6, 3-6

Lost to Mixaydy/Sihaphon (Palo Duro)

5-7, 4-6

Lady Harvesters take two in Lubbock

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Coach Bobbi Gill said she wanted to make the trip to Lubbock Saturday count, so she scheduled games with both Frenship and Cooper.

Pampa took both.

Said Coach Gill, "We had very good offensive games Saturday. The defense was a little shaky at times, but we held on to the win. I am pleased with the progress at this point in the season and looking forward to the Burk Burnett Tournament this weekend."

Gill and her team will host Borger Tuesday at Lady Harvester field. First pitch at 4 p.m.

Pampa 12, Frenship 11

The meeting with the Lady Tigers was a tough one, with Pampa edging Frenship, 12-11. Nicole started the game in the circle, giving up four hits in two innings. Cassy Tice closed the game, allowing five hits while getting three strikeouts.

Stats

Callie Cobb- Three runs, two doubles, a home run, four RBI

Stephanie McVay- One run, one RBI
Cassy Tice- One run, one home run, three RBI

Nicole Clark- One run, one hit
Logan Winkelman- One run, one hit
Kelby Doughty- One run, two hits
Jackie Gerber- One run, one single, one triple, two RBI

Meredith Coutts- One hit
Kambra Jimenez- Two runs, one single, one triple, two RBI

Pampa 12, Lubbock Cooper 0

Tice pitched six 6 innings against the Lady Cougars, giving up just two hits while logging six K's.

Stats

Callie Cobb- One double, one triple, two runs, three3 RBI

Stephanie McVay- Two singles, two runs, one RBI

Cassy Tice- One triple, one run, one RBI

Nicole Clark- One home run, one single, one run, two RBI

Lauren Winkelman- One single, one home run, two runs, four RBI

Kambra Jimenez- One single, one run

Whitney Wichert- One single, one run

Soccer teams fall to Randall; JV tennis dual set for today

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Soccer

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters hosted an always tough Randall program at the Harvester Soccer Complex Saturday.

The girls fell to the Lady Raiders, 3-1. The boys — who entered the game riding a 3-game win streak — lost to Randall, 3-0.

Both teams will travel to Borger Tuesday. Games will begin at 5 p.m.

JV Tennis

The Pampa High School JV tennis team will host Borger today in a dual. Matches will begin at 4.

Pampa competed at the Dumas Quad Thursday. Results from that event will be in Tuesday's Sports Day.

ARE WE THERE YET?

Seminole really is in Texas

Seminole. According to Rand-McNally, it is small city located near the base of the border shared by West Texas and eastern New Mexico.

However, drive to Seminole from Pampa and before you arrive, you will feel as though you need a passport. I wondered if I was supposed to stop and convert my money into some other currency.

It is a long drive. Long enough that by the time I got there late Friday afternoon, I was ready for a recording contract. I had the high-way karaoke thing going

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor

on big-time. Look, anytime I have to stop more than once to tend to personal issues, it is a long trip. Friday's ride required two stops.

The reason for the trip of course, was the area championship basketball playoff game between Pampa and El Paso Ysleta. And I felt it incumbent upon me as the sports editor for the local newspaper to be there.

I called Seminole High School as I approached Lubbock on south I-27 to confirm directions. "It's easy," said the lady I spoke with. "Just keep on coming south and turn right at the first light here in Seminole." Filled with confidence, I stayed my course.

An hour later, I realized I wasn't seeing any of the little towns she said I would. There was no Brownfield. There was no Seagraves. There was a Tahoka and a Lamesa.

Panicked, I called the house and had my wife double check me. "I don't see Seminole from where you are," she said. "Hold it. OK, go to Lamesa and turn right on 180 and that should take you to Seminole." Always trust the wife.

Anytime I pull into a small-town for the first time, in order to find the high school, the first thing I look for is stadium lights. This usually gets me there. At the very least, near some one who can point me in the right direction.

Lights spotted, I made for the school.

To my surprise, a couple of turns led me to a giant gym-like building with "Seminole" written in huge letters across the front. Strangely, there were no buses. "There should be more cars than this" I thought to myself. I parked the car, went to the door only to find it locked. I noticed some people entering a building across the parking lot and set sail to find out where the game was being played.

I entered the building only to find I had barged in on a wedding rehearsal. Like a deer caught in the headlights, I stood there.

Team send-off

The Pampa High School basketball booster club has organized a team send-off for the Harvesters who will travel to Canyon High School Tuesday to meet Lubbock Estacado in a 4A regional quarter-final playoff game.

One guy looked at me and asked, "Are you looking for something?" "This will sound stupid," I replied. "I am looking for a basketball game." He smiled, assured me I wasn't stupid and pointed me in the right direction. See, the stadium light thing works every time.

I pulled into the parking lot relieved to see the familiar Pampa High School bus. Donny Hooper and Sam White pulled in at the same time. We entered and made for the ticket table. Normally, I just flash my media badge or say "I'm with the Pampa News" and enter. Not this night.

The woman manning the table said she was told only media with proper ID were allowed to enter. But the ID she was asking for was

more akin to a coach's association than Texas media. We all had what she was really asking for, but none of us brought it. Not sure about Hooper and White, but mine was in my car which was in Amarillo. I was using a loaner.

I finally excused myself, walked into the gym, found PHS athletic director Dick Dunham and flagged him over. "We need your help dad," I said with a smile. Dunham assured the lady we were who we said we were. She then authorized hand stamps for all. Hey, five bucks is five bucks.

As I took my place on the floor of the gym, Hooper and White set up shop somewhere near Heaven. Where they had to do the game from almost required tower clearance.

Not more than 90 minutes later, all I had been through was rewarded with an amazing performance by the Pampa Harvesters basketball team which eliminated Ysleta 89-60, winning the area championship and another golden basketball trophy.

And you know something? The drive home didn't seem nearly as long.

Special Thanks

I want to thank Bill Allison for the use of one of his vehicles Friday. Bill hooked me up with a nice little Ford Taurus that took a lot of the edge off the long drive. Thanks Bill. I really appreciate it. And good luck on the links this week.

Iron Man Award

Brody Smith. The Pampa High senior has to be in some kind of shape. He played soccer at Caprock Wednesday, where he scored a goal. There is a lot of running in soccer. He made the trip with the basketball team Friday and got into the game late. They do some running in basketball, too. Then, he played soccer against Randall Saturday. I bet he slept good Sunday.

The team is expected to board the bus in front of McNeely Field House at 4 p.m. and will be escorted out of the city by the fire department.

The game is set to start at 7:30.

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1327 Charles	\$39,900	3/1/1 Det. - 1120 SF/GCAD
1221 N. Russell	\$35,500	2/1/1 - 1131 SF/GCAD
1604 Hamilton	\$19,900	3/1/1 - 1260 SF/GCAD
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623 Roberto	\$28,500	2/1/1 - 845 SF/GCAD
2221 N. Sumner	\$22,100	3/1/1 - 1064 SF/GCAD
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2-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Saturday's Cryptquote: WHEN YOU HAVE AN ELEPHANT BY THE HIND LEGS AND HE IS TRYING TO RUN AWAY, IT IS BEST TO LET HIM RUN. — ABRAHAM LINCOLN

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006:

Direct your energy well this year. You might not always have the right reasons or explanations, but your intuition is right-on. Somehow, you know what to do and when to do it. Follow your sixth sense this year. Give yourself permission to express your more creative and dynamic side. Your ability to identify with others starts coming forward. You'll look at life very differently as a result. Your understanding could be an enormous comfort to others. If you are single, you exude an immense amount of animal magnetism. As a result, you will have many suitors and options to choose from. Have fun! If you are attached, remember that you need to work together as a team. Don't lose sight of this fact. PISCES triggers your imagination, as if you need it!

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average

Pride

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who died in the fight for independence. Because of our gratitude for their sacrifice, we guard our freedoms fiercely.

Santa Anna's capture was met with calls for his execution in retribution for his heinous actions during the war. However, Gen. Houston did not extract vengeance on his Mexican counterpart; instead he showed generosity after his great victory. Such magnanimity is also a trait that defines the Texan character.

For his leadership during the revolution, Sam Houston was elected as the first president of the Republic of Texas, and he established March 2 as Texas Independence Day in 1842 during his second term as president. As we celebrate our past, the legacies of revolutionaries such as Sam Houston and William Barret Travis continue to inspire Texans today, just as they did many years ago in the fight for Texas' independence.

Reese

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Laissez-faire government is not only the best form of government, it is essential, because once you ask government to do more than guard the coast and deliver the mail, it will start messing up. Billions of dollars have been given to the National Institutes of Health, yet the NIH has not found a cure for one single disease — not even the common cold. If the Food and Drug Administration is so good a watchdog, then why do nearly 100,000 Americans die every year from prescription drugs?

Congress ought to change our national motto from "In God We Trust" to "Oops, Our Mistake."

Read the Constitution. It was written to be understood by common, ordinary people. Lawyers didn't have a stranglehold on the country in those days. Read it and you will plainly see that the federal government was to play a very limited role in governance. James Madison, one of its authors, said that in time of peace, the federal role would be about 5 percent. The genius of our federalist system, which we have scrapped, was that it allowed the states to experiment. It is the state governments that are closest to the people and therefore should do the bulk of legislating.

Let's face it, we are poorly governed, and that is not a partisan statement. Sometimes I think the best thing the Republicans have going for them are the Democrats, and vice versa. Most Americans don't understand what extreme danger we are in, not only economically, but also because of the failed strategy in the so-called war on terror.

The \$7 trillion public debt and the outrageous trade imbalance bode ill for our future, and the only way you can eliminate terrorism is to correct the injustices that cause it in the first place. Furthermore, for a country that cannot govern itself properly to be constantly telling other countries how they should handle their internal affairs borders on the absurd.

The Founding Fathers gave us laissez faire at home and isolationism abroad. We have abandoned both and, alas, are paying the price for doing so. Just remember, republics sing and empires suck.

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

Amarillo workshop to aid school board candidates

AMARILLO — Area school board candidates and interested residents can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop on Thursday at the Region 16 Education Service Center, 5800 Bell.

The workshop will provide interested community members and

individuals thinking about running for the board with a better understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a local trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include

what it's like to be a trustee, key responsibilities of the board, division of authority with staff, how to campaign constructively, and where to find more information. Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced

school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop, call Tanya Barnett at TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6248, or check the TASB Web Site at www.tasb.org/candidates for other dates and locations.

'Best Smile'



Pampa Nursing Center Activity Director Jodie Jones recently presented Dorothy Crump with a plaque honoring her as the center's resident with the "Best Smile."

Port security squabble heads for new review

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration will conduct a highly unusual second review of potential security risks in a business deal it previously approved for a United Arab Emirates-based company to take over significant operations at six leading U.S. ports.

The new, 45-day investigation is aimed at averting an impending political showdown as Congress returned to Washington today from a weeklong break.

"We think this is a good middle ground that has been found," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, who helped negotiate the plan, quickly recommended that lawmakers wait for the outcome before acting on legislation to delay or block the deal. Frist, R-Tenn., said he expects oversight hearings to continue this week.

In six pages of legal documents sent Sunday to the White House, Dubai-based DP World offered to submit to a second, broader investigation of its plans to run shipping terminals in New York, New Jersey, Baltimore, New Orleans, Miami and Philadelphia.

The Treasury Department, which governs the U.S. review panel, said it would accept DP World's extraordinary offer once the company formally filed its request for one. It said the same government panel will reconsider the deal that it earlier had agreed unanimously posed no national security concerns.

Some senators, led by Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said they still intend to introduce legislation Monday to block the deal pending a 45-day review and to require congressional approval before DP World can conduct business in the United States. Under existing law, Congress effectively has no role considering deals.

Bush has pledged to veto any measure blocking the deal. "The president's position remains the same," McClellan said. After the review, it will be up to Bush to decide whether the deal takes effect.

Schumer said Monday he is skeptical of the review panel's ability to evaluate the deal, saying the panel has been more focused on economic development rather than national security.

"The bottom line is this group did a very cursory review" when it approved the deal, Schumer said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

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