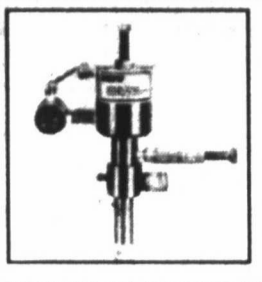


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Drug task force dissolves: Now what?

BY DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland said he wants to wait until the dust settles before he makes any decision with regard to the post-narcotics task force law enforcement world.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner plans to make a report on the drug task force status to the Pampa City Commission at their 5 p.m. meeting today.

The Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force is being dissolved as part of the settlement of a lawsuit in connection with a 1999 drug bust in Tulia.

The now-discredited drug bust, in which 46 people were arrested based on accusations by undercover officer Tom Coleman, was a task force operation. After Coleman was charged with perjury in connection with his testimony in the drug cases, Gov. Rick Perry pardoned 35 persons prosecuted in the case.

The same day the governor pardoned many of those convicted in the case, two women arrested in the operation filed suit against the 26 counties,

including Gray County, and three cities, including Pampa and Amarillo, that were members of the task force.

The City of Amarillo settled their part of the lawsuit earlier this month for \$5 million and a promise to disband the task force.

Negotiations are still on-going with the remaining entities involved in the lawsuit.

Gray County and the City of Pampa each have one narcotics task force officer funded by a federal grant, administered through the state. With the dissolution of the drug task force, that funding will apparently disappear.

Sheriff Copeland said that despite the disbanding of the task force, his office fully intends to continue their battle against drugs in Gray County.

"We're going to keep the heat on them," Copeland said.

Law enforcement officials from the counties and cities are expected to meet in Amarillo during the next few weeks to discuss what steps they may take with the dissolution of the task force.

"We'll be on our own," Copeland said.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)
 Capt. Tim Kirkwood, left, talks to Jerry Tomaschik, both of the Pampa Fire Department, during a break in a joint fire department-police department school on drugs given by a Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force agent. The three-day class is part of a cooperative effort between police officers and firefighters in dealing with meth labs and the hazardous materials associated with them. This is one of many services provided by the task force that will no longer be available when it dissolves.

Officials review ambulance service RFP

BY MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

City and county commissioners met in a joint session at 9 a.m. today to review a request for proposals for local ambulance service.

The request was formulated by members of a joint task force appointed by city and county commissioners after Rural/Metro Ambulance Service announced two weeks ago that it would be closing its

Pampa office July 14.

City and county officials met March 12 and agreed to create an eight-person task force, with four of those eight chosen by city commissioners and the other four by county commissioners.

Pampa City Attorney Don Lane this morning explained some concerns he has about wording in certain areas of the request, such as changing the word "may" to "shall."

Gray County Judge Richard

Peet said that County Attorney Josh Seaborn, who was not at this morning's meeting, had concerns on the amount of escrow which would be used in case of an ambulance service's sudden departure, in breach of contract.

Peet asked whether the joint commission and task force should require proposal presenters to attend a future meeting in person when their proposal is considered. Lane expressed concern over the

short amount of time available to give responders notice that their presence is needed. He added that City Public Works Director Richard Morris, who was not at this morning's meeting, had suggested having representatives of the top three interested organizations attend in person.

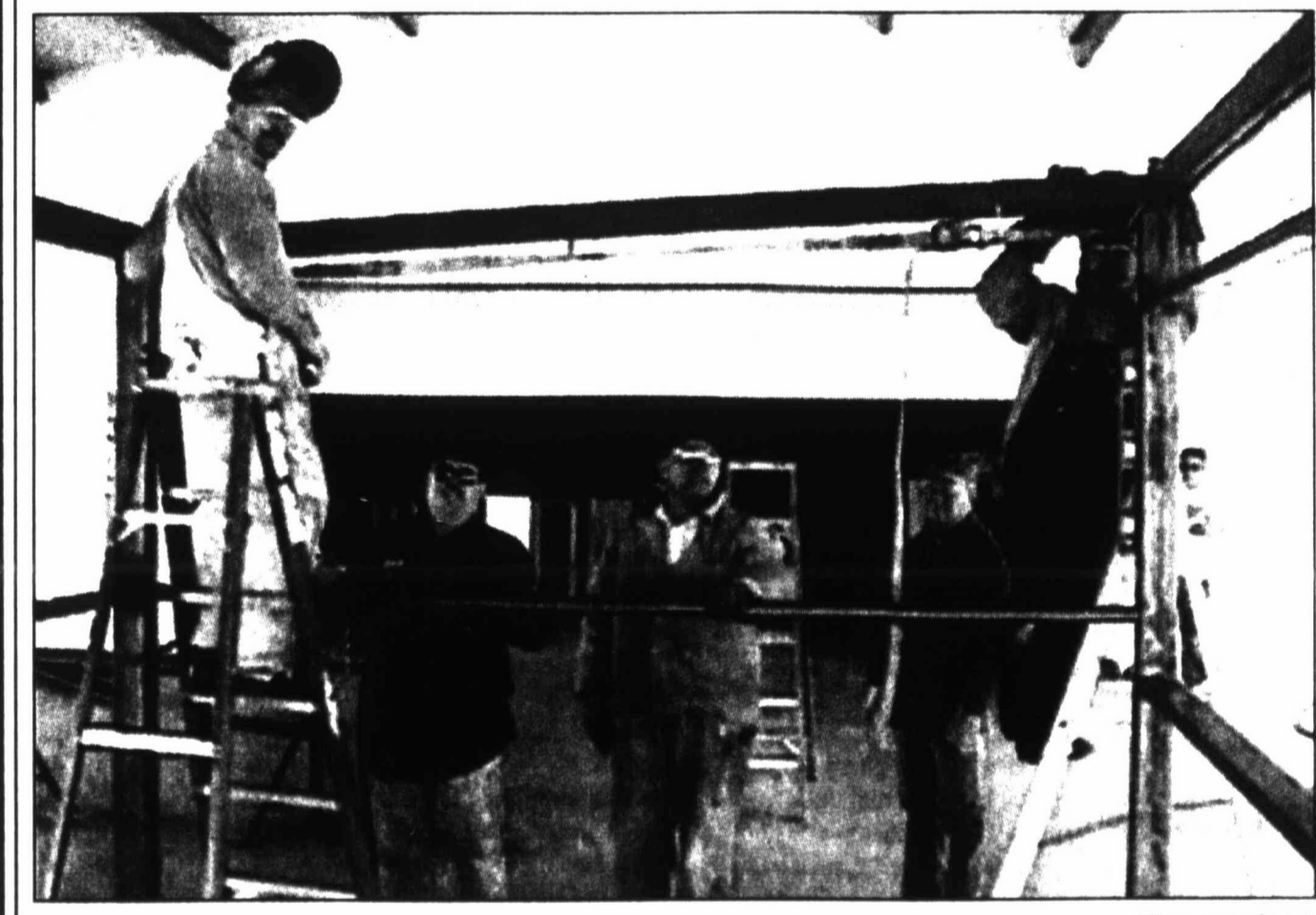
Commissioners voted to accept the request for proposals "subject to review by the city attorney," who said he can make clarifications to the pro-

posal during the bidding process, after the proposal has already been publicized.

The request will be published in local newspapers, including *The Pampa News* and the *Amarillo Globe-News*, as well as appearing on a website for emergency services companies which Peggy Coleman, of Rural/Metro Ambulance and the task force suggested. The advertisement seeking proposals will appear

(See AMBULANCE, Page 3)

Getting ready for rodeo



(Courtesy photo)
 Harry Tracy, Randy Stubblefield, Gerald Rasco, Ed Robinson and Mark Topper, left to right, members of the Top of Texas Rodeo Association board of directors, construct a new announcer stand to replace the old one that has been in service for more than 50 years. The new stand is being built under the Top of Texas Pavillion. After completion, the new stand will be moved by a crane to the Rodeo Arena and be in place for the next Top of Texas Rodeo.

PGWCD to vote on new rules

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors is expected to vote on their new rules Wednesday following a public hearing.

The water district will hold a public hearing on their revised rules beginning at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at their offices at 201 W. Third in White Deer.

The board will meet at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at the water district offices to vote on the rules. The period for written and phone comments ended March 16.

Under the new proposed rules, the district will limit the annual decline in the Ogallala Aquifer, which underlies most of the district, to 1.25 percent of 1998 levels.

The 1.25 percent allowable decline will serve as a trigger mechanism for the district's 50-50 rule. Under that rule, 50 percent of the water in storage in the aquifer must be left at the end of a 50-year period which started in 1998 when the rule was first adopted. The allowable annual decline will be recalculated every five years, according to C.E. Williams, general manager of the water district.

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ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Sunday, March 21

Michael D. Gerik, 46, 519 N. Frost, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of public intoxication.

Monday, March 22

Michael Arthur Flores, 17, 321 Henry, was arrested by Pampa police officers on municipal warrants charging him with driving while intoxicated, driving with a defective tail light and driving without a valid driver's license.

Robert Lee Leger, 21, Austin, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Donald Dewayne Johnson, 53, 312 1/2 Wells, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of assault causing bodily injury and injury to a child.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

Monday, March 22

A theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

There was an attempted break-in in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

A theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Donald Dwayne Johnson, 53, 312 1/3 N. Wells, was arrested on charges of injury to a child.

A vehicle in the 1000 block of Twiford sustained about \$200 in damages by vandals.

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The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		KMI	63.71	+0.01
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HAL	29.06	NS Grp	11.89	+0.11
Trud	31.40	New York Gold	417.25	
NOI	28.20	Silver	7.61	
		West Texas Crude	37.11	

CORRECTION

In an accident report published in the Monday, March 22, edition of *The News*, a 1990 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, owned by Philip Keith Taylor, 413 N. Lowry, was in collision with a gas meter owned by Atmos Energy in an alley in the 400 block of North Lowry.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, March 20

A parked 1998 Toyota owned by Kenneth Banard Benson, 1601 W. Somerville, was hit by a vehicle that left the scene of the accident.

Sunday, March 21

A 1996 Ford pickup driven by Colt Hall Cox, 18, 2122 N. Hamilton, was in collision with a 1998 Toyota driven by Virginia McNelly Martinez, 41, 956 W. Terry Road, about 2:20 p.m. Sunday at the intersection of Campbell and Osborne. Cox was cited for failure to maintain his lane of traffic.

Monday, March 22

A parked 1998 GMC pickup owned by Randall Paul Ellis, 816 Deane, was hit by a vehicle that left the scene.

FIRE

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

Monday, March 22

9:11 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision at Kentucky and Hobart streets. Firefighters assisted Rural/Metro Ambulance in preparing an injured person for transport to the hospital.

10:02 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at Pampa Regional Medical Center. The call was canceled before firefighters arrived.

6:29 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 2600 block of Rosewood. A cooking fire in the kitchen was out when fire vehicles arrived. Firefighters ventilated the house to clear it of smoke.

10:02 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 300 block of East Brown.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, March 22

9:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Hobart and Kentucky streets and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo, and transferred a patient to PRMC.

9 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Foster. No transport.

9:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of West Brown and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, March 23

6:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Government trustees weigh long-term cost of new Medicare law

WASHINGTON (AP) — Medicare's financial outlook is deteriorating because of the new prescription drug benefit and other changes that will swell costs to the program by more than \$500 billion over 10 years, analysts say.

An existing surplus built up by taxes on baby boomers is likely to start dwindling by the end of the decade just as they start retiring, said analysts across the political spectrum in anticipation of Tuesday's annual report by government trustees of the Medicare and Social Security programs.

"There will be a general worsening of the financial condition of Medicare," said Robert Moffitt, a Medicare expert at the conservative Heritage Foundation.

The trustees' report will give the first official estimates of the long-term costs of the Medicare law signed by President Bush in December. It likely move up the insolvency date for the health care program for the elderly, perhaps by several years, analysts predict.

Government officials have been predicting for years that the retirement insurance and health care funds for the elderly — both financed through payroll taxes — will be pushed toward insolvency as more post-World War II baby boomers reach 65.

Last year, Medicare's insolvency date was moved up to 2026 from 2030. The projected insolvency date for Social Security, on the other hand, was extended to 2042, one year later than what was forecast in 2002.

The 2003 report also projected that Medicare will have to begin dipping into its trust fund in 2013 to keep up with expenditures — three years sooner than what was predicted in 2002. The trustees said then that Social Security expenditures will start exceeding tax receipts for the program beginning in 2018.

Republicans pressed for the overhaul of Medicare last year to give private insurers a much larger role in the program as a way, Bush and others said, to control long-term costs.

But the government's own projections are that private managed care plans will cost taxpayers more than traditional Medicare for the foreseeable future.

Authorities: Convicted killer hangs

NEWTON, Texas (AP) — A man sentenced to life in prison for killing a 21-year-old woman apparently hanged himself in a hospital, southeast Texas law officers say.

Richard Derek Hoffpauir Jr. of Orange had been on suicide watch since his arrest in May. He apparently wounded himself Friday and was transferred from a state prison psychiatric unit in Jester to a Galveston hospital, said Newton County Chief Deputy Larry Folmar.

Folmar told the Beaumont Enterprise in Tuesday's editions that Hoffpauir, 22, appeared to have hanged himself at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

"Derek had a serious, serious mental problem from the whole time we were (dealing) with him and we knew that," Folmar said, adding that the diagnosis was bipolar disorder. "That's the reason he was not convicted of capital murder and given the death penalty."

Hoffpauir pleaded guilty in Newton County to capital murder in exchange for a life sentence. He was sentenced in August.

Christy Goodman, 21, of Mauriceville disappeared from her residence May 1. After fleeing in her car, Hoffpauir was captured May 5 near Benton, Ark. A week later, Goodman's body was found off a rural road in Newton County.

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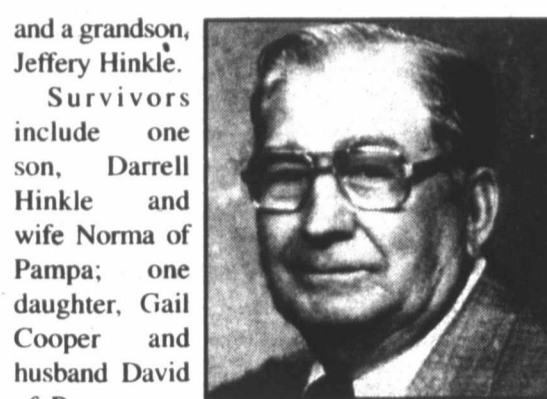
LLOYD L. HINKLE
1913-2004

Lloyd L. Hinkle, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, March 21, 2004, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2004, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of the Hobart Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hinkle was born June 17, 1913, at Port, Okla. He married Eunice Spears on Aug. 4, 1933, at Hollis, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1935, where he was employed by Cabot Corp. until 1948. The Hinkles farmed north of Canute, Okla., until 1958 when he returned to Cabot Corp. until his retirement in 1978.

He was a member and attended Hobart Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife Eunice on Feb. 4, 1998; a granddaughter, Karla Nelson;



and a grandson, Jeffery Hinkle. Survivors include one son, Darrell Hinkle and wife Norma of Pampa; one daughter, Gail Cooper and husband David of Pampa; one granddaughter, Jennifer Hinkle of Amarillo; and one great-granddaughter, Keziah Nelson of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

CATHERINE R. 'JEAN' ROGERS
1912-2004

NAPLES, Fla. — Catherine R. "Jean" Rogers, 91, formerly of Chevy Chase, Md., and Pampa, died Friday, March 19, 2004. Funeral and burial services are being arranged later this week in Naples.

Mrs. Rogers was born Oct. 6, 1912, to the late John and Agnes Daly of Tulsa, Okla. She graduated from St. Mary's College in South Bend, Ind., and was an active member of Congressional Country Club, Washington Club and Garden Club.

She was married to the late Hon. Walter E. Rogers, a former U.S. Congressman from Pampa.

Survivors include her children, John Edward Rogers of New York City, N.Y., Walter Edward Rogers, Jr., Susan Rogers Healey and Thomas Kelly Rogers of the Washington, D.C., area, Robert Peter Joseph Rogers of Seely Lake, Mont., and Samantha Rogers Cutter of Boca Grande, Fla.; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

SERVICES TOMORROW

COOK, June Converse — Graveside services, 2:30 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

HINKLE, Lloyd L. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WEATHER FOCUS

LOCAL FORECAST

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 70s and south winds 20 to 30 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with lows in the mid 50s and south winds 20 to 30 mph, decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight. Wednesday should see partly cloudy skies. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower to mid 50s. South winds 10 to 15

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Studies: Pumping, drought double threat to springs

AUSTIN (AP) — Central Texas springs and the popular watering hole they feed are threatened by increased water demand that could slow the flow to a trickle during a severe drought, according to a new study by the agency managing the watershed.

The Barton Springs segment of the Edwards Aquifer, besides supplying the limestone-rimmed pool and providing drinking water to thousands of Austin area residents, also supports an endangered salamander.

Studies by the Barton Springs-Edwards Aquifer Conservation District have found the threat even worse than predicted by a 2001 computer model, suggesting that the agency may need to set limits on the total amount of water that can be pumped even in times of plentiful rain.

Development is still booming in southern Travis and northern Hays counties, with water

demand threatening to outstrip the ability of well owners to conserve enough water during droughts to protect the springs or neighborhood wells.

"When there's not a drought, there is plenty of water," Brian Hunt, a district hydrogeologist, told the Austin American-Statesman in Tuesday's online edition. "The question is: How much water can users cut back, from their permitted levels, during severe drought conditions?"

District board members plan to tackle such questions, perhaps revising permitting rules, after the Texas Water Development Board accepts the new studies. They were aided by an advisory board including representatives of the U.S. Geological Survey, the City of Austin and the University of Texas, and have been reviewed by scientists from other agencies including the Lower Colorado River Authority.

Total pumping in the aquifer's Barton Springs segment has increased about 15-fold since the 1950s, from less than 1 cubic foot of water per second to about 10 cubic feet per second. During the record drought of 1950-56, the water flow at Barton Springs dropped to a low of about 11 cfs, the new studies determined. That's about 2 cfs less than the 2001 model estimated.

With pumping up about 10 cfs since that drought, the studies confirmed that, without any drought-period pumping limits, the spring flow could now drop to 1 cfs or less, compared with the average spring flow of 53 cfs or about 400 gallons per second.

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Security sources: Israel will target entire Hamas leadership

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel will try to kill the entire leadership of Hamas without waiting for another attack by the militant group, security sources said Tuesday, citing a decision made by Israeli security chiefs following the assassination of Hamas' founder.

The killing of Sheik Ahmed Yassin on Monday threatened to escalate three and a half years of Israel-Palestinian fighting. Fearing revenge attacks, Israel beefed up security throughout the country and at its missions abroad.

Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians thronged the streets of Gaza City for Yassin's funeral procession Monday, and Hamas threatened punishing revenge attacks against Israel. It also hinted for the first time that

the United States could become a target for backing Israel.

Despite the outpouring of rage, Israeli security chiefs decided during a five-hour meeting Monday to step up targeted attacks, the security sources said, speaking on condition of anonymity. They said officials decided to go after the entire Hamas leadership, without waiting for another attack by the militant group.

A decision in principle on targeting top Hamas officials was first made last week by Israel's Cabinet, in response to a double suicide bombing on an Israeli seaport. In Monday night's session, the security chiefs reaffirmed the direction.

Late Monday, Hamas' leaders appeared in public at a mass mourning ceremony at Gaza's Yarmouk stadium, apparently believing that they

were safe in such a public setting. Hamas leaders often hide underground when tensions are high with Israel.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia headed to Gaza on Tuesday to pay his condolences to Hamas. He was to attend a ceremony at the stadium later in the day.

The Palestinian Authority declared three days of mourning and stores throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip were closed Tuesday. Hamas is the biggest rival to the authority, but Palestinian leaders treat the movement with respect because of its popularity.

Security chiefs are closely watching to see who fills the political vacuum caused by Yassin's death. At least initially, hardliner Abdel Aziz Rantisi, has emerged as a Hamas strongman. Rantisi, a 54-year-old pediatrician who

escaped an Israeli assassination attempt last June, opposes even a temporary truce with Israel.

Hamas, founded by Yassin in 1987, wants to destroy Israel and replace it with an Islamic state. Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz said Monday that Hamas killed 377 Israelis and wounded more than 2,000 in hundreds of attacks.

Ismail Hanieh, a top Yassin aide, said Hamas took a blow to morale, but would continue carrying out attacks on Israel. "Sheik Yassin's death is not going to harm or affect the movement. It's going to give us encouragement to go ahead with our program to achieve our goal," Hanieh said.

In the meantime, Israel has increased security both at home and abroad.

The assassination, which killed seven other people, received large support in

Israel, despite the belief that it will spark more violence. The Yediot Ahronot daily published a poll showing 60 percent of Israelis that killing Yassin was the right thing to do, while 32 percent thought it was wrong.

On the other hand, 81 percent of Israelis believe the assassination will lead to an increase in militant attacks, while 15 percent think it will have no impact and only three percent think it will lead to a decrease. The Dahaf poll had a margin of error of 4.4 percentage points.

"No one in the system, not even Sharon, believes that the assassination of the sheik will reduce the scope of terror. There is no strategy here: just bitter frustration and mounting difficulty to look the voters in the eye," wrote Yediot columnist Nahum Barnea.

Israeli media reported

Tuesday that Avi Dichter, the director of Israel's Shin Bet internal security service, had opposed Monday's airstrike.

The Maariv daily said Dichter favors waiting for Hamas leaders to gather together and killing them in one blow. It said he is concerned about revenge attacks each time a Hamas leader is targeted.

The attack drew widespread condemnation from Arab and European governments. The United States, Israel's closest ally, said it was "deeply troubled" by the assassination and urged restraint.

The killing was part of Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's effort to crush Hamas ahead of a possible Israeli withdrawal from Gaza. However, the killing was seen as a huge gamble that could galvanize the Palestinians behind Israel's arch-foe Hamas.

Sept. 11 commission issues preliminary report of investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a secret diplomatic mission, Saudi Arabia won a commitment from Afghanistan's Taliban rulers to expel Osama bin Laden in 1998, but the Taliban later reneged on the agreement, a federal panel said Tuesday.

The mission was among the most promising, yet ultimately fruitless, efforts by the United States to use diplomacy to stop al-Qaida in the years before the Sept. 11 attacks.

The independent commission reviewing the Sept. 11 attacks said in a preliminary report that the decision to use diplomatic rather than military options against al-Qaida allowed the Sept. 11 terrorists to elude capture years before the attacks.

The panel, known formally as the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, presented its findings as it began hearings with top-level Bush and Clinton administration officials. The aim was to question officials on their efforts to stop bin Laden in the years leading up to the attacks.

Secretary of State Colin Powell stressed administration efforts to fight terrorism — an implicit rebuttal to criticism in a recent book by President Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator, Richard Clarke, who is expected to testify Wednesday.

"President Bush and his entire national security team understood that terrorism had to be among our highest priorities and it was," Powell said.

In its report, commission staff described Saudi Arabia as "a problematic ally in combating

Islamic extremism" the report said, noting its lax oversight of charitable donations that may have funded terrorists.

Still, in spring 1998, the Saudi government successfully thwarted a bin Laden-backed effort to launch attacks on U.S. forces in that country.

The Clinton administration turned to the Saudis for help. Clinton designated CIA Director George Tenet as his representative to work with the Saudis, who agreed to make an "all-out secret effort" to persuade the Taliban to expel bin Laden.

Saudi intelligence chief Prince Turki bin Faisal, using "a mixture of possible bribes and threats," received a commitment from Taliban leader Mullah Omar that bin Laden would be handed over.

But Omar reneged on the agreement during a September 1998 meeting with Turki bin Faisal and Pakistan's intelligence chief.

"When Turki angrily confronted him Omar lost his temper and denounced the Saudi government. The Saudis and Pakistanis walked out," the report said.

The Clinton administration had early indications of terrorist links to Osama bin Laden and future Sept. 11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed as early as 1995, but let years pass as it pursued criminal indictments and diplomatic solutions to subduing them abroad, the commission's report said.

Bush officials, meanwhile, failed to act immediately on increasing intelligence chatter and urgent warnings in early 2001 by its counterter-

rorism adviser, Richard A. Clarke, to take out al-Qaida targets, according to preliminary findings by the commission reviewing the attacks.

"From the spring of 1997 to September 2001, the U.S. government tried to persuade the Taliban to expel bin Laden to a country where he could face justice," the report said. "The efforts employed inducements, warnings and sanctions. All these efforts failed."

Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright told the commission that President Clinton and his team "did everything we could, everything we could think of, based on the knowledge we had, to protect our people and disrupt and defeat al-Qaida."

The preliminary report said the U.S. government had determined bin Laden was a key terrorist financier as early as 1995, but that efforts to expel him from Sudan stalled after Clinton officials determined he couldn't be brought to the United States without an indictment. A year later, bin Laden left Sudan and set up his base in Afghanistan without resistance.

The hearing follows explosive allegations in Clarke's book. Clarke was Bush's former counterterrorism coordinator and a holdover from the Clinton administration.

He said that he warned Bush officials in a January 2001 memo about the growing al-Qaida threat after the Cole attack but was put off by national security adviser Condoleezza Rice, who "gave me the impression she had never heard the term (al-Qaida) before."

The commission's report Tuesday said Clarke

pushed for immediate and secret military aid to the Taliban's foe, the Northern Alliance. But Rice and her deputy, Stephen Hadley, proposed a broader review of the al Qaida response that would take more time. The proposal wasn't approved for Bush's review until just weeks before Sept. 11.

The 10-member commission had invited Rice to testify, but she has declined, with the White House citing separation of power concerns involving its staff appearing before a legislative body.

Other potential diplomatic failures cited by the commission:

- The United States in 1995 located Mohammed in Qatar. He was then a suspect in a 1995 plot to plant bombs on American airliners in Asia. FBI and CIA officials worked on his capture, but first sought a legal indictment and then help from the Qatari government, who they feared might tip Mohammed off. In 1996, Qatari officials reported Mohammed had suddenly disappeared.
- The U.S. government pressed two successive Pakistani governments from the mid 1990s to pressure the Taliban by threatening to cut off support. But "before 9-11, the United States could not find a mix of incentives or pressure that would persuade Pakistan to reconsider its fundamental relationship."
- From 1999 through early 2001, the United States pressed the United Arab Emirates, the Taliban's only travel and financial outlets to the outside world, to break off ties, with little success.

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for a couple of weeks, Peet said.

A pre-contract meeting of the task force will be April 5, Peet said, and all bids or proposals are due by April 29. Contract negotiations will begin after that date, and the task force and city and county officials hope to announce by July 1 that a new ambulance service is in place.

Peet will be contact person for any ambulance service which has questions about the request for proposals. The city and county will each pay 50 percent of the costs of advertising for proposals.

Members of the eight-person task force are Peet, Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley, Chuck White and Coleman, all appointed by county commissioners; and Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, Ward 4 City Commissioner Faustina Curry, Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell, and Tom Barton of Pampa Regional Medical Center, all appointed by city commissioners.

Peet explained that the task force is charged with finding an immediate solution to the problem of losing ambulance service on July 14. The task force is also responsible for considering and planning long-term solutions in the event that no proposals are accepted or in case the city and county wish to change the method of providing emergency medical services at a later date.

Europe's fight against terror impeded by standards, resources

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — The savage train bombings in Madrid have awakened Europeans to the danger of global terrorism. But a myriad of differing legal and cultural standards complicate Europe's ability to respond to the threat.

Since the March 11 attacks, which killed 190 people and injured more than 1,800 others, the 25 current and soon-to-be members of the European Union have been scrambling to shore up defenses against al-Qaida and other Islamic extremist movements believed active within Europe's large Muslim immigrant communities.

The Madrid carnage raised

alarm bells about security at this summer's European soccer championships in Portugal and the Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece.

Since the bombings, successive meetings of the bloc's police, justice and foreign ministers have produced pledges to improve cooperation among police and security services and to share information on extremist organizations which operate across the continent's borders.

EU heads of government are expected to sign off on those proposals when they meet here Thursday for a two-day summit.


Among other measures, EU

leaders are expected to agree to appoint an "anti-terrorism czar" to enhance coordination between police, judicial authorities and intelligence services, as well as boost efforts to dry up terrorist finances.

However, putting those plans in effect won't be easy on a continent where national borders have not entirely disappeared, despite all the moves toward integration in recent years.

Following the Madrid train bombs, the EU Commission criticized member states for among other things, not even agreeing to a common legal definition of terrorism.

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VIEWPOINTS

Reflecting on Iraq a year later

One year ago this March, American troops rolled into Baghdad and in a matter of days, wiped out a brutal regime that had governed Iraq with an iron fist for decades. Many Americans will recall the "shock and awe" campaign waged by the U.S. military that lit the skies of Baghdad in a brilliant display of the strength and precision of our Armed Forces. This one-year anniversary is a fitting time to appreciate the hope that now exists in the hearts of the Iraqi people.

The Terror Within

The gravest threat to the United States today is the potential cooperation between terrorist groups and rogue states developing or possessing weapons of mass destruction. Saddam Hussein was a threat to America and the world. He had a track record of unleashing terror. In 1988 he spewed forth a witches' brew of nerve agents, mustard gas and conventional weapons to kill 5,000 innocent Iraqi civilians - mostly women and children - in the town of Halabja. His wrath also frequently turned on his neighbors. In 1980 he invaded Iran leaving an estimated one million dead. A decade later his invasion of Kuwait killed at least 1,000.

This ticking time bomb defied the international community for 12 years and through 17 United Nations Security Council resolutions. Words alone would not stop this monster.

To date we have not found the stockpiles of weapons we anticipated, but we



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have found the capability to produce chemical and biological agents, including the scientists, technology and labs. Rather than let this threat fester and grow, the United States of America acted. Operation Iraqi Freedom removed a vicious enemy, and our nation - and the world - is more secure. Thanks to the skill and sacrifice of the U.S. military and our coalition partners, the threat has been eliminated and the Iraqi people are free and on a path to self-governance.

Iraqi Constitution

This March, members of the Iraqi Governing Council signed the Transitional Administrative Law for Iraq, an interim constitution for the country. The document sets in place a framework for the future and provides essential freedoms and civil rights for all Iraqis. It states in part,

"All Iraqis are equal in their rights without regard to gender, sect, opinion, belief, nationality, religion, or origin, and they are equal before the law. Discrimination against an Iraqi citizen on the basis of his gender, nationality, religion, or origin is prohibited. Everyone has the right to life, liberty, and the secu-

city of his person."

The inclusion of women's rights in the document is particularly significant, as Iraqi women have for generations been oppressed and denied basic rights. Ambassador Paul Bremer recently recalled the story of one Iraqi woman, Rajaa Khuzai, a 57-year-old mother of seven and one of three women on the Iraq Governing Council. In 1991, when Saddam Hussein sent Republican Guards to put down a rebellion in her town of Diwaniya, Rajaa was the only doctor left in her hospital. An obstetrician, she remembers performing more than 20 cesarean section births working alone by candlelight. With Iraq leaving behind its past under Saddam Hussein, women like Rajaa Khuzai will never again be left in the dark.

A Future

The next months and years are critical for Iraq's development. As we work to remove ourselves from the governance process and hand the reins over to the Iraqi people, we do so knowing the task at hand is great. Three decades of rule under a regime of murderers and torturers will not be easily forgotten or undone. The fledgling democracy has many challenges to overcome and the road ahead is not easy ... but for the first time in many years, the future of Iraq is no longer one of terror - it is one of promise. And a working democracy in the Middle East will begin to have effects on the whole region.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Where do we go from here?

To the editor:
 We have just celebrated another Black History Month, and I was wondering: where are we going from here? We had the controversy over the doors that were found during the renovation of the courthouse. What did it accomplish by having the doors removed? We still have drugs being sold on the street corners, we still have a problem of getting our youth to stay in school. I believe our focus are in the wrong place.

When I first heard about the doors, I was outraged, too. I went and talked to some of the people in the neighborhood, and they opened my eyes to the fact that the doors were a part of history that cannot be erased. They told me that they would like to take their children to see the doors so that they could see how far we have come from, that they do not have to sit in the back of a bus or go to the back of cafes to eat. The reason I am saying that we need to change our focus is because the same doors were there and the same flags that our leaders are fighting so hard to have removed, were there when Martin Luther King and the other civil right leaders were fighting against injustice. They knew just by getting doors removed or having flags taken down would not get integration or get our right to vote, or get our youth a better education. They had to focus on getting laws changed, and what ever it took to get the job done.

We need to get our priorities straight. We need to start doing for our youth what we have been waiting for someone else to do. We need to go to the school system and ask, "How can I help?" We need to set up some mentoring programs to help our youth pass the test. If you are good in math or any other subject, take the time and go to the school and volunteer some of your time to help some kid pass. We need to show some interest in our youth, show them that we care.

I went to a basketball game and I saw one or two black kids on the team. At half time they brought out what they said were the future of Pampa basketball. There was not one African-American kid on the floor. They have four or five basketball teams of third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade girls and boys and not a one of African-American descent.

We know just a few years ago the team that won the state basketball championship came through the Optimist Club. The Optimist Club is one of the greatest organization in developing our youth, and I am not only talking about sports. Remember this is my opinion. We need to get our youth involved in something else rather than staying on the street corners or just being idle with nothing to do. We can make a difference but we have to get involved. I am glad Mr. Nickelberry is running for the school board. That let me know, if he can try to make a difference, what can I do?

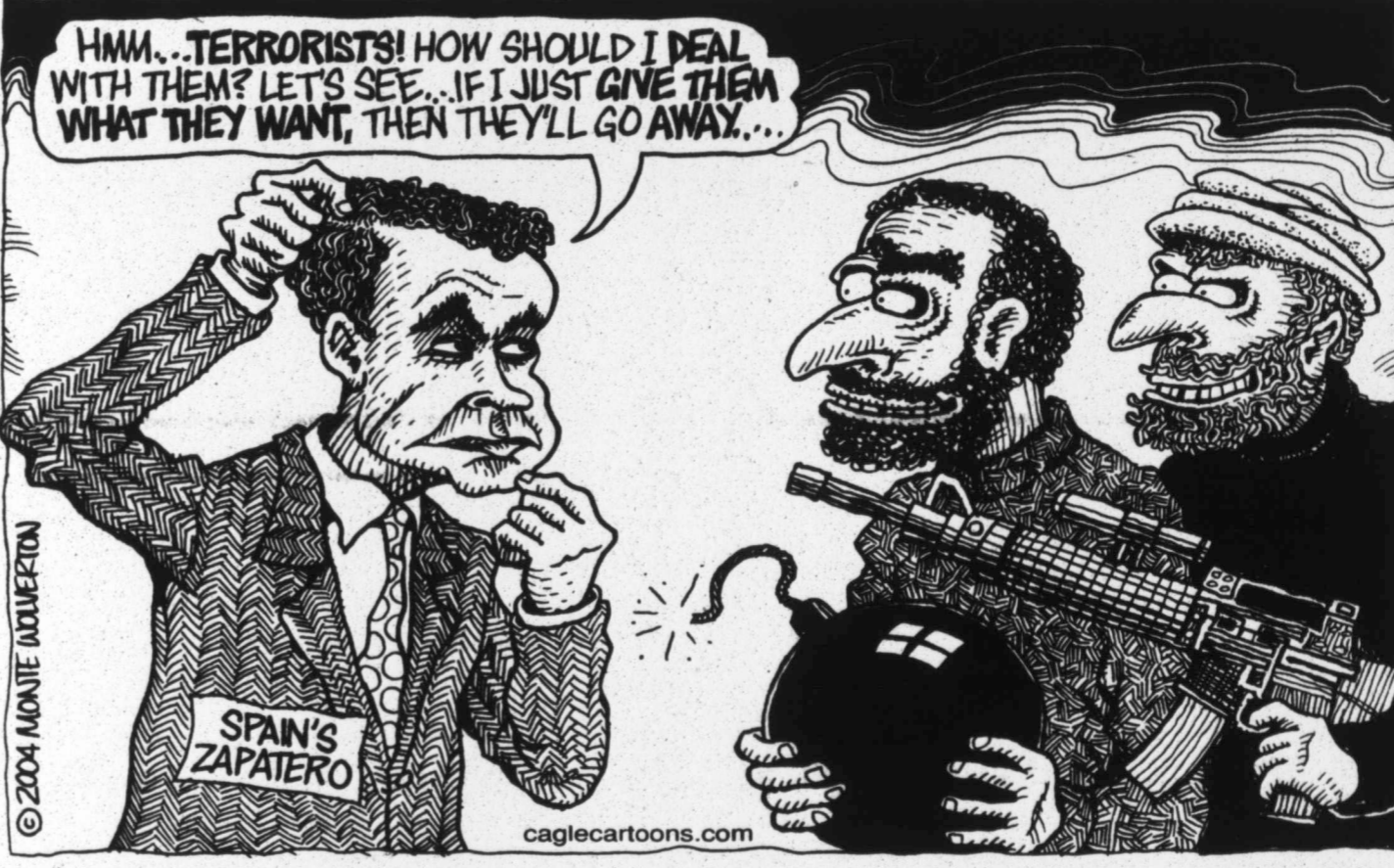
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Constitutional amendment not needed

From the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:
 The definition of marriage has been governed primarily by state law since the first days of codifying social mores in this country. Yet the present drive for a constitutional amendment is not the first time that the issue of marriage has risen to the federal level.

At one time in this nation's history, certain states banned interracial marriages. That changed when the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1967 that anti-miscegenation laws were an unconstitutional denial of equal protection.

Other states refused to recognize divorce decrees issued elsewhere. The Supreme Court acted again, ruling in Williams vs. North Carolina that states have to honor divorces granted in other states.

Marriage laws still differ from one state to the next within the broad context of federal constitutional protections.

Six states — Texas is not among them — and the District of Columbia still require blood tests before issuing marriage licenses. Waiting periods differ by state from the time that a license is issued to when the ceremony can legally take place — one reason for Las Vegas' popularity as a nuptial nirvana.

Some states require parental consent at a later age than others. Cousins can

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marry in some states.

The Defense of Marriage Act, overwhelmingly passed by Congress in 1996, recognizes the historical role of the states. That law bans federal recognition of same-sex marriages and allows states to disregard gay and lesbian marriages performed in other states. This law has yet to be tested in court.

In truth, the issue of civil rights for gays and lesbians probably already has been decided on the constitutional level. The Supreme Court's ruling in the landmark 1967 Loving vs. Virginia case declared that marriage is one of our "vital personal rights," the "freedom to marry" belongs to all Americans, and the right to marry is "essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by a free people."

The 14th Amendment's equal protection guarantee for all Americans means that every citizen of a majority age has a right to the same protections unless that person does something to forfeit that right. (Think convicted felon losing the right to purchase a firearm.)

And yet ...

The issue of extending the same rights to same-sex unions as opposite-sex unions has talk of a constitutional amendment banning such protections filling the hallways of companies, churches and classrooms.

It often comes down to a head-vs.-heart debate.

People who value the nation's democratic principles of equality for all citizens can intellectually construct a system that recognizes same-sex unions for purposes of property rights, health care benefits and inheritance decisions.

Those same people may struggle in their hearts when applying the word marriage, with all its religious significance, to a relationship between people of the same sex.

But to prevent any state, whatever the views of its residents, from dealing with same-sex unions is an over-reach by the federal government. California and Massachusetts already are deeply involved in working through the issue — and that is the proper venue.

A constitutional amendment is unnecessary. The fact that the idea is now enmeshed in the 2004 presidential campaign is not only unfortunate but a distraction from issues that are more worthy of the immediate attention of the candidates and the voters.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
 Today is Tuesday, March 23, the 83rd day of 2004. There are 283 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On March 23, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous call for American independence from Britain, telling the Virginia Provincial Convention, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"
 On this date:
 In 1792, Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) was performed publicly for the first time, in London.
 In 1806, explorers Lewis and Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.
 In 1919, Benito Mussolini founded his Fascist political movement in Milan, Italy.
 In 1933, the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial legislative powers.
 In 1942, during World War II, the U.S. government began evacuating Japanese-Americans from their West Coast homes to detention centers.

BUSINESS REVIEW



KISMET EMPORIUM:

A high-quality consignment shop

Kismet Emporium, located at 106 South Cuyler Street (across from the V.F.W.), is a quality consignment shop offering local patrons a wide-variety of antiques, collectibles, gently used home furnishings, fine art, jewelry and other items unique and far from the common mill. It is the mission proprietor Mykiel (Mick-eye-el) Orion, an artist himself, to showcase local artists and crafters and to provide customers with a nice selection of top-drawer consignment pieces.

Orion established Kismet at the behest of friend and property owner, Dr. Harold R. Snell. The two have been friends since their teenage years in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and have remained in contact since that time. Orion had visited Snell, here in Pampa several years ago, shortly after Snell had moved here and was in the process of creating his townhouse from a commercial building on Cuyler, so Orion was familiar with the area.

"This past fall, I was finishing up my commitment as a park ranger for the summer season on Mount Charleston, outside of Las Vegas, when I got a call from Harold," Orion said.

Snell, armed with the knowledge that Orion previously had experience with similar operations, pitched the idea of the "Emporium" to his friend and was soon rewarded when Orion agreed to give the proposition a whirl. So, when the season ended on the mountain, Orion headed to Pampa to assist in the opening of the shop, which is actually housed in the front portion of Snell's converted townhouse. Kismet opened for business in February.

Orion stated that one of his main goals is to create a venue where local artists can display their work. He has already connected with several, whose

work is currently being featured in the shop. He is especially interested in work that is unique and not in the mainstream but appreciates work from across the entire spectrum and is open to displaying a wide variety of art and craftwork from local artisans.

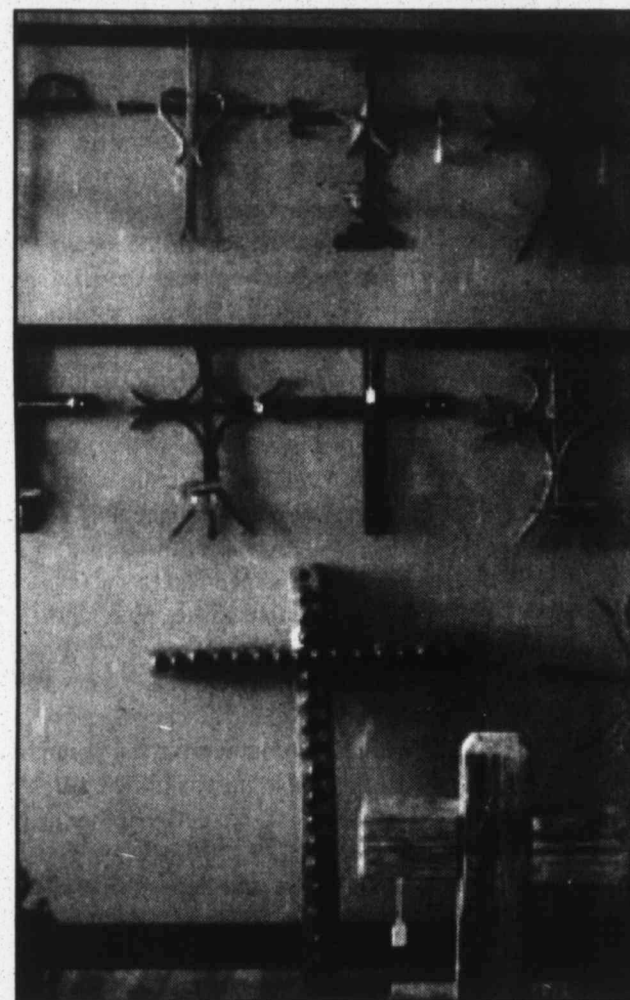
Kismet is currently featuring a large selection of hand-crafted Easter crosses in a variety of styles; from simple stand-alone wooden crosses to ornate wrought iron wall hanging crosses with candle holders.

A self-styled visionary artist and professional spiritual reader, well versed in the arts of Tarot cards and numerology, Orion has offered his services to the public for many years. He has been the reader at shops in Santa Barbara, Ventura and Ojai, California, where he was also the general manager. He later moved to Sedona, Arizona, where he was affiliated with a shop as the resident psychic reader/spiritual adviser. During this time, Orion became known for his personalized guardian angel/spirit guide portraits, two of which have appeared on CD covers for independent recording artists. He is currently working on several portraits for clients in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Kismet is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. All major credit cards are accepted and a convenient layaway plan is offered. Orion is constantly on the lookout for "quality, high-end" consignment pieces and has created an atmosphere conducive to displaying such pieces, where people feel comfortable leaving their valuable items. To visit him or check out his store, come by the Kismet Emporium, located across from the V.F.W. in downtown Pampa, or call 665-0055 and ask for Mykiel.



Mykiel Orion of Kismet Emporium.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Man Left Holding Rings Can Consign or Sell to Jeweler

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a man in Chicago who had broken his engagement. He asked how to dispose of the rings because it was "no longer possible to return them to the jeweler, and a pawnshop would never give (him) their full value." You advised him to get a written appraisal and donate the rings to charity.

I have been a jeweler for 20 years, and I disagree. If that young man needs the money instead of a tax write-off, there are jewelers who will take items on consignment.

Another idea is to run an ad in the classified section of the local newspaper. Before he places the ad, the man should contact a local jeweler, make an appointment to have a written appraisal done, and ask the jeweler if - for a commission -- he can meet the prospective buyer in the store. This adds credibility to the ring that is being sold, and it is the only safe way to resell jewelry to the public.

Jewelers spend thousands of dollars to get people inside their doors; this would be two more prospective customers for the jeweler. That is why most independent jewelers wouldn't mind accommodating the young man.

If all else fails, and he's stuck with the rings, I have two other suggestions:

1. Get a safe-deposit box and keep them there. They will not lose value.
2. Melt down the bands and engagement ring and have a wonderful Mother's Day gift created. She would appreciate it more than anyone.

DEAR SOUTHERN JEWELER: Thank you for your input. I learn from my readers every day. By the way, you aren't the only jeweler who offered suggestions. Read on: DEAR ABBY: Your advice about donating the rings to charity isn't the only choice that young man has.

My husband is a custom jeweler. Women come into his store all the time wanting "divorce rings." They bring their old wedding rings, have them melted down and have a different one created. That young man could do the same thing for himself or for someone else important in his life. -- JEWELER'S WIFE, CARRIZOZO, N.M.

DEAR WIFE: Hmm ... a divorce ring? If the person doesn't mind being reminded of an unhappy chapter in life, I suppose that would work.

DEAR ABBY: Set the record straight and send that young man back to the jeweler! I have been buying estate jewelry for more than 25 years. In my experience, there are four ways to liquidate a diamond ring: (1) sell to a jeweler; (2) consign to a jewelry store; (3) sell through auction; (4) donate to a charity.

Consignment is usually the best choice because you can determine a fair price in advance and the jeweler doesn't have to front the money to buy it. Donating is harder because most charities are geared toward receiving money rather than merchandise.

Above all, remember the two "don'ts": Don't sell to someone you know -- and don't run an ad, because it could be dangerous. -- HANK FRIEDMAN, MARIN COUNTY, CALIF.

DEAR HANK: Thank you for the helpful suggestions -- and thank you, too, for the warning.

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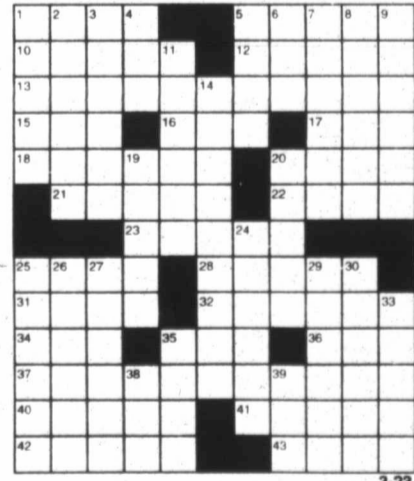
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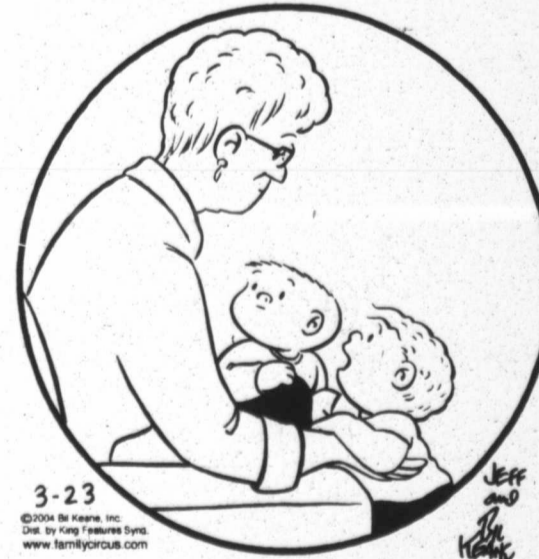


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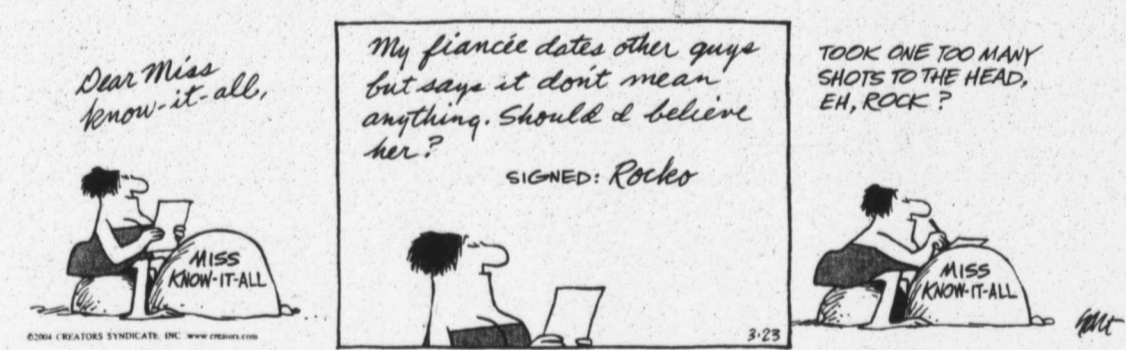
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SPORTS

Pampa edges Dumas in JV softball action

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvester Junior Varsity softball team on Monday came out on top in a well played eight inning thriller over the Dumas Demonettes by a final score of 6-5.

Pampa JV tallied 4 runs through six innings for a 4-0 lead but Dumas punched out 5 hits in their seventh to rally and tie Pampa 4-4.

The Lady Harvesters went quietly in the seventh which sent the game to extra innings. International play went into effect meaning the batter who made the last out of the seventh would automatically be placed on second.

Dumas in the top of eight reached base safely by way of an error and scored the go ahead run without the benefit of a base hit. The

Deamonettes stranded two runners in the inning.

The Lady Harvester half of the eight put Kali Jimenez on second due to the rule, Jimenez moved to third on a groundout, then scored the tying run on Kenzi Nickell's RBI single.

Up next catcher Maggie Hopkins laid down a bunt advancing Nickel to third and reaching safely at first. Batting cleanup for the Lady Harvesters third baseman Kayla DuBose ripped a two strike pitch cleanly driving in Nickell with the winning score.

With the win Pampa JV moves to 11-3 overall; 3-1 in district.

Stephanie McVay (11-3) once again pitched a strong game with the only trouble for her coming in the sev-

enth. Leading hitters for the team were : Maggie Hopkins with two bunt singles, two walks and Kayla DuBose added two hits ,

two base on balls.

Also contributing with one hit each were Meredith Couts, Ashley Parker and Kali Jimenez.

Next up for the JV will be Saturday March 27 when Borger comes to town for a non-district contest.



(Photo by David Bowser)

Kenzi Nickell of Pampa had a run-scoring single against Dumas in JV action.

Optimist tryouts continue today through Wednesday

Season expected to last until mid-June

PAMPA — Additional registration and tryouts continue today and Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 at Optimist Park for Optimist Baseball-Softball 2004, according to a joint announcement from Optimist Babe Ruth President Kevin Davis and Optimist Softball Commissioner Sheri Tice.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way Agency.

"We need all returning players to register so that we will know how many teams to form in each league," said Ronnie Haynes, the Commissioner of the 11-12 Cal

Ripken League and the Optimist in charge of registration.

"We have 310 boys and 124 girls who have signed up at the present time," Haynes reported. "We registered 48 more players Monday."

Haynes said he counted 38 new players trying out for the 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

"This is the largest number of new players in our league in about 10 years," declared longtime coach John Warner.

"We already have enough players for another Pampa team and will probably add two teams in this league," Haynes said. "I have 13 people who have indicated they would like to coach in this league."

We appreciate the response from the community to help these kids play ball."

Players moving up a league or who did not play last year are required to attend two of the three tryout sessions, according to Optimist Rules.

Players are asked to bring a glove, tennis shoes or baseball shoes, a long-sleeved shirt and a light jacket in case it gets cold toward the end of the session.

"All players will be assigned to a team later this week," Haynes continued. Practice begins next week with games starting the second or third week in April for most leagues.

The season is expected to last through the middle of June."

Lady Raiders ousted in Mideast Regional

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — Louisiana Tech is doing its best to prove that it deserved a higher seed in the NCAA tournament. That motivation has sent the Lady Techsters right to the round of 16.

Louisiana Tech beat fourth-seeded Texas Tech 81-64 on Monday night in the second round of the Mideast Regional behind a 30-point effort from Erica Smith-Taylor.

The Lady Techsters (29-2) were ranked No. 7 in the final AP poll — with two first-place votes — but were seeded fifth in the region by the tournament committee.

"I think we were underrated some," Tech coach Kurt Budke said. "I think we earned a three seed. But the committee has a tough job."

The winner of Tuesday's game between Duke (28-3) and Marquette (22-9) will also have a tough task: They'll play Louisiana Tech in the regional semifinals on Sunday in Norfolk, Va.

In Monday's other second-round game, Boston College topped Ohio State 63-48.

The Eagles will take on the winner of Tuesday night's game between Minnesota (22-8) and Kansas State (25-5) on Sunday.

Louisiana Tech posted a 17-1 record in the Western Athletic Conference, one of the weaker conferences by RPI standings. But playing

games at Fresno State (13-16), Hawaii (8-20), Boise State (9-20) and Nevada (3-26) might have helped in another way.

Shockers take third place at Perryton Tournament

PERRYTON — The Pampa Shockers placed third in the 10th annual Perryton Youth Basketball Tournament last weekend.

The Shockers are a fourth grade boys team coached by Ken and Marvelle Collins.

Pampa defeated Dumas Young Young Guns 33-27 in the opening round, but lost a heartbreaker to the Woodward Wizards 32-31 in the second round. After trailing 15-9 at the end of the first half, the Shockers came back to tie the score at 22-all in the second half to make a game of it. It looked like Pampa was going to pull out a win after a 3-point play by Cole Engle put the Shockers up by five with about a minute and a half to play. But the Wizards would not go away easy. They would eventually come back to hit the game winner with just one second showing on the clock to knock Pampa out of the winner's bracket.

After the disappointing loss, the Shockers faced the Borger Jayhawks in the consolation bracket. Pampa has already played the Jayhawk team twice this year, coming away with a one-point victory both times. This game would not be as close as Pampa was able to pull out a 12-point victory, 36-24. Pampa got an outstanding performance from Reid Miller, who led the way with 21 points, 10 rebounds and 3 assists.

Woodward went onto win the tournament over the Perryton Rangers, which finished second.

The Shockers play next weekend in Borger and open the tournament against the Perryton Rangers.

Shocker Individual Statistics (Perryton Tournament)

Name	Points	Reb.	Assists	Steals
Reid Miller	43	27	6	3
Latigo Collins	18	9	2	5
Shane Smith	17	15	0	2
Cole Engle	13	7	3	5
Laketon Harris	5	3	0	0
Taylor Kennedy	3	1	2	1
Ryan Pearson	0	3	0	2

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The scramble will be flighted by total handicap.

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BASEBALL

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — Jim Thome was so eager to take batting practice he couldn't even wait until his return to spring training.

The Philadelphia Phillies first baseman was cleared to start hitting, less than three weeks after breaking the tip of his right middle finger.

Thome injured his throwing hand during fielding drills on March 5.

He initially was concerned he might need pins inserted into the finger, which would have sidelined him up to two months.

FOOTBALL

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys' first home preseason game next season will be a nationally televised Monday night meeting with Tennessee Aug. 30.

The Cowboys announced their four-game preseason schedule Monday, but dates and times for non-network television games are to be determined.

Dallas will open the preseason by traveling to Houston to face the Texans.

The Cowboys face Oakland in California the next week. Following the Monday night contest, Dallas will finish preseason play at home against the Kansas City Chiefs.

The Cowboys are scheduled to open training camp July 29 in Oxnard, Calif.

All bundled up



(Pampa News photo by Ben Briccoe)

Monica Johnson and Ann Murtishaw of the Pampa girls track team are all bundled up against the nippy weather at this year's Top O' Texas Invitational. Johnson placed third in the 100-meter dash in the varsity division. Pampa is entered in the Deaf Smith meet this weekend in Hereford.

Rangers edge by Royals

SURPRISE, Ariz. (AP) — Chan Ho Park struggled through five innings, but Alfonso Soriano homered for the Texas Rangers in a 7-6 victory over the Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Hubert Perry, Jason Conti and Brad Fullmer also homered for Texas.

Juan Gonzalez, who had been out with a strained right calf, returned to the Royals' lineup and went 0-for-3 as the designated hitter.

Park allowed five runs — four earned — and six hits, including a home run by Carlos Beltran. The right-hander also

walked one, hit a batter, threw a wild pitch and struck out five. He's trying to bounce back from two injury-plagued seasons.

"I pitched pretty good, especially the fastball," Park said. "I threw a lot of good pitches. In the fourth inning, one pitch missed, the 3-2 pitch to Beltran. Of course, he hit a home run."

"I was happy about my night. I made a lot of first-pitch strikes and that makes the innings easier," Park said.

Kevin Appier, who had elbow surgery last September, made his third start for the Royals and threw 38 pitches in two innings. He gave up one run on two hits and walked two.

"Appier threw very good," Royals manager Tony Pena said. "I was pleased with the way he threw the ball. He threw a lot of pitches, but he's always been a high-pitch-count pitcher."

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 6. Harley Knutson, Jerry South, Walden Haynes and Gabe Crossman, 65.
- Closest to pin: Jim Brashears, No. 15; Billy Mac Millican, No. 12.

BASKETBALL

NCAA Tournament Schedule

EAST RUTHERFORD REGIONAL

Semifinals
Thursday, March 25
At Continental Airlines Arena
East Rutherford, N.J.
Oklahoma State (29-3) vs. Pittsburgh (31-4), 7:27 p.m.
Saint Joseph's (29-1) vs. Wake Forest (21-9), 30 minutes after first game.

Championship

Saturday, March 27

At Continental Airlines Arena

East Rutherford, N.J.

Semifinal winners

ATLANTA REGIONAL

Semifinals

Friday, March 26

At The Georgia Dome

Atlanta

Texas (25-7) vs. Xavier (25-10), 7:27 p.m.
Duke (29-5) vs. Illinois (26-6), 30 minutes after first game

Championship

Sunday, March 28

At The Georgia Dome

Atlanta

Semifinal winners

ST. LOUIS REGIONAL

At The Bradley Center

Semifinals

Friday, March 26

At Edward Jones Dome

St. Louis

Alabama-Birmingham (22-9) vs. Kansas (23-8), 7:10 p.m.
Georgia Tech (25-9) vs. Nevada (25-8), 30 minutes after first game

Championship

Sunday, March 28

At Edward Jones Dome

St. Louis

Semifinal winners

PHOENIX REGIONAL

At HSBC Arena

Buffalo, N.Y.

Semifinals

Thursday, March 25

At America West Arena

Phoenix

Vanderbilt (23-9) vs. Connecticut (29-6), 7:10 p.m.
Alabama (19-12) vs. Syracuse (23-7), 30 minutes after first game

Championship

Saturday, March 27

At America West Arena

Phoenix

Semifinal winners

FINAL FOUR

At The Alamodome

San Antonio

Semifinals

Saturday, April 3

East Rutherford champion vs. St. Louis champion, TBA
Atlanta champion vs. Phoenix champion, TBA

Championship

Monday, April 5

Semifinal winners

National Basketball Association

At A Glance

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

W	L	Pct	GB
41	28	.594	—
33	37	.471	8 1/2
33	38	.465	9
31	40	.437	11
29	42	.408	13
22	47	.319	19
19	53	.264	23 1/2

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB
51	19	.729	—
46	25	.648	5 1/2
36	34	.514	15
34	35	.493	16 1/2
31	38	.449	19 1/2
30	39	.435	20 1/2
22	49	.310	29 1/2
20	50	.286	31

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

W	L	Pct	GB
48	22	.686	—
46	24	.657	2

Dallas

Memphis

Houston

Denver

Utah

Pacific Division

W	L	Pct	GB
51	19	.729	—
47	23	.671	4
35	35	.500	16
32	38	.457	19
29	40	.420	21 1/2
27	44	.380	24 1/2
23	47	.329	28

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Sunday's Games

Dallas 101, New Jersey 98

Golden State 96, L.A. Clippers 85

Miami 101, Washington 81

Detroit 96, Cleveland 76

Minnesota 98, Denver 77

Toronto 121, New Orleans 120, OT

Sacramento 100, Houston 95

Seattle 84, Orlando 67

L.A. Lakers 104, Milwaukee 103, OT

Monday's Games

Indiana 101, Chicago 77

Philadelphia 107, Dallas 98

New York 96, Atlanta 84

Denver 102, L.A. Clippers 80

Houston 93, Portland 85, OT

Tuesday's Games

Phoenix at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Toronto at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

San Antonio at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

New Jersey at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Washington at Utah, 9 p.m.

Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.

Memphis at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Dallas at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Toronto at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Denver, 9 p.m.

Utah at Seattle, 10 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Portland, 10 p.m.

Sacramento at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Milwaukee at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Cowboy way: Keyshawn Johnson putting Buccaneers behind him

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Wearing a Dallas Cowboys sweatshirt and referring to the owner as "Coach Jones," Keyshawn Johnson finally got to put Tampa Bay behind him. Four months after being de-

activated by the Buccaneers, Johnson was officially reunited Monday with coach Bill Parcells when he joined the Dallas Cowboys in time for the start of offseason conditioning work. "This was just a perfect fit

because of the head coach, and because I believe in what the owner is talking about and what he's selling," Johnson said. Johnson finally signed the \$20 million, four-year deal that he agreed to more than three

weeks ago. The deal, which includes a \$4 million bonus, had been held up as the Bucs negotiated a contract with Joey Galloway and completed a trade of the receivers. Like the Bucs did to get

Johnson from the New York Jets in 2000, the Cowboys gave up two first-round picks when they acquired Galloway from Seattle that same year. When Johnson found out in November that he was being

deactivated by the Bucs, he wasn't upset. "Good, that's what I thought when I got the phone call from my agent. I was going to get out of this hole and get the weight off my back," he said.

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Pampa Middle School teams place third at Berger meet

BORGER — Pampa 8th grade boys track team finished third with 92 points at the Berger Middle School Track Meet. Pampa also placed third in the 7th grade division with 89 1/2 points. Pampa's next middle school meet is Thursday at Westover Park and the Randall High School track facility. **Borger Middle School Meet 8th Grade Division Pampa results**
Discus: 2. Eddie Miranda, 105-0. Triple jump: 4. Adam Estrada, 33-8 1/2; 6. Taylor Smith, 32-7 1/2. 400 relay: 3. (Adam Estrada, Kenny Hightower, Ryne Malone and Jerrod Bivens), 50.78. Long jump: 1. Jerrod Bivens, 18-2 1/4; 4. Adam Estrada, 16-1 1/4. 800: 6. Rusty Snider, 2:33.08. Shot put: 3. Ivan Miranda, 35-1 1/2; 4. Eddie Miranda, 35-1 3/4. High jump: 2. Jerrod Bivens, 5-6; 4. Chance Judkins, 5-2. 110 hurdles: 4. Taylor Smith, 19.91. 100: 3. Jerrod Bivens, 12.74. 800 relay: 3. (Adam Estrada,

Taylor Smith, Taylor Busse and Kenny Hightower), 1:51.52. 400: 6. Josh Mulkey, 63.89. 300 hurdles: 4. Greg Wariner, 50.66. 1600 relay: 5. (Kenny Hightower, Jad McQuire, Josh Mulkey and Jerrod Bivens), 4:25.66. **7th Grade Division Pampa results**
Discus: 5. Dan Kirkland, 86-6. 400 relay: 4. (Casey Trimble, Thomas Frazer, Darren Parker and Matt Smith), 52.90. Long jump: 1. Matt Smith, 17-3 1/4; 5. Darren Parker, 14-1 1/2. 2400: 6. Paul Soria, 9.52. Shot put: 1. Dan Kirkland, 37-4. High jump: 2. Matt Smith, 4-8. 110 hurdles: 1. Matt Smith, 18.85. 100: 5. Casey Trimble, 13.27. 300 hurdles: 4. Darren Parker, 52.82; 5. Chase Herriman, 53.29. Pole vault: 1. Jack Ware, 7-6 1/4; 2. Chase Herriman, 7-6; 3. Darren Parker, 7-0 3/4. 200: 1. Matt Smith, 25.33. 1600: 5. Paul Soria, 6:12.11.

Stars shut out Flames, 4-0

CALGARY, Alberta, (AP) — Marty Turco and the Dallas Stars have been unbeatable at home, and on Monday night appeared just as dangerous on the road. Turco stopped 29 shots for his 21st career shutout, and Shayne Corson scored twice as

Dallas opened a four-game road trip with a 4-0 victory over the Calgary Flames. The Stars are unbeaten in (13-0-4) in their last 17 home games. Corson, Brendan Morrow, and Jason Arnott scored to stake Dallas to a 3-0 first-period lead with the Stars outshooting the Flames 15-4. "That first period is one of the best periods we've had on the road," said Corson, who has three goals in 11 games since signing with Dallas as a free agent.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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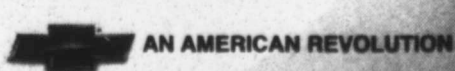
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This Week: Pocahontas

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Pocahontas Puzzle

You may have heard the legend of Pocahontas. But is it true? Today's Kid Scoop page explores fact and opinion.

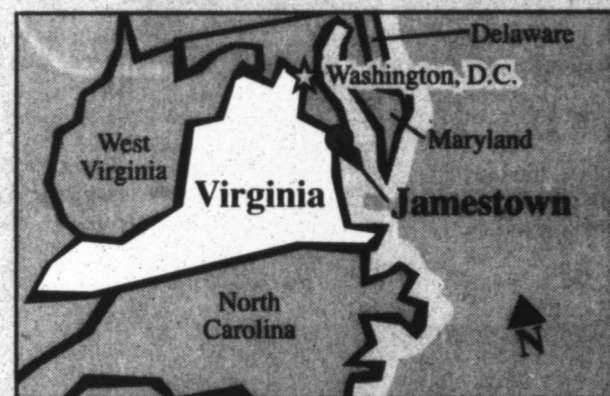


Underline the differences in each version of the Pocahontas story.

The Legend of POCAHONTAS

Pocahontas was the favored daughter of a powerful Indian chief called Powhatan.

When Pocahontas was about 10 or 11 years old, an English company called the Virginia Company of London sailed to North America, arriving in the Chesapeake Bay area, close to where Pocahontas lived.



The Englishmen built a fort there and called it Jamestown, after the king of England.

Some stories say that when the settlers ran out of food, Pocahontas helped them. The most well known story says that when Captain John Smith, a leader of the Jamestown settlement, visited with Powhatan he was asked to lay on two rocks. Once he lay down, Powhatan's men raised clubs as if to kill him. Pocahontas, the legend claims, saved his life by covering him with her own body.

Powhatan Chief Tells Pocahontas Story

"Part of the legend is true and part of it is not," says Chief Roy Crazy Horse, leader of the Powhatan people today.

"Pocahontas was the daughter of a chief named Powhatan. She was about 10 or 11 years of age when the Virginia Company of London started the settlement of Jamestown.

"But," he adds, "the story about Pocahontas saving Captain Smith from being clubbed by Powhatan's men is not true. In fact, right after his visit with Powhatan, Smith wrote that he had been treated in a friendly fashion as an honored guest.

"Captain John Smith wrote the story about Pocahontas saving his life in a report he wrote 17 years after the event was supposed to have happened," says the chief. "In fact, Smith wrote this report seven years after Pocahontas herself died. So there was no way for her to contradict the story."

To read the full Powhatan history of Pocahontas, go to their Web site, www.powhatan.org/pocc.html

Standards Link: Literary Criticism: Evaluate the author's use of credibility of plot to influence readers' perspective. History: Historical Interpretation.

Weekly Writing Corner

The Woman I Most Admire

The woman that I most admire is my teacher. I think she teaches us a lot of things so that we can pass the class and go to the next grade. She is very good at teaching math and writing.

Angelica, 3rd Grade

The woman that I most admire is my mentor because she helps me with my homework and she lets me read to her. When I have problems in school, she helps me and when I have a bad day, she can make me feel better. She takes good care of me. She's the best!

Christine, 6th Grade

A woman I admire is my grandma. She is a human energizer battery. She just keeps going and going. She drives me where I need to go. She feeds me snacks and lets me go through her refrigerator. She cleans out her swimming pool each year so I can use it. She is the best grandma in the world.

Caroline, 7th Grade

I admire my mom for the many things she does for me. She takes me to the beach. She cooks good food and she doesn't make me eat the vegetables that I don't like.

Venessa, 5th Grade

I admire my sister because she keeps secrets, she helps me and she is always there for me. When I grow up, I want to be just like her.

Billy, 4th Grade

The woman I admire the most is my grandmother. I admire her because she has given me a life away from danger. Even though she is a little protective, she is just watching over me.

Ariana, 6th Grade

My grandma is really great because she never stops. She does all sorts of things. She can fix a car. She makes coffee and breakfast and she always has the dinner on the table at 5:30 sharp!

Nicole, 7th Grade

Fact Sniffer

An opinion tells what someone thinks or feels about something. Different people can have different opinions about the same thing. For example, if two baseball teams play each other, the score tells a fact about the game. Let's say one team gets 5 points and the other gets 3 points. One team might say it was a good game and the other team might say it was a bad game. "Good" and "bad" are opinions about that game.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Distinguish between facts and opinions.

Look at the following statements. Underline the facts and circle the opinions.

- The mountain is 8,432 feet high.
- The mountain is beautiful.
- I have six cookies.
- The dog is 8 years old.
- Tina is popular.
- The dog is weird.
- Tina has five friends.
- These cookies are good.

Extra! Extra! Fact and Opinion Detective

Look at an ad in today's newspaper. Underline the facts in red. Underline the opinions in blue.

Standards Link: Comprehension: Distinguish between facts and opinions.

Did you know Pocahontas was a nickname? Her real name was Matoake.

Follow the maze to find out what the nickname Pocahontas means.

Pocahontas means: _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

POCAHONTAS POWHATAN JAMESTOWN FACTS HORSE SMITH MATOAKE SEVEN STORY FOOD ENGLISH JOHN FORT GAME BORN

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

L E E K A O T A M P
G E E N D H J A O R
J A M E S T O W N N
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H S I L G N E Y O U

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop Famous Women

Pretend you are a newspaper reporter covering a story about a famous woman. Write a headline and lead sentence telling about your person. Explain why this person would make an interesting news story.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions about people.

What do historians talk about when they get together?

ANSWER: Old times, of course!

Write On! Allergies

If I were allergic to ... Pick something silly to be allergic to. How would this change your life?

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