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PFD earns \$193,500 grant for truck

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa Fire Department will receive a \$193,500 federal grant to help purchase a new pumper truck, fire officials learned Wednesday.

Fire Chief Kim Powell said U.S. Sen. Mac Thornberry's office called Wednesday afternoon to inform her of the grant award.

"Now we're just waiting to learn about the details," she said today.

The official announcement was made by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn's office late Wednesday. The funds come from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant program.

"This assistance will help ensure that Texas firefighters remain the best trained and equipped as they stand ready to protect our homes and families," Cornyn said in a press release. "I'm pleased that some of the tax dol-

lars sent by Texans to Washington are being returned to help save lives among firefighters and the people they serve in Texas. The safety of our cities and towns is among my highest priorities, and the men and women who protect our hometowns need more support than ever."

Powell said the grant is a 90 percent - 10 percent, which means Pampa Fire Department will have to fund 10 percent of the project.

"We've already put aside \$23,000

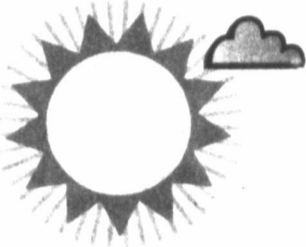
for our part of it," Powell said.

Capt. Claude Scifres, training and safety officer, and Assistant Fire Chief Randy Dunham worked on the grant proposal for approximately a month last March, Scifres said. They've been waiting to hear whether the grant would be awarded for a year.

"It was getting so long, I'd about decided it wasn't going to happen,"

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Deaths

Robert A. Dinsmore, 57, prison employee.
 Edward Richard Ledbetter, 94, farmer.

Odds & Ends

AUSTIN, Texas (AP)— Amid tense debate over education funding, Texas House members paused to take up a matter dear to school kids everywhere: cupcakes.

Legislators in an unanimous vote Wednesday cleared the way for public school students to once again nibble on the sweet treats — complete with candy sprinkles — to celebrate their birthdays.

"We have an opportunity to really make the children happy here," said Rep. Jim Dunnam, asking fellow House members to approve the measure requested by his school-age daughter.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, whose agency oversees the state's school lunch program, imposed new healthy food rules beginning this academic year aimed at limiting or eliminating junk food and food that competes with cafeteria fare.

In August, soon after setting the new rules, Combs issued a "cupcake clarification" stating that cakes and cupcakes could be brought to school for birthdays.

Lawmakers Wednesday couldn't resist making jokes. "If we vote for this, can we all call you 'Cupcake?'" Republican Rep. Peggy Hamric asked Dunnam. "As long as I can call you 'Sugar Plum,'" Dunnam replied.

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — Police arrested a man who was driving a stolen vehicle that was "hot" in more ways than one — the pickup owned by Cardinal Health Nuclear Pharmacy Services contained radioactive material.

The pickup was reportedly stolen Tuesday while it was parked in Seekonk. It was later spotted by two police officers about 10 miles away in Fall River.

Fall River Sgt. Roger LaFleur said he and the other officer followed the truck cautiously because of its reportedly radioactive contents and slick road conditions. They took the driver into custody after the pickup stopped.

Florida fugitive found in vehicle

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

A Florida man remains in Gray County Jail today in lieu of \$3,000 bond after the stolen vehicle he was driving broke down approximately four miles north of McLean on Texas Highway 273.

Gray County Sheriff's Deputy Jim McDonald located the stolen car Thursday morning after receiving a report of a vehicle which was broken down. A check of the Florida license plates on the car revealed that the car had been reported stolen out of Escambia County, Florida, according to a sheriff's office news release.

McDonald found two occupants in the vehicle. Todd Alan Fuller, 22, listed on jail arrest records as homeless from Florida, was arrested and booked into jail at about 10 a.m. yesterday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

The other occupant of the car was a 15-year-old female who had been reported as a runaway from Bedford. The juvenile was detained and later released to relatives, according to the release.

Fuller is being held for Florida authorities, according to the release.

Witness sees women loading mastiff in truck

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa Animal Control officials are seeking two women in a tan GMC pick-up who may have picked up an English mastiff Sunday in front of the Dollar General Store on Cuyler Street.

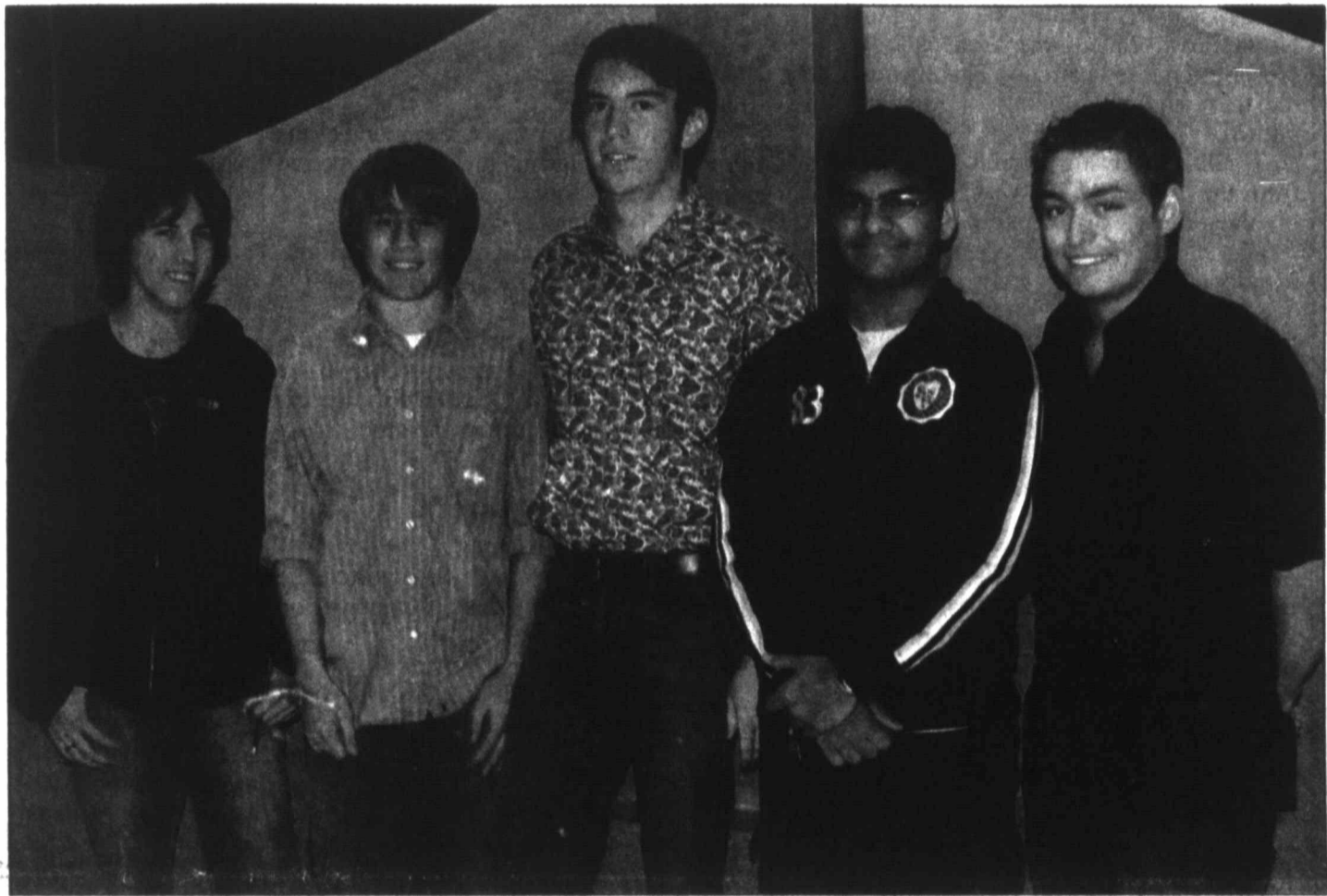
Officer Monty Montgomery said the department has been searching for the 140-pound male dog after the animal bit a Pampa child in the 400 block of Carr on Sunday afternoon. The dog is tan with a black muzzle, he said.

The nine-year-old girl bitten by an English mastiff on Sunday is undergoing a series of rabies shots, Pampa Animal Control officials said Wednesday. The child suffered bite wounds to both hands.

Montgomery said he learned Tuesday that witnesses saw two women put a mastiff into a tan GMC Sonoma pickup with a camper on it. The women were in front of the Dollar General Store at Cuyler and Foster streets, he said.

"They may have innocently picked it up," Montgomery said,

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Members of Pampa High School's Speech and Debate Team are, from left, Russell Anglin, Luke Dyer, Ben Briscoe, Sunil Kamnani, and Taylor Reeves. The team, coached by Marty Field, has already made an impressive showing at the Texas Forensic Association State Meet in El Paso. They hope to do the same and more at the UIL Cross-examination Debate State Competition in Austin next week.

PHS Speech & Debate Team heading for state competition

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa High School's Speech and Debate Team made an impressive showing at the Texas Forensic Association State Meet in El Paso, an achievement team members hope to duplicate at the State UIL meet in Austin next week.

For the first time in Pampa's history, Senior Ben Briscoe came away as Impromptu State Champion, emerging as winner from among a field of 180 entrants.

Luke Dyer reached the semifinals in Domestic Extemp for the first

time since 1992, and Taylor Reeves reached the quarter finals in Impromptu.

Sunil Kamnani and Reeves won their last debate round, a feat not achieved in more than two years.

The PHS team competed against more than 188 schools and 600 competitors.

Kamnani and Reeves and Dyer and Russell Anglin will take part of the spring break to compete at the UIL Cross-examination Debate State Competition in Austin March 17-19. Anglin is replacing Briscoe, who will be in New York.

"Pampa is taking both of the

teams from our district, which has not been done since records have been taken," said Marty Field, PHS speech and debate coach.

"I feel one of the main reasons we've had such success is Mr. Field," said Briscoe, team president. "It's his first year of coaching and he's done an amazing job. We're lucky to have him."

Kamnani, who serves as secretary for the speech team, added, "Mr. Field doesn't know what negativity is. He's only optimistic, which is one of the main reasons for our success. He supplies us with motivation and we do the work."

Lefors ISD superintendent resigns; special meeting set

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

A superintendent for Lefors Independent School District will be the subject of a special school board meeting, at 5 p.m. March 12 in the high school library, 209 E. 5th Street.

The meeting will consist of an executive session to hear a parent's request to address the board. The agenda for the special meeting cites Texas Government Code Section 551.074 concerning hearing the request in an executive session.

Section 551.074 states that a governing body is not required to conduct an open meeting to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment,

duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee.

The section also states that the governing body is not required to hold an open meeting to hear a charge against an officer or employee.

Superintendent Joel Henry, who is still in his first calendar year of duties with Lefors ISD, has resigned and is no longer at the school, according to a school office worker.

The second item on the executive session agenda is to consider hiring an interim superintendent.

A telephone call to Ken Miller, president of the Lefors ISD school board, had not been returned as of press time today.

Report: Majority of stops made by Lewis were white

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

James Lewis, constable for Precincts 1 and 3, made 134 traffic stops in 2004, according to a racial profiling report Lewis submitted to Gray County commissioners in January.

One Indian male was stopped. Thirteen Hispanic males were stopped. Two blacks were stopped, and the remaining 118 were white.

Males represented 81 of the whites who were stopped by Lewis.

"Most stops made in outlying areas of town and on Highway 273 were for defective equipment on vehicles or equipment towing,"

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AP sources: Mexico, United States reach agreement on water debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mexico and the United States have reached an agreement over water that Texas has claimed its south-

ern neighbor owes under a decades-old treaty, congressional and state sources told The Associated Press on Thursday.

The sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice would announce Thursday that

Mexico's agreement in general to pay its water debt by Sept. 30. The sources did not know whether it would be a full or partial repayment.

In November, Mexico said it would be able to pay off its pending water debt to the United States "in the next few years."

A State Department spokesman could not be immediately reached for comment Thursday.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.

Wednesday, March 9

Ten traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was made concerning the 400 block of Carr.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 900 block of Scott.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Powell. Estimated value of loss is \$387.

Theft was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. A purse and contents was taken, for an estimated loss of \$25.

Theft was reported in the 2300 block of Fir. Jewelry was reported taken.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Frost. Taken was a checkbook and prescription medications. The location of the theft and the amount of loss are not known.

A call concerning assault was received from the 100 block of West 30th. The call involved threats by telephone.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2400 block of Rosewood Lane, the 600 block of North Wynne, and the 1100 block of Terry Road.

Burglary was reported from the 300 block of Miami.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of North Russell, the 900 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Gordon and Henry streets, and twice from the 300 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells. A wallet was found.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1500 block of North Banks and the 100 block of West 30th.

An animal complaint was received from the intersection of Terrace and Starkweather streets.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight. A window was broken out on a vehicle.

A domestic disturbance call was received from the 400 block of Carr.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1600 block of North Hobart and the 2300 block of West Alcock.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

Myra Heredia, 17, 1204 Darby, was arrested in the 600 block of North Somerville for minor in possession of tobacco, failure to appear, and minor in possession of alcohol.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, March 8

11:55 a.m. — A 2003 Dodge Neon, driven by Mayra Heredia, 17, 612 N. Somerville, and a 2002 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by Ross Alan Andreen, 18, 2745 Worrell, collided in the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets. No injuries were reported. Heredia was cited for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn, and no valid driver's license.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, March 9

Amanda Landis, 22, Canyon, was arrested on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Todd Alan Fuller, 22, homeless, was arrested for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Fire

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

Wednesday, March 9

10:40 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist at the Jordan Prison Unit.

11:32 p.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 2500 block of North Charles. Firefighters extinguished a small fire in the attic.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, March 9

10:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded east on Highway 60 and 152 and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 60 and Loop 171 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local residence.

Thursday, March 10

1:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of Christy. No transport.

Correction

In a photo caption on Page 10 of the Tuesday edition, the incorrect museum was given. Ray Thornton is associated with the Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle.

Obituaries

Robert A. Dinsmore, 57

Robert A. Dinsmore, 57, of Pampa, died Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at Pampa.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born March 24, 1947, at Wheeling, W.Va., Mr. Dinsmore moved to Pampa in 1980 where he worked for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the Jordan/Baten Units for the past 11 years.

He was a Methodist.

Survivors include a daughter, Chel Nietenhoefer of Perkins, Okla.; two brothers, John Dinsmore of Irving and Michael Dinsmore of Euless; two sisters, Cindy Wood of Haltom City and Bonnie White of Graham; and two grandchildren.

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

Edward Richard Ledbetter, 94

CLARENDON — Edward Richard Ledbetter, 94, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Clarendon.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Saturday in Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with the Rev. Bryan Knowles, pastor of Community Fellowship Church of Clarendon, officiating.

Burial will be under the direction of Robertson Funeral Directors, Inc., of Clarendon.

Mr. Ledbetter was born Oct. 15, 1910, at Weber Falls, Okla., and came to Donley County in 1945. He married Nora Jewell Hulsey on April 9, 1936; she died Aug. 9, 1989.

He had been involved in farming and

ranching his entire life prior to retirement. He worked for Fontayne Elmore until 1955 and for Jack C. Thomas from 1955 until the mid-1970s.

He enjoyed hunting, trapping, fishing, training horses and gardening.

He belonged to Calvary Baptist Church in Clarendon.

Survivors include a son, Edward Wayne Ledbetter of Clarendon; a daughter, Linda Louise Anderson of Oakley, Idaho; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Medical Center Nursing Home, P.O. Drawer 1007, Clarendon, TX 79226-1007.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Wind chill values between 29 and 34 early.

Windy, with a north-northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. Wind chill values between 24 and 29 early.

West-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 38. Wind chill values between

31 and 36. West wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 80. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 37. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 58. East wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. East-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Monday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 50. East-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 32.

Tuesday: A slight chance of rain and snow before 8 a.m., then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 45. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Tuesday Night: A slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday: A slight chance of rain and snow before 8 a.m., then a slight chance of rain.

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 53. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat 3.27
Milo 3.31
Corn 3.86
Soybeans 5.54

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

OXY 70.02 -0.98
BP PLC ADR 64.18 -0.47
Cabot Corp 35.19 -0.34

Cabot Oil Gas 54.10 -1.73
Coca Cola 43.22 +0.01
VLO 69.78 -2.58
HAL 41.63 -0.50
TRI 44.23 +0.78
NOI 47.35 -0.67
KML 78.02 -0.75
XCEL 17.85 +0.19
Kerr McGee 77.60 -2.13
XOM 60.40 -0.39
Limited 25.06 +0.14
Williams 18.16 -0.43
MCD 32.67 +0.14
Atmos 27.80 -0.06
Pioneer Nat 41.69 -0.74

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NS Grp 31.38 -1.58

New York Gold 440.65
Silver 7.57
West Texas Crude 54.77

Trailer carrying immigrants full of dead bodies, witnesses say

HOUSTON (AP) — Piles of half-naked bodies. Bloody claw marks. Survivors clinging to life as they experienced violent seizures.

That was the scene those who first responded to the aftermath of the nation's deadliest human smuggling attempt described for jurors on Wednesday.

"I'd never seen that many bodies before in one situation," Rick Streeter, a firefighter and paramedic with

the Cold Creek Volunteer Fire Department, said of the scene when he arrived at a truck stop in Victoria where a tractor-trailer filled with dead and dying immigrants had been abandoned.

Streeter testified at the trial of Tyrone Williams, who faces the death penalty if convicted for his role in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in the May 2003 smuggling attempt.

Prosecutors say Williams

drove and later abandoned the tractor-trailer after the more than 70 immigrants he was transporting began succumbing to the deadly heat inside. Seventeen people died inside the trailer, and two others died later.

But Williams' defense attorneys say while their client is guilty of transporting the immigrants, he ultimately is not responsible for their deaths because he didn't know they were dying.

The trial continued Thursday with testimony from Eloy Garcia, a convenience store clerk who sold Williams bottled water that the truck driver gave to the immigrants before the trailer was abandoned.

Garcia said that while he was selling water to Fatima Holloway, who was traveling with Williams, a shirtless immigrant came in to his store, said he was thirsty and that a Salvadoran was trying to kill him. Prosecutors have described that immigrant as delirious.

Garcia said he called 911 in front of Holloway, who has pleaded guilty for her role in the smuggling attempt and is expected to testify against Williams. Shortly after the call, Williams and Holloway abandoned the trailer at the truck stop where Garcia worked.

Some of the authorities who first got to the truck stop told jurors they found piles of half-naked bodies 4 feet high on the floor of the trailer and bloody claw marks on the doors where the immigrants had tried to get out. They said there was blood and vomit around some of the immigrants having seizures.

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Texas House considers school finance tax bill

AUSTIN (AP) — After approving legislation that would restructure the Texas education system, the Texas House headed Thursday toward debate on a \$10 billion tax bill designed to help fund the measure.

The tax bill — the second part of a school funding overhaul that is the Legislature's top priority for the session — offers a slate of consumer taxes and a payroll tax on Texas businesses to replace a one-third cut in school property taxes.

Several Republican legislators said Thursday morning they expected another revision in the proposed business tax, making the tax more palatable for Texas companies.

Among the new taxes set for debate Thursday: a \$1 increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes; a 3 percent tax on snacks, such as soft drinks and doughnuts; and an increase in the sales tax from 6.25 percent to 7.25 percent.

On Wednesday, the House narrowly gave tentative approval to an education overhaul, despite criticism that a teacher pay raise is unfunded and \$3 billion in new money is not enough to keep up with inflation or cover new require-

ments schools would face under the plan.

A vote on final approval of the measure was expected Thursday. The bill next would move to the Senate.

During two days of debate the House leadership approved a teacher salary increase and additional funding for the mileage costs of busing students to school.

The chamber voted 76-71 in favor of the bill, with two members abstaining. No Democrats voted for the bill, while several Republicans, mostly from rural areas,

crossed party lines to vote with Democrats.

The bill would add about \$1.5 billion a year to public schools over the next two years. It has been opposed by every major education group in Texas.

Each of the more than 1,030 school districts in Texas would get an average of a 5 percent increase in funds under the proposal.

Republican Rep. Kent Grusendorf, who authored the legislation, called the measure "the most important vote of the legislative session."

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Lewis said in the report. Stops made in Lefors by Lewis were mainly for speeding and seat belt checks.

Lewis also made stops in 2004 for citizens' complaints about reckless drivers, complaints about four-wheelers and dirt bikes, and verbal warnings.

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City Letter Carrier Pam Spencer explains the services offered by the United States Postal Service on the web at www.usps.com to customer Michael Erickson and his son Seth.

Postal Service offering web site with variety of mailing services

Pam Spencer, a city letter carrier with the U.S. Postal Service, explained the features of the Postal Service web site to customers in the Pampa Post Office lobby Wednesday.

Using the web site, customers can purchase postage, print shipping labels and as a bonus get

delivery confirmation service at no additional charge when they print Priority Mail labels from their home or business, said Robert Schrock, Pampa Postmaster.

Postal customers can also schedule a carrier pickup, Schrock said.

"It is the easy, convenient way to send packages," he

said. "Just submit your request online and have your package ready before your carrier arrives. It's that simple!"

Pickups can be scheduled for the next delivery day or up to 3 months in advance.

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Grant

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Scifres said today. Both Powell and Scifres said that the long waiting period before the grant is received affects the project. The cost of the pumper truck

requested in the grant has increased during that time.

"We asked for \$215,000," Scifres said. "We're going to look at \$240,000 to \$250,000 now. With the rise in the price of steel it's going to be a lot more."

The U.S. Fire Administration (USFA), a branch of FEMA, will

administer the grants, according to Cornyn's release.

Since June 2003, more than 8,100 fire departments have received almost \$651 million to support their role as first responders in the neighborhoods and communities they serve as firefighters, the release states.

Lebanon's premier reinstated 10 days after stepping down

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon's president, emboldened by a massive pro-Syria demonstration, reinstated Omar Karami as prime minister on Thursday, 10 days after the Damascus-backed leader stepped down under popular and international pressure.

The move ensured Syria's continued dominance in Lebanese politics. Syria's allies felt they have the momentum in the political crisis and President Emile Lahoud's decision appeared to be in part political jockeying to show who sets the agenda as Syria's troop redeployment picked up.

Already, Syrian soldiers have evacuated bases in parts of northern and central Lebanon. The Lebanese defense minister said "thousands" of Syria's 14,000 soldiers will head home and the rest will reposition in the eastern Bekaa Valley.

Karami, who had continued to lead a caretaker government, immediately invited the opposition to join him in a national unity government. He said he will begin consultations early next week with lawmakers to form a Cabinet.

"The difficulties we all know cannot be confronted without a government of national unity and salvation," he said. "We will extend our hand and wait for the other side."

The opposition, who orchestrated the protests that led to Karami's Feb. 28 resignation, had rejected the reappointment even before it became official. Leading

opposition politician Walid Jumblatt said Thursday he was willing to give Karami a chance.

"Karami's reinstatement (amounts) to an extension of the crisis and fails to open the door to dialogue," he said from Moscow where he was visiting. "After all, Karami does not control anything. ... The one who controls (the state) is Lahoud and behind him the Syrian intelligence," Jumblatt said in an interview with the Dubai-based Al-Arabiya satellite channel.

"We are still in the same situation. Anyway, we will see. We will give him a chance. We will see what he will propose," Jumblatt said.

Witness

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adding that the dog had no collar and no identification on it.

Although the child has already begun the rabies shot series, Montgomery said that if the dog is found and determined not to be rabid, she can discontinue taking the shots.

He said the dog would not be euthanized, but would be returned to its original owner.

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Viewpoints

Could 'The Super Ark' be disaster answer?

One of these days I'm going to kill myself. You've heard of death by accidental drowning? Well, the authorities will describe my demise as death by accidental suicide. I will trip getting into my recliner one too many times, thereby setting into motion a chain of events that will no doubt put a period to my ever breathing again.

There are many versions to this horrifying scenario.

For instance, I could 1) trip getting into my recliner, fall and bonk my head against the edge of the end table; 2) trip while getting into my recliner and put my

skull through the television set; or 3) trip getting into my recliner, tumble headlong into the crevice between the recliner/sectional and the end table/TV and instantly break my neck. The list goes on and on.

"Clumsy," thine is my middle name.

I won't mention the many times I've almost slipped and fallen in the bathtub ... Okay, I did just mention it, but I won't go into detail. Likewise, I'm sure you don't need to know how often I've thanked God upon exiting my vehicle after being behind the wheel.

I'm not a bad driver. I don't think. ... But sometimes my attention does wander. Is it any wonder I don't own a cell phone?

Perhaps this is the reason nightmares don't generally trouble me. Nor, for that matter, does the thought of Armageddon.

Hence, I'm torn about whether or not to purchase "The Super Ark." On the one hand, I figure if God has

brought me thus far without losing patience or killing me, He's not going to take kindly my doubting His ability to care for me in the future.

On the other hand, The Super Ark lasts up to five years. "This is the product that you never want to buy," a headline in a press release from Disaster Recovery Kits Company blares in reference to The Super Ark.

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approach to selling something!

"A once-in-a-lifetime-event," the press release continues. "A man-made or natural disaster has occurred.

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"Noah the great biblical sage is rumored to have once said," the release suggests, "Forecasting rain doesn't count. Building Arks Does. Are you ready?"

That's a good question, but not one a mere product can answer.

Oh, by the way, the Super Ark is not a boat. It's a kit containing basic medicines, food and water packets.

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News Editor



Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 10, the 69th day of 2005. There are 296 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 10, 1876, the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

On this date:

In 1629, England's King Charles I dissolved Parliament; he did not call it back for 11 years.

In 1785, Thomas Jefferson was appointed minister to France, succeeding Benjamin Franklin.

In 1848, the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1864, Ulysses S. Grant became commander of the Union armies in the Civil War.

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More lies about Social Security

A fortnight ago, I explained some of the congressional deceit that has become part and parcel of Social Security. One was the 1936 promise of maximum wages subject to Social Security tax of three percent — \$3,000 — which, controlling for inflation, comes to roughly \$22,000 in 2005. The promise would have meant that \$700 would be today's maximum so-called employee Social Security tax.

Another lie was that there was a Social Security account with your money in it to which you had rights. There's no such account,

plus, according to two U.S. Supreme Court cases — *Helvering v. Davis* (1937) and *Fleming v. Nestor* (1960) — you have no legal right, in the sense of a contract, to Social Security payments.

There's more to the deceit and dishonesty about Social Security. Congress tells us that one half (6.2 percent) of the Social Security tax is paid by employees and the other half paid by employers. The truth of the matter is

that all of it (12.4 percent) is paid by employees. You say, "What! It says on my pay stub that I pay 6.2 percent."

Let's look at it. Suppose you hire me at \$6 an hour. From that \$6 an hour, you must deduct 35 cents in Social Security tax and add 35 cents of so-called employer contribution. Here's the big question: What is your hourly cost to hire me? If you said \$6.35, go to the head of the class. Now comes the bigger

question. If it cost you \$6.35 an hour to hire me, what must be the minimum value of my contribution to your company's output? If you said \$6.35, again, go to the head of the class. If you said that the value of my hourly output had to be \$6, our agreed-upon wage, you'd be losing money and soon would be out of business because my hourly cost would exceed my hourly output.

The fiction that employees and employers each pay half of Social Security taxes has survived since 1936 for two

Walter Williams
Columnist



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AG's job is to defend Constitution

It is hardly encouraging although hardly surprising that in his first policy speech since taking office, U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said renewal of controversial provisions of the USA Patriot Act is a key to defeating terrorism and promised to step up federal obscenity prosecutions.

These are not the actions of an official whose primary allegiance is to the U.S. Constitution as distinguished from allegiance to the institutional interests of a department that, like any bureaucracy, seeks always to expand and extend its power.

In a speech at a Washington conference sponsored by Stanfords

Hoover Institution, Gonzales confirmed early impressions that his policies are likely to be virtually indistinguishable from those of predecessor John Ashcroft. Because Gonzales is, so far, less of a target than Ashcroft, they could arouse less opposition. However, they deserve critical scrutiny.

Gonzales said the Patriot Act "has helped prevent additional terrorist attacks," urged Congress to streamline the system for deporting illegal immigrants, called for an end to the impasse over

federal judicial nominees, vowed to step up federal obscenity prosecutions, announced the creation of federal task forces to fight violent crime and urged states to adopt model legislation to curtail human trafficking.

That's an ambitious agenda at a time when federal law enforcement, for any number of reasons, should be focused much more narrowly.

For example, as Timothy Lynch, legal analyst at the libertarian Cato Institute, said, "If there really are al-

Qaida cells in the United States, as numerous officials have told us, and untold hours of untranslated intercepts at the FBI, it makes no sense to have any federal prosecutors or investigators working on obscenity cases."

We would note further that (even aside from free speech considerations) it is doubtful whether the national government, under the Constitution, has proper authority to prosecute obscenity cases.

In our federal system, most crimes are handled at the state and local levels. Members of Congress and

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reasons. First, it was meant to disguise the true tax imposed, and second, it promises something for nothing — a free lunch. And, when it comes to the promise of a free lunch, employers paying half, gullibility reigns supreme.

There's more deceit and dishonesty. In 1950, I was 14 years old and applied for a work permit for an after-school job. One of the requirements was to obtain a Social Security card. In bold letters on my Social Security card are the words: "For Social Security Purposes — Not For Identification." According to the Social Security administration website, "This legend was removed as part of the design changes for the 18th version of the card, issued beginning in 1972." That statement assumes that we're idiots. We're asked to believe that the sole purpose of the removal was for design purposes. The fact that our Social Security number was going to become a major identification tool had nothing to do

with getting rid of the legend.

There's a moral dimension to Social Security that few have the guts to address. What moral principle, consistent with liberty, justifies forcing a person to set aside a certain portion of his weekly earnings for retirement and jailing him if he fails to comply? Retirement isn't the only important item for which we should budget. How about a congressional mandate that we set aside a certain portion of our weekly earnings for housing, food, entertainment or our children's education? Were Congress to propose a measure that would require each American to set aside a portion of his weekly earnings for these items, most of us would see it as tyranny. Pray tell, what's the difference in principle for a congressional mandate that requires setting aside earnings for retirement versus a mandate setting aside earnings for housing or our children's education?

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Friday Fun Night

Kimberly Curtis, Kate Ellis and Jacee Smith make crafts recently during First Baptist Church's Friday Fun Night for grades 1 through 5. A children's ministry event at First Baptist, Friday Fun Night includes food, game rooms, praise songs, Bible stories, crafts, a movie and more.

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federal officials like to grandstand by federalizing various crimes. But decreasing the death penalty for certain crimes committed on federal property, for example, or creating mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses, does little or nothing to make citizens safer.

Terrorist activities, especially with an international

dimension, might justifiably be an exception to this general rule of reserving law enforcement for state and local jurisdiction. But it will require mostly dedication, painstaking investigation and wearing out a lot of shoe leather rather than a law of dubious usefulness to cope with them.

That's why its disheartening to see Gonzales declare such a broad agenda that seems to have more to do with expanding government power than with keeping Americans safe.

Report: American cut more jobs than any other carrier

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — American Airlines cut more jobs last year than any other carrier, according to a government report.

Fort Worth-based American shed about 2,900 positions in its domestic operation in 2004, the U.S. Transportation Department report said. Houston-based Continental Airlines was second, having cut 2,400 jobs for the year.

On a percentage basis, US Airways saw the most job losses. It cut 2,000 jobs, or 8 percent of its workforce. American's cuts totaled about 4 percent of its workforce.

American spokeswoman Sonja Whitemon said the job losses were unavoidable even though the airline has been able to reduce costs. The carrier has been squeezed by high fuel costs and intense competition from discount airlines.

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Indiana executes man for killing family

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (AP) — A man who spent nearly a quarter century on death row for killing a couple and their two children was executed early Thursday.

Donald Ray Wallace, 47, died by injection at 12:23 a.m. at the Indiana State Prison. He was convicted in 1982 of slaying the Gilligan family — Patrick, Theresa, 5-year-old Lisa and Gregory, 4 — two years earlier during robbery at their Evansville home.

"I hope everyone can find peace with this," Wallace said in a final statement, according to Java Ahmed, a spokeswoman for the Indiana Department of Correction.

Wallace had declined to seek clemency from Gov. Mitch Daniels after exhausting his appeals.

The sister of Theresa Gilligan said it was time for Wallace to receive his court-ordered punishment.

Calendar items

- St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School will hold a fish fry with all the trimmings from 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 11 and Friday March 18 at the school cafeteria located at 2300 N. Hobart. Cost is \$7 for adults, and \$4 for children between the ages of 6 and 11. Children 5 and under eat free.
- The next Pampa Area Singles Dance with Mike Porter will be from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, March 19 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission will be \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059. Please bring snacks.
- Chapter C.S. P.E.O. Sisterhood will present a book review with Carol Smith Headrick at 2 p.m. March 20 in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The book under review will be "Anatomy of Me," an autobiography of best-selling author of the mid-20th Century Fanny Hurst. Tickets will be available at the door before the event or may be purchased in advance by calling 665-7064.
- BSA Hospice will sponsor a grief education and support group for adults every Tuesday for six consecutive weeks starting March 22. The

group will meet from 7-8:30 p.m. at the hospice facility at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. The program is free of charge to participants from Pampa and the surrounding area. Hospice officials recommend individuals wait approximately two to three months after the death of a loved one before attending the group. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

- The Ochiltree County Extension Office has announced a grain sorghum meeting Tuesday, March 22, at the Ochiltree Co. Expo Center in Perryton. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. The meeting will be worth two CEUs. For more information, call Scott Strawn at (806) 435-4501.
- The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29 and April 27, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My mother died last year. My 93-year-old father now lives with my sister "Lila" in her apartment back east. I have four brothers and another sister who reside in the same state.

I live in Arizona. Although I'd love for Dad to live here with me, he doesn't want to put such a great distance between himself and the rest of the family.

Dad gets \$3,000 a month from Social Security. Since Lila doesn't work, she decided that she should be the one to take care of our father. All of us agreed that she should take Dad's Social Security check and use it for his care. Dad also has about \$400,000 put away that is to be split among his children when he passes away.

Recently, Lila took \$21,000 of our father's money, claiming it was a "gift" so she can purchase a co-op. (Dad would buy it; her name would be on the deed.) Someone, I'm not sure who, called Dad's lawyer and reported the withdrawal. The lawyer met with Lila and my brother "Hersch," who has our father's power of attorney. The lawyer told Lila she can either pay back the \$21,000 or it'll be deducted from her inheritance. The lawyer then put Dad's money into a trust fund so it cannot be touched.

Now that she can't have the money as a gift, Lila is very angry and refuses to let anyone speak to Daddy on the phone. We are pretty certain that Lila never informed our father about the withdrawal -- she was trying to steal it. I think she is afraid we might say something about what happened.

Besides retaliating against us, it is also punishing Dad. Because I live across the country, the phone is my only means

of communication with him. I'm at my wit's end. Lila has never gotten along with us siblings, and it has always been like pulling teeth to get her to let me speak to my father. Now she's severing the lines completely. Is there anything I can do? -- HELP! IN ARIZONA

DEAR HELP!: There sure is. Pick up the phone and discuss this with your siblings and your father's lawyer. Your sister is attempting to isolate your father, and there is no guarantee that his Social Security check is being spent for his benefit.

If your brothers and sisters do not live close enough to check regularly on Dad's welfare, it may be necessary to hire a social worker or care manager, or move him to an assisted-living facility. Please don't wait. Do it now.

DEAR ABBY: I am in seventh grade and I have a problem. Everyone refers to me as "Roy's" little sister. Roy is good at sports and is popular. I am not -- so no one remembers my name.

I want to be called by my name, but my brother's friends always seem to forget it. I hang out with Roy a lot, and I don't want to be called that anymore -- but I don't know how to say it. Any suggestions? -- INVISIBLE IN GREENFIELD, IND.

DEAR INVISIBLE: Ask your brother to help by reminding his friends that you have a name when they refer to you as his little sister. If it happens in front of you, speak up and say, "My name is ()." It may take some time, but eventually they'll catch on. In fact, once you're a little older, I guarantee it.

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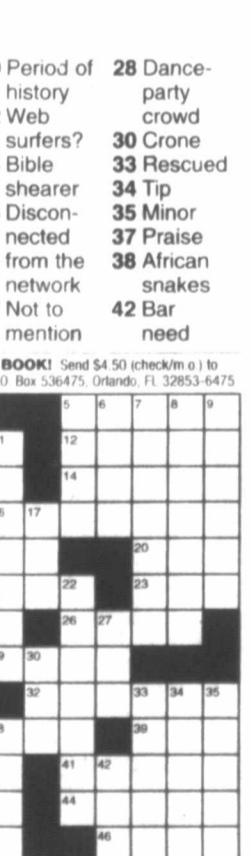


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 21 Some hair treatments
 - 23 Powerful group
 - 24 They might go for a few bucks
 - 26 Treaty
 - 28 Game caller
 - 29 Leg part
 - 31 Politico
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 - 36 Hamlet
 - 39 Big galoot
 - 40 Inventor
 - 41 Metal fastener
 - 43 Accumulated
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Sports Day

346 ready to play; POYC registrations wrap up today

An additional 114 players registered for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005 Wednesday bringing the total for this week's registration to 346, Optimist Ronnie N. Haynes reported. Today from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist building is the last day for registration.

The T-Ball League for five and six year old players continues to lead all leagues in registration with 89. Dori Miller is the Commissioner for the league as well as for the Pitching Machine League for seven and eight year old players which has a total of 61 player signed up.

The 9-10 Cal Ripken League led by Chris Engle edged ahead of the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, whose

Commissioner is Haynes, showing 46 registrations to 45 for the older league. The Babe Ruth League currently has 27 players inked. Michael Lancaster is the Babe Ruth Commissioner.

The total for Optimist Girls' Softball rose to 78 as 20 more girls registered Wednesday.

"We are looking for volunteers to work with the kids this season," Haynes said. "We need coaches, umpires and league officials. We can put everybody to work who would like to be involved." Haynes urged volunteers to call him at 665-6859 or Kevin Davis, the Optimist Baseball Commissioner, at 665-7843.

"Lefors and Miami are having sign-ups tonight," Haynes said. "Fort

Elliott, Wheeler and McLean are expected to register in the next few days. We anticipate that Clarendon, Claude and Panhandle will participate in our program again this year. We are looking forward to a busy season with lots of new faces."

Tryouts are scheduled for March 22, 23 and 24. Players new to the Optimist program and those players moving up to the 9-10 Cal Ripken, 11-12 Cal Ripken, Babe Ruth, 10-12 Girls' Softball and 13-15 Girls' Softball are required to attend two of the three try-out sessions. Practice is scheduled to begin March 28 with games starting in some leagues as early as April 11.

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

GOOD GOOGLE

I love March Madness, I just wish I knew about the teams

Well, in the immortal words of that modern-day poet and all-around good guy, Dick Vitale, "It's March Madness Baby!" That special time of year college basketball teams from all across the country play for.

64 teams, all vying for one thing — a national championship.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor

year, but do you really know anything about them? Gonzaga is my favorite. They seem to be in the round-ball hunt every year, but up until a moment ago, I had no idea where this school was or what their real mascot is. Certainly, it's not really a 'Zag'. Wait



a sec...no, says here they are the Bulldogs. Hey, they have a baseball team too.

And it seems there is some mysterious place called Seattle. Of course there is.

Still, The only time you hear about this campus and these kids is the latter part of basketball season.

There will be other Cinderella teams. One or two may even sneak through to the sweet 16 or beyond. I just put up with them. Unless they make it to the Elite Eight, then I cheer for them. Especially if there is a team or two still hanging around that I don't like.

I also get a kick out of the Cinderella teams that really toss a monkey wrench into the office pool. That is unless I am winning.

64 teams. 32 games. Let's see, chips, soda, bag of Big Hunks (fat free) and a handful of trips to the fast food joint (not for me, the woman. I will be busy).

Remote at the ready — let the games begin.

For some though, just making "the dance" is good enough. It is their collective 15 minutes of fame. Not just for the team and its players, but the school and the town it is located in as well.

Take Fairleigh Dickinson for example. They will be one of the teams taking part in this year's tournament after defeating Wagner last night, 58-52, to claim the NEC title. But what do you know about FDU? Do you know where the school is located? Do you know what the school mascot is? Heck, I had no idea there was a Northeast Conference.

Well, the FDU Knights home is located in New Jersey, though I am not sure where that is either. The school has a Division III campus which uses "Devils" as the mascot. Outside of that, I can't help you. My Google can only do so much.

Then there are those who seem to be in the mix every

Just for kicks



Dressed in her home white jersey, Pampa's Vanessa Resendiz battles with a Lady Eagle during Tuesday's home game against Canyon. Also pictured are Emalie Luna (left) and Heather Balay. The Lady Harvesters fell to Canyon, 2-0. Pampa wraps up the season Saturday when they travel to Amarillo to face Caprock at Dick Bivins Stadium.

Pampa girls finish second at Borger Relays

2005 Borger Relays
Timing method not reported.

Varsity Boys

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Amarillo Palo Duro 190. 2. Amarillo Caprock 95. 3. Borger 66.5. 4. Randall 66. 5. Canyon 64.5. 6. Tulia 39. 7. Panhandle 37. 8. Dalhart 26. 9. West Texas High 21. 10. Pampa 6. 11. River Road 3. 12. Clarendon 2.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Andrew Horton, Borger, 6-4. 2. Isiah Johnson, Palo Duro, 6-2. 3. Shammal Perkins, Tulia, 6-2.

POLE VAULT: 1. Jarod Hartman, Dalhart, 12-6. 2. Tanner Buschman, Randall, 12-0. 3. Troy Darnell, Randall, 11-6.

LONG JUMP: 1. Matt Davis, Borger, 20-2. 2. Colt Sicher, Randall, 19-7. 3. Will Wilson, West Texas, 19-6.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Chris Johnson, Palo Duro, 43-1. 2. Matt Malleck, Randall, 41-3. 3. D.J. Dickson, Borger, 40-2.

SHOT PUT: 1. Michael Sauls, Borger, 53-8. 2. Dustin Bruns, Palo Duro, 50-. 3. Tyler Thurston, Canyon, 45-8.

DISCUS: 1. Jaron Kerr, Borger, 150-10. 2. Curry Read, Palo Duro, 137-4. 3. Roman Gonzalez, Dalhart, 135-0.

3200 METERS: 1. Chaz Sotello, Palo Duro, 10:18.02. 2. Ryan Hall, Randall, 10:34.93.

3. Blake Marable, Canyon, 10:36.40.

4x100 RELAY: 1. Caprock 44.21. 2. Palo LDuro 44.56. 3. Canyon 44.93.

800: 1. Jason Myers, Palo Duro, 2:06.72. 2. Jason Jeffers, Panhandle, 2:07.97. 3. Perma Olivarez, Caprock, 2:10.58.

110 HURDLES: 1. Chris Johnson, Palo Duro, 15:06. 2. Rowdy Cunningham, Panhandle, 15:56. 3. Brett Frey, Caprock, 15:97.

100: 1. Willie Bratton, Caprock, 10:85. 2. Tell Fuller, Canyon, 11:21. 3. Michael Carter, Palo Duro, 11:35.

4x200 RELAY: 1. Caprock 1:32.56. 2. Palo Duro 1:34.65. 3. Randall 1:35.87.

400: 1. Chance Leron, Panhandle, 50:03. 2. Jason Myers, Palo Duro, 50:28. 3. Clay Waggoner, Palo Duro, 54:02.

300 HURDLES: 1. Chris Johnson, Palo Duro, 41:53. 2. Case Keeter, Tulia, 44:66. 3. Tilden Leamon, West Texas, 44:72.

200: 1. Jaquell Love, Caprock, 22:83. 2. Ollie Kirven, Palo Duro, 22:97. 3. Ladaí Carter, Palo Duro, 23:46.

1600: 1. Chaz Sotello, Palo Duro, 4:49.29. 2. Ryan Hall, Randall, 4:57.35. 3. Stephen McNeese, Canyon, 4:57.65.

4x400 RELAY: 1. Palo Duro

3:27.09. 2. Canyon 3:32.91. 3. Caprock 3:32.96.

Varsity Girls

TEAM TOTALS: 1. Borger 135. 2. Pampa 118. 3. Caprock 111. 4. Randall 90. 5. Dalhart 48. 6. Sanford-Fritch 31. 7. Clarendon 29. 8. River Road 27. 9. West Texas 19. 10. Tulia 6.

HIGH JUMP: 1. Jacklyn Spearman, Pampa, 4-10. 2. Kaysha Lee, Pampa, 4-10. 3. Katie Vance, Borger, 4-8.

LONG JUMP: 1. Kendall Stokes, Pampa, 17-3. 2. Stephanie Rhoten, Borger, 15-7. 3. Alyssa Bromwell, Pampa, 15-6.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1. Kendall Stokes, Pampa, 35-9. 2. Katherine Hoskins, Randall, 33-10. 3. Haley Shelton, Clarendon, 31-10. 2.

SHOT PUT: 1. Machiko Taniguchi, Pampa, 39-1. 2. Lauren Lopez, West Texas, 32. 3. Leslie Sandifer, River Road, 31-7.

DISCUS: 1. Machiko Taniguchi, Pampa, 119-9. 2. Jessica Delavega, Dalhart, 92-0. 3. Lauren Lopez, West Texas, 89.

3200: 1. Chelsay Knight, Pampa, 12:59.11. 2. Pamela Balderrama, Borger, 13:03.96. 3. Jessica Hernandez, Clarendon, 13:14.08.

4x100 RELAY: 1. Borger 52.43.

2. Caprock 52.58. 3. Sanford-Fritch 54.78.

800: 1. Amy Mountain, Randall, 2:36.52. 2. Jerico Timmons, Pampa, 2:38.34. 3. Lupita Hernandez, Caprock, 2:38.58.

100 HURDLES: 1. Katherine Hoskins, Randall, 15:24. 2. Kendall Stokes, Pampa, 15:81. 3. Alyssa Bromwell, Pampa, 17:28.

100: 1. Abby Brannan, Borger, 12:71. 2. Chasity McCree, Caprock, 13:05. 3. Lindsay Bennett, Sanford-Fritch, 13:17.

4x200 RELAY: 1. Caprock 1:52.96. 2. Borger 1:53.46. 3. Randall 1:53.90.

400: 1. Hallee Edwards, Borger, 1:04.12. 2. Nickcole Hill, Caprock, 1:05.62. 3. Tiffany Bullock, Tulia, 1:06.96.

300 HURDLES: 1. Lisa Maez, Dalhart, 49:52. 2. Katherine Hoskins, Randall, 50:25. 3. Kaitlyn Howard, Clarendon, 53:06.

200: 1. Jasmira Martinez, Randall, 27:40. 2. Stephanie Rhoten, Borger, 27:47. 3. Christina Byington, Caprock, 28:09.

1600: 1. Heather Dills, Pampa, 5:57.49. 2. Lupita Hernandez, Caprock, 6:06.02. 3. Codie Walden, Randall, 6:17.18.

4x400 RELAY: 1. Borger 4:21.72. 2. Randall 4:23.85. 3. Caprock 4:26.70.

Pampa teams show fangs during indoor soccer league

The Pampa Cobras High School Indoor Soccer Team recently took first place in the high school B division. With a record of 7-1-0, the Cobras scored 102 goals while allowing just 15 over the eight game season. The games were played in Amarillo at the Kids Inc. Sportsplex indoor facility.

The Cobras are made up of players Chelsea Anderson, Adam Brown, Shaunna Gray, Andrew VanHouten, K'Leigh Sweeney, Lynda Medlin, Alicia Rodriguez, Tanner Dyson, Rusty Snider, Colby Copeland and Mitch Kelly. The team is coached by Roy Anderson.

Meanwhile, the U14 (under 14) Cobras took sec-

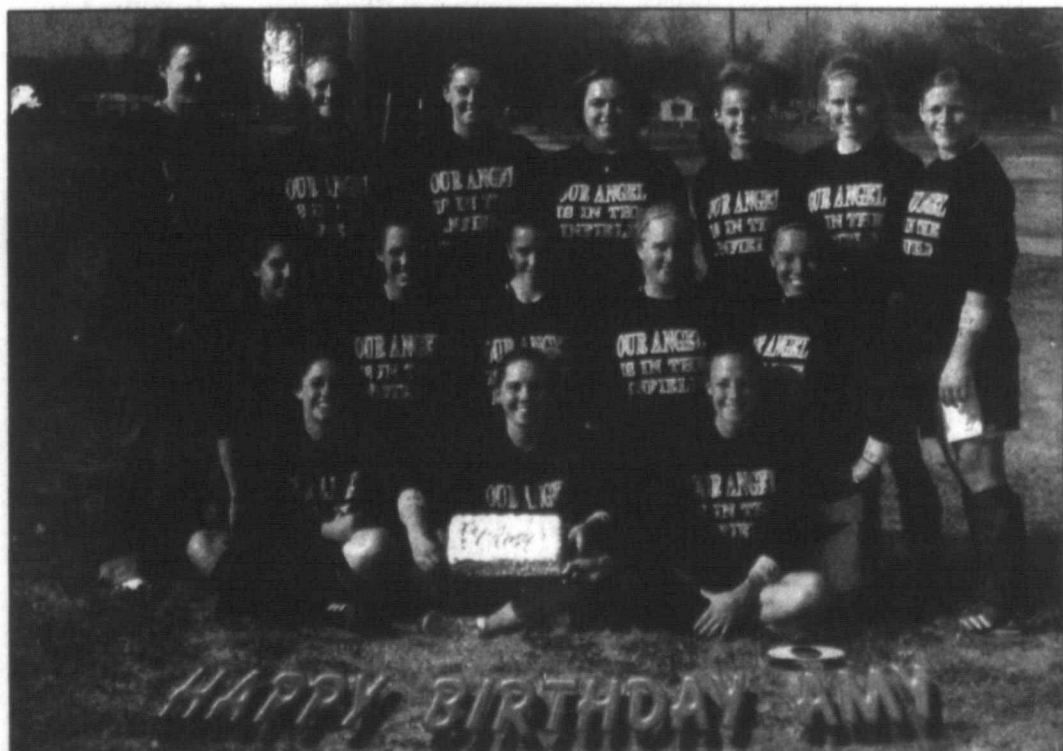
ond place in the boys' B division with a 4-3-1 record. Those taking part in the league were Faby Soria, Marie Cox, Ryan Stoffle, Kelly Stoffle, Olin Boyd, Jazz Villalon, Jake Medlin, Matt Kelly, Paul Soria and Juan Rivera. The team is coached by Roy Anderson and Paulin Soria.

The U14 Coed team finished second in the C division with a 5-3-0 record. Players were Faby Soria, Paul Soria, Jason Rodriguez, Leah Wilson, Noah Cotton, Kenzie Carter, Caleb Griffin, Treavor McVay, Alyssa Seitz and Dale Montgomery. Coaches are Roy Anderson, Paulin Soria and Craig Wilson.

Stephens aces No. 7 at PCC

Pampa resident Roy Don Stephens used a 8-iron to get a hole-in-one on the seventh hole at the Pampa Country Club yesterday. The 155 yard par-3 was aced from the back of the tee box. Stephens' shot was witnessed by Butch Buck, Frank McCullough and Fred Simmons.

Remembering Amy



While away at last weekend's Burk Burnett Tournament, the Lady Harvester softball team took time to celebrate the late Amy Youree's birthday (Mar. 4). Pictured wearing "Our Angel is in the Infield" shirts are, from left to right, top row- Jackie Barber, Whitney Wichert, Brittany Adams, Melody Youree (Amy's mother), Logan Winkelman, Stephanie Mcvay and Wendi Miller. Middle row- Kali Jiminez, Ashley Parker, Emilea Greer, Whitney Roden and Cassy Tice. Front row- Nicole Clark, Callie Cobb (holding cake) and Teryn Garner.

UIL boys tournament schedule

AUSTIN (AP) — Scores and schedule for the UIL boys basketball tournament that began Thursday at the Frank Erwin Center:

THURSDAY
CLASS 1A DIVISION II
FINAL
Lipan 58, Paducah 49

CLASS 1A DIVISION I
FINAL
Morton (28-5) vs. Snook (28-5), 10 a.m.

CLASS 3A SEMIFINALS
Graham (30-4) vs. Diboll (27-5), 2 p.m.

Van (36-2) vs. Aransas Pass (29-9), 3:30 p.m.

CLASS 4A SEMIFINALS

Amarillo Palo Duro (29-3) vs. Dallas South Oak Cliff (30-7), 7 p.m.

Houston Wheatley (35-4) vs. SA Houston (27-9), 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY
CLASS 2A SEMIFINALS

Kountze (34-2) vs. Salado (28-7), 9:30 a.m.

Howe (30-6) vs. Tuscola Jim Ned (28-4), 11 a.m.

CLASS 5A SEMIFINALS

Dallas Carter (34-4) vs. Humble Kingwood (35-4), 3 p.m.

DeSoto (36-3) vs. SA Reagan (29-10), 7 p.m.

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Armstrong drops out, will modify training

CRAPONNE-SUR-ARZON, France (AP) — Six-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong dropped out of the Paris-Nice race after the third stage with a sore throat. Armstrong finished 99th in the stage Wednesday and said afterward he wasn't feeling well.

"Lance woke up with a sore throat and with the cold weather, he began to feel worse throughout the day," manager Johan Bruyneel said in a statement posted Wednesday on Armstrong's Discovery team Web site. "It would not have been very intelligent to continue."

Armstrong will go to his home in Girona, Spain, for treatment.

"I will return to Spain to rest up and be back on the bike in a couple of

days," Armstrong said in the release. Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland won Thursday's fourth stage to take the overall lead. Cancellara completed the 67-mile stretch between Saint-Perey and Montelimar in 2 hours, 11 minutes, 3 seconds. In the overall standings, he was 15 seconds ahead of Spain's Juan Antonio Flecha. American Bobby Julich was third, 20 seconds off the lead.

Armstrong, who was using the event as a warm-up for his bid to win a seventh straight Tour de France title this summer, was in 62nd place overall after Wednesday stage.

The decision to pull out will lead to a modification of his training program, Bruyneel said.

"It will change a bit," he said.

"Although we have not decided anything just yet. First of all we have to see when he can resume training again."

Armstrong is scheduled to participate in the Tour of Flanders on April 3 and defend his Tour of Georgia title later that month before competing in the grueling Dauphine Libere race June 5.

Bruyneel isn't concerned that Armstrong's withdrawal represents a sign of weakness to his top competition, including Jan Ullrich, Ivan Basso, Roberto Heras and Iban Mayo.

"I don't think it's a problem," Bruyneel said. "Of all the so-called rivals for a Tour victory, most have not even started competing. There's no cause to doubt."

Lift-off



Pampa's Rusty Snyder launches a kick off his right foot during Tuesday 3-1 win over Canyon. The Harvesters close the season Saturday on the road against Caprock.

STEROIDS SCANDAL

As baseball fights stars' subpoenas, another hearing focuses on steroids

WASHINGTON (AP) — With Congress and Major League Baseball embroiled in a fight over steroids, the chairman of a House panel said Thursday that all major U.S. sports leagues should work toward a single testing plan.

"Our elite athletic organizations, both professional and amateur, should establish uniform, world-class, drug-testing standards that are as consistent and robust as our criminal laws in this area," said Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-Fla. "Nothing less should be tolerated."

Stearns' comments came at the opening of a hearing of the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee he chairs. Labor lawyers from Major League Baseball and the National Football League were to testify later.

The panel also was scheduled to hear from Donald Hooton of Plano, Texas, whose son was a steroid user and committed suicide, and Dr. Ralph Hale, chairman of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which oversees drug testing for Olympic sports.

Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman, Joe Barton, R-Texas, said this could be the first of a series of hearings on the issue and that at some point subpoenas might be issued for commissioners of the major sports leagues.

"The time has come to put an end to this mess and reclaim sports as competition," he said.

Barton said use of performance-

enhancing drugs is tainting sports and its stars, noting that as San Francisco Giants star Barry Bonds pursues the career home run record there are questions about whether he has been aided by steroids.

"With Babe Ruth, people didn't worry about him taking steroids. They worried him eating another hot dog," Barton said.

Another House panel issued subpoenas Wednesday calling for Mark McGwire, Sammy Sosa and five other baseball stars to testify at a March 17 hearing. The House Government Reform Committee also demanded a variety of documents and records of baseball's drug tests.

The move came less than two months after baseball and its players hailed a new, get-tough policy on banned substances and just a week after testing began at spring training.

Baseball balked at the subpoenas. Stanley Brand, a lawyer for the commissioner's office, said the committee had no jurisdiction, was trying to violate baseball's first amendment privacy rights, and was attempting to "satisfy their prurient interest into who may and may not have engaged in this activity."

Reacting to Brand's comments, committee spokesman David Marin said: "Mr. Brand has his facts wrong. He failed to recognize that House rules give this committee the authority to investigate any matter at any time, and

we are authorized to request or compel testimony and document production related to any investigation. It's a shame that Major League Baseball has resorted to hiding behind 'legalese' — and inaccurate 'legalese' at that."

The other players subpoenaed to appear next week were Jose Canseco — who recently published a book outlining allegations of steroid use by McGwire and others — Jason Giambi, Curt Schilling, Rafael Palmeiro and Frank Thomas. Also called were players' association head Donald Fehr, baseball executive vice presidents Rob Manfred and Sandy Alderson, and San Diego Padres general manager Kevin Towers.

Canseco, Fehr and Manfred have agreed to testify, with Manfred appearing on behalf of commissioner Bud Selig. Before the subpoenas were issued, Brand told the committee the other players were declining invitations to appear.

It wasn't immediately clear whether the hearing will take place as scheduled.

Under pressure from Congress and under the shadow of a grand jury investigation into an alleged steroid-distribution ring, Major League Baseball and its players' association agreed in January to a tougher steroid-testing program. The agreement will suspend first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly test players year-round.

Knutson, Olson, Davis and Shepherd claim Hidden Hills scramble

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Here are the results from yesterday's Senior Long & Short Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

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| 1st place (144)
Harley Knutson
Kent Olson
Jack Davis
Butch Shepherd | 2nd Place (145)
Don Adams
Carroll Pettit
Joe Mabry
Gene Winegeart | 3rd place (147)
Jim Cantrell
Jerry South
Howard Musgrave
Nathan Lancaster | 4th place (147)
Pat Montoya
Larry Heard
James Lee
Bill Brown |
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Reece Field (No. 6), James Lee (No. 15)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, March 11, 2005:

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★★ You feel your Wheaties this morning, and you let others know it. As you claim your power, many people will tap into your mental abilities. You verbalize and express your ideas with force and precision. Don't worry - your message will be heard. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Give up the hands-on approach, at least for today. When you stop acting, you might get a totally different perspective. Your mind is like a ticker-tape. Note all the thoughts and concerns that race through your mind. Perhaps you need to resolve some questions within yourself first. Tonight: Alone or with a trusted confidant.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You know precisely where

you are heading. What you decide to zero in on will be accomplished with ease. Wish upon a star. Share your desires with friends who can help point you down the right path. Tonight: Conjure up what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ The many ideas that go through your mind will need to be orchestrated by you. Make sure you want to commit to a project before you leap into action. Count on being the lead player; responsibilities will tumble into your lap. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Dive into research. Your ability to read between the lines takes you to a new level of growth and understanding. Express your interest in a different perspective on life. Opt for a class or trip in order to continually grow. Tonight: Try a different type of restaurant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Make dealing with a partner your pleasure. In fact, you might find someone unusually insightful, whether discussing a heavily charged emotional situation or a financial one. Two heads work better than one in this case. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Others have control. Understand that you are only along for the ride, but you can have a very good time or successful day if you buck the trend. Listen to the many chatty and verbal people surrounding you. Tonight: Let others have control.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Follow through on daily errands and what is important to making your life work. Your laughter and sense of humor help you see the issues

clearly. Your mind has the ability to grasp the details. Tonight: Choose a relaxing pastime.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ Express your creativity in a key area of your life. By sharing more of your spirit, you'll energize anything or anyone. Add that special touch of romance, too. A child enjoys your playfulness. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Anchor in on what is important rather than focus on work or your daily routine. A family member might need extra time and attention. Carefully check out your investments. A real estate matter could be favored. Tonight: Make your home your castle.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ You speak, and others respond. Clear your desk; get your work done. Schedule a long lunch or an early afternoon break to catch up on news. The sign of friendship needs to indulge in camaraderie. Tonight: Be happy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Learn new financial facts that will help you ease through a problem or your general fiscal life. Be more in touch with your feelings and how you might soothe them through spending. Take better care of yourself. Tonight: Treat a friend to dinner.

BORN TODAY
Author Douglas Adams (1952), media mogul Rupert Murdoch (1931), singer Bobby McFerrin (1950)

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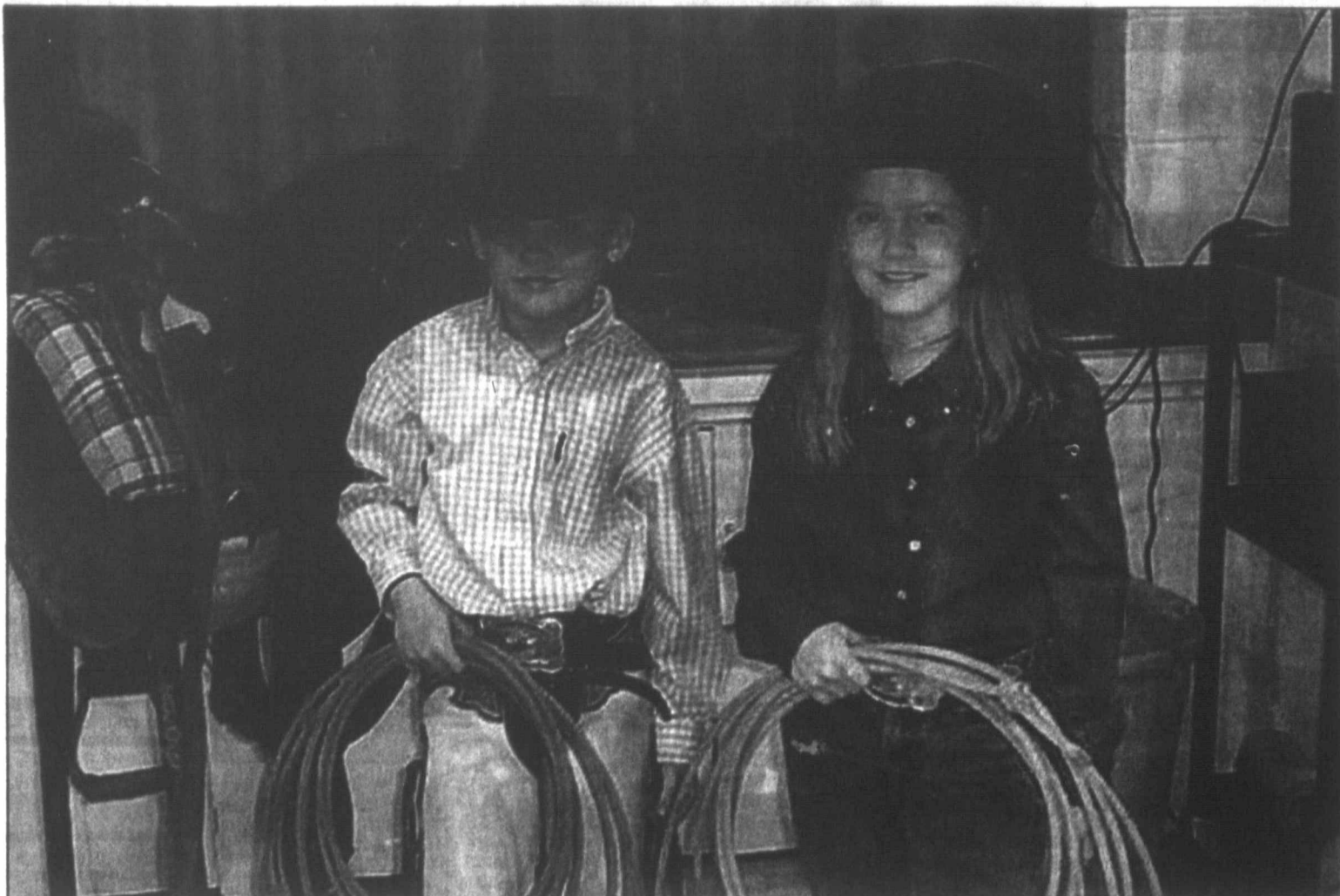
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Counterintelligence to change strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government suspects more than 2,000 Chinese companies of operating in the United States to steal secrets and wonders whether more than 300,000 Chinese visitors are really here for study and research.

These concerns about who might be swiping U.S. information extend to several departments — from Defense to Energy to State — and officials say it underscores the need for pre-emptive action embodied in President Bush's plan for a new, national counterintelligence strategy.

As soon as this month, Bush is expected to direct U.S. intelligence agencies to go on the offensive to prevent the loss of secrets and technology, a policy consistent with the pre-emptive military strategy the administration developed in 2002.

National Counterintelligence Executive Michelle Van Cleave provided a broad outline of the unclassified strategy — the Seven Pillars of U.S. Counterintelligence — at a conference last weekend in Texas. A leading goal is to shift from reactive counterintelligence operations — finding spies and other sources of leaks after they've done significant damage — to offensive operations.

"No longer will we wait until we have been harmed to act," Van Cleave said.

Intelligence experts say the task will be difficult, given the espionage threats from China, Russia and other countries, as well as terrorist groups and other interests determined to penetrate the United States.

Government officials say there are counterintelligence successes every day that are never made public. Some cases involve suspected

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spies who are given "full transactional immunity" for details of their activities — a rare government promise to avoid prosecution in exchange for full disclosure. The individual's career may end, but he or she will avoid jail time.

But some experts say the unfortunate reality is that only one truly major espionage case has ever been unraveled through classic detective work: the case of CIA turncoat Aldrich Ames. He helped devastate U.S. intelligence operations against the Soviets by selling them secrets between 1985 and 1994.

Apartment fire kills at least 10 in New Orleans suburb

MARRERO, La. (AP) — At least 10 members of a family died Thursday in an early morning fire ignited by candles they lit because their new apartment still had no electricity, authorities said.

Four people escaped by jumping out a second-story window, police said. One family member who was believed to be in the house was still unaccounted for.

The dead, all found in the second-floor apartment of a town house, ranged in age from 6 months to 42 years, said Col. Bob Garner of the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. He said the four survivors were not seriously injured.

It was not immediately clear why so many people were sleeping in the apart-

ment, or exactly when they moved in. Garner said the move could have been as recently as the day before.

He said family members had been using candles for light and the candles ignited the bedclothing.

Mark Goldman of the Jefferson Parish Coroner's Office said it appeared that some of the victims died of smoke inhalation and some of burns. Autopsies were to be conducted Thursday.

The apartment, located in a lower-to-middle class neighborhood across the Mississippi River from New Orleans, was totally aflame when rescue workers arrived shortly after 5 a.m. The fire was under control less than two hours later.

President Clinton scheduled for surgery

NEW YORK (AP) — Former President Clinton checked into a New York City hospital early Thursday to undergo more surgery on his chest.

Clinton, 58, arrived at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center shortly after 5 a.m. for a low-risk operation to

remove fluid and scar tissue that developed in his left lung after his quadruple heart bypass six months ago.

His wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, was at the hospital with the ex-president. Earlier in the week, the New York Democrat said she was "very confident about the outcome" of the procedure.

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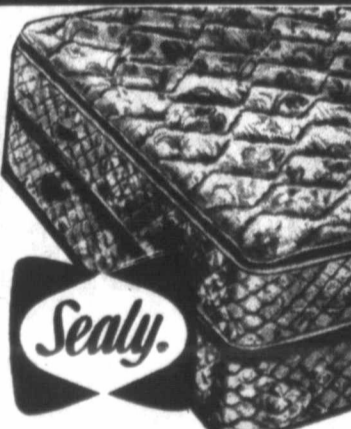
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