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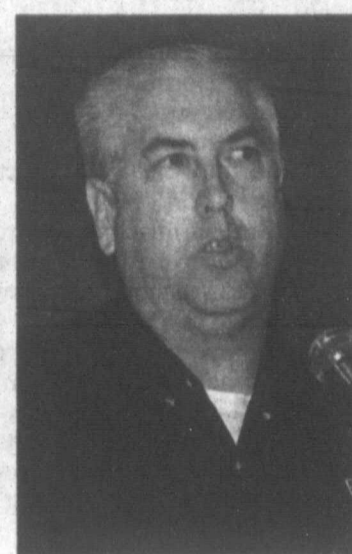


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Drug abuse causes majority of crimes committed



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By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Drug abuse is directly or indirectly involved in 75 to 80 percent of crimes committed in Pampa, and in 87 percent of the 2,700 arrests made by Pampa Police Department in 2005, according to Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner.
Pitner was one of four speakers at Thursday evening's substance abuse awareness meeting, "Drug Trends in Pampa," which began at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. There were 255 drug arrests by PPD in 2005, including 47 by the department's narcotics officer, Pitner said. Crimes indirectly related to drug use include burglaries, thefts, disturbances and forgeries, he said.
One improvement in drug violation statistics concerns methamphetamine labs. "A couple of years ago, we were stopping rolling meth labs. Last year, no meth labs were found in Gray County," Pitner said. The police department works closely with other

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City has spent nearly 29% of capital expenditure budget

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
As of Tuesday, the city of Pampa has spent or encumbered almost 29 percent of its 2005-2006 capital expenditure budget. Pampa City Manager John Horst reported to the city commission at their meeting Tuesday afternoon that the city has spent or encumbered \$95,973 of its \$3,491,755 capital expenditure budget for the year.

That includes \$52,525 for a new phone system; \$114,747 for software for the police department; \$243,500 for a new fire engine; \$69,992 for three new police vehicles; \$136,842 for renovation work at M.K. Brown Auditorium; \$29,319 for a water truck; \$250,000 for a wastewater collection truck, and \$3,673 for trees and cart trails at the golf course. In many instances, the actual cost was less than the budgeted amount.

Horst said that the city funds are also in good shape. "We are in budget and over on revenues on several funds," Horst said. Revenues for the general fund are \$991,025 over expenditures. Revenues for M.K. Brown Auditorium are \$37,208 over expenditures. Water and wastewater fund revenues are \$166,142 over expenditures. Landfill revenues are \$30,157

over expenditures. City Finance Director Robin Bailey said the \$208,237 in excess funds for the library is misleading because part of that excess will go to the general fund to cover a loan. The golf course is \$5,280 in the red, but that is because work on the course is done in the winter and the majority of the revenue comes in during the summer, Horst said.

Second band named for Martinez benefit

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Room to Breathe, a small jazz band, and Bo Salin & The Brakes Are All Gone will provide music at a Mardi Gras party Saturday to raise funds for medical expenses of Chris Martinez, 35, of Pampa. The party will begin at 7 p.m. at The Lone Star, 1300 S. Barnes, and will include a silent auction, live auction, food, drinks and dancing. A 50/50 raffle will be held, and a number of door prizes will be given away. Martinez suffered head injuries, facial lacerations and a broken back when he was ejected from a vehicle Nov. 22, 2004 near Price, Utah, between Provo and Moab, according to his

brother, Miguel, also known as "Mikey." Martinez was traveling with his mother, father, brother and daughter at the time of the accident, and was the only one seriously injured. Martinez was released from BSA Hospital in Amarillo on Feb. 6. Effects of the Utah accident have included short-term memory loss and reliance on a wheelchair to move about. "He didn't injure his spinal cord, so we're hopeful that in time he'll be walking again," Mikey said. The Utah crash was not the first major accident for Martinez. He was also badly injured in a motorcycle accident. See BENEFIT, Page 3

Punk rock band's name causes campus closures

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) — Authorities shut down four buildings at Ohio University after a police officer noticed a sticker that said "this bike is a pipe bomb" before finding out the message was the name of a punk rock band, a university spokesman said. Police noticed the sticker on a bicycle early Thursday, then blocked streets around a university-owned restaurant where it was found. A bomb squad from Columbus, about 65 miles away, pried apart the bike with a hydraulic device normally used to rescue accident victims trapped in cars.

Claude man arrested on child porn charges

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott's Cyber Crimes Unit investigators announced today grand jury indictments in two child pornography cases, including a Claude man. Mike Lee Campbell, 50, was indicted Wednesday by an Armstrong County grand jury on nine counts of possession of child pornography and two counts of promotion of child pornography. The indictments allege that in April 2005, Campbell used a Web camera to display child pornography online to a person whom he thought was a 13-year-old girl. The "girl" was actually an undercover Cyber Crimes investigator. In September 2005, a

search warrant was executed at the grain elevator in Claude where Campbell worked as facility manager. A computer and external media were confiscated, and forensic exams later revealed pornographic images and video of children. Promotion of child pornography is a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000. Possession of child pornography is a third-degree felony punishable by up to 10 years in state prison and a fine of up to \$10,000; however, a new state law that went into effect Sept. 1, 2005, makes the possession

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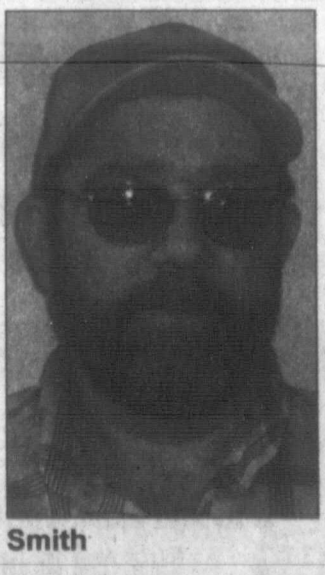
Smith to run again for school board post

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor
Charles Smith, who represents Place 4 on the Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education, has filed for re-election to that post. Smith is an environmental health and safety consultant and trainer for Evergreen Consulting Co. He has served on the board for one 3-year term. "In the past three years the board has worked hard on budgets, leadership, communications, facilities, academic achievement, goals and improvement,

just to name a few," he said. "I feel as part of that board I have been able to contribute and actively participate in these areas. "We work well together and have a common goal, the goal of providing the best education we can for the children of the community." Smith emphasized that teachers in the community work hard on the curriculum, have peer meetings, take training and whatever is necessary to improve the methods used in training the community's children. "This is an enormous responsibility

and requires a lot of effort on everyone's part," he said. "In addition," he said, "we are looking at the current condition of all of our facilities. Lee Porter has done an outstanding job of working with various community committees and the board. As a member of the facilities committee, I know how large a task this has been." Smith said work remains to be done. "We have a lot of work to do on facilities, academic achievement and

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Viewpoints

Giving 100 percent to the 'race of life' ...

During the 1996 Olympics, I caught an interview by gold medalist Carl Lewis as he was questioned about his longevity in the sport.

The 35-year-old sprinter looked into the eyes of the interviewer and said frankly: "When I'm done with this sport, I want to leave everything I have on the track. I'm gonna give it everything I have until there is nothing left to give."

What Carl Lewis said with that brief statement is that we should give 100 percent

effort in everything we do. The race of life is not much different than an Olympic race. Where we finish has a lot to do with the amount of effort demonstrated. On average, small efforts deliver small results while big efforts can usually deliver big results.

Good and bad experiences have taught me the following lessons regarding the race of life:

The first lesson is to stay in your lane. Everyone has his or her own personal lane in this life. It is not defined

by discreet boundaries but rather by the things we can control or influence. It's in this lane that we control our physical and emotional well being and it's here that we determine our reaction to the ever changing environment that surrounds us. However, should we cross over into someone else's lane, we risk exposure to events that are

outside of our control. The second lesson learned is to run at your own pace.

The biggest mistake made in any race is to run at someone else's pace. We are uniquely

created and endowed with unique abilities that cannot be matched by anyone else on earth.

The race of life is best enjoyed when we use our

uniqueness to develop a pace that suits our abilities. To run at someone else's pace is to risk running past or missing the opportunities that our Creator has predestined just for you.

The last lesson learned is to never look back. The great baseball player Satchel Paige once said, "Don't look back because something might be gaining on you."

The race of life should take place looking toward opportunities, not backward at mistakes. It is virtually impossible to give 100 per-

cent effort to anything if we are busy looking at past mistakes.

To focus on them while trying to move forward is like driving a car while looking in the rear view mirror; it's an accident waiting to happen.

Stay in your lane, run at your own pace and don't look back and at the end many will look back on your life and repeat the scripture found in 2 Chron 3:21; "He did it with all his heart and prospered."

David Cain

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, March 3, the 62nd day of 2006. There are 303 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Seventy-five years ago, on March 3, 1931, "The Star-Spangled Banner" officially became the national anthem of the United States.

On this date:

In 1706, 300 years ago, composer Johann Pachelbel, best remembered for his "Canon in D," died in Nuremberg, Germany, at age 52.

In 1845, Florida became the 27th state.

In 1849, the U.S. Department of the Interior was established.

In 1849, Congress created the Minnesota Territory.

In 1879, Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood became the first woman to be admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his orchestra recorded "Frenesi" for RCA Victor.

In 1969, Apollo 9 blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a mission to test the lunar module.

In 1974, nearly 350 people died when a

'We are creatures of the moment; we live from one little space to another; and only one interest at a time fills these.'

— William Dean Howells
American author and editor (1837-1920)

Turkish Airlines DC-10 crashed shortly after takeoff from Orly Airport in Paris.

In 1991, in a case that sparked a national outcry, motorist Rodney King was severely beaten by Los Angeles police officers in a scene captured on amateur video.

In 1991, 25 people were killed when a United Airlines Boeing 737-200 crashed while approaching the Colorado Springs airport.

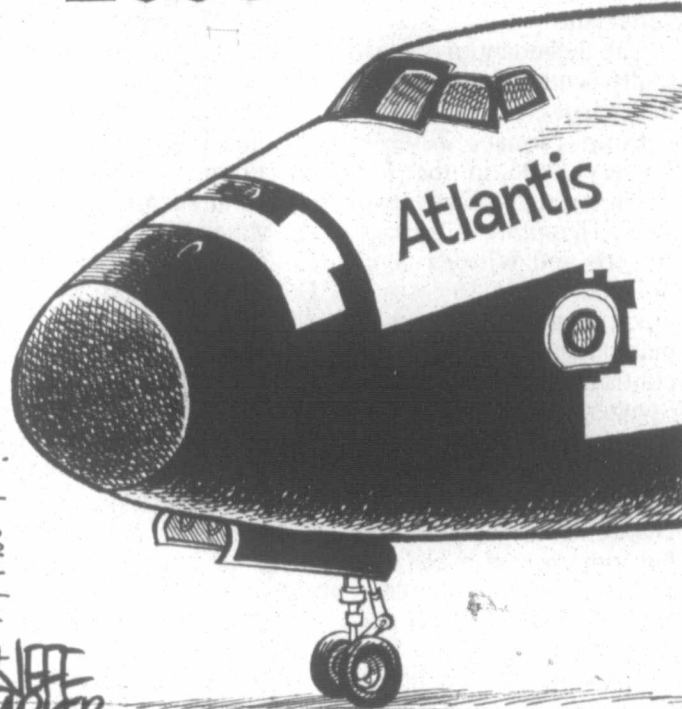
Ten years ago: Israel declared all-out war on the militant group Hamas after a bus bomb in Jerusalem killed 19 people, including the bomber, the third such suicide attack in eight days.

Five years ago: A plane carrying members of a National Guard engineering crew crashed in heavy rain near Macon, Ga., killing all 21 people on board. The foot-and-mouth scare made its way from Britain to mainland Europe with the discovery of blisters on the snouts of three pigs in northern Belgium, sparking drastic measures. John Ruiz became the first Hispanic WBA heavyweight champion by defeating Evander Holyfield in a unanimous 12-round decision.

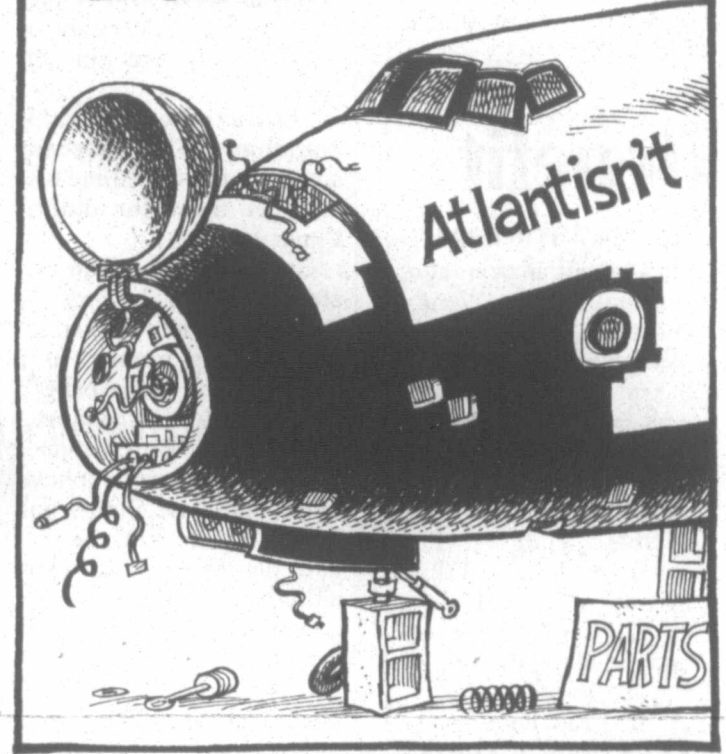
One year ago: President Bush visited CIA headquarters, where he promised agency employees they would retain an "incredibly vital" role in safeguarding the nation's security despite the creation of a new post of national director of intelligence. Millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett became the first person to fly around the world alone without stopping or refueling, touching down in central Kansas after a 67-hour, 23,000-mile journey.

Today's Birthdays: Socialite Lee Radziwill is 73. Actress Hattie Winston is 61. Singer Jennifer Warnes is 59.

Before 2008.



After 2008.



Nation's political parties do switcheroo

I've been reading American folklore lately, and I ran across what was supposedly one of Teddy Roosevelt's favorite jokes.

He asks a young man why he is a Democrat. "Well," the young man replies, "my great-grandfather was a Democrat, my grandfather was a Democrat, and my father was a Democrat."

"Well," Roosevelt replies, "suppose they had all been horse thieves. What would you be?"

"In that case," the young man replies, "I'd probably be a Republican."

This was brought to mind by the snide and racist comment by TV talking face Bryant Gumbel, when he scoffed at the Winter Olympics and said there were so few blacks, it looked like a Republican convention.

Now the embittered Gumbel is not important, but what he said provides an opening to point out that political parties actually stand for nothing except winning elections and distributing patronage. Their positions on issues fluctuate with time and depend on what they think will help

them win. At the present time, most black folks perceive the Republican Party really as an anti-African-American party, and they generally vote overwhelmingly Democrat.

There was a time when Republicans were called "black Republicans." They were the anti-slavery party and the party that during Reconstruction gave African-American men the right to vote. At the same time, the Democratic Party was the white-supremacy party.

The bitter and bloody conflict between Southern Democrats and Republicans set the stage for bad race relations that we are still dealing with, although ironically, the two parties are now perceived in an opposite way. When Democrats finally ousted the Reconstruction Republicans, in no small way by terrorizing and murdering black voters, they set about to undo practically everything the Republicans

had done. For years in the South, "Republican" was a hated word, akin to "damned Yankee." There was no Republican Party in the South to speak of. Democrat primaries were the only choice voters had in picking their candidates, since winning the Democratic nomination was tantamount to winning the office.

I must also point out that all this, including ending Reconstruction, was done with the collusion of Northern Democrats. A deal was cut. The Northerners said you vote Democrat and we'll let you do what you want with the Negroes.

For years, anybody trying to register as a Republican in most Southern cities would be met by scorn and insult. I had a neighbor, originally from Iowa, who told me that when he first moved to Florida in the 1930s and tried to register as a Republican, he was told to his face, "Nobody but n-

lovers register as Republican."

So how did the two parties switch positions? Well, it began in the Gilded Age, when the Republican Party showed its true colors as the party of Big Business. That carried right on through to the Great Depression, and there were no African-Americans in big business. They fell in love with Franklin Roosevelt. Even so, Democrats could still count on the Solid South. That cracked during the civil-rights campaign, when several Southern states went for Barry Goldwater. Then Richard Nixon adopted his Southern strategy, part of which was to keep as many blacks as possible from voting.

So today, the Republican Party that freed the slaves and gave blacks the right to vote is perceived as a party hostile to blacks, and the Democratic Party, which once counted on the Ku Klux Klan to help it win elections, is perceived to be the party most sympathetic to blacks.

And what's more, both

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Charley Reese

Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Feb. 14

San Antonio Express-News on ethics supervisor needed for federal lawmakers:

There's an interesting bipartisan contest taking place in Congress. Democrats and Republicans seem to be trying to outdo one another to propose the most comprehensive lobbying and ethics reform.

That these issues are even on the table is a good development. The bribery admission by Congressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Calif., the Abramoff scandal and the unseemly

connections between the office of former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and K Street lobbyists have in recent months highlighted the ethical challenges on Capitol Hill.

But even the most stringent rules on gifts and travel won't mean a thing unless there's a credible way to investigate and disclose ethics violations. As the current scandals have played out, Congress has proven incapable of policing itself.

The new majority leader in the House, John Boehner, thinks it's a congressional duty for members to oversee themselves. It may be their duty, but they're failing to perform it. Despite all the recent scandals, the House ethics

committee — split by partisan divisions — hasn't met in more than a year.

House Democrats and Republicans have each introduced legislation to create an office staffed by professionals to audit the filings and activities of lobbyists. Members of Congress should be subject to the same independent oversight.

Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., has included in his ethics reform package the creation of an independent ethics enforcement commission. More than 30 states, including Texas, have some form of commission to monitor or enforce ethics.

By now, it's very clear that Congress needs one, too.

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Reese

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perceptions are correct, as far as perceptions go. Underneath the perceptions, however, is the basic truth that both parties stand for winning, no matter what it takes. Whether they are for or against any issue or any-

body depends entirely on how they think it will affect the vote. They both pander to their respective constituencies.

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

Events calendar

• **Saint Francis Knights of Columbus**, 10 miles east of Amarillo, will host two all-you-can-eat fish fries from 6-8 p.m. today and April 7 in observance of Lent. For questions, contact Advertising Chair Steve Drillette at (806) 335-1121.

• **College-bound high school students** can take the ACT Assessment on April 8 the next nationwide test date. The registration postmark deadline is today. Late registration postmark deadline is March 17. The cost is \$29 without and \$43 with the Writing Test (an additional \$18 fee is required for late registration). Students can receive registration information from their high school guidance counselors or they can register on ACT's Web site at www.actstudent.org.

• **Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre** will present "Little Women" at 7:30 nightly today, Saturday and Sunday at Ordway Auditorium on campus. Admission will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

• **Gray County Genealogical Society** and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will host

a free genealogical workshop from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at the church. Classes will include "How do I begin?", "It's all in the Name," "Our Scotch/Irish Ancestors" and "Computers and Genealogy." To register or for more information, call Cindy at 669-1174 or 669-9547. Bring a brown bag lunch for a special "gab" session between 12 p.m. and 1 p.m.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents** "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, Saturday, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

• **Pampa Book Club** meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library. The list for the next two months is March 8 "Mermaid Chair" by Sue Monk Kidd; and April 12 "One Soldier's Story" by Bob Dole

or "Dying Thunder (Red River Wars)" by Terry Johnston.

• **Amarillo Women's Forum** will meet from 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m. Wednesday at the Amarillo Club. The keynote speaker will be Dr. Majorie Jenkins. Cost will be \$16 per person. The forum is currently seeking nominations for its 2005 Distinguished Service Awards through March 15. For a nomination packet or more information, call (806) 352-7425.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Wednesday, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 53-year-old husband insists on raising the window shade and turning on the light when he takes a bath and when he washes up in the morning. He strips naked to brush his teeth and wash his face while standing 4 feet from the window. The window is large, and it starts just above the bathtub. I have asked him not to do it because I don't think it's appropriate. I have told him he will be regarded as the "weird old man" in the neighborhood. When I told him the situation bothered me, he stopped for a few weeks. Now he's at it again. Our yard is large and open, so there's an opportunity for the neighbors to see what's going on. How do I get him to stop? Or should I just let him continue and try to get over it? — **WANTS LESS SOUTHERN EXPOSURE IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR WANTS LESS: Your husband isn't "going" to be regarded as a "weird old man" in the neighborhood — he's already there. That you told him it bothered you and he felt compelled to start again indicates to me that he gets a thrill out of exposing himself in situations where he could get caught. Because he's in his own home, I don't think he's breaking any laws. However, rather than argue over it, I have a suggestion: Contact a window company and have the bottom half of the bathroom window "frosted." That way, your husband can parade around the way nature made him, and if anyone happens by, there won't be any embarrassment.

DEAR ABBY: I run a small day-care business out of my house. I watch only the children of relatives or friends. One of my friends wants me to start watching her young daughter, "Sierra," who will turn 6 this summer. The problem is Sierra is terrified of animals, large and small.

We have a dog, three cats and a guinea pig. Sierra refuses to even get out of the car and stand in my yard. I think they should find day care elsewhere. They, however, keep insisting that Sierra will be "just fine" and that she understands that, come summer, she'll have to come to my house. Abby, I think it's cruel and insensitive of them to expect Sierra to "get over it" just like that. I have asked them to start asking Sierra to get out of the car and slowly work her way up to coming in before summer starts, but they just laugh and shrug it off. Please help me make them understand without my having to come right down and refuse to take the child. I'm afraid I'll lose friends over this. — **"MARY POPPINS" IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR MARY P.: I believe it was your namesake who coined the phrase, "A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down." Because your concerns are realistic, sweetly tell your friends that you have instituted an "entrance exam." Unless they can prove to you that their daughter can get out of the car, enter your house and interact with the other children, you cannot accept her. They are doing her — and you — a disservice by ignoring her animal phobia. Their child may need professional help to get over it. Say it with a smile, but for everyone's sake make the statement. For the parents to pretend that their daughter's terror of animals will vanish with no intervention on anyone's part is not only unrealistic, it's unfair to their daughter, to you, and to the other children in your care. If they're unwilling to take action, they are not "friends." They are just poor parents who are trying to unload their problem onto you.

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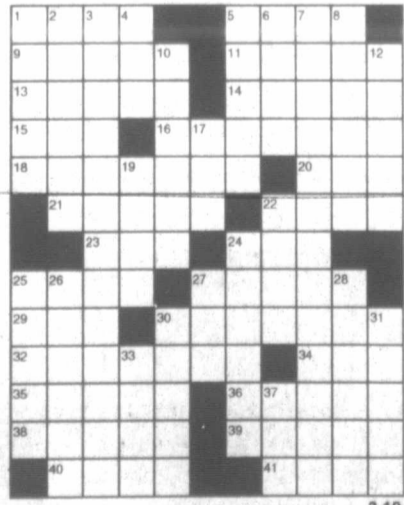
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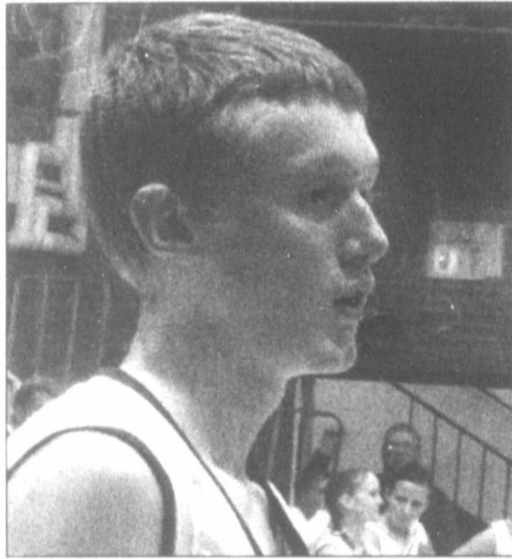
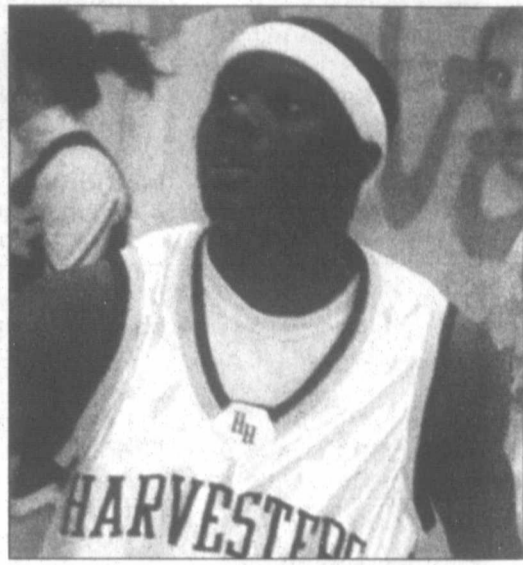
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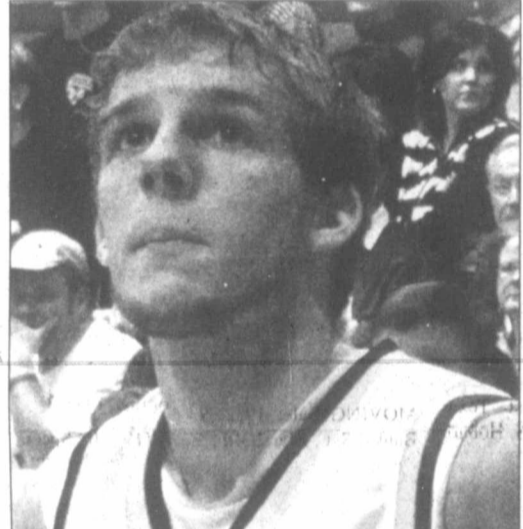
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Sports Day

All-District Team



Four of the starting five Harvester varsity basketball players have been named to the District 3-4A All-District team. Seniors Jarrett Kotara (top row, left) and Sharod Young were named to the First Team. Junior Tyler Hall (middle row, left) and senior Braydon Barker were named to the Second Team. Freshman Matt Smith (right) received Honorable Mention. Pampa, under first year head coach Dustin Miller, finished the season 25-7 overall, 8-2 in district 3-4A. The Harvesters won the Bidistrict and Area Championships as well.



Pampa teams in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Soccer

With the season winding down, the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters soccer teams go for district wins this afternoon when they host Palo Duro. Games will begin at 4:15 at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

Softball

The Lady Harvesters are on the road for the annual Burk Burnett Tournament that got under way today. Coach Bobbi Gill's girls started the season with a loss to Lubbock Cooper but won three in a row to enter the tournament with a 3-1 record.

Baseball

The undefeated Harvesters (6-0) host Woodward Saturday afternoon. The two schools will offer up a double-header with game one beginning at 1 p.m.

Friday's Sports Briefs

PRO FOOTBALL

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The prosecutor in the Minnesota Vikings' boat party case denied that race played any role in his decision to charge four black players and not two white men for their alleged conduct on a cruise last October.

Lawyers for Minnesota Vikings players Daunte Culpepper and Moe Williams accused prosecutor Steven Tallen of racial discrimination on Wednesday. They served a motion on Tallen asking for the dismissal of charges against the two players, according to documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Culpepper, Williams, Fred Smoot and Bryant McKinnie face trial on misdemeanor charges of indecent conduct and lewdness for their alleged behavior on two cruise boats last October on Lake Minnetonka. They have pleaded not guilty.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans decided they will pay a \$1 million fee to keep quarterback Steve McNair this season but allow him to become a free agent after 2006.

The move means the Titans won't have to pay a \$50 million option that would have extended McNair's contract through 2009, the quarterback's agent said. Still, the agent estimated McNair will take up more than a quarter of the team's salary cap space.

GOLF

MIAMI (AP) — Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson resumed their duel at opposite ends of Doral, and the outcome didn't change. Woods was still one shot better.

In a balmy start to the Florida swing,

Woods again reached the 603-yard 12th hole in two shots and ran off a string of birdies along the back nine for an 8-under 64 and a one-shot lead over Mickelson and four others in the Ford Championship.

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — David Higgins, Wang Ter-chang, Simon Dyson and Thonchai Jaidee shot 6-under 66s to share the first-round lead in the Indonesia Open.

BASEBALL

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — Pedro Martinez confirmed he will not pitch in the World Baseball Classic because of his sore toe, leaving the Dominican Republic without three of its biggest stars.

All-Star sluggers Manny Ramirez and Vladimir Guerrero also recently withdrew from the Dominican team.

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Cincinnati Reds pitching coach Vern Rühle has cancer, but plans to stay with the team while getting treatment.

The 55-year-old Rühle informed Reds players, then accompanied the team to Lakeland for its spring training opener. He didn't disclose the type of cancer he has, but said doctors expect him to make a full recovery.

TENNIS

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Top-seeded Roger Federer moved into the semifinals of the Dubai Open with a 6-3, 6-2 win against Robin Vik.

PRO BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Rockets claimed guard Rick Brunson off waivers from the Seattle SuperSonics.

M.U.D., Winborne remain unbeaten

City of Pampa
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Volleyball League Standings
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M.U.D.	5	0
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Triangle Well	4	1
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SPG	2	3
Gold Diggers	1	4
Domino's	1	4
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Women's		
Winborne Mfg.	6	0
Enterprise	5	1
Cartridge Gals	2	4
Doug Boyd Motors	1	5
Easy's	1	5

MEETINGS & EVENTS

VanGilder to host volleyball league; umpires needed for POYC season

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Volleyball

Pampa High School head volleyball coach Sonia VanGilder has organized the Pampa Spring Volleyball League for girls in the 7th, 8th and 9th grades.

Registrations will be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the PHS girls' gym from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Registration forms and player fees will be due at that time.

Cost for the league is \$35 and each player will receive a T-shirt, instruction on volleyball basics from Coach VanGilder, games and awards.

Practice will begin March 20 with games beginning March 30.

For more information, contact Coach VanGilder at 669-4800 ext. 117 or 665-0459.

Umpires Needed

Make a little extra money and help our community youth by becoming a member of the Pampa Umpire's Association and serve as an umpire for the upcoming baseball season.

This year will mark the first time the Pampa Optimist Youth Club will use sanctioned, paid officials to umpire little league and Babe Ruth baseball, as well as girls fast pitch softball games.

You can umpire as many or as few games as you want. All umpires must be sanctioned members of the Pampa Umpire's Association and wear the association's official shirt.

An instructional clinic will held at 4 p.m. March 12 at the Recreation Park Softball Complex.

For more information on becoming an umpire or getting involved in POYC baseball as a volunteer or coach, contact Todd Alvey, 665-5428, Shane Stokes, 669-5740, or Kevin Davis, 665-7843.

Fleet feet



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Chase Phillips (#11) works the ball against Caprock recently. Both the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters face PD today at 4:15 at the Harvester Soccer Complex.

WBC: Japan 18, China 2

TOKYO (AP) — Tsuyoshi Nishioka and Kosuke Fukudome hit back-to-back homers in the fifth inning today to lead Japan to an 18-2 rout of China in the World Baseball Classic.

Seattle Mariners slugger Ichiro Suzuki, the only position player from the major leagues representing Japan, went 1-for-6 with 1 RBI. Hideki Matsui of the New York Yankees and Chicago White Sox infielder Tadahito Iguchi opted to sit out the tournament.

China tied the game 2-2 in the bottom of the fourth at Tokyo Dome on a two-run homer by catcher Wang Wei that just cleared the wall in right field. Playing before a crowd of 15,869, Japan quickly regained the lead in the fifth inning and never looked back.

Nishioka connected for a three-run homer to left and Fukudome followed with a solo shot to right that gave Japan a 6-2 lead.

Bexar County wooing Marlins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Bexar County's top official said he will present a stadium-financing plan to the Florida Marlins in an effort to lure the team to South Texas.

County Judge Nelson Wolff said the plan involves using public and private funding to raise the estimated \$300 million it would take to build a stadium.

"We look forward to discussing this plan with Judge Wolff," Marlins president David Samson said in Friday's editions of the San

Antonio Express-News. "It's the first step of a long, interesting process to see if there is a match."

Already in weekly communication with the Marlins, Wolff said he would attempt to put the proposal on the November ballot if negotiations with the team pick up speed.

Wolff's proposal follows the same plan used to build the AT&T Center for the San Antonio Spurs, which opened in 2002 at a cost of \$189 million.

Religion

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

God hates bigotry — racial bigots spread hatred, fear

This article is about the sin of racial bigotry, but before we can really talk about it we have to discuss a few preliminaries.

By definition, a bigot is a prejudiced person who is intolerant of any opinions differing from their own. Now technically speaking, that makes God a bigot. God is the truth and therefore anyone who has an opinion different than God's is wrong.

God is completely intolerant of those who do not surrender to His son, Jesus Christ — so intolerant that they will spend eternity in hell. No that is really intolerant, but it isn't the bad kind of bigotry. It is simply the King ruling His creation.

Well, what then is the bad kind of bigotry? This article is much too brief to discuss all types of bigotry, so I just want to limit it to addressing a few things concerning racial bigotry.

First, one of the bad kinds of racial bigotry is also sometimes called racism. Racism is the inherent belief in the superiority of one race over all others and thereby the right to dominance.

I wonder how God feels about this kind of attitude? Well, since Genesis 3:20 says that Eve was the mother of all living, then that would mean that God made Adam and Eve with all of the possible racial genetic combinations already programmed inside, so God doesn't evidently think that one race is superior to another. Therefore God is not a racist.

Are you a racist? Do you

think that your particular race is superior to all others? If so, then God and you are on different pages. And that would be a very, very bad thing with eternal consequences.

An easy way to pick out possible racists is to listen to their

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



vocabulary. Racists are big on using derogatory slang words to talk about other races. You know what I mean — the "N" word when talking about someone with black or brown skin color; the "S" word when talking about someone with light brown skin color; the "C" word when talking about someone with white skin color; or the other "C" word when referring to someone with Oriental heritage; or the "R" word when referring to a native American Indian, etc.

Using one of these words doesn't automatically make someone a racist. They can just be speaking out of ignorance, but keep your eyes peeled if you hear one of these words pop out. You might just be looking at a racist.

But racial bigotry isn't limited to racists. A person can be just as big of a racial bigot even if they don't see their race as superior to all others. How?

A person can be a racial bigot if they point fingers at any particular race with a condescending or condemning attitude. You might hear them talking about "that white community" or "those people down in the hood."

This type of racial bigot isn't as easy to recognize as the racist, but just watch carefully the impact they have on others when they talk. If their words stir up feelings of bitterness, hatred, anger and suspicion toward another race, then they are a racial bigot. And you know what? Even some who stand in pulpits are racial bigots.

If my preaching causes my church members not only to love another race less, but also encourages them to be even more suspicious of that other race, then I am a racial bigot — just examine the fruit — and this type of racial bigot can be any color, so keep your eyes peeled, and if you find yourself listening to a racial bigot either plug up your ears or get up and walk out and don't go back.

God hates racial bigotry. He hates the snobbery and arrogance. He hates the anger and hatred and bitterness. Racial bigots will spend eternity in hell! So if you don't love "all of the colors in the rainbow," you better repent, and if you have been listening to a racial bigot, stop listening and get away from them today.

God bless.

Church briefs

At 4 p.m. Saturday, March 11, Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa, 900 E. 23rd, will host a meeting on a proposed new community youth center in fellowship hall of the church.

Organizers hope the effort will reach out to "unchurched" youth within the community. The meeting is open to all interested parties.

Calvary will also offer an awareness class for teens from 4:30-6 p.m. starting April 2 in fellow-

ship hall of the church.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 East Francis, will host a southern gospel music concert at 10 a.m. Sunday. Special guest groups will include Johnny and Nelda Flanagan and Terry and Rosie O'Toole. After the concert, the church will have dinner on the grounds. The public is welcome and admission is free.

*"Holy, Holy, Holy!
Lord God Almighty"*

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Maryland churches break IRS tax rules

BALTIMORE (AP) — Campaign finance reports show that more than 100 churches in Maryland have gone against federal tax law by making campaign contributions to political candidates in recent years.

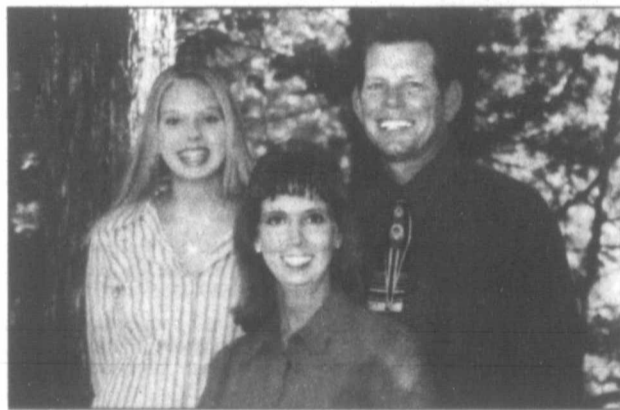
Across Maryland, at least 115 churches have given to about 40 candidates of both major parties since 2000, according to a review by The (Baltimore) Sun. Although the donations are generally small and sporadic, they go against Internal Revenue Service regulations that prohibit churches from advocating for specific political candidates.

Churches that give to candidates can face revocation of their tax-exempt status or a 10 percent excise tax on the contributions, according to the IRS.

Critics of the nonprofit tax code say it stifles the free speech and undermines churches' advocacy for their communities. Others argue that allowing congregations to become politically active could turn the collection plate into a vehicle for tax-free campaign finance.

On Friday, the IRS released a report showing that nearly three-quarters of 82 tax-exempt organizations investigated nationwide during the 2004 election campaign had participated in some form of prohibited political activity — including 37 of 47 churches that were reviewed.

First Assembly



▲ First Assembly of God Church of Pampa, 500 S. Cuyler, will host revival services with the Rev. Kevin Akins Sunday through March 10. Akins will be appearing at First Assembly at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through March 10. All are invited to attend the upcoming services. "Witness real people," a news release from First Assembly said, "who have come to tell about a real God through testimony and scripture."

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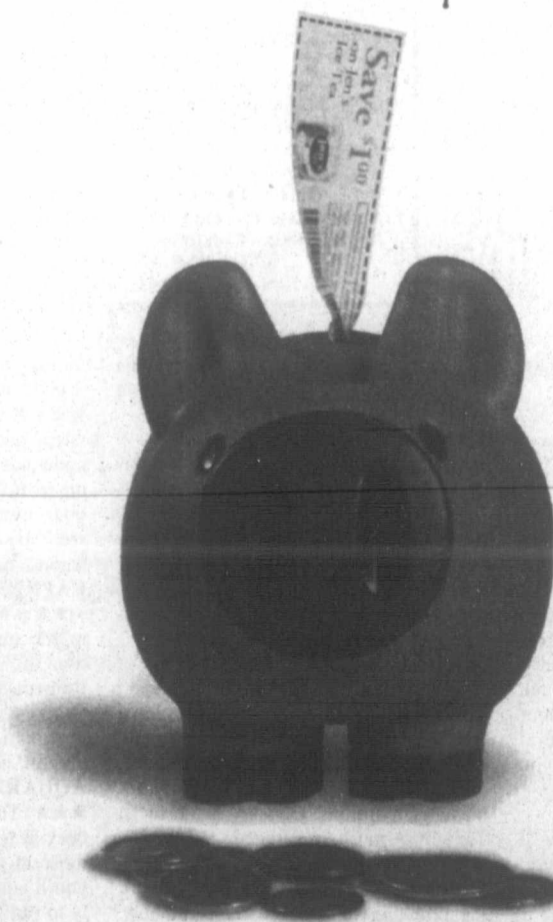
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