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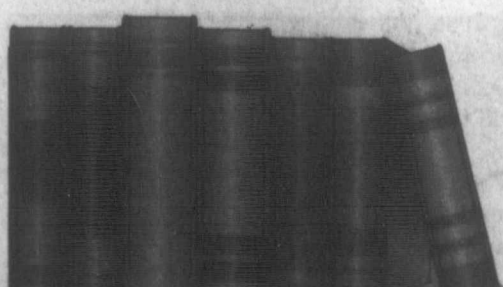
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No election in offing for local school board

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District will not hold an election for the positions of Place 4 and Place 5 on its Board of Education because only one person has filed as a candidate in each of those races, according to Debbie Robertson, coordinator of elections for PISD and executive director of special populations.

Charles Smith has filed for re-election to Place 4 and Lee Porter has filed for re-election to Place 5. No other candidates had filed as of the end of the day March 13, the deadline to file as a candidate.

When no race on a ballot will have more than one candidate, the school district may choose not to hold an election. The candidate in each race is then declared the winner of that



Smith



Porter

race.

Not holding an election saves the school district the cost of leasing the electronic voting machines and having them programmed, as well as printing paper ballots and other election-related costs, Robertson said.

Positions on the Board of Education are for three-year terms. Porter's and Smith's current terms expire May 13.

King reneges on guilty plea to 2 murders

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

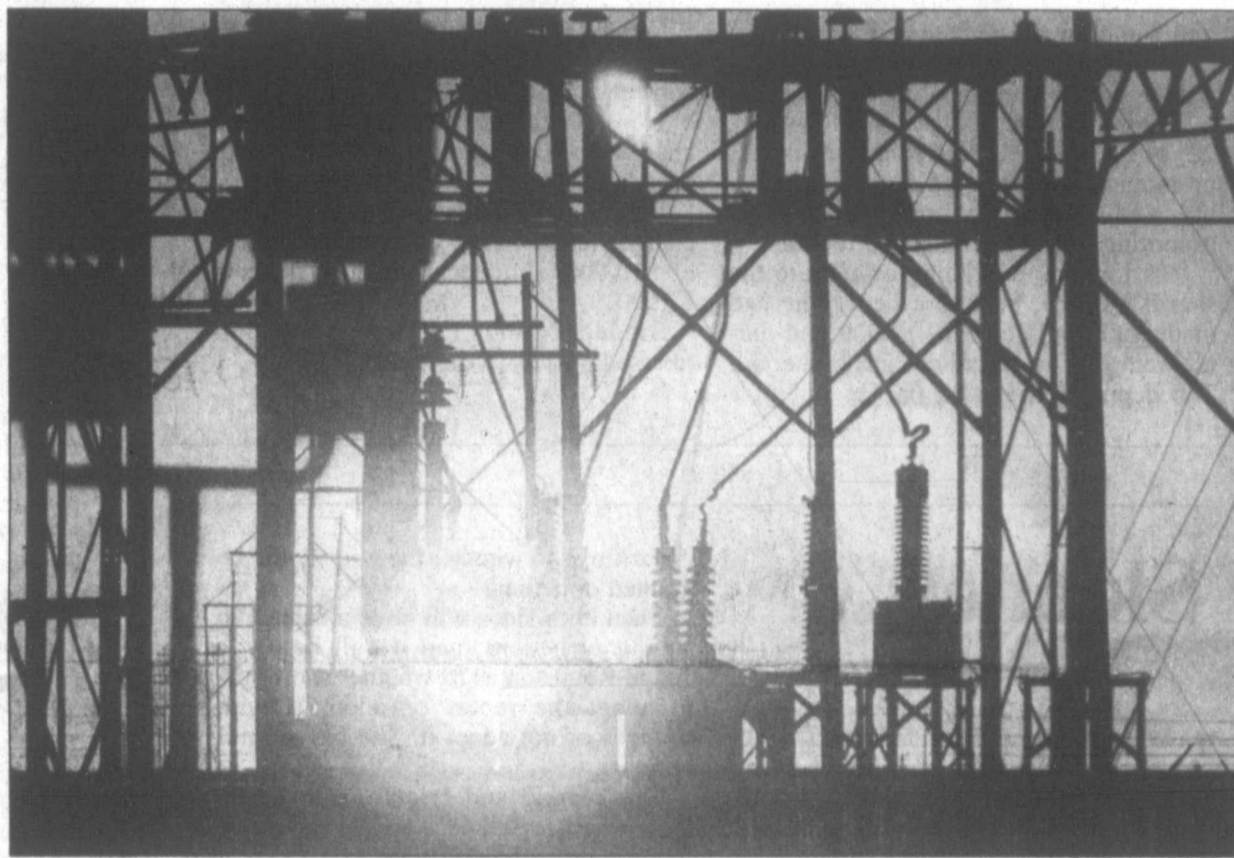
PINEVILLE, Mo. — A Missouri man pleaded guilty to two counts of murder today, then withdrew his plea as prosecutors presented notification of aggravating circumstances.

Levi A. King, 23, was arraigned today in McDonald County Courthouse on murder charges in connection with the Sept. 29 deaths of Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law, Dawn McCool, 47, in McCool's home outside Pineville.

Special Prosecutor Tim Finnical said King's initial plea was an apparent attempt to avoid the death penalty.

Prosecutors have until the trial to present conditions of aggravated circumstances, a killing that was done while committing another felony, but King apparently tried to plead guilty before the aggravated circumstances were presented in an effort to get a life sentence in prison rather than the death penalty, Finnical said.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A burst of color

Bursting with power, the sun dawns on another clear day through a power sub-station on U.S. Highway 60 west of Pampa.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

Meeting to explore drug epidemic

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A community's role in substance abuse situations will be the topic of a meeting from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Thursday in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Ric Smith, a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent from Dallas, will be featured speaker at the meeting.

"He will focus on what to look for to identify signs of drug manufacture and drug selling," said Lesley Gershmel, Pampa High School

counselor and one of the organizers of the meeting.

Thursday's meeting is the fourth in a six-part series concerning substance abuse awareness. Previous meeting topics have been "We Can Make a Difference," "Drug Trends in Pampa" and "Physical Signs and Consequences of Drug Use."

The meetings are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.

The final two meetings will be on April 27 and May 4.

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Appraisal board to convene

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Appraisal Review Board will meet at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Gray County Appraisal District conference room at 815 N. Sumner.

A hearing will begin at 2:10 p.m. on a motion to correct information on property owned by DirecTV.

The motion has been made according to Section 25.25

of the Texas Property Tax Code, according to the meeting agenda. Section 25.25 allows the chief appraiser or property owner to seek changes in the appraisal roll for any of the five preceding years to correct clerical errors that affect a property owner's liability for a tax imposed, multiple appraisals

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Curry, Boring decide not to run in next elections

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

There are four people running for two places on the Pampa City Commission this spring.

Dalton Lewis and Bill Allison filed for the Ward 2 city commission seat.

Neil Fulton and Shirley Nicholson filed for Ward 4.

Both seats are open. Incumbents Faustina Curry in Ward 4 and Ray Boring in Ward 2 are not running for re-

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Skinner's fate now in hands of magistrate

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The ball is now in the court of a federal magistrate in Amarillo.

The State of Texas and a legal defense team have filed their briefs and answers to briefs in the writ of habeas corpus hearing for Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 43, who is on death row for the murders of a Pampa family.

Skinner was convicted and sentenced to death by a Fort Worth jury in 1995 for the 1993 deaths of Twila Busby, 40, and her sons, Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22, and Randy Busby, 20.

Following oral arguments before U.S. Magistrate Cliff Averitte in federal court last November in Amarillo, lawyers for each side were to submit written briefs in the case by the end of December, but Jerry Strickland with the Texas Attorney General's office said the transcript deadline was pushed back because it took longer than expected to complete the transcript of the hearing.

The briefs were filed earlier this month in Amarillo and the replies were filed last week, according to officials.

Court officials said the state filed a 65-page post hearing brief and the defense filed an 80-

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Halliburton planning to hold yearly meeting in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Halliburton Co. will hold its annual shareholders meeting May 17 in Duncan, where the oilfield services conglomerate began.

"We're having the meeting in Duncan because we're a company that values our tradition and spirit of innovation much of which started in Duncan more than 80 years ago," Halliburton spokeswoman Cathy Mann said Monday. "We're excited to showcase that heritage for our shareholders."

Halliburton moved its corporate headquarters from Duncan to Dallas in 1961, but the annual meeting was held in Duncan until 1972. The company has been based in Houston since 2003.

The company, which was once led by Vice President Dick Cheney, has been taking heat since the beginning of the war in Iraq for receiving multibillion-dollar, noncompetitive government contracts.

Eighteen members of the Houston Global Awareness Collective were arrested at last year's meeting. Katie Heim of Global Awareness said her group plans to protest this year's meeting.

"We already made fliers to call people to

come to Houston for that protest. But we added stickers to change our flier to read Duncan, Oklahoma," she said. "We're hoping to charter at least one bus to bring people up from the Gulf Coast because we want to make that connection for people between the allocation of contracts for the war in Iraq and also the allocation of contracts after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita."

Rick Lang, captain of the patrol division of the Duncan Police Department, said he and others in the department will be prepared for the protests.

"We are not expecting extreme problems, but we are preparing for any problems that may arise," Lang said. "We have mutual aid agreements with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and other departments. We are meeting with Halliburton's corporate office and are preparing to deal with both the Halliburton shareholders and the protesters."

Halliburton has about 3,000 employees in Oklahoma, including more than 2,200 in Duncan.

Information from: The Oklahoman, <http://www.newsok.com>

Arrests

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and withdrew a baggie containing a white crystalline substance, Hoard said. She surrendered the baggie to officers.

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crystalline substance from Lemons in the sheriff's office parking lot," Hoard said.

Lemons and Braddock were each charged with possession of more than one gram but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

While at the building, officers also found a baggie containing a green, leafy substance believed to be marijuana.

Hopson paid the fines for the municipal charges and was released from jail later on March 15.

Bond on Lemons' warrant and new charge were set at \$5,000 each, for a total of \$10,000. Braddock's bond was set at \$7,500.

Braddock and Lemons were both released March 16 on bond.

Skinner

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page post hearing brief on March 6. The replies were filed Tuesday, March 14.

It is now up to Averitte to issue his report and recommendation to U.S. District Judge Mary Lou Robinson in

Amarillo as to whether the writ should be granted or denied.

Then both sides will have a chance to submit objections, and it will be up to Judge Robinson as to whether she wants to adopt the report or adopt it with changes or not adopt it. She has several options.

The hearing and briefs are to determine whether Skinner's appeal can move forward in the federal court system.

Meeting

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"Path of Destruction" on April 27 will be presented by Jenny Gomez, coordinator of the Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids Program in Dallas.

"Life After Drugs — It Is Possible" on May 4 will include a story of recovery and how to get help.

Pampa High School's video production class is recording each of the meetings in the series. The recordings will be available through the high school counselor's office.

For more information, call 669-4800, extension 124.

Board

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of a property, or the inclusion of property that does

not exist in the form or at the location described in the appraisal roll.

Officers will also be elected at Wednesday's meeting, and a chief appraiser's report will be given.

City

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election. Election day is May 13, the second Saturday of the month.

Early voting begins May 1 and continues through May 9.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, the 1400 block of Charles and the 2400 block of Charles.

An accident was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

Lost property was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. A white gold necklace with a gold cross and diamonds embedded in the cross was lost. Estimated value of loss is \$500.

A welfare check was made in the 2700 block of Navajo.

Warrant service was attempted at one location, resulting in at least one arrest.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Found property was reported in the 2300 block of Cherokee.

One open door was checked.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of West Buckler and the intersection of Buckler and Dwight streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North West.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. The incident involved vehicle parts and tires, and value of damage or loss was estimated at \$200.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of Lefors.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of Roberta.

Assault was reported in the 500 block of Lowry, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of West Brown, the police department lobby and at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Christy.

Assault on a peace officer was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 500 block of West Foster.

Fraud was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Russell and the 1100 block of Juniper.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A gold men's senior ring valued at \$400 was taken from an unreported location.

Theft was reported at First Landmark Realty, 2545 Perryton Parkway. A For Sale sign valued at \$70 was taken.

Theft was reported by the American Red Cross in the 1800 block of Alcock. Between \$300 and \$400 cash was taken.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Nelson. A black wallet, money, checks, driver's license and Social Security card were taken, for an estimated loss of \$52.

Sheriff

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

Monday, March 20

Jelani Rashad McNeal, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance, evading arrest and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Jessica Kay Delatorre, 21, of Abilene was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to appear/bail, and *capias pro* fines for criminal mischief, unrestrained child under age 4, no valid driver's license, no Texas driver's license and two counts of displaying expired registration.

Fire

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

Tuesday, March 21

6:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of South Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. One patient was transported via ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Ambulance

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

Monday, March 20

10:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

11:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Navajo and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Tuesday, March 21

6:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Correction

In a story published on Page 10 of the Monday edition of The News titled "Church to host reception for returning veteran," the wrong day was given for the reception. Zion Lutheran Church will host a welcome home reception for Jeff Jones on Wednesday.

Routine tip leads to three arrests

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Two people allegedly admitted to being in possession of illegal drugs when Gray County Sheriff's deputies and officers of Pampa Police Department found them at the same location.

Three Pampa residents were arrested between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. March 15 after the sheriff's office received information that one of the three was at an address on West Francis Avenue.

Officers and deputies went to 612 W. Francis and saw a man leaving the address. They asked the man if anyone else was inside, and the man said a person named Eric was inside, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

The person being sought was Eric Lemons, Hoard said. When the peace officers went inside the building with the man who'd been outside, they saw Lemons and identified him on sight, Hoard said.

Lemons, 24, of Pampa was placed under arrest on a warrant for a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

When officers asked if anyone else was in the building, Josephine Braddock, 35, of Pampa came forward. She identified herself and said she was there to see someone about working on her house, Hoard said. Braddock's pocketbook was found in the

bathroom of the building, and when asked why it was there, Braddock reached into her pants pocket and withdrew a baggie containing a white crystalline substance, Hoard said. She surrendered the baggie to officers.

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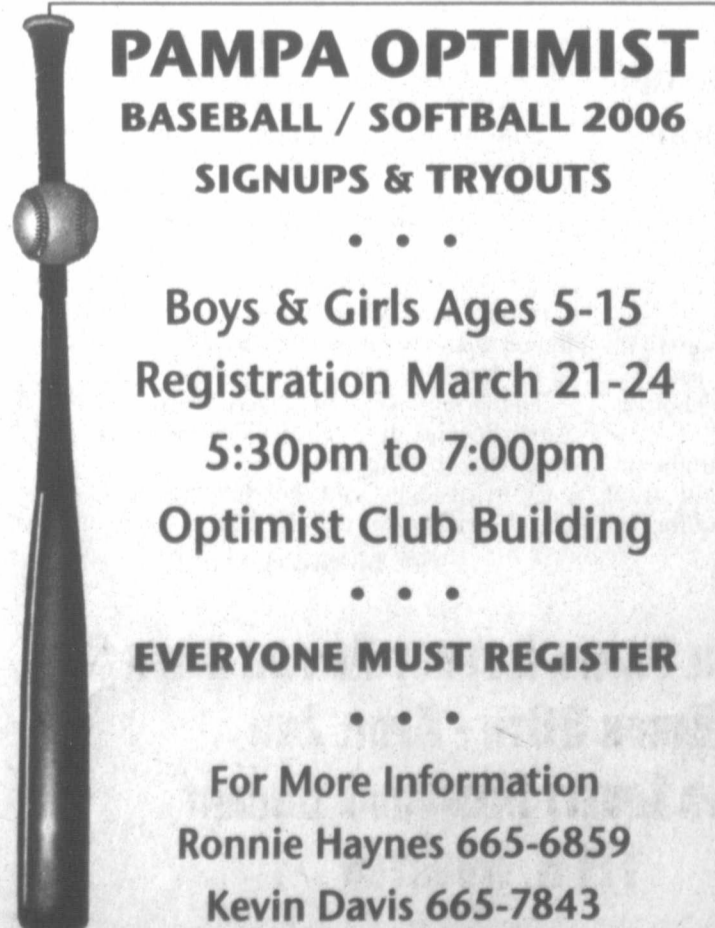
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Big declines in food, energy bring wholesale inflation down

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inflation at the wholesale level plunged by the largest amount in nearly three years in February as the price of food and energy products including gasoline fell sharply.

The Labor Department reported that its Producer Price Index, which measures inflation before it reaches the consumer, fell by 1.4 percent last month after hav-

ing risen by 0.3 percent in January.

The drop in overall prices was much larger than Wall Street had been expecting. Outside of energy and food, core inflation at the wholesale level rose by 0.3 percent, a bigger increase than the 0.1 percent that analysts were forecasting.

The retreat in wholesale prices was the largest one-month decline since a similar 1.4 percent plunge in April 2003.

Inflation at the consumer

level also slowed in February, with the government reporting last week that consumer prices edged up a tiny 0.1 percent in February after having jumped by 0.7 percent in January.

The moderation in inflation is certain to be discussed next week when the Federal Reserve meets to decide the course of interest rates. A 15th quarter-point increase in a key rate is widely expected, but many analysts believe that moderating inflation pressures may

mean the Fed will raise rates only one more time this year before moving to the sidelines after a two-year campaign to tighten credit as a way to make sure that inflation stays under control.

As with consumer prices, a big factor in the good performance of wholesale inflation in February was energy, which fell by 4.7 percent last month. Gasoline prices were down 11 percent, the biggest drop in nearly three years, while natural gas prices fell by 4.1 percent and liquefied

petroleum gas, used for heating homes, dropped by 14.3 percent.

More recently, that trend has changed, however.

The federal Energy Information Administration reported Monday that the average retail price of gasoline soared by almost 14 cents last week, rising above \$2.50 a gallon for the first time since late October.

The agency said U.S. motorists paid \$2.504 cents a gallon on average for regular grade last week, a rise of

13.8 cents from the previous week. Pump prices are still 39.5 cents higher than a year ago.

BUSINESS

Census Bureau: Number Hispanic owned businesses growing fast

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of Hispanic-owned businesses grew at three times the national rate for all companies from 1997 to 2002, the government said Tuesday.

Hispanics owned nearly 1.6 million businesses in 2002, a 31 percent increase from five years earlier, according to the Census Bureau report.

"The Hispanic consumer market is exploding," said Michael Barrera,

president and CEO of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "That means that a lot of Hispanic businesses are going to benefit from that."

The overwhelming majority of the new businesses were one-person enterprises, according to the report. Only 13 percent of Hispanic-owned businesses had any employees other than the owner. About a fourth of all U.S. businesses had employees in

2002, the report said.

New businesses started by Hispanics face many of the same problems as businesses started by non-Hispanics, and the biggest hurdle usually is money to start and expand the business, said Louis Olivas, assistant vice president for academic affairs at Arizona State University.

"All startup businesses face funding issues," Olivas said.

King

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King is also suspected of killing a family in the early morning hours of Sept. 30 about 13 miles south of Pampa.

Authorities said Brian Conrad, 31; his wife Michell, 35, and her son, Zack Doan, 14, were shot to death in their farm home before dawn south of Pampa on Texas

Highway 70. Michell Conrad was six months pregnant.

Michell's daughter, Robin Doan, 10, played dead until after the assailant had gone. She then called 911.

King was arrested Oct. 3 as he tried to cross the border at El Paso, coming back into the United States from Mexico. Officers said King, who was being sought by Missouri law enforcement officers after walking away from a halfway house in St. Louis, was driving McCool's

2005 Dodge Dakota pickup when he was arrested in El Paso. Officers said King had material with him that might connect him with the deaths of the Gray County family.

Earlier this month King waived an evidentiary hearing here on the murder charges in connection with the killing of the McCools.

Circuit Judge Tim Pergio set April 11 for a hearing on pretrial motions.

Charles D. Moreland and Thomas E. Marshall, attor-

neys with the Missouri Public Defenders office who are representing King, said earlier this month that they expect to file a motion for a change of venue in the case. He said the McCool murders had drawn widespread press coverage in southwestern Missouri.

McDonald County Prosecutor Stephen Geeding said the trial would probably be moved to Pulaski County in central Missouri.

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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This Week: Suffragettes

Tea for a Change

One hundred and fifty years ago, in the small town of Seneca, New York, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, and three other women got together for a different kind of tea party.

They sipped tea and talked about how unfair it was that they had to give all of their property and money to their husbands. They shared the belief that women, like men, should be able to own property, vote and get an education.

Before they parted that afternoon, the five women decided to have a meeting to discuss rights for women.

Held in July of 1848, their meeting was the first women's rights convention in the U.S. At that meeting, men and women signed a document called, **Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions**. By signing, these people agreed to the goals of what was becoming the women's movement.

SENTIMENT: How a person feels about an issue.

RESOLUTION: A promise or decision to make a change.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton "will always be until she holds a of her own."

— Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was one of the women who organized the first women's rights meeting in Seneca, New York.

At that time, most people in the United States did not think women should vote or have other rights. Before she died, Ms. Stanton helped get laws passed that allowed married women to own property.

Stanton died in 1902. The 19th Amendment, which gives women the right to vote, was adopted on August 26, 1920. She never lived to see the day when women could vote.

Use the code to find out what Elizabeth Cady Stanton once said.

A D E M N O P R S T U V

The Other Great Tea Party



Most of our history books tell about the Boston Tea Party. That tea party was one of the events that led to the American Revolutionary War. But did you know there was another tea party that changed the lives of women in America?

Number Cruncher

Sixty-eight women signed the Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions at the first American convention on women's rights in Seneca Falls in July 1848. But women were not the only ones to sign. Can you figure out how many men signed this document?

- The number is not larger than 40.
- The number is not divisible by 5.
- The number does not contain two digits that are the same.
- The number is not smaller than 24.
- The number has one odd and one even digit.
- The number does not contain the digit 9.
- The sum of the two digits is not 7 or 9 or 11.

Check your answers at: www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Use strategies, skills and concepts in finding solutions.

Double Double Word Search

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

RESOLUTION	T T N E M U C O D L
RIGHTS	I T N E M D N E M A
WOMEN	G O Y E A W Q W M S
DOCUMENT	I B T R M U V O O T
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SENTIMENT	V S A L Y T T E E G
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Who counts in the news?

Look at one page of today's newspaper. Count the number of times men's names appear. Now count the number of times women's names appear. Make a graph showing your results.

Standards Link: Math/Data Analysis: Summarize and display data in a graph.

Write On!

A Woman I Admire

Write a paragraph about a woman you admire. Include at least three facts about this woman's life. Explain why you admire her.

Standards Link: Social Studies: Students enumerate the fundamental liberties enshrined by the Bill of Rights.

Women's History TIMELINE

- 1848** The first women's rights convention in the United States is held in Seneca Falls, New York.
- 1893** Colorado is the first state to adopt an amendment granting women the right to vote.
- 1919** The amendment giving women the right to vote is passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is then sent to the states for ratification.
- 1920** The 19th Amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote is signed into law.
- 1963** Congress passes the Equal Pay Act, making it illegal for employers to pay a woman less than what a man would receive for the same job.
- 1981** Sandra Day O'Connor is chosen by the President as the United States Supreme Court's first woman justice.

Read the timeline above to decide if each statement below is TRUE or FALSE.

1. Women had the right to vote in 1989. True False
2. Colorado was the first state to pass a law giving women the right to vote. True False
3. The Equal Pay Act was passed in 1919. True False
4. Sandra Day O'Connor was the Supreme Court's first woman justice. True False
5. The president chose her as a justice in 1963. True False
6. The 19th Amendment gives women the right to vote. True False

Check your answers at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html
Standards Link: History: Interpret timelines.

Viewpoints

Pride is not necessarily a bad character trait

Proverbs 16:18 states, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

I don't believe, however, that pride is always a bad thing. If you don't take pride in anything in your life, you probably don't have many feelings of accomplishment, well-being or self-confidence.

The New World Dictionary of the American Language defines pride as either an overly high opinion of oneself or as proper respect for oneself. I suppose it depends on the circumstances.

Pride in one's appearance can go too far. It can lead to a preoccupation with oneself and a "better than thou" attitude that goes beyond pride. It can cause people to become overly self-focused and extravagant in their choice of clothing and accessories, and drives some to the plastic surgeon to try to keep the effects of aging at bay.

There is nothing wrong with taking care with one's appearance and striving to look your best. But there is an invisible line that, when crossed, turns that attitude into something unattractive

and even ridiculous.

Pride in one's work and accomplishments is often a good thing, because it leads to continued good work and advancement, not to mention a feeling of self-satisfaction and competence.

I try always to do work for which I can be proud. One reason I do that is because my work is published for others to see and read, with my name on it.

If I make a mistake or do shoddy work, a lot of people see it. On the other hand, if I do a good job, others also see that.

What's even more important is that if I do either poorly or well at my work, I will know about it.

I know people who are able to adequately perform the duties of their jobs, but don't exert any effort to do any more than the bare minimum required to keep their

jobs. Some people even make deliberate mistakes if, say, they are angry at someone or something in their workplace.

Not everyone is doing the work they'd most like to do. And most people can think of at least one thing they'd like to change about their jobs.

But people are hurting themselves more than anyone else when they don't give their work the effort and care it deserves, no matter what that work is.

When you belittle the work you do, you belittle

yourself. When you deliberately perform shoddy or incomplete work, you devalue yourself.

But if you are diligent and do your best, no matter what type of work you do, you will have a reason to be proud of yourself. And you just might get rewarded for that good work in the form of a raise, promotion or job offer.

There's nothing wrong with aspiring to a different career or higher position. Just remember that the first step to getting there is to do well at what you're doing now.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2006. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Two hundred years ago, on March 21, 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

On this date:

In 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

In 1790, Thomas Jefferson reported to President Washington in New York as the new secretary of state.

In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied bombers began four days of raids over Germany.

In 1946, the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York.

In 1956, 50 years ago, "Marty" won best picture at the Academy Awards; its star, Ernest Borgnine, won best actor. Anna Magnani won best actress for "The Rose Tattoo."

'Among individuals, as among nations, peace is the respect of others' rights.'

— Benito Juarez
Mexican statesman
(1806-1872)

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

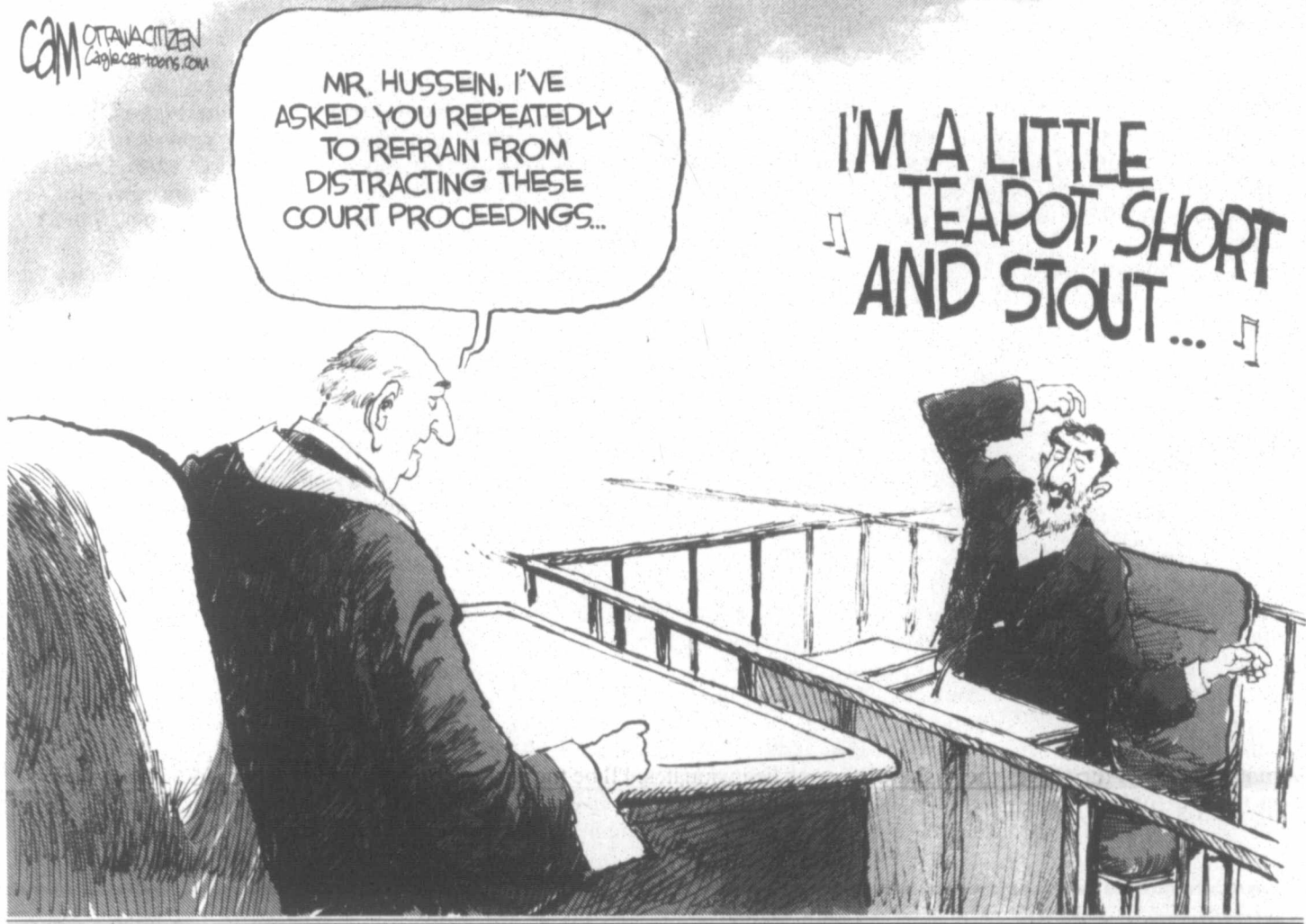
In 1979, the Egyptian Parliament unanimously approved a peace treaty with Israel.

In 1985, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, killing at least 21 demonstrators.

Ten years ago: General Motors and the United Auto Workers reached a settlement in a 17-day brake-factory strike that idled more than 177,000 employees and brought the automaker to a near standstill.

Five years ago: Space shuttle Discovery glided to a predawn touchdown, bringing home the first residents of the international space station. The Supreme Court ruled that hospitals cannot test pregnant women for drug use without their consent. The U.S. ordered 51 Russian diplomats to leave, in retaliation for Russia's use of an FBI spy, Robert Hanssen.

One year ago: A high school student on the Red Lake Indian reservation in Minnesota killed five schoolmates, a teacher and an unarmed guard before taking his own life; Jeff Weise had earlier killed his grandfather and his grandfather's companion. Armed with a new law rushed through Congress and signed by President Bush, the attorney for Terri Schiavo's parents pleaded with a judge to order the brain-damaged woman's feeding tube re-inserted.



McCain a 'stalking horse' candidate

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) is destined to find that his love of the Republican Party will be unrequited.

His dismal showing in the recent Nashville straw poll underscores the fact that while he is the Democrats' and independents' favorite Republican, he's not the Republicans' top choice by a long shot. Twenty years of independence, courage, creativity and conscience will do that for you (as Joe Lieberman is finding out across the aisle).

You can't be a front-runner for your party's nomination and win 5 percent of the vote in a regional straw poll, finishing fourth, behind Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (Tenn.), Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and Virginia Sen. George Allen. While McCain still leads in the national polls (not counting former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani), he is no genuine front-runner. He lacks the requisite enthusiasm he would need among core Republicans to cop that title.

He is, in fact, more of a

stalking horse, a place to store voter preferences while the other candidates for the nomination break through their low thresholds of name recognition.

It's a shame because McCain and Giuliani are the only two frequently mentioned candidates who could actually get elected and defy the likely disaster the GOP faces in '08.

Giuliani, for his part, is even less likely than McCain to win the nomination. His pro-choice, pro-gun-control, pro-affirmative-action, pro-gay-rights, pro-immigration positioning is enough to give the party ulcers. The support he now shows in polls he gets just because the party faithful only see him in terms of his splendid 9/11 record.

None of the remaining candidates has a prayer to win the general election,

although they are likely party-line enough to win the nomination. But their long histories of party loyalty and fealty to the right-wing agenda will do little to attract the swing voters of

the next election: Hispanics and women.

After the Republican Party gets shellacked

in the congressional elections of 2006, the wisdom of nominating someone who can attract votes outside the Republican base will become increasingly apparent. And none of the candidates other than McCain or Giuliani can do so.

Frist, ethically compromised at the outset, has shown his limitations too graphically as majority leader to hope for the nomination. The fact that he could only get 1 vote in 3 in a straw poll in his backyard tells us something.

Romney probably carries

enough baggage with him from Massachusetts to make his pursuit of the Republican nomination futile. You cannot be elected governor of the People's Republic and hope to keep your positions conservative enough to win the Republican nomination.

George Allen, the creature of the party's right wing, could win the nomination but not the election. Hillary would chew him up and spit him out.

Which brings us back to the candidate who wasn't there — Condoleezza Rice. Moving up in the polls (now tied with Rudy and McCain for first place), Rice could both be nominated and elected. Her ability to handle herself on an international stage is increasingly obvious, and her more authentic claim to the title of self-made woman than the phony, Bill-dependent résumé of Mrs. Clinton both are making her more and more attractive nationally.

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Dick Morris
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 12**
Houston Chronicle on recent findings on Saturn:

Until NASA's Cassini spacecraft flew close to Enceladus, the 300-mile-wide Saturnian moon's only claim to fame was its status as the shiniest object in the solar system. Now scientists think they know where it got its glistening, pearly surface: giant geysers venting subsurface water from a relatively warm south polar region.

The discovery adds Enceladus to a short list of places in the solar system that might host life forms similar to those on Earth. Evidence of sufficient

heat, water and carbon compounds thus far has been limited to Jupiter's moon Europa and Mars.

Even Enceladus' "warm" region where the geysers occur is hardly toasty by Earth standards. Whereas the average temperature on the little moon is minus 330 degrees Fahrenheit, the surface hot spot is only 230 degrees below zero. However, in order for liquid water to exist, subsurface temperatures must be much warmer, providing a potential niche for life. On Earth, bacteria have been found in frigid, sunless ocean depths around scalding volcanic vents.

The discovery on Enceladus is a testament not only to the unpredictable variety of worlds in the solar system but also to the effectiveness of NASA's

robotic exploration program. Another prime mission the \$450 million Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter reached the Red Planet Friday and swung into orbit. The probe will employ radar in the search for subsurface water, as well as cameras to scrutinize the Martian surface in unprecedented detail to pinpoint landing sites for future missions.

Despite the successful Cassini probe, the two Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity and the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, NASA has been asked to slice its space science budget by \$3 billion over the next five years to cover the costs of human space exploration, including the completion of the International Space Station and

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Hurt and Sad in Trenton," whose wife slept with a married man before they were married, stunk. "Hurt's" wife should have said right from the start: "This is who I am; this is where I've been. Take me as I am or let's go our separate ways." If she'd been honest, he'd have no cause to complain. Reflecting back on years spent in ignorance turns happy marriages bitter, as one realizes one was played for a fool. Suddenly the "innocent" nights out of old assume an ominous character. Is it not better to risk a relationship at the beginning by telling the truth, than to risk its implosion years later when the truth will come out? "Hurt" deserved sympathy, not an attack. His wife betrayed his trust, not with sex before she met him, but with lies afterward. — **NORTH OF TRENTON**

DEAR NORTH OF TRENTON: I did not "attack" the writer of that letter. I advised him to stop the name-calling and get religious and psychological counseling -- although I may have made a few other points along the way. Perhaps you would like to sample the reactions of other male readers to that letter. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The man who wrote that letter is an idiot. You were right to tell him his wife deserves better. His lofty ideals seem to take precedence over all else, and his comments do not portend a bright future for them. To paraphrase your words: The place for a good wife (or husband) is neither on a pedestal nor in the gutter. It's on a comfy sofa, each with an arm around the other -- cuddling and secure in the knowledge of the love they share. — **GARY IN WORCESTER, N.Y.**

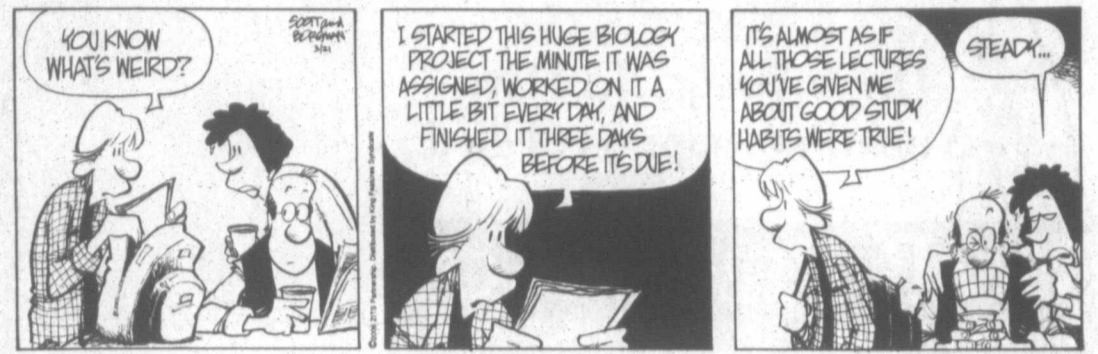
DEAR ABBY: I, too, have been married 15 years. We also have two children. I, too, recently learned about my wife having an affair with a married man, but it happened during the last year or so. I never strayed -- not once. She betrayed my love for her, and I'm a train wreck. "Hurt and Sad" should walk in my shoes. He was by no means betrayed by something that happened before he knew his wife. Unlike mine, his wife has honored her marriage vows. The problem in their marriage is his Middle Ages attitude that regards women as chattel. His wife is not a used car. He needs a therapist, badly, and I happen to know a good one who is helping me through the toughest time of my life. Oh, and since I live only one town away from him, tell "Hurt and Sad" that if he's tossing his "slut" into the "gutter," let me know where and when. I'd be more than happy to embrace his "dirty laundry." She sounds like just the person I'm searching for to restore my trust. — **DEVASTATED IN PRINCETON, N.J.**

DEAR ABBY: It seems to me that "Hurt and Sad" is looking for a way out, a justifiable excuse to prove to his Catholic family and friends that divorce was "unavoidable." He says he'll stay for the children, but peppers her with accusations. Maybe he's hoping she'll be verbally abused into filing for divorce so he will be off the hook. He needs to stop hiding behind the church and start following all of the Catholic faith, not just those beliefs he agrees with. Her sins are only to be resolved between her and her God. She does not need her husband's "almighty" grace. If he's as perfect as he insinuates, I'll be the first to nominate him for sainthood. — **VIC IN DALLAS**

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

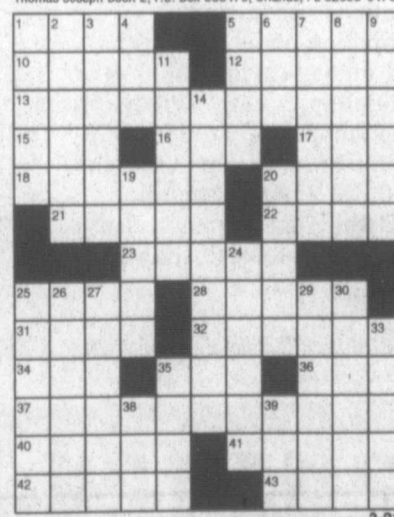
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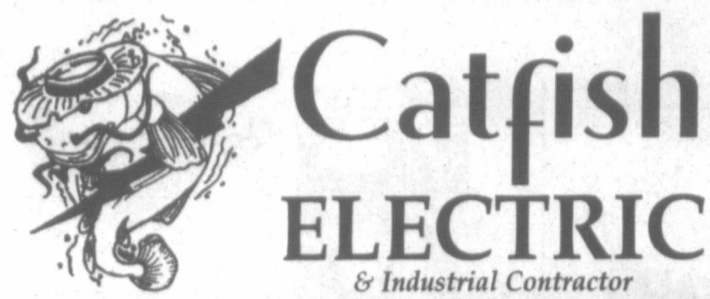


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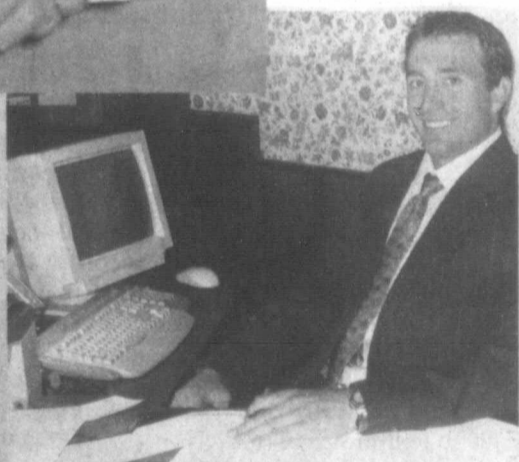
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Sports Day

Lady Harvesters' drive for District 3-4A championship begins today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters open the 2006 district season this afternoon on the road. Pampa will travel to Amarillo to take on the Lady Raiders of Randall. First pitch is set for 4:30.

Head coach Bobbi Gill has spent the preseason fine tuning her club, plugging new faces into new positions, in preparation for District 3-4A play. "We seem to be gelling and feeling much more comfortable with the changes and replacements that we had to make from last season to this one," noted Coach Gill. The changes seem to be working as her girls have peeled off 5 straight wins, including a very strong performance at Arlington over the weekend.

Pampa's defense is much more consistent than it was at the start of the season says Coach Gill. She also notes, "Our pitching is clicking now as well." The Lady Harvesters bats have been producing points of late too.

"I feel very good about going into district at on this note," said Gill.

Pampa has only three seniors on the roster this season, Whitney Wichert, Callie Cobb and Jackie Gerber. Gill says the trio has already proven beneficial for the rest of her team. "I have been very pleased with the roles they are playing on this team. They are doing what is asked of them and rising to the occasion when it is necessary."

The under classmen recognize the senior's role as well. Said Gill, "It was said by one of their teammates earlier in the year that each team should play for its seniors. I feel this group is going to do just that." Gill continued, "In turn, those under classmen are expecting the same when they are seniors. It is a good way to build the strength and tradition that we want in our program."

Gill will start Nicole Clark (4-1) on the mound this afternoon. Notes Gill, "She is throwing well right now."

When asked for her final thoughts about today's game, Coach Gill replied, "I know this team is really excited to

start district. They want that district championship more than anything."

The Lady Harvester JV game was canceled due to weather. Pampa will host Hereford Saturday at 1 p.m.

Results from rain shortened Arlington Tournament

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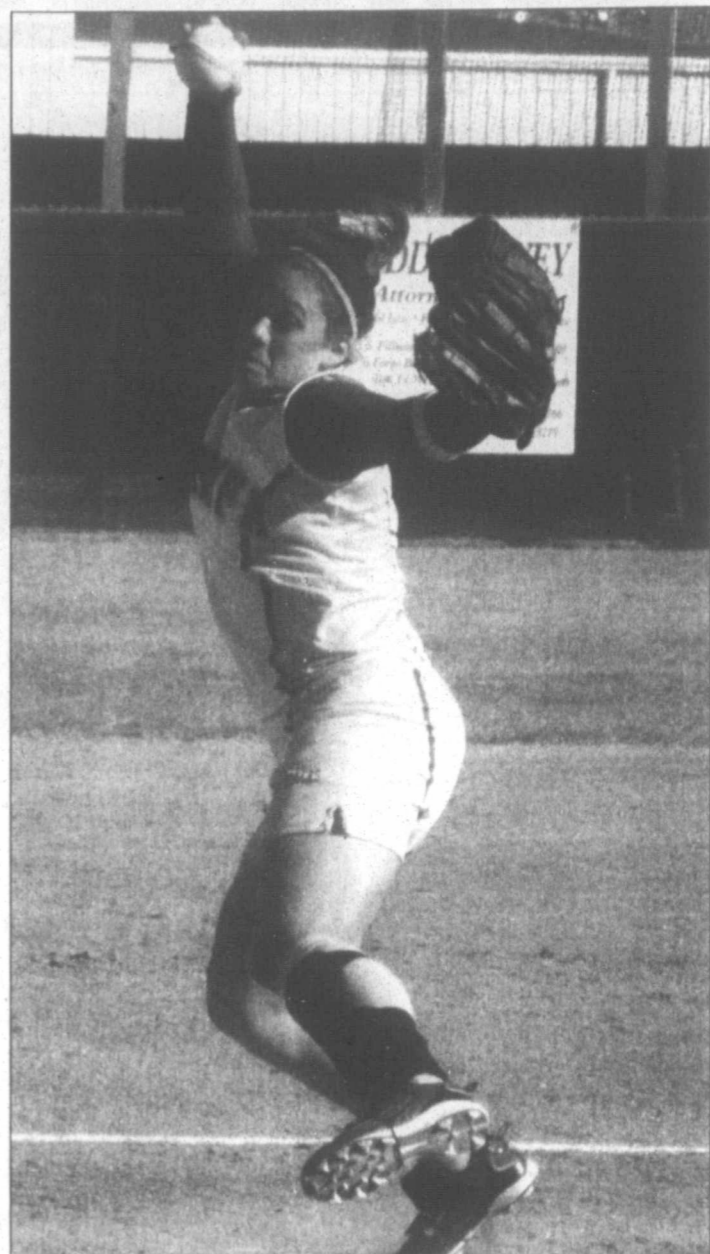
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Callie Cobb- 1 hit
Stephanie McVay- 2 hits, 1 run, 1 RBI
Kelby Doughty- 1 hit, 1 run, 1SB
Cassy Tice- 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBI's
Nicole Clark- 1 single, 1 triple, 2 runs, 2 RBI's
Logan Winkelman- 2 hits, 1 run, 2 RBI's
Jackie Gerber- 3 hits, 3 RBI's
Kenzi Nickell- 1 double, 1 run

Pampa 6, Irving MacArthur 0

Nicole Clark (P)- 8 K's, 2 hits
Callie Cobb- 1 hit, 1 run, 1SB
Stephanie McVay- 1 hit, 1 run, 1SB
Cassy Tice- 1 double, 1 HR, 2 runs, 1 RBI
Logan Winkelman- 1 hit, 1 run, 1SB
Jackie Gerber- 1 hit
Kelby Doughty- 1 run

Pampa 12, Duncanville 1

Cassy Tice (P)- 4 K's, 5 hits
Callie Cobb- 2 hits, 2 runs, 1SB
Stephanie McVay- 1 hit, 1 run, 1 SB
Kambra Jimenez- 1 hit, 1 run,
Cassy Tice- 2 hits, 2 runs, 2 RBI's, 1SB
Nicole Clark- 1 single, 1 HR, 2 runs, 4 RBI's
Logan Winkelman- 1 hit, 1 run
Jackie Gerber- 3 hits, 2 runs, 3 RBI's
Jasmine Moore- 1 run, 1SB
Kenzi Nickell- 2 hits, 1 RBI



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Nicole Clark will open the 2006 district season on the mound against Randall today.

PAMPA OPTIMIST BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

Registration starts today

Registration for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2006 begins today at 5:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club and will continue until Friday. Tryouts will need assistance from Mother Nature.

"We will be signing players up each day from 5:30 to 7 p.m. from now until Friday," said Kevin Davis, Optimist Baseball Commissioner. "If weather permits, we will also have tryouts. We may have to have a day or so of just registration."

A playing fee will be requested of \$40 in the 5-6 T-ball League, the 7-8 pitching machine league and the girls' softball 7-9 pitching machine league. For the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, the 11-12 Cal Ripken League, the Girls' Softball 10-12 League and the Girls' Softball 13-15 League, the fee is \$50. The fee for the Babe Ruth 13-15 League is \$65.

Families with more than two children in the program will only be requested to pay playing fees for two. Scholarships are available. "We want every kid who wants to play ball this season to play," Davis said.

"Bring a jacket, tennis shoes or baseball shoes, a baseball cap and a glove," advised Optimist President Ronnie N. Haynes. "Even if it warms up during the week, it gets cold by the time tryouts are over for the day."

About 40 managers, coaches and parents gathered at the Optimist Club Monday night for an organizational meeting. "We need coaches in nearly all leagues," Davis said.

Drafts in most leagues will be Friday or Saturday. Practice is scheduled to begin on March 27. Games will begin as early as April 17 for some leagues.

Persons interested in sponsoring a team should contact John Warner at 669-3397. "Last year we had more than 700 players on 54 teams," Warner said. "At the present time we have a team available for a sponsor in the T-ball League and one in the Girls' 10-12 Softball League."

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

Dusters finalize roster, open training camp



The Amarillo Dusters finalized their 2006 training camp roster by announcing the assignment from the league office of four new players. WR/DB Carnell Green, WR/DB John Roberson III, WR/LB Patrick Lindsey, and K Jacob Felton will all join the Dusters in their quest for the 2006 ArenaCup Championship.

"Carnell and John are talented athletes, and bring explosiveness to the team," said Dusters General Manager Warren McCarty. "Patrick Lindsey is so versatile, and Jacob Felton has ice in his veins as a kicker."

Carnell Green (5'9, 185) is a native of Grand Prairie and earned All-LSC honors as a true freshman at Abilene Christian in 1998. He transferred to 1-AA UC-Davis in California, and enjoyed a stellar career there as a cornerback. He started from 2000-2002, earning a trip to the Cactus Bowl All-Star Game in January of 2003.

During his career at UC-Davis, he totaled 130 tackles, 3 tackles for loss, 2 fumbles recovered, 1 sack, 16 pass break-ups and 4 interceptions. "I really like the way Carnell plays, and he uses his leaping ability to defend against taller receivers," said Dusters Head Coach Steve Perdue. "Carnell likes to be physical, and does a nice job on run support. If he can adapt to the offensive side of the ball, I think he can be an outstanding player in a2."

John Roberson III (5'9, 180) is a native of Bay City and was a high school All-American performer at receiver and defensive back, helping lead his team to the 2000 state title. He was a special teams performer

at Texas A&M from 2001-2003, and joins the Dusters with the intent of using his versatile skills in all three phases of the game.

"I saw John at the Dallas Desparados workout, and he was extremely quick and explosive coming out of his breaks and breaking on the football," said Perdue. "He is somewhat raw, but the athleticism is there and he matches that with his hunger. He's worked very hard to earn this opportunity."

Local fans will recognize Kicker Jacob Felton, as he was a star athlete at Randall High School and played an instrumental part in West Texas A&M's dramatic turnaround in 2005. He leaves the Buffs holding several school and conference kicking records. He finished his career with 221 total points, including 93 in the 2005 season. He was 119 of 130 on career PAT attempts (92%), and 34 of 58 on field goal attempts (59%). He nailed two game-winning kicks as time expired this past season for WTAMU, and has made a name for himself with his calm demeanor.

"This will be a different experience for Jacob, but he can handle the pressure," said Perdue. "He's athletic, and isn't afraid to make a play defensively either. He has proven that he is money in the clutch, and in arena football you need a kicker who doesn't get rattled."

Patrick Lindsey (6'4, 220) played on both sides of the ball at West Texas A&M, earning all-conference honors as a tightend in 2003. In 2005, he made the switch to defensive end for the Buffs, and was a force as a pass-rusher. Offensively, he caught 43 passes for 375 yards and 2 touchdowns over his career, and defensively he recorded 31 tackles, 5 tackles for loss, 1 interception, 1 pass break-up, 2 fumble recoveries, and a qb hurry as well. "Patrick is one of the hardest workers I've ever seen," said Perdue. "He wants this so bad. If he can develop the true route-running skills that we are looking for, we know he'll do a great job on defense. He also gives us another big body receiver in the red zone as well. He's not a lumbering tightend by any means either. We timed him at 4.59 on field turf in January, and he's cut almost 10 pounds since then."

The Dusters opened training camp Monday at the Kids Inc. Sportsplex in Amarillo.

Harvesters to host Dawgs

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Weather permitting, the Pampa Harvesters varsity baseball team will host Borger this afternoon in the Green Team's final game before starting the district season Tuesday.

Today Brett Ferrell is our starting pitcher. Head coach Clay Wilson will start Brett Ferrell on the hill. Ferrell is 2-0 for the season and has an 0.76 ERA.

Wilson says Mother Nature could play a

big role in today's game. "The weather is going to be a factor for both teams," noted Wilson. "The team that displays the most mental toughness and is able to fight through the elements is going to have the opportunity to pick up the win."

As of press time, the game was set to begin as scheduled with the first pitch due at 4:30.

Pampa will not take to the diamond again until Tuesday when the Harvesters open the District 3-4A schedule at Randall.

Young, Kotara receive honors

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The rewards of a great season continue for two Pampa basketball players.

Senior Sharod Young has been chosen February's male basketball player of the month by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Young will be honored at a luncheon Thursday in Amarillo.

Senior Jarrett Kotara has been selected All-Region by the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches.

The Harvesters, under first year head coach Dustin Miller, finished the season with an overall mark of 25-7 - 8-2 in District 3-4A - including Bidistrict and Area championships.

TABC All-Region Team Boys Class 4A Region

Justin Mason (Sr.), Palo Duro; Chris Roberts (Sr.), F.W. Dunbar; Clifton Tucker (Jr.), E.P. Chapin; DeAndre Brown (Jr.), F.W. Dunbar; Luke Tausher (Sr.), F.W. Southwest; Ivory McGilvery (Sr.), A. Seguin; Justin Nymbs (Sr.), Burkburnett; LeCarl Willard (Jr.), L. Estacado; Jamar Wall (Sr.), Plainview; Wesley Shaw (Sr.), Palo Duro; Troy Turner (Sr.), Wichita Falls; Spencer Oestreich (Sr.), Sherman; Jacob Kelsey (Sr.), Cleburne; Jarrett Kotara (Sr.), Pampa; Victor Reed (Sr.), Address; Michael Ball (Jr.), Mineral Wells; Evan Staples (Jr.), A. Seguin; Nathan Maxwell (Sr.), C. Randall; Paul Sosa (Sr.), Clint; Everlee Rubio (Sr.), Mt. View.

Basketball boosters to meet

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will hold a meeting Thursday

night at 7 in the PHS library.

For more information, contact a booster club member or the Pampa High School athletic office, 669-4830.

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Coke Sale



Pictured are St. Vincent de Paul parishioners Rachel Resendiz, Vanessa Marquez, Elizabeth Hillman and Juanita Brower as they are finishing the last minute details and preparing the marquee for the Truckload Coke Sale set to run March 19 through April 9. Delivery pick-up day is scheduled April 15. Proceeds will benefit the ongoing social responsibility ministry of the parish for the greater Pampa community.

Cattle groups request help for fire, drought ravaged producers across state

FORT WORTH — As a tornado of fire devoured the Texas Panhandle March 15, leaders of the state's livestock groups sent a desperate plea for government help.

A previous plea on Jan. 24 brought nominal assistance from disaster programs overwhelmed by victims of hurricanes and other natural disasters.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture approved emergency haying and grazing of land held in conservation reserve and allocated \$3.9 million for rehabilitation in 21 of the 254 Texas counties.

But conditions are bleak statewide. The Palmer Drought Severity Index updated March 14 shows severe drought in 102 Texas counties, moderate drought in 138 and mild drought in the 14 Trans-Pecos counties.

The letter drafted by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and cosigned by Texas Cattle Feeders Association and the Texas Farm Bureau acknowledges the challenges Congress faces in balancing needs for assistance with the budget deficit.

However, the situation in Texas and Oklahoma is critical, the letter said. "We are pleading that Congress and the Administration take immediate action to assist agriculture producers facing the severe impacts from wildfire and drought."

"Since Dec. 26, 10,572 fires have burned 3,704,040 acres," the Texas State

Operations Center reported March 15. Economists at Texas A&M University had previously estimated that agricultural losses would exceed \$1.5 billion, but adding the toll from this week's devastation will eclipse that figure.

"The fires have scorched over 3.5 million acres of prime rangeland, destroyed pristine wildlife habitat, ruined hundreds of miles of fence and impacted thousands of rural lives in our communities," the letter said.

Intensifying drought during the past two months will have a more far-reaching impact. Ranchers are being forced to sell off their brood cows—the foundation of their business.

"Since October, Texas ranchers have sold 379,000 more cattle through auction markets compared to this time last year," the leaders reported. "This massive liquidation will financially impact ranchers for years to come."

The livestock leaders requested immediate funding of disaster programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, including the Livestock Assistance Program, the Livestock Indemnity Program and the Emergency Conservation Program.

These programs will provide monetary assistance to offset losses of forage, feed, water and livestock and to rebuild structures and fences.

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— Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association

People in the news

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Pamela Anderson has bought a condo at a \$1 billion luxury high-rise under construction just west of the Las Vegas Strip, its developer said Monday.

The former "Baywatch" star purchased a 2-bedroom penthouse unit with more than 2,000 square feet and views of the Strip facing north, south and east, said Laurence Hallier, chairman of Hallier Properties LLC, which is developing Panorama Towers. Similar units sell for more than \$2 million, he said.

"Spiderman" actor Tobey Maguire and "The Aviator" star Leonardo DiCaprio also are reported to have bought into the development, the first tower of which is expected to be complete by midsummer.

Hallier said confidentiality clauses prevented him from disclosing his list of celebrity clients, although Anderson did not impose such a restriction.

Anderson, who visits Las Vegas about six to eight times a year, bought a unit in Tower 4, which won't be ready until late 2008, Hallier said. "She lives in Malibu. So for now she's fine," he said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Al Pacino will star as King Herod in a Los Angeles stage production of Oscar Wilde's "Salome."

The one-act biblical drama is scheduled to run from April 14 to May 14 at the Wadsworth Theatre.

Pacino will play the king who lusts after his wife's daughter, Salome, played by

Jessica Chastain. Actor Kevin Anderson plays John the Baptist, Salome's object of affection and later revenge.

Pacino, 65, worked with director Estelle Parsons for two years developing the 2003 Broadway version of the play. Parsons will also direct the Los Angeles production.

Tickets go on sale March 26.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Della Reese is tired of boring clothes for larger women. So the plus-size actress and singer has started her own clothing line.

Reese, 74, has designed her own vividly hued outfits for years. Her line, Della Reese Fashions, will debut April 4 on the Home Shopping Network.

Morris

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GOP campaign will feature the fall from the top of McCain and, if he runs, Giuliani. The next phase will be characterized by doubts as to whether any of the remaining candidates

are up to the task. And then, if the GOP voters are smart, they will draft the only winning candidate they could nominate, the secretary of state.

Or they won't, and Hillary will be the next president. Nobody said Republican primary voters were very sensible.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Saturn

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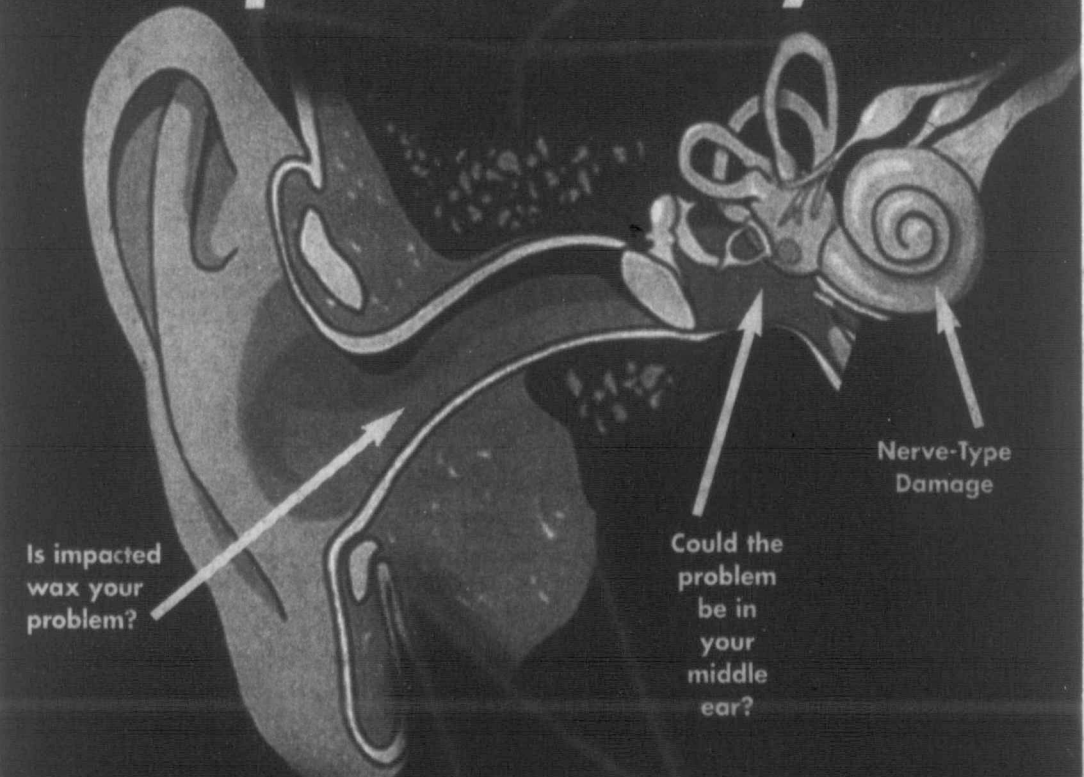
the return of astronauts to the moon. The space agency's astrobiology institute, which charts the search for extraterrestrial life, would lose half its funding.

As the city at the center of NASA's manned spaceflight, Houston has long cheered efforts to send humans to the moon and beyond. But robot explorers are essential in blazing the paths that astronauts might follow.

NASA should not have to choose between the two, thus threatening the scientific and technological pre-eminence that keeps the United States competitive in a global economy. By denying adequate funding for unmanned space exploration, the government will force NASA to postpone or cancel important planetary missions and put at risk its goal of safely sending astronauts to Mars.

Manned and unmanned space exploration must go hand in hand. NASA should use its latest triumphs to persuade the government and the public that it deserves enough funding to vigorously pursue all aspects of its mission to explore the cosmos.

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