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## Levi King to appear for pretrial hearing

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

PINEVILLE, Mo. — A Missouri man suspected of killing five people in two states, including a pregnant woman south of Pampa, will go back to court April 11, for a pretrial hearing after pleading guilty, then not guilty, Tuesday to two murders in rural McDonald County here.

Dressed in an orange jail jumpsuit, a clean-shaven Levi A. King, 23, jumped up and pleaded guilty Tuesday morning to the Sept. 29 murders, of Orlie McCool, 70, and

Dawn McCool, 47, McCool's daughter-in-law, at McCool's rural McDonald County, Mo., home just outside of Pineville. The move threw Circuit Judge Tim Perigo's courtroom into turmoil.

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

Under Missouri law, prosecutors are required to file notice of aggravated circumstances in order to seek the death penalty, but Finnical said that under the law, the state has up-

until the trial date to present aggravated circumstances.

"We have to give notice of aggravating circumstances," Finnical said. "There's a case in Missouri that says you can give the aggravating circumstances on the day of the trial. You don't have to do it early."

In Missouri, killing someone while committing robbery, rape, bur-

glary or kidnapping constitutes aggravated circumstance, Finnical said.

"Our allegation was that in the aggravated circumstances that he murdered two people in the course of committing burglary in the first degree, a felony," Finnical said.

The law also states that killing two or more people with the use of a firearm, or dangerous instrument, would be consid-



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### WORKING FOR PROGRESS

## Board president: Magic word is 'unity' within the community

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The southwest quadrant of Pampa will be the first target of the Working for Progress Advisory Board, a group of

citizens who want to clean up all areas of Pampa and improve its appearance.

Members decided at their second meeting, at 7 p.m. yesterday, at Lovett Memorial Library, to begin their efforts in Ward 4. The citizen's group has targeted the last week of April or the first week of May as the startup of their cleanup campaign.

The group's purpose and aim, according to their constitution, is to improve local environmental conditions and develop participation and unity between City of Pampa officials and members of the community.

Barbara Patrick, president of the board, showed

photographs of several locations in the city which could be candidates for cleaning up. She and others in the group had toured Pampa to develop a list of such locations.

"We saw burnt trailers left unattended and vacant lots made into trash piles. We want to clean that up because we've got children in those communities," Patrick said.

No area of the city will be exempt from the board's cleanup work.

"We're not focusing on one area of town. We're focusing on Pampa," Patrick said.

"We are officially an advisory board to the City of Pampa, through Ordinance No. 1446," she said.

The board will work closely with city commissioners, various city officials and Keep Pampa Beautiful. They hope to draw participation from serv-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
Barbara Patrick

## Boy detained until dog turns up at shelter

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A pit bull which reportedly bit two boys March 6 in the area of the 200 block of North Faulkner is missing after being taken from Pampa Animal Shelter sometime Thursday night, according to Pampa Police Department.

At 8:55 a.m. Friday, a City of Pampa representative reported to the police department that padlocks had been broken at the shelter at 800 S. Municipal Drive. The only animal missing as a result of the burglary of a building was the pit bull, according to a police department representative.

Earlier on Thursday, a municipal court hearing was held to determine the dog's fate. Rick Harris, prosecuting attorney, said that Municipal Judge Kurt Curfman ordered that the dog be destroyed.

"If the court finds a dog caused serious bodily injury by biting, mauling or attacking, it can be ordered destroyed," Harris said Tuesday afternoon.

"Based on the evidence presented at the hearing, Judge Curfman ordered the dog destroyed," Harris said.

Curfman said Tuesday that the printed order for the dog's humane destruction does not specify a time or date for the destruction.

"But it should be immediately as a direct order

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## Local school board to convene

By DENNIS SPIES  
Editor

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday and consider the purchase of two charter buses.

A community hearing will be held on the 2006-2007 school calendar at which public comments will be heard at 7 p.m.

Other agenda items to be considered include term contracts for employees, the quarterly investment report, and the quarterly financial report.

In terms of personnel, the

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## McLean variety show to assist with fire losses

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A variety show to assist wildfire victims and fire departments which helped battle the recent wildfires will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the McLean High School auditorium at McLean.

Entertainers from across the fire-damaged area are scheduled to participate in the show.

Admittance is free, but donations will be accepted. The show's main purpose is to provide information on specific needs of the victims and firefighters, where to go or who to contact for help, and who to contact to offer help to others.

Some assistance currently available to wildfire victims includes bales of hay and tons of cake (cubes). The hay and

cubes are stockpiled and available by contacting Texas Panhandle Fire Relief Fund at P.O. Box 33, McLean, TX 79057-0033, or calling Dawn Roudybush or Leslie Darsey at 779-2301. Roudybush may be contacted evenings at 779-2377.

Donations of hay, wire, labor and other materials are being accepted by the fire relief fund group. Persons wishing to donate goods or labor may contact the persons above or write to the above address.

Hay, fencing materials and monetary donations are also being accepted by Farm Bureau Insurance. Persons who wish to make donations or to receive donated hay and fencing materials may call the office at 665-8451.

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## Funds earmarked for fire relief stolen from local eatery

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A can full of cash which patrons had been donating to go to the American Red Cross was reported Monday morning as stolen from

Peggy's Place, 1801 W. Alcock.

The theft of somewhere between \$300 and \$400 in cash was first reported to Pampa Police Department by an employee of the local restaurant, according to a

police representative. The caller was told that since the money was to go to the Red Cross, that organization was considered the victim in the case and would need to report the incident.

The local Red Cross chap-

ter then reported the theft at 9:35 a.m. Monday, according to police records. No arrests have been made in connection with the case, which remains open.

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# King

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ered aggravated circumstances.

"He tried to plead guilty," Finnical said of King. "He stood up and said, 'I want to plead guilty,' because he thought he could get life without parole."

Finnical and McDonald County Prosecutor Stephen Geeding said they were surprised by the move.

"My heart stopped on me when he stood up and played games," Finnical said. "I don't want to lose the possibility of the death penalty."

"We just said, 'OK, if you want to play that game, stop. We want a continuance,'" Finnical said. "We just came into the office and typed the aggravated circumstances."

The defense argued that since the notice of aggravated circumstances hadn't been filed, the death penalty wasn't on the table. They said they were ready to plead guilty Tuesday.

"He wanted to play a game," Finnical said.

The special prosecutor admitted that the public defenders in the case are representing a person charged with a very serious crime.

"Since we didn't give it to them this morning," Finnical said, "they tried to pull a fast

one and just say, 'We haven't gotten notice of aggravated circumstances, and we want to plead guilty today.'"

Finnical asked the judge for a 15-minute continuance. He typed the notice of aggravated circumstances.

"When I handed it to him," Finnical said, "he withdrew his plea of guilty."

Finnical said the court has scheduled a pretrial hearing on April 11.

King and his attorneys are expected to file various motions between now and then, Finnical said, including a motion for a change of venue and a change of judge.

"I imagine he's going to be asking for a change of venue," Finnical said. "He's already said to the whole community that he's guilty."

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, survived the slaughter, and then called 911 after the assailant left.

King was arrested Oct. 3 as he tried to cross the bor-

der 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.

Pampa District Attorney Lynn Switzer acknowledged in December that a bullet from a 9mm pistol King had when he was arrested matched the ballistics of the bullets that killed the Conrad family.

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

Charles D. Moreland and Thomas E. Marshall, attorneys 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.

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

## Obituaries

### Harriette Rose Hawkins McBride, 86

Harriette Rose Hawkins McBride, 86, of Pampa, Texas, died March 21, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McBride was born Aug. 22, 1919, in Palestine, Ill. She married Jasper McBride on June 6, 1938. He preceded her in death on March 12, 2005. She had been a resident of Pampa for over 50 years.

She helped operate McBride Plumbing for over 50 years, and she was a hospital volunteer for many years. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She loved to garden and travel all over the United States, and her favorite companion was her dog, "Toby."

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Mayhew of Wichita, Kan., Patricia Ann

Manning of Keller, and Jean Kathleen Browning of New Braunfels; two sons, Michael Joseph McBride of Amarillo, and John Stephen McBride of Granbury; 17 grandchildren, Justin, Julie, Steve, Aaron, Ben, Caitlin, Mikey, Mitch, Erick, Molly, Amanda, Abbey, Lindsey, Lauren, Logan, Rylan, and Maycie; and 11 great-grandchildren, Josh, Sara, Dylan, Cody, Callie Sue, Zach, Alex, Cole, Jake, Heath, and Kyler Reed.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carolyn Sue McBride.

The family requests memorials be to the American Cancer Society in care of Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).



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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.

Four traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

A vehicle was impounded at the intersection of Kentucky and Christine streets.

A traffic complaint was received from the 2400 block of Charles.

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

A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of North Banks.

Found property was reported in the 2300 block of Cherokee. A boy's single-speed bicycle, with estimated value of \$150, was found.

One burglar alarm was reported.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn.

A missing person call was received from the 300 block of North Warren.

A call concerning a possible runaway was received from the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 100 block of North Sumner and the 700 block of East Brunow.

Assault was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and

the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at Fenton Motors, 123 N. Hobart. A 2006 Ford F-250 valued at \$40,000 was taken.

Fraud was reported in the 300 block of Canadian.

### Sheriff

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

#### Tuesday, March 21

Shanna Lynn Jefferis, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of South Hobart by Pampa Police Department for two counts of theft by check and a capias pro fine for issuing a bad check.

Mark Henry Quimby, 43, of Fritch was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a bond forfeiture for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Karen Jean Willett, 50, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Duncan by PPD for four counts of burglary of a habitation.

Juan Daniel Cano, 23, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for displaying altered/fictitious registration and displaying altered/fictitious inspection sticker.

Delbert Lynn Thompson, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for evading arrest with a vehicle.

#### Wednesday, March 22

Jimmie Ray Fitzer, 45, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn on a warrant for possession of dangerous drugs.

### Fire

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

#### Tuesday, March 21

6:35 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of South Hobart on a two-vehicle accident.

7:51 p.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to the 200 block of West Brown on a smoke investigation. Smoke was coming from a smoke pipe. No fire was found.

8:04 p.m. — Two units and four personnel were dispatched to Warren and Browning to assist Pampa Police Department on an unspecified call.

### Ambulance

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

#### Tuesday, March 21

11:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of East Brown and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Wednesday, March 22

5:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

### Clarification

In a press release published recently in The News, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon gave an inaccurate date for an upcoming workshop titled "Who's Who in your Family Tree." The workshop will be held March 25 at the museum.

## Stocks

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

Wheat	3.72
Milo	3.13
Corn	4.03
Soybeans	4.57

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

OXY	91.75	-0.27
BP PLC ADR	68.87	+0.62
Cabot Corp	36.00	-0.13
Celanese	21.06	+0.04
Cabot Oil Gas	45.53	+0.26
Coca Cola	42.90	+0.15
VLO	57.25	+0.42
HAL	68.72	+0.21
TRI	42.55	+0.03
KMI	91.25	+0.27
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Kerr McGee	93.26	-0.38
XOM	60.84	+0.12
Nat'l Oilwell	58.17	-0.30
Limited	24.11	-0.13
Williams	20.29	+0.18
MCD	34.83	-0.07
Atmos	26.40	-0.05
Pioneer Nat	38.80	+0.40
JCP	61.11	-0.62
COP	59.98	+0.49
SLB	121.03	+0.32
Tenneco	21.60	+0.12
CVX	56.55	-0.02
Wal-Mart	47.82	-0.29
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# Dog

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of the court. It should have been done the same day, but it was not done," Curfman said. A 16-year-old male, allegedly the dog's owner, has been detained in connection with the

March 17 burglary at the animal shelter. "His parents reportedly took the dog to Oklahoma. The juvenile is being detained until the dog is brought back. As of now, the dog has not yet been returned," Curfman said Tuesday afternoon. The parents had been notified of the terms of the juvenile's detention, Curfman said.

The dog's attack on the boys was reported at 3:43 p.m. March 7 from the 200 block of North Faulkner, according to police records. Upon arrival, police found that the boys, ages 6 and 13, had been attacked by the dog, according to the police representative.

The 6-year-old required seven stitches on his left arm and three on his left side as a result of the attack. The 13-year-old did not require any stitches, according to police records.

An animal control officer was called to capture the dog and place it in quarantine for the customary 10 days of observation following such an occurrence. At the time, the pit bull's vaccinations were current but were about to be due for renewal, said Animal Control Officer Onry Wells.

A call to the animal shelter Tuesday resulted in the question of the timing of the dog's destruction being referred to the police department.

"Anyone who knows the whereabouts of this dog is asked to call the police department at 669-5700," said the police representative.

# Funds

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The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross is accepting monetary donations to be used for disaster relief. Cindy Nickell, local Red Cross disaster

director, said donations of canned or prepared food, used clothing or other goods were not being accepted because such donations require storage space and time-consuming handling, and that cash contributions best enable victims to buy exactly what they need.

"So many who have been fortunate in being spared from this disaster have contributed to the assistance of those in our community whose lives have been disrupted, as well as to the firefighters who tirelessly fought the wildfires," Nickell said of last week's wildfires which burned parts of several Panhandle counties.

Red Cross funds have so far been used locally to provide direct assistance to 11 individuals or families and provide more than 4,000 snacks and meals to disaster victims and workers during the wildfires, according to Jana Gregory, executive director of the local chapter.

"The financial contributions given to the Red Cross enable us to provide assistance to individuals and families regardless of the type of disaster or where it occurs," Gregory said. "In addition to the more familiar sheltering, feeding and first aid provided, Red Cross assistance helps those affected by disasters to pay for what they need most - from groceries, new clothing and rent to medicines."

The Red Cross also helps disaster victims seek assistance from government disaster recovery agencies and other private organizations for help, in addition to the immediate assistance the Red Cross provides.

Gregory said that another benefit from cash donations to the Red Cross is that the local economy is helped because means are provided for disaster victims to make purchases from local merchants.

"Financial support is an essential part of the community's recovery. It truly represents neighbor helping neighbor," Nickell said.

Persons wishing to help victims of the wildfires and other disasters across the country may make a financial donation to the American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

To make a donation, call 1-800-297-2270 or send a contribution to the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, TX 79066. The local chapter is located at 108 N. Russell.

# Board

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board will look at term contract employees, probationary contract employees, termination of probationary contract employees, the proposed reorganization of the Carver Center

Administration and employment of professional personnel. Reports will be heard on the school board election; instructional equipment, supplies, furniture and AV equipment supplies; and enrollment of the five largest and five smallest classes at secondary campuses.

The school board meets at the Carver Center Administration Office board room at 321 W. Albert.

# Progress

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ice groups and clubs such as the Boy Scouts.

The Working for Progress Advisory Board is planned as a long-term venture, unlike some previous cleanup groups which did not last long, Patrick said.

"We are here, and we are going to be here," she said. The cleanup will be accomplished by volunteers with the organization and with donated equipment and equipment operators.

"We already have a backhoe, chain saws and other equipment, plus their operators, available for our use," Patrick said.

Working for Progress cannot clean up private property, and must get approval from the city commission before beginning any cleanup project.

Monetary donations are being received and will go into an account to be handled by Robin Bailey, city finance manager.

Officers were elected at Tuesday's meeting. President is Patrick, with Jane Steele, vice president; Toni Brown, secretary; Artie Toliver, work force officer; Kevin Costley, work force coordinator; and Paulette Hinkle, Shirley Nicholson and Cynthia Lemons, publicity committee members.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. April's meeting will be held on the 18th due to an election runoff on April 11.

Volunteers from all areas of Pampa may join Working for Progress.

"The magic word here is unity. It is all of us working together. Encourage your neighborhood and friends to get involved," Patrick said.

"Our motto is, 'We look forward to go forward,'" she said.

# Benefit

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The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross is also assisting wildfire victims and provided support to emergency workers during the fires.

The Red Cross is accepting only monetary donations. To make a donation, call 1-800-297-2270 or send a contribution to the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross, P.O. Box 1036, Pampa, TX 79066. The local chapter is located at 108 N. Russell.

# COP CORNER

Pampa Central Dispatch has the awesome responsibility of getting help to people that call in on 911. Help for people who have medical emergencies requires special handling by the dispatchers. When someone calls with a medical emergency, it usually involves an ambulance.



Courtney

The dispatchers have to ensure the person calling is patched through to the Amarillo Communications Center from where most all ambulances in this area are dispatched. After the dispatcher answers your 911 call, they will tell you that you are being transferred to "Medical."

You may hear a series of clicks. Please don't be alarmed about this, it's normal. This transfer only takes a couple of seconds. The next person you talk to is a person medically qualified to ask about the emergency and will be able to help you cope with the emergency.

Probably the first question they will ask is "Are you in Pampa?" This may sound strange to you, but they are confirming what is being displayed on their computer screen. If you have called on a cell phone

they may not have an address.

They want to make sure the ambulance goes to the right address in the right town. They may ask other questions about the person needing help. Try to remain calm and give them the best answer you can.

You might not know it, but while they are talking to you an ambulance or the fire department is being dispatched to help you. Those very few minutes it takes to get help there will seem like an eternity, but help will come. I know, I've been there myself.

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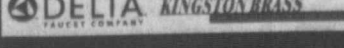
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# Viewpoints

## Literacy can be key factor in individual success

When you teach children to read, you give them one of life's greatest gifts. Children who unlock the world of the written word gain access to unlimited opportunities for learning and discovery.

Sadly, many children do not have access to books at an early age. Millions of children are growing up without books because their families have limited means or do not have ready access to appropriate children's books. Some parents, themselves, were not read to as children and find it difficult to start the habit with their own kids. Unfortunately, getting a late start in reading can contribute to continuing the cycle of poverty.

Teaching children to read at an early age helps break that cycle. Early readers enter school ready to succeed academically. When children love reading, they do better in school and they enjoy their courses more. Reading is the

foundation for learning and excellent reading comprehension facilitates studies in other subjects, such as math and science.

As a parent, I recognize the value of literacy and the importance of promoting it at every stage of a child's life.

Every night at bedtime, my husband and I read a story to our children. Reading stories with children teaches them about the world and shows them how fun reading can be at the same time.

Many children dislike going to the doctor because they relate a visit to the doctor with being sick or getting a shot, but a national literacy program is changing that.

Since doctors have regular contact with young children and their parents, these visits are valuable opportunities to share information about reading.

Reach Out and Read is a non-profit organization that trains pediatricians to advise

parents about the importance of reading aloud to children. It also gives new books to children at pediatric check-ups from the age of six months to five years.

If there is one thing children love, it is getting gifts. There is always a look of joy

on a child's face when opening presents at a birthday party or during the holidays. Associating this same feeling with reading is invaluable. Now, instead of dreading a trip to the doctor, a child can look forward to acquiring a new book.

Founded in 1989, Reach Out and Read serves more than 2.1 million children each year and distributes over 3.4 million books annually.

There are over 2,500

Reach Out and Read programs in hospitals and health centers across the country, and 28,000 pediatricians, nurses and other clinicians have been trained to be part of the program. Reach Out and Read also has volunteers who read aloud to children in

clinic waiting rooms and provides parents with ideas about how to get the most out of reading with their children.

I am proud to support Reach Out and Read programs in Texas and nationwide. As a member of the Senate Appropriations Committee, I help secure funding for worthwhile programs such as Reach Out and Read. For our country to remain competitive in a global economy, it is essential that our children are well

educated, and the best educations start with early reading.

Supporting educational programs remains a top priority for me in the Senate and, last fall, Congress approved over \$9 million to fund Reach Out and Read which has programs in all 50 states.

I recently visited some Read Out and Read programs in Texas. Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene established Texas' first Reach Out and Read program for children on a military base, and I was honored to have the opportunity to read to children there.

I also recently had the privilege to read to children at Reach Out and Read clinics in Amarillo and Odessa. These are just a few of the 180 Reach Out and Read programs in Texas.

Each year they serve over 200,000 Texas children and distribute more than 250,000 books to the youngsters in the Lone Star State.

When I read to these children, I see their growing interest in reading beam from their faces. It is obvious they are excited about books and they enjoy having adults read to them. That is a great sign for our future.

I still have some of the books that I had growing up. They are now worn out and tattered, but I keep them to this day.

There were many books I liked, but there is an even greater variety of books available to today's children.

We are fortunate to have the generous people at Reach Out and Read providing books to children, so they can begin building their own personal libraries at an early age.

When children develop a sense of ownership in books, they begin to cherish them. This makes a huge difference in their level of interest, and it helps them acquire skills that benefit them the rest of their lives.



**Kay Bailey Hutchison**  
U.S. Senator

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 22, the 81st day of 2006. There are 284 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 22, 1765, Britain enacted the Stamp Act to raise money from the American colonies. (The Act was repealed the following year.)

On this date:

In 1638, religious dissident Anne Hutchinson was expelled from the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

In 1820, U.S. naval hero Stephen Decatur was killed in a duel with Commodore James Barron near Washington.

In 1882, Congress outlawed polygamy.

In 1933, during Prohibition, President Roosevelt signed a measure to make wine and beer containing up to 3.2 percent alcohol legal.

In 1941, the Grand Coulee Dam in Washington state went into operation.

In 1945, the Arab League was formed with the adoption of a charter in Cairo, Egypt.

In 1946, the British mandate in Transjordan came to an end.

In 1972, Congress sent the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution to the states for ratification. (It fell three states short of the 38 needed for approval.)

In 1978, Karl Wallenda, the 73-year-old patriarch of "The Flying Wallendas" high-wire act, fell to his death while attempting to walk a cable strung between two hotels in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

In 1986, world financier Michele Sindona died two days after ingesting cyanide in his Italian prison cell in what authorities later ruled a suicide.

Ten years ago: The shuttle Atlantis carrying astronaut Shannon Lucid to a rendezvous with the Russian space station Mir, blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Five years ago: An 18-year-old student opened fire at Granite Hills High School in El Cajon, Calif., wounding three classmates and two teachers before he was shot by a police officer. (Jason Hoffman later hanged himself while in jail.)

*'I do not get my ideas from people on the street. If you look at faces on the street, what do you see? Nothing. Just boredom.'*

— Marcel Marceau

## Making sense: Don't do that to children

For over 100 years, the adoption arm of the Catholic Charities organization of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston has provided adoption services for the state's adoption agency, helping to find homes for some of the most-difficult-to-place children.

It was a valuable and almost irreplaceable service to the community and it has now been destroyed thanks to one of those politically correct laws enacted under pressure by a minority group with political influence that far outweighs their numbers.

Under Massachusetts law, it is unlawful to discriminate against gays and lesbians. Forbidding gay and lesbian couples from adopting children is therefore considered to be a violation of the law.

Under the ancient doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church, however, homosexual activity of any kind is deemed to be gravely immoral and forbidden under any circumstances. The Church cannot sanction or participate in recognizing same-sex marriage by granting homosexual couples the right to adopt children.

Thanks to demands from the gay and lesbian community the full weight of the state came crashing down on Boston's

Catholic Charities organization, which was ordered to get with it and ship innocent children to gay and lesbian households.

That they could not do, and remain Catholic, so Boston has lost a valuable ally in the struggle to find homes for some of the most-difficult-to-place youngsters.

This is an outrage brought on by homosexual activists.

It's all about them, it's not about religion, it's not about anybody's beliefs, and it's not about the welfare of children. They want to force all organizations including religions to accept their abnormal lifestyle as normal.

It's not going to happen no matter how many laws they pressure politicians to enact.

They want people to accept the idea that gay families are no different than heterosexual families, that children having two daddies or two mommies — instead of a father and a mother — is normal. They want same-sex marriages to be equal with traditional marriages, and they want government to guarantee it.

They cite the high divorce

rate between heterosexuals as proof that heterosexual marriage can be harmful to children. They say that this proves that gay and lesbian people should be able to adopt children to keep them from suffering from the trauma of broken homes.

They ignore the obvious fact that exposing children to an abnormal home life can be devastating to children who

need only to look around them and see the majority of their friends living in normal heterosexual households to recognize that they are the odd ones out.

If we want to stop homosexuals and lesbians from pointing to the heterosexual divorce rate, and pleading "give us a shot at raising children," then we have to stop the destructive behavior that culminates in divorce.

What this tells us is not that heterosexual divorce justifies gay adoption, but that we have to start taking our marriage vows seriously. Too many couples take their marriage vows with their fingers crossed, seeing marriage more as a date than a lifetime arrangement. So

when the going gets a little rough — as it always will and always does — they just walk away and their children become victims of their selfishness.

Of course divorce harms children, but the remedy is not to fend them off on a same-sex couple living a freakish lifestyle.

The remedy is to accept marriage as it is meant to be — a permanent commitment — and if a couple cannot make that commitment they should forget about tying the knot.

Sooner or later, there is going to be a massive backlash against the intense pressure homosexual activists are applying in many areas of our national life.

We've already seen evidence that it is beginning to happen in, of all places, Hollywood, where we just saw the Motion Picture Academy members turn thumbs down on a best-picture award for the pro-gay movie "Brokeback Mountain" despite weeks of incredible lobbying by the gay and lesbian community.

Even Hollywood had to say, "Gosh, we've got to have some standards here."

Mike Reagan is the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan.



**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist

## President Bush presents another wacky idea

President Bush is proposing that everyone in Louisiana who lost his or her home to the recent hurricanes be given up to \$150,000 by the federal government.

What about the people who lost their homes in the recent hurricanes who live in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida? For that matter, what about the people who have lost their homes to tornadoes?

It's when the president says things like this that I wonder if he is not out of touch not only with reality, but with the words coming out of his mouth. Louisiana was devastated, but no more so than Mississippi. Port Arthur, Texas, was also flooded. In the previous year's hurricanes, homes were destroyed and people killed in Florida.

Are all those homes and lives less worthy of attention? Other than the fact that the media seem to find it more convenient to report on New Orleans than on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, the devastation in Mississippi is just as bad as in New Orleans.

This is the most flagrant and lamebrained example of pure political pandering that I've seen in a long time.

What happened to the concept of equality before the law? How can you justify helping one group of people and not helping another group who suffered identically? If the federal government is going to write checks to people who lost their homes to hurricanes, then it must write checks to everyone who lost his or her home to hurricanes. And why discriminate against people who suffered from tornadoes, floods, hailstorms, wildfires and earthquakes?

Of course, before Americans became addicted to the welfare state, it never occurred to our ancestors that it was the responsibility of the government to make us whole after a natural disaster. Why should the people of Oregon be taxed to pay for the damage suffered in Louisiana? I suppose for the same reason the people of Louisiana are taxed to pay for pork-barrel projects in Oregon and to subsidize the subway riders in Washington, D.C.

What is Bush trying to start, the War of the Pork Barrels? All the federal government should do is repair any federal infrastructure that was damaged. Since it sells flood insurance as a favor to the private insurance industry, the government should see to it that it pays its policyholders promptly and fully. Other than that, it should butt out.

As for the private property-insurance industry, it should be damned from every pulpit and subjected to the most rigorous regulation by every state legislature and the U.S. Congress. Of all the despicable businesses, the property-insurance industry has shown itself to be worse than most. It is the reason most homes have not been rebuilt. The insurers are playing the game of, "Oh, this is flood damage, not wind damage."

They can argue that in New Orleans, but on the Mississippi Gulf Coast there was no flooding. There were only wind-driven waves, and

that's wind damage. Whether the wind blows a tree through your house or a 20-foot wave, it's the wind that is causing the damage.

In America's finer days, before preachers started making six-figure salaries and, like university presidents, became primarily fundraisers, they were not afraid to condemn sinners by name from the pulpit. Today, it's all pap.

As for the president, I think he needs a long vacation. He hasn't been making much sense lately. Washington gossips report that the White House staff is terrified by his frequent temper tantrums. He has scuttled the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, he has failed to secure our borders, he has botched the Iraq War, he has failed to find Osama bin Laden, and he thinks that swapping American jobs for mangoes from India is a big foreign-policy success.

I would even favor him taking a sabbatical and spending the rest of his term on his ranch in Crawford. We'd probably all be much safer if he would do that.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My heart is pounding and I'm at my wit's end. This situation is difficult to explain. I'm afraid that other readers may be facing the same horror that I'm dealing with, so please advise us on how to handle an extremely delicate situation. My husband has it in his head to do genetic testing for "genealogy" purposes. It isn't cheap. One of the places he wants testing from charges a couple of hundred dollars. He has asked me to have it done, too. I told him I wasn't interested and I thought it was too expensive. Now he wants to have our 17-year-old son tested. I have argued that our son should not have his DNA on record anywhere, that he really needs both parents to give consent for testing, and it costs too much. The horror I really have is that, 18 years ago, I made an awful mistake. I don't know if my husband is the father of our son. I'm having panic attacks about his finding out how awful I was 18 years ago. Can you issue advice that these DNA tests should not be used on minor children, and that there are powerful reasons why not? Can you think of any other reasons I can give for not having him tested so I can convince my husband to drop the idea? Please don't reveal where we live. You can say it's Minnesota. -- **IN A PANIC!**

**DEAR IN A PANIC!:** Oh, what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive. (And no, I didn't coin the phrase.) Although you have my sympathy, I think it takes a lot of gall to ask me to lie in my column. I cannot come up with a reason why your son should not be tested because there are reasons why everyone should be -- particularly before having children. (Two of them are Tay-Sachs and sickle-cell anemia.) I have news for you. Your husband already has his suspicions about whether

he fathered the boy. That's why he's determined to have him tested. If I were you, I'd take a few deep breaths and come clean before the guano hits the fan -- and that's the best advice I can offer. Confession is good for the soul.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been in a committed relationship for five years with a woman who disagrees with me about something and won't let the subject drop. Several years ago, I put my family home on the market. I accepted an early offer. My partner told me I was "naive" and selling the house for too little. I took her advice and pulled out of the deal. A couple of months later, I sold the house for \$80,000 more than the previous offer. My partner says I owe her the \$80,000 because she "earned" it for me. Although she says she would not have accepted such an offer from me, she feels I should've offered to give her that amount. I believe if she had my best interests at heart, to say nothing of the interests of our relationship, she would never have even thought such a thing. What is your take on this? -- **SECOND THOUGHTS IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS:** It appears you have partnered up with a greedy woman. Not only was it wrong of her to think of such a thing, it is wrong of her to keep harping on it. Of course she would have taken the money if you had offered it. From my perspective, all you "owe" her is a heartfelt thank-you.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 12 Indiana
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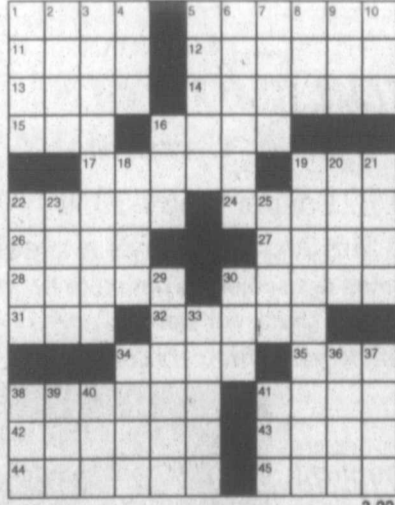
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# Sports Day

## Clark sits 13 as Pampa pounds Randall, 9-1

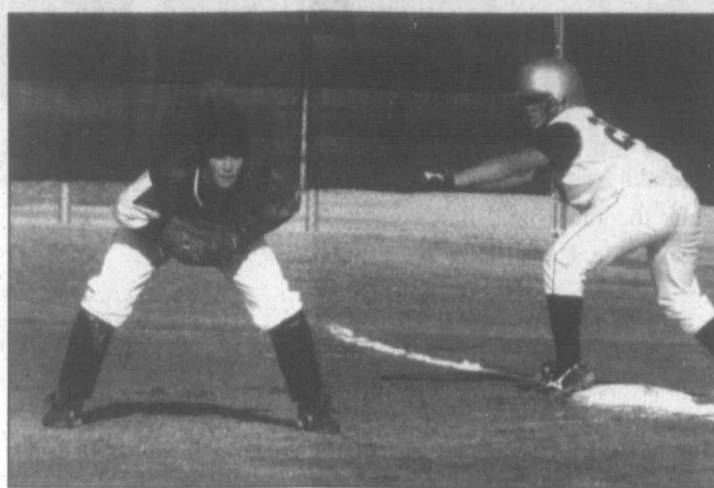
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Nicole Clark was almost untouchable while her teammates were almost unstoppable in Tuesday's District 3-4A opener at Randall.

Pampa dropped the Lady Raiders, 9-1. Though Mother Nature kept things frosty weatherwise, the Pampa bats kept things hot on the Lady Raider field. The Lady Harvesters pounded out 11 hits against Randall including doubles by Clark and Callie Cobb, and a triple by Whitney Wichert.

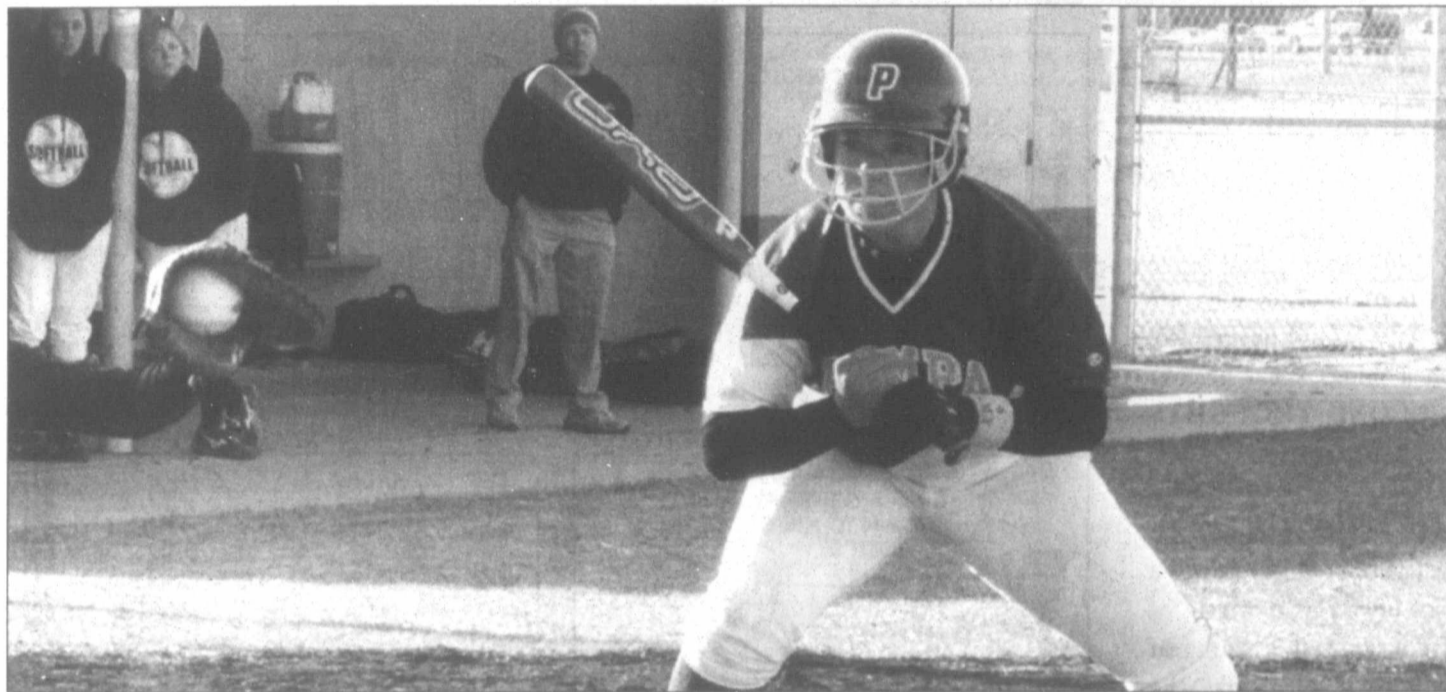
Clark was strong on the hill, striking out 13 Randall batters while giving up just two hits in a complete game outing for the Pampa junior.

The Lady Harvesters (12-4, 1-0) will host Hereford Saturday afternoon at 1.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Kenzi Nickell (above) keeps a careful eye on the batter while holding a Randall runner on first. Cassy Tice (below) looks a Lady Raider pitch into the catcher's mitt.



## Despite rumors, PHS coaching job still open

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Despite rumors to the contrary, Pampa High School officials have not tendered an offer to fill its current head football coaching vacancy. "We have not hired anyone for that position as of this time," said PHS Athletic Director Dick Dunham. "We will not make that decision until the board meets tomorrow (Thursday) night."

Dunham did confirm that former Harvester Andy Cavalier interviewed for the job Monday, as did current assistant coach Kip Holt.

The Pampa head football coach position became available just before the recent spring break when Coach Bryan Wood

announced he was returning to Sunray after just one season at the helm of the Harvester program.

Andy Cavalier played for his late father and former Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier, and later paced the sidelines as an assistant coach.

Cavalier joined former Pampa head coach Heath Parker when Parker took over the Tascosa program in 2005.

Dunham said an official announcement will be made until the board has met and decided on the right man to lead the Pampa program. That announcement should come not later than Friday.

### POYC BASEBALL/SOFTBALL

#### Tryout nixed; sign ups steady

With the thermometer just above freezing on the first day of spring, tryouts for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2006 were called off, but registration was brisk.

"It was like a swarm of bees," said Optimist President Ronnie N. Haynes, who arrived at the Optimist Club 45 minutes before registration was scheduled to begin. "They were just waiting for me to open the doors. It was like that the entire time."

Registration will continue from 5:30 to 7 p.m. today through Friday for boys and girls from five to 15 years of age.

With the weather expected to continue on the cool side, most coaches were predicting tryouts will take place on Thursday and Friday.

Optimist Girls' Softball Commissioner Dru Chidester reported that 36 girls signed up the first day for softball. Haynes said that 122 signed up for baseball. T-ballers lead the way with 36 registrations trailed by the 9-10 Cal Ripken League with 27.

"Claude and Clarendon will be participating in our program this year," said Optimist Baseball Commissioner Kevin Davis. "We are also expecting teams from Miami and Lefors and are hoping that Panhandle will come aboard as well. Our players have enjoyed the opportunity of playing some of their games out of town."

"We now have a waiting list for people wanting to sponsor teams," said John Warner, who is in charge of recruiting sponsors. "We have sponsors for all 54 teams and are hoping to add teams so we can accommodate all who would like to sponsor a team."

Our club greatly appreciates the strong support our community has always provided for the Optimist baseball and softball programs."

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

## WT, OPSU postponed

The West Texas A&M University baseball game against Oklahoma Panhandle State University re-scheduled for today has been postponed due to the snowy weather conditions.

The game will be made up at a late date, to be announced later.

WTAMU is 13-14 and on a five-game win streak, having won 9 of the last 11 games.

The Buffs will be in Durant, Okla. this weekend

for a four-game Lone Star Conference crossover series Friday and Saturday at Southeastern Oklahoma State University before returning home to host Texas A&M University-Kingsville in a four-game LSC South Division series, Friday and Saturday, March 31 and April 1 at Potter County Memorial Stadium.

For ticket information, contact the WTAMU Athletics Ticket Office at 806-651-4424.

## POYC managers announced

Managers were named Tuesday for the Pampa Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken Baseball League by Cal Ripken Commissioner, Ronnie N. Haynes.

Heading up Celanese Corporation will be Mike Killgo, while Guy Green takes the helm for D. E. Chase, Inc. Russell Douglass will manage Cabot Corporation. Tony Pereira will hold the reins for Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency.

Returning as manager for Rotary Club is Darrin

Clendennen. John Warner will head up Glo-Valve Service.

"We hope to have tryouts Thursday and Friday," said Haynes. "We plan to have our draft this weekend so that practices can start on Monday."

Haynes continued, "Some of our teams need coaching help. People interested in coaching in our league may reach me at 664-2543."

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Members of the Pampa High School varsity baseball team pose with cajun dinner tickets now on sale.

## Cajun dinner tickets on sale

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Tickets for the Cajun Dinner to benefit the Pampa High School baseball team are on sale now. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 12 and under.

This year's all-you-can-eat dinner will be Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus located at 318 North Cuyler.

On the menu will be boiled shrimp, blackened stuffed catfish with cream sauce, crawfish etoufee, pork chop and sausage jambalaya and bread pudding with rum sauce.

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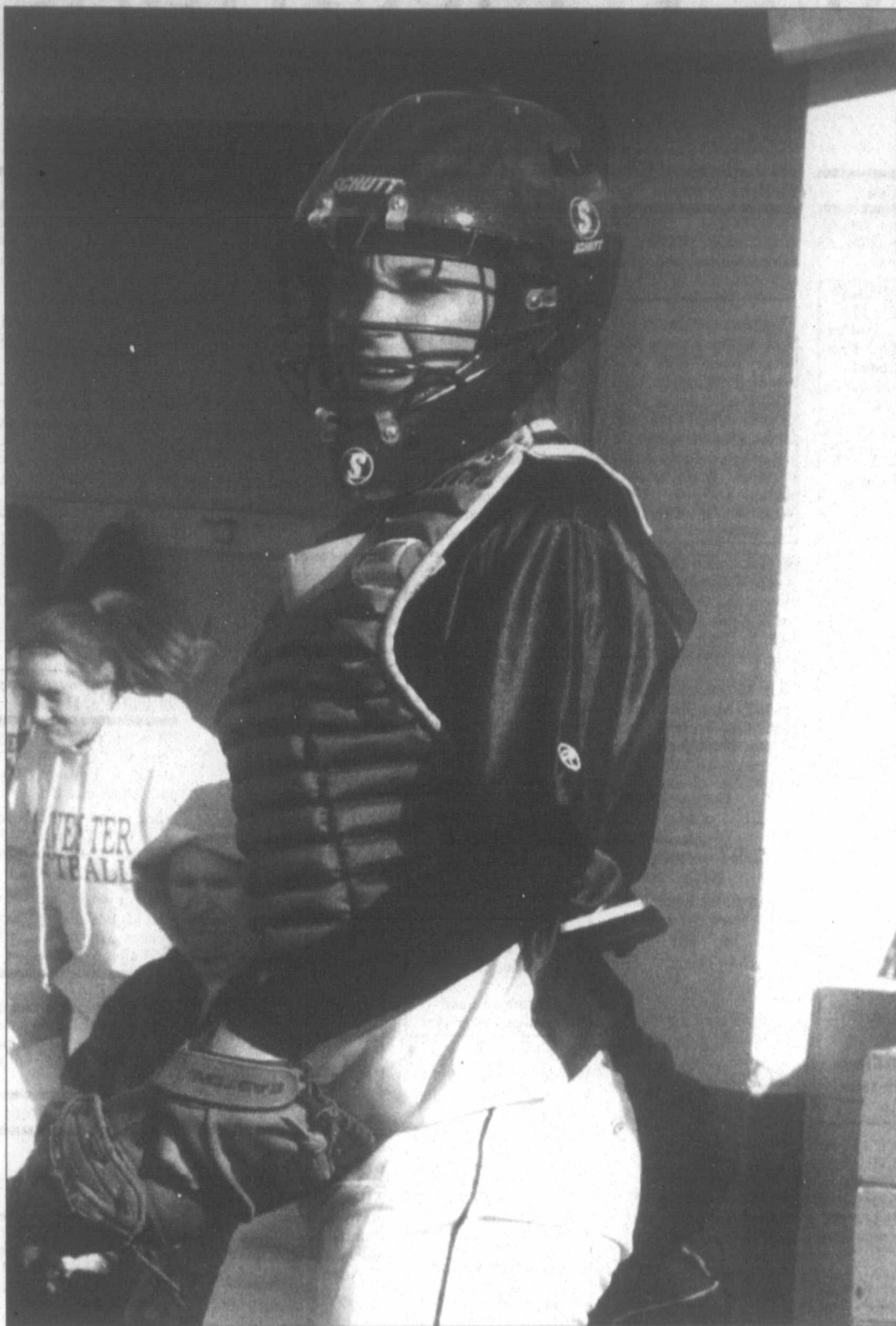
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## Looking for a sign



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Lady Harvester catcher Logan Winkelmann glances down the third base line for the play from Coach Bobbi Gill during Tuesday's district opener at Randall. Pampa dropped the Lady Raiders, 9-1. The Lady Harvesters, who improve to 12-4 overall, 1-0 in District 3-4A, will host Hereford Saturday afternoon at 1.

## Spurs 107, Warriors 96

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich's ejection lit a spark for the Spurs.

Tony Parker scored 29 points and San Antonio rallied to beat Golden State 107-96 on Tuesday night.

"We played with more energy in the second half," said reserve guard Beno Udrih, who scored 13 points. "(Popovich) got the technicals and that's when we said 'Let's go, guys. Let's pick it up,' and we got the win."

The Spurs outscored the Warriors 49-33 during the final 17:59 of the game for their fifth straight win.

Parker added seven assists for the Spurs (53-14), who stayed a half-game ahead of Dallas for the lead in the Southwest Division and the best record in the Western Conference. The Mavericks defeated Houston on Tuesday.

Tim Duncan had 21 points and 13 rebounds for the Spurs.

After referee Scott Foster ejected Popovich for arguing and leaving the bench area 4:54 into the second half, Foster walked away from the scorer's table and called a technical on Duncan. That led to a 63-58 lead for the Warriors with 5:59 left in the third quarter.

The Spurs regained the lead when Michael Finley's free throw made it 67-66 with 3:01 left in the third.

"Coach Popovich is a very intelligent coach," said Warriors guard Derek Fisher, who scored 27. "He must have felt that his team needed to get some emotion while playing the game."

Udrih helped San Antonio pull away early in the fourth quarter. He gave

the Spurs a 79-72 lead with a spinning layup past Monta Ellis on a fast-break pass from Manu Ginobili.

Following Mike Dunleavy's layup, Udrih got open again and hit a 3-pointer to give San Antonio an 82-74 lead with 9:32 remaining.

Udrih hit five of eight

shots in 14 minutes for the Spurs, whose reserves outscored Golden State's substitutes 37-16. Since veteran guard Nick Van Exel has been on the Spurs' sideline for the past nine games with an injured left elbow, Udrih has averaged 10.4 points per game on 39-of-70 shooting.

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## Vinatieri now a Colt

(AP) — Indianapolis' Super Bowl hopes ended last season on a missed field goal.

After adding the NFL's best postseason kicker, the Colts may have eliminated that problem.

By agreeing in principle to a deal with Adam Vinatieri on Tuesday, Indy swiped one of the top players from its old nemesis, New England, and also may have added the final piece to its elusive Super Bowl puzzle.

Vinatieri, who twice hit winning kicks in the Super Bowl for the Patriots, replaces former Pro Bowl kicker Mike Vanderjagt - the league's most accurate kicker who also badly missed a 46-yarder that would have forced overtime against eventual Super Bowl champion Pittsburgh in January.

The deal was announced on the team's Web site, though terms weren't immediately available. Messages left with the Patriots and agents for Vinatieri by The Associated Press weren't immediately returned.

Vinatieri has hit two winning kicks in the Super Bowl for the Patriots, while Vanderjagt's career accuracy rate is the best in the NFL. The problem is, he hasn't been as good in clutch situations.

The Patriots allowed Vinatieri to test free agency rather than putting a franchise designation on him, which would have cost the team \$3 million next season.

"It just didn't feel like the right thing to do," coach Bill Belichick said last month at the NFL Combine in Indianapolis. "We considered all our options and decided not to tag anybody."

Vinatieri, 33, had been named the team's franchise

player twice, including last year, when he was paid \$2.5 million.

Vanderjagt joined the Colts in 1998 and spent all eight of his NFL seasons with Indianapolis after playing the previous two years in the Canadian Football League. With the Colts, he scored a franchise record 995 points and made 217 career field goals in 248 attempts, the highest accuracy rate (87.5) in league history.

In 2003, Vanderjagt made all 37 of his field-goal attempts, all 46 of his extra-point attempts and set the NFL record by making 42 straight field goals.

His other big miss came in January 2000, when a 49-yarder that would have sent the Colts into the second round of the playoffs went wide right.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*\* You take the lead, and projects run smoothly. When you get an idea, you might be unstoppable as you make it a reality. You might act in ways that others don't understand. Ultimately, the results count. Tonight: Happy as can be.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Inspiration knocks on your door, whether you are daydreaming or hanging out with friends. Meetings might draw important new information. Open up to unthinkable approaches. You will like the end results. Tonight: Find some mind candy to treat yourself.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* You might want to ask a partner to go in a new direction or support an important choice. Both of you need to deal with a key person, but your results

could differ dramatically. Learn from this situation. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* A situation might have you regrouping once more. Your perspective will transform as a result. You might want someone else to ride in the driver's seat. By stepping out and being a passenger, angst will dissolve. Tonight: Enjoy life.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* You need to dig into a project. Though you might want and, on some level, need to cut off the outside world, important information needs to filter through. Pace yourself, stopping for well-timed breaks. Clear out as much as you need to. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You don't have to put on your thinking cap as much as let your emotions well up and follow your feelings. Perhaps as a Virgo you could find this process more difficult than many. Allow more fun into your life. Tonight: Let the flirt in you out.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* If you can make home your Grand Central Station today, by all means do. Expect your schedule to be tossed to the high heavens as you regroup. Think carefully about what you need to do. Lighten up. Tonight: Snuggle in.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* Speak your mind rather than hold back. Surprising results will follow you. Carefully consider options that surround a personal matter. You might want to think twice before you jump into action. Tonight: Dinner with friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You might need to rethink a personal matter in terms of financial ramifi-

cations. Sometimes spontaneity works, but right now covering all your bases might be a very smart move. Gather feedback from others. Ultimately, you will make the right choice. Tonight: Order in.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*\* Examine your long-term goals more carefully, because you can have what you desire right now. Just take aim and shoot. Get feedback before you leap into action. Understand what is necessary. Your mind works overtime. Tonight: Make a party out of a get-together.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Don't feel like you have to do anything right now. Use the present planetary climate for research and making sure your ducks are in a row. You could lose what goes on behind the scenes. You simply cannot talk about it. Tonight: Fly high.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Your words tend to ring bells. Finally, you get the results you desire. Laughter punctuates your decisions. Know that you are on a roll. Act like you are on a roll. A meeting or gathering helps you get a better grasp on a situation. Tonight: Zero in on what you want.

**BORN TODAY**

Singer Chaka Khan (1953), psychoanalyst Erich Fromm (1900), actress Keri Russell (1976)

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Administrator of the Estate of Henry Urban-czyk  
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**DMZFFZ KO CQ MHRPC**

**VFQLTZR NMKAM AQHTB**

**CQD LZ OQTIZB KE VZQVTZ**

**NQHTB OKRVTW BQ POK**

**PBIKOZ. — JQFZ IKBPT**

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