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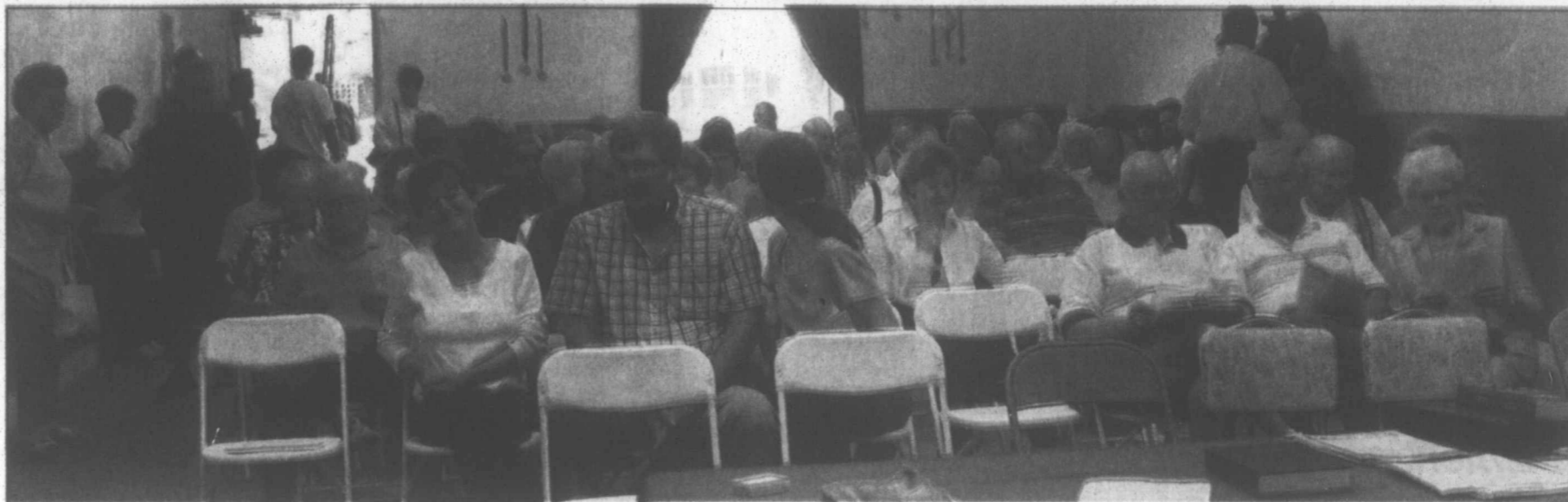
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Meeting organizers estimated that about 100 people attended a gathering Tuesday evening concerning appraisal values of their property. The meeting was planned after a number of Gray County property owners received notices indicating that the value of their property had been raised.

Large crowd attends public meeting on appraisals

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Attendance estimated at about 100 persons resulted in standing room only at a public meeting Tuesday evening concerning notices of appraised value which were mailed to some Gray County property owners May 25.

Gary Willoughby planned the meeting, held at his Tae Kwon Do studio in the 300 block of North Ballard, after he and other property owners took issue with the amount of the increase in the value of their property as shown on the notices.

Connie Rose, an employee in the property tax information services department of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts office

in Austin, answered questions from the audience and explained tax code rules concerning appraised values.

At least 10 in the audience said their valuations shown on the recent notices were 50 percent or more higher than the previous appraised value. Four of those said their valuations were 60 percent or more higher.

Reappraisal of taxable property is required to be conducted at least every three years, Rose said. The assumption would be that a previous reappraisal had been done within the last three years on the property, even though the appraised value may not show a



Rose



Willoughby

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Shooting suspect faces other charges in Lubbock

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A suspect named in an arrest warrant in connection with the April 30 shooting of an Edinburg man at the El Capri Motel has been arrested and is currently jailed in Lubbock, according to Pampa Police Department Assistant Chief Dennis Burton.

Kendrick Lamont Falk, 28, was

named in the warrant, which is for a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Falk's driver's license identifies him as a Garland resident, but he is believed to be from the Lubbock area, Burton said.

"We don't know when he'll wind up here," Burton said. "He apparently has charges there."

Falk was arrested a couple of weeks ago in Tulsa, Okla.

Early on the morning of April 30, Adolpho Cantu, 23, of Edinburg was in a room at the El Capri Motel, 321 E. Brown, visiting with friends, according to information provided by Cantu.

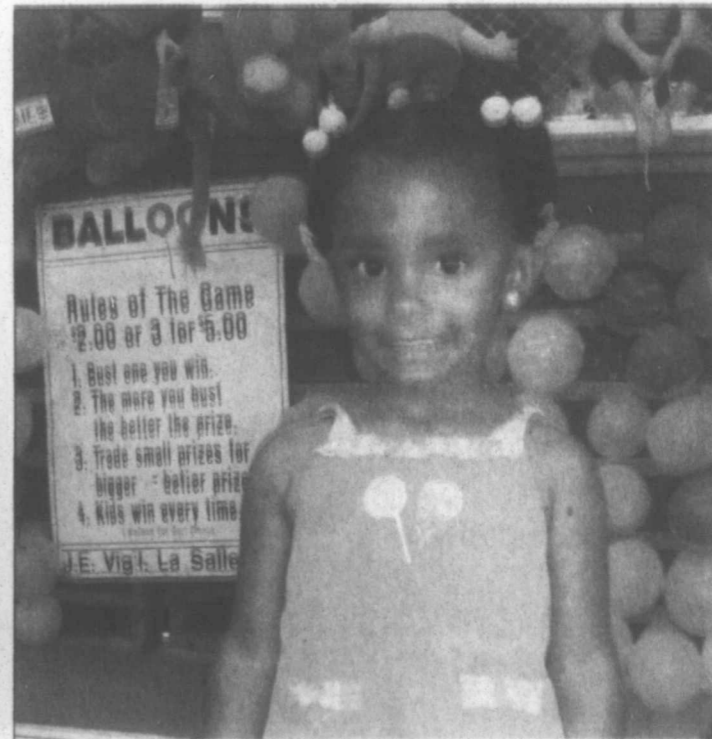
"Apparently, the suspect was in the room next door and attempted to rob him of his billfold," Burton said in an earlier interview concerning the shooting. "The victim had a gun

on him and thought he'd defend himself. The suspect wrestled the gun away from him and shot him twice at close range inside the room."

The suspect left the scene, and Cantu got up and went out to the motel's parking lot, where he was found at the time police arrived on

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Carnival time



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

Pampans were out enjoying the carnival Tuesday evening. At right, Amaree Ross, 2, had fun watching her mother win a prize at the balloon game. In left photo, Derek Peters, vice president of the band boosters, left, helps grill hamburgers with David Shook. Shook, who works at National Oilwell Varco, designed and welded the grill out of donated materials from his company and he and his company donated the grill to the band boosters to use in subsequent years.

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Services tomorrow

MELTON, Christopher Michael — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memorial Park, Amarillo.

Howard Reames, 60

PIEDMONT, Okla. — Howard Reames, 60, of Piedmont, died Thursday, May 31, 2007, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Graveside services were conducted Monday in Duncan Cemetery at Duncan, Okla., with the Rev.

Dean Hall officiating. Burial was under the direction of Carter-Smart Funeral Directors of Duncan.

Mr. Reames was born April 26, 1947, at Wheeler, to Bud and Gladis Nash

Reames. He was active in the Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows and Boxing Association, holding the title of No. 2 Judge of State.

Survivors include two daughters, Shawna Krum of Drover, Okla., and Christal

Jernigan of Chickasha, Okla.; three brothers, Warren Reames and Valice Dean Reames, both of Duncan, and Tom Reames of Pampa; a sister, Sharon Lane of Marlow, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

James Floyd Scott, 85

James Floyd Scott, 85, of Pampa, Texas, died June 4, 2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, June 8, 2007, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Michael Erickson, pastor of the Zion Lutheran Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Scott was born Sept. 28, 1921, in Tupelo, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1945. He was self employed as a painter and paper hanger until his retirement.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving with the 29th Bomb Group in Guam and North Africa during World War II.

He married Frances Brantley on Feb. 14, 2003. Survivors include his wife, Frances Scott, of the home; two granddaughters, Michelle Oviedo and husband Steve of Greeley, Color., and Lisa Eldringhoff and husband Randy of Deer Trail, Colo.; several great-grandchildren, step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; one sister, Paula Swain of Colorado



Scott

Donna Mathis of Shattuck, Okla., and Ronald Willett and wife Cassie of Midland; a daughter-in-law, Maxine Massey and husband Roger of Eaton, Colo.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death

by his parents; his first wife, Mary Deane Wilkerson Scott in 1984; two sons, Jack Michael Scott in 1985 and James Steven Scott in 1996; his second wife, Anna Turner Scott; one sister; and two brothers.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106, or Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

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

Emergency Services

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

Thirty-one traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1800 block

of North Sumner, the 500 block of Yeager and the intersection of Brown and Somerville streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 900 block of East Foster.

An abandoned vehicle was

reported in the 300 block of South Finley.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of Red Deer, the 700 block of East Kentucky and the 1000 block of South Barnes.

Animal control officers

made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of Mora, three times in the 900 block of South Wells, once in the intersection of Hobart and Cook streets, the 1800 block of Lynn, the 1200 block of South Sumner, the 1000

block of Huff Road, the 700 block of East Francis, the 500 block of Rider, the 300 block of North Dwight, the 2300 block of Comanche and the 500 block of North Faulkner.

Found property was reported in the 1100 block of

Duncan and the police department lobby.

Attempts to serve papers were made on five occasions.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of North Ward.

A civil matter was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of Doyle.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of North Wynne.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Assault causing bodily injury was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road. No serious injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault was reported in the 2800 block of Rosewood.

One alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A bicycle valued at \$95 was taken from an unreported location.

Theft was reported in the See **RECORD**, Page 3

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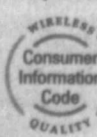
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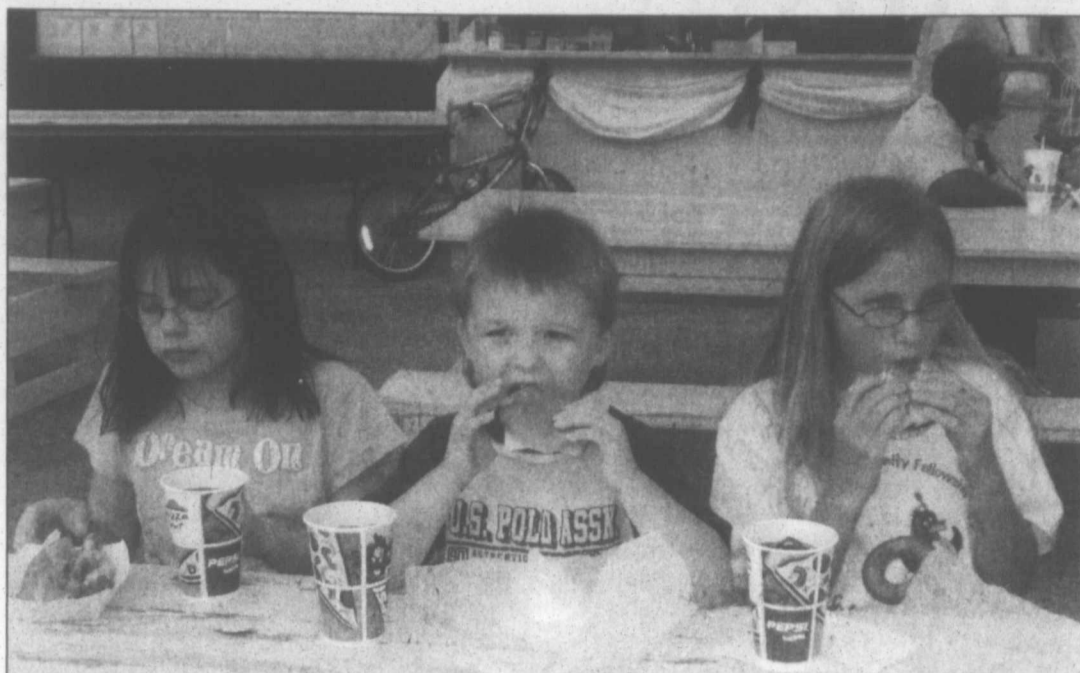
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Carnival treats



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These kids take a break from riding carnival rides to grab a bite to eat from the band booster concession stand Tuesday evening. Pictured from left are siblings Lindzy Hill, 9, Joey Hill, 4, and Reanna Hill, 11.

Suspect

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the scene at 4:43 a.m. He had been shot once in the chest and once in the arm with a handgun which was

recovered May 1 in the area of the motel, Burton said.

Information on the incident was given by the victim while he was at Northwest Texas Hospital between surgeries on the day of the shooting, Burton said.

The victim and suspect

did not know each other, according to the victim. The handgun which was recovered near the motel has not been reported as stolen, Burton said.

"Witnesses were able to help police identify the suspect," he said.

Values

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change in more than three years before the current reappraisal, she said.

The state tax code allows a maximum increase of 10 percent per year on appraised value, she said. Appraised value may also increase if improvements are added to the property such as a swimming pool or deck. These improvements are excluded from homestead exemption value if added after the homestead exemption went into effect, she said.

The homestead exemption applies only to the residence and one acre of land, Rose said. Additional acreage is not included in the cap on homestead property.

A tax ceiling for those age 65 or older and/or disabled also has certain exclusions.

"If you add to your homestead any improvements other than normal repairs, the value of those improvements will be assessed and added to the ceiling," Rose said.

Property owners who wish to dispute the appraised value of their property should complete a notice of protest and send it by certified mail to the appraisal district office with an attention line on the envelope noting that it is intended for the appraisal review board.

The notice of protest form provided by the appraisal district in the

envelopes which contained the notice of reappraisals is not required in order to file a protest, Rose said. The property owner may write a note which includes their name, identification of the property in question and their wish to protest the appraised value of the property. Five copies of the note should be made to provide one copy for each review board member, and the note may be sent certified mail to the appraisal district office with an attention line directing it to the appraisal review board.

Deadline for returning a notice of protest is June 25.

"My advice is, you have a deadline. Fill it out and send it in. You can always sign a waiver later. But time is passing," Rose said concerning offers by members of the appraisal district staff to informally review reappraisals with which the property owner takes issue. These informal reviews are offered to take place between appraisal district staff and the property owner, and are not a formal hearing of protest.

Those who file a notice of protest will receive notification of the time and date of the hearing concerning their property. The notification must arrive 14 days before the hearing. They have the right to go to the appraisal office before the hearing in order to examine all evidence concerning their property which will be presented by the appraisal district at the hearing.

Any evidence which is presented at the hearing which was not included in

that offered for scrutiny by the property owner beforehand results in three choices for the property owner: Postpone the review hearing, throw the previously-undisclosed evidence out and continue with the hearing, or examine the evidence before continuing the hearing.

Documents such as photographs should be included in the property owner's presentation to the review board, along with other evidence such as testimony of witnesses concerning the value of the property. The protester should bring five copies of all documentation to the hearing so that each member of the review board gets a copy.

Property owners who are dissatisfied with the decision by an appraisal review board may ask for binding arbitration. The property owner must pay \$500 up front for the arbitration, but may have \$450 of that returned to them if the arbitrator makes a decision in their favor.

The appraisal district is bound by deadlines each year concerning reappraisals and valuations.

"By July 25, the chief appraiser must certify to the taxing units 95 percent of appraised values," Rose said. "He can't do that if more than five percent of the property is under protest."

For more information on property appraisals and valuations, contact Gray County Appraisal District, 815 N. Sumner, at 665-0791, or Rose at (800) 252-9121 ext. 5-0175.

Record

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100 block of West Browning.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of East Browning. The incident involved a Suzuki motorcycle valued at \$3,000.

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

Tuesday, June 5

Columbus Matthew Scroggins, 43, of Sayre, Okla. was arrested in the 800 block of West Brown by Pampa Police Department for no valid driver's license.

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

Tuesday, June 5

9:04 a.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 2600 block of West Alcock on a fire alarm. It was a false alarm and the units were canceled en route.

12:59 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Barnes on a motor vehicle accident.

4:57 p.m. — Two units and eight personnel responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart on a smoke scare.

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

Tuesday, June 5

9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Helton Road and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Barnes. No transport.

1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie and transported a patient to PRMC.

3 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

3:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

8:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie. Call canceled en route.

Wednesday, June 6

12:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Squirrels blamed for flag thefts

NEENAH, Wis. (AP) — Caretakers of the Oak Hill Cemetery noticed around Memorial Day that about 25 U.S. flags were missing from veterans' graves.

But the haphazard pattern of the thefts and the fact that the wooden dowels remained intact led them to believe the thieves weren't human.

"It's a pretty solid conclusion that critters are stealing our flags," said cemetery

foreman Mark Alberts.

Such thefts have been a problem before. Squirrels took flags in Oshkosh and used them to line their nests a few years ago, and a groundskeeper at Forest Hill Cemetery in Eau Claire discovered dozens of missing flags in a squirrel's nest in 2006.

When crews cut down old trees in the cemetery, they typically find flag remnants in the hollows, Alberts said.

School board meets Thursday

The school board will meet at a special meeting for the Pampa Independent School District to receive training and also set goals for next year.

According to the PISD administration office, this meeting will be a "work ses-

sion in training." The school board will receive level two training on how to set goals, but will also set goals for the 2007-2008 school year.

This meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

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Viewpoints

Making sense: Pandermania epidemic on the left

There's a little bit of the "gimmie" mentality in all of us, and it's that unattractive part of our psyche that demagogic politicians take aim at when trying to win our support.

The Democratic left wing (is there any other wing of that party nowadays?) is out in full hue and cry, hoping to evoke in the masses a deep yearning for whatever goodies the government can shell out. They think we all have our hands out, and they strive to pledge to fill them with new and better government giveaways.

It's an interesting spectacle to watch as the various Democratic presidential wannabes try to move further left than any of their rivals in an effort to out-promise each other. When

Obama recently pitched his socialized medicine program, Hillary slipped around his left side with her Marxist solutions for every imaginable problem known to humankind (oops, I almost said the M word — mankind).

As the battle rages, we can expect to see the candidates break new ground as they travel farther and farther left into territory even no Marxist has ever before trod. By the time the primaries roll around, they'll make Joe Stalin look like a right-wing conservative — and Santa Claus look like Ebenezer Scrooge.

It's something-for-everyone time on the Democrat campaign trail, and no longer being content with the old party lines about "saving" Social Security

from the robber baron Republicans who allegedly want to strip Grandma of her monthly Social Security check and throw her to the wolves, they are hot on the trail to locate new and better ways to buy the voters' votes with their own tax dollars.

Having already whetted the voters' appetites with every kind of giveaway program they could dream up, they now find themselves forced to outdo each other in the grandiosity of their proposals. And there are lots of opportunities to devise new and exciting handouts available in that vast period

between cradle and grave through which we all pass.

This pandermania epidemic is the result of the growing perception among a large segment of younger Americans that they are somehow entitled to all sorts of privileges, including the largesse of the federal treasury. And the Democrats are only too eager to oblige their cupidity.

Take little miss Lindsay Lohan as the extreme archetype of the Mé generation. Like hordes of Hollywood brats she has shown herself to be utterly convinced that the laws and restrictions and customs to which most adult

Americans are subject do not apply to her. Like Jerry Seinfeld, she is the master of her own domain, which appears to include everything and everybody in the whole wide world.

She and Paris Hilton, among other celebrated alcohol- and drug-sodden doxies, are of course extreme examples. But they are members of a generation which believes it is entitled to whatever their little hearts desire, including exemption from serving their country in wartime, government paid college tuition, and a form of without-consequence sexual license which would shame even the worst libertines of ancient Rome.

Enter stage left one Hillary Clinton, this era's most accomplished snake oil

salesperson. To her the whole world is a village and she wants to be the mayor, ever anxious to see to it that the citizens of her global town are supplied with everything they could possibly desire, including round-the-clock child care — children being the responsibility of the mob, not their parents.

On the heels of Sen. Obama's pandering on the subject of health care, for all intents and purposes Hillary endorsed socialism. She doesn't call it that, of course. But if it waddles like Karl Marx and it quacks like Karl Marx, it is Karl Marx.

And as Al Jolson used to say, "We ain't seen nothin' yet." By the time the primaries roll around, there won't

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 6, the 157th day of 2007. There are 208 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On June 6, 1944, the "D-Day" invasion of Europe took place during World War II as Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy, France.

On this date:

In 1606, French dramatist Pierre Corneille was born in Rouen.

In 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association was founded in London.

In 1918, the World War I Battle of Belleau Wood, which resulted in a U.S. victory over the Germans, began in France.

In 1925, Walter Percy Chrysler founded the Chrysler Corp.

In 1934, the Securities and Exchange Commission was established.

In 1942, Japanese forces retreated in the World War II Battle of Midway.

In 1966, black activist James Meredith was shot and wounded as he walked along a Mississippi high-

'You never find yourself until you face the truth.'

— Pearl Bailey
American singer and actress (1918-1990)

way to encourage black voter registration.

In 1968, Sen. Robert F. Kennedy died at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, a day after he was shot by Sirhan Bishara Sirhan.

In 1978, California voters overwhelmingly approved Proposition 13, a primary ballot initiative calling for major cuts in property taxes.

In 1982, Israeli forces invaded Lebanon to drive Palestine Liberation Organization fighters out of the country. (The Israelis withdrew in June 1985.)

Ten years ago: Timothy McVeigh's lawyer pleaded with a jury to spare the life of the convicted Oklahoma City bomber, holding up his dress uniform and portraying him as a model soldier deeply disturbed by his government's role in the disaster near Waco, Texas.

Five years ago: Stung by intelligence failures, President Bush called on Congress in a nationally broadcast address to remake the government with a terrorist-fighting Department of Homeland Security. Israeli troops stormed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's headquarters in response to a Palestinian suicide attack that killed 17 Israelis on a bus.

One year ago: Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson acknowledged a stolen computer contained personal data on about 2.2 million active-duty military, Guard and Reserve personnel — not just 50,000 as initially believed. Iran and the United States had a rare moment of agreement, using similar language to describe "positive steps" toward an accord on a package of incentives aimed at persuading Tehran to suspend uranium enrichment. Soul musician Billy Preston died in Scottsdale, Ariz., at age 59.



Congress can end war when it's ready

The Democrats should not have caved in to the president. They should have continued to send him bills with a timeline for withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq. So he vetoes them. Eventually the president himself would cut off funds for the troops.

As an alternative, Congress could inform the president that unless he accepts a timetable for withdrawal, Congress will stop funding the war. If the Democrats are sincere in their claimed desire to end the war, this is the way to do it.

The power of the purse rests firmly in the hands of Congress. No matter what the president desires to do, if Congress refuses to fund it, the president is helpless. He cannot spend a dime that Congress has not authorized and appropriated.

The American people

should realize this and understand it clearly. The power to end the war in Iraq rests entirely in the hands of Congress. No president can force Congress to authorize and appropriate any money at all, for any purpose.

Thus, a majority in the House and Senate, if they truly desire to end the war, have the power to do so right this very moment. The president can only veto a bill he receives; he cannot veto a bill that doesn't exist. Therefore, Congress can simply ignore his requests for war funding and go about its business as if it had never received any.

When the ammunition, petrol and other supplies run out, the president and the

Pentagon will have no choice but to withdraw from Iraq.

Democrats, of course, are afraid of being accused of "not supporting the troops." This is a contradiction. You

can't end a war and continue to support troops who are fighting it at the same time.

The only way to end the war is to pull the plug.

Wars cannot be fought without money. Once a president realizes that no more money is coming, he will have no choice but to begin a withdrawal.

The war party in this country, which consists mainly of Republicans but also includes some Democrats, are as fond of

slogans as Hitler's Third Reich. One such slogan is that if we pull out of Iraq, the "enemy" will follow us home. That's propaganda and devoid of truth.

Those enemies in Iraq who just want us out of their country will not follow us home. They have no reason to do so. Lord knows they will have enough to do just trying to salvage their country. As for al-Qaida, it doesn't have to follow us home; it's already here. Al-Qaida is neither a nation nor an army; it's a movement, and it maneuvers through the Internet. Bush's slogan implies that our forces are tying al-Qaida's forces down in Iraq. Most of al-Qaida's people are not even in Iraq.

What the war is doing is assisting al-Qaida in recruiting individuals. Starting

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ May 29

Austin American-Statesman on the art and the impact of laziness:

Should you need further motivation to pull your hair in this age of technology, consider another nail driven into the coffin of creativity, thanks to the Web.

Strolling through the electronic market place, you'll find stalls for just about every product and service, including lying. That's right you can outsource the work of making up excuses to miss school or work. Despite all the political rhetoric about accepting responsibility for one's

actions, the service is catching on.

Come on. American ingenuity put a man on the moon in 10 years starting from scratch just about.

Now, this same society can't even conjure up an excuse from work on its own? Say it isn't so.

An online service called myexcused-absence.com offers excuses from work, jury duty, doctor visits, funerals or medical evaluations for \$24.95 and promises "unlimited usage." We wouldn't recommend using any of them unless you're just fresh out of ideas. Precooked excuses are like precooked meals: bland by necessity. How could someone manufacturing excuses possibly capture the nuance of individual situations?

Besides, supervisors don't exactly live in a vacuum. The bosses have access to the Internet, too, and can learn to spot phonies from a long way off.

So, maybe it's best if you dream an excuse from work to at least need your own. Secret missions for the CIA present opportunities only because the CIA won't confirm or deny anything. You just have to be careful, though, not to embellish too much because otherwise the boss will ask why your successful mission didn't make headlines.

Better yet, why not just be honest and tell the boss you need a day off? You just might get one. Get caught using a prefab excuse, though, and you're sure to get much more time off than you want.

Reese

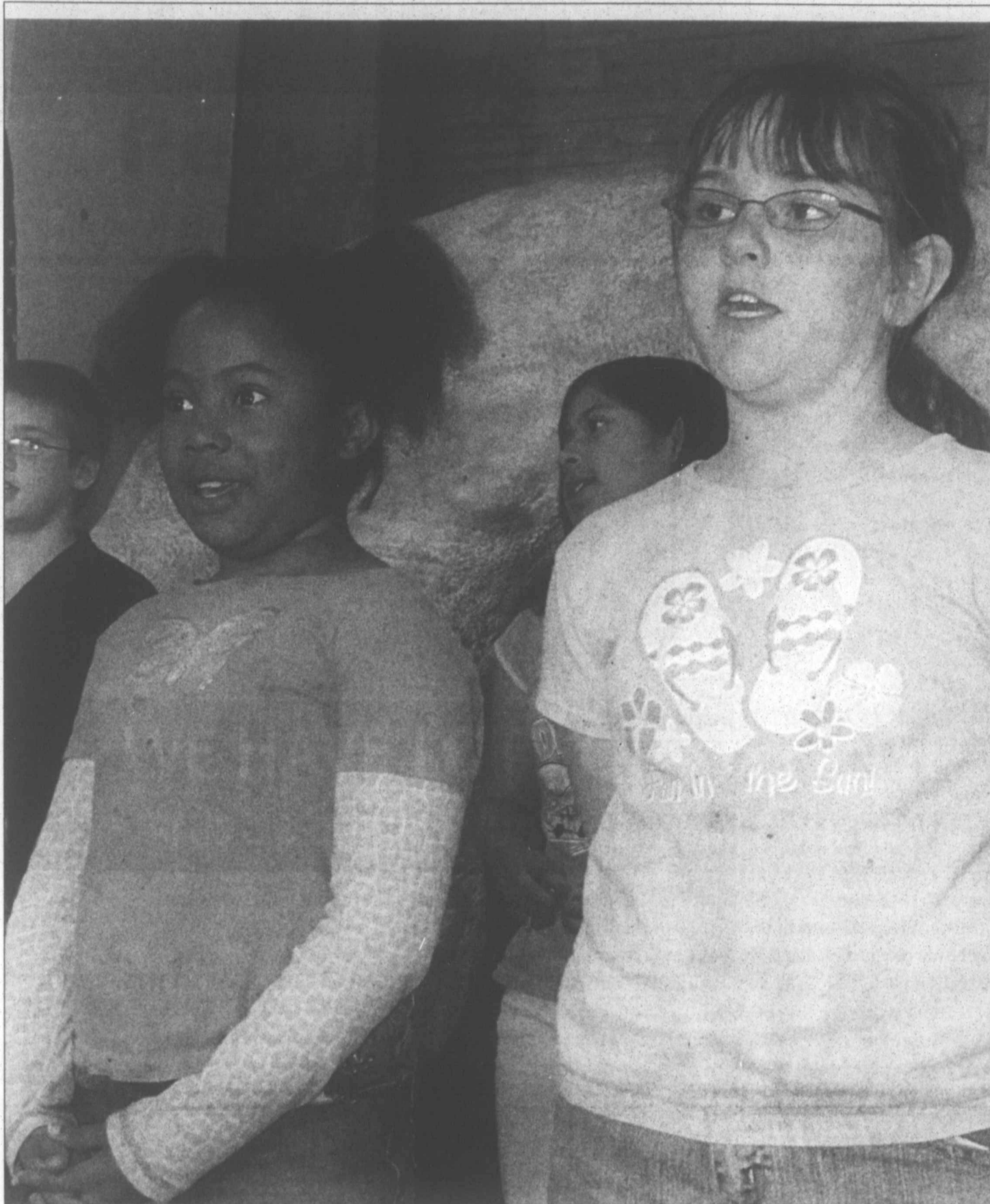
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with the first Gulf War and continuing with the sanctions, the United States has visited upon Iraq immense destruction, pain and suffering. The Iraqi people never did anything to deserve that. I seriously doubt the Iraqi people will ever forgive us. If I were an Iraqi, I wouldn't.

The only way to put an end to terrorism is for the United States to begin to undo some of the evil it has done. We have wronged the Iraqi people. We have wronged the Palestinian people. Whenever anyone decides to kill Palestinians, we always side with their killers, as the U.S. does with Israel and now with the Lebanese Army, so busy shelling a Palestinian refugee camp. Where was the Lebanese Army when Israel invaded Lebanon? It was hiding. I don't see how any of the Lebanese Army can stand to look in a mirror.

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

Sing, sing, sing



Aliscion Dancer and Rebekah Foster were part of one of the Create-a-Beat! choirs participating in a recent end-of-year program.

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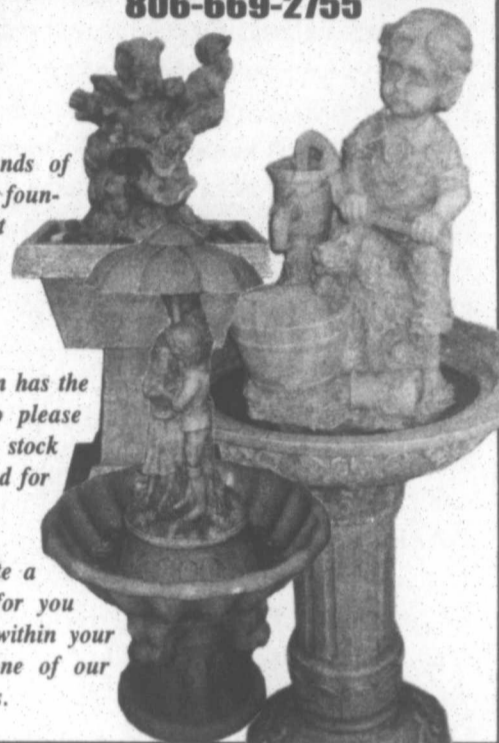


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Reagan

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be a single freebie left that hasn't been pledged by the Democratic can-

didates for their party's presidential nomination.

After that the winner will spend the rest of the presidential campaign saying he or she didn't really mean all that stuff they spoke about to win the hearts and minds and votes of the party's dominant — and crazed — left

wing which nominates candidates. (Just ask Joe Lieberman.)

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I find myself in a head vs. heart situation. I have ended an emotionally draining relationship of more than 10 years. As I tried to find the courage to "move on," I found myself turning to a married woman who understood everything I had experienced and made me believe that she was also looking for the courage to change her situation. Our relationship grew into something more than it should have, considering her marital status -- and a considerable amount of time has passed. I still believe she is my closest friend, but I don't know if I should continue to support her in the hope that she will make a change. Or is it time to face the realization that I have made a big mistake and try to cut my ties with this woman? I am at the point of near obsession with wondering if this vision in my heart will ever come true. My heart says hold out; my head says back away. I'm looking for objective wisdom. -- **BAFFLED IN WASHINGTON**

DEAR BAFFLED: Please listen to your head. Listening to your heart has brought you to the point of near obsession. Obsession is not love; it is a sickness. Time is the most precious gift we have, and you have already wasted enough of it. Face it: She wasn't your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow; she was your "comfort" station on the way to your destination. It's time to move on.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for six years. It's the second marriage for both of us. The issue arises when I open an e-mail from my family. My husband stands over my shoulder and reads it while I am reading it. I think it is rude, and he should not read it unless I invite him to. The e-mails are never about him and rarely contain anything I wouldn't share with him, but I think

he should wait to be invited. Since both our families live in the same town, sometimes a subject will be mentioned that is personal, and I can't count on him to be discreet. I would like the chance to at least see what the e-mail is about before he reads it and then casually gossips about it to his family (which has happened). I don't want to get separate e-mail addresses, though, because he would think I am hiding something. (This happened in his first marriage.) What's the answer? -- **INVADED IN ORTONVILLE, MICH.**

DEAR INVADED: The answer is a frank and possibly unpleasant conversation with your husband. His first wife's behavior seems to have left him with serious trust issues, and that's why he insists on reading your e-mails over your shoulder. If you want privacy, you are going to have to demand it. And if he wants to know why, you are going to have to tell him that he can't be trusted not to gossip. You should not have to pay the penalty for the indiscretions of his former spouse.

DEAR ABBY: My husband of 39 years no longer hugs me or shows me any affection. I have seen him through cancer and diabetes. We have four grown children, and we have been seeing a therapist for a year and a half. He is kind, generous and friendly, but there are no compliments or any of the flirtatious banter we used to enjoy. He swears he's not having an affair, and he doesn't know why he has changed. Perhaps you do? -- **GRACE IN PHOENIX**

DEAR GRACE: Several possibilities come to mind. Your husband could be depressed, or his change in behavior could be related to hormone levels or medication. Perhaps, in addition to the therapist, his physician should be consulted. Please consider it.

For Better Or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Dad under-wear
- 6 Dress
- 10 Labor group
- 11 Everglades critter
- 12 Tot tender
- 13 Form of oxygen
- 14 March date
- 15 Frank
- 16 Plop down
- 17 Director Craven
- 18 Conclude
- 19 Cry of approval
- 22 Grove growth
- 23 Robin's snack
- 26 Utterance of concern
- 29 Deli choice
- 32 Parched
- 33 Life story
- 34 Like some mushrooms
- 36 Takes notes
- 37 Pluck
- 38 Rob Petrie's wife
- 39 Scopes
- 40 Essential
- 41 Costner role of 1987

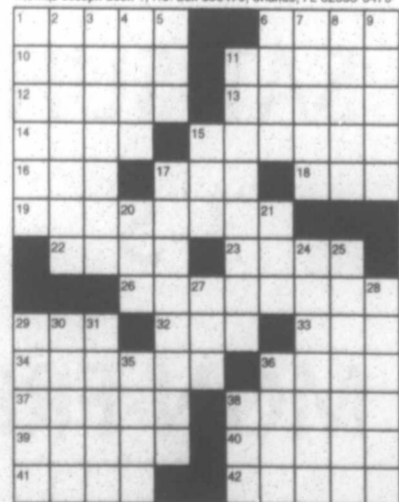
DOWN

- 1 Ground, perhaps
- 2 Trying to lose
- 3 Roofing gunk
- 4 Soprano Lily
- 5 One or more
- 6 Intent look
- 7 Be penitent
- 8 1998 De Niro movie
- 9 Dog show category
- 11 Doesn't work out
- 15 Miniature
- 17 Cajoles
- 20 Roulette bet
- 21 Piston sort
- 24 Get over
- 29 Macho
- 30 Dote on
- 31 Melds
- 35 Slant
- 36 Dick's pal
- 38 Tipsy

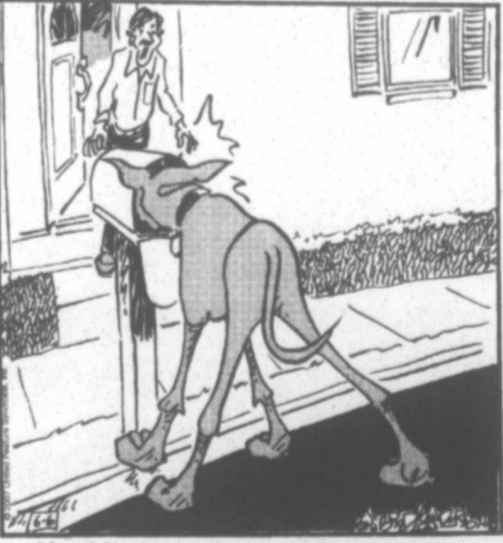


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D-Day is a term often used by the military to denote the day on which a combat attack or operation is to be initiated. While the initial D in D-Day does not stand for anything, it often represents a variable, designating the day upon which some significant event will occur or has occurred.



By far, the best known D-Day is June 6, 1944 — the day on which the Battle of Normandy began — 156,000 American, British and Canadian troops landed on Normandy beaches to begin the liberation of Europe from its Nazi Occupier. It was said to be the largest build up and movement of soldiers in the history of mankind. The invasion of France, code named Operation Overlord, was originally planned for June 5, 1944 but bad weather and heavy seas delayed that.



The Normandy invasion began with overnight parachute and glider landings, massive air attacks, naval bombardments, and an early morning amphibious landing. The battle for Normandy continued for more than two months, with campaigns to establish, expand, and eventually break out of the Allied beachheads, and concluded with the liberation of Paris on August 25, 1944.

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Sports Day

Softball Banquet



Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

The JV and varsity softball girls were recognized Tuesday night at the softball sports banquet held at Cottonwood Springs. As voted on by their teammates, varsity players were given four awards. (L-R) Stephanie McVay was given the Amy Youree Memorial Softball Award, Logan Winkelman was given the Hustlin' Lady Harvester Award, Cassy Tice and Nicole Clark were recognized as Co-MVPs, and Kenzi Nickell was given the Harvester Heart Award.



Coach Bobbi Gill (left) took a moment to recognize each individual player from the varsity team. Pictured here with coach Gill is senior Stephanie McVay, or "Jefferey" as some of her teammates know her.

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

6-6 CRYPTOQUOTE

H MOGJ NQ KHGJ VQE QNMJEC
OZA ZQN VQE FTCJKV;
NMON'C FHA AKJ-WKOCC
FQEOKHNT. — YJQEYJ R.
C M O D

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NOBODY OUTSIDE OF A BABY CARRIAGE OR A JUDGE'S CHAMBER BELIEVES IN AN UNPREJUDICED POINT OF VIEW. — LILLIAN HELLMAN

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Fri.	June 29	Astros vs Colorado Rockies	7:00pm
Mon.	July 2	Astros vs Philadelphia Phillies	7:00pm
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Fri.	July 6	Astros vs New York Mets	7:00pm
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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)

★ Intuitively you know when to step down from the plate and head for the dugout. What you thought might work has perhaps a 50/50 chance. Brainstorm with someone who has different ideas. Solutions will appear. Tonight: Rest up (the weekend is coming).
★ TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★ You'll gain only if you step down and back off from the role of star of the show. Allow others to come forward and lead. The satisfaction gained by all parties is irreplaceable. Build a stronger support team with friends and family. Tonight: Only where people are.
★ GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★ Don't try any other direction

than the obvious one, even if you feel a touch bored. Another path might work, but being somewhat conventional counts to many in your life. Confirm through a conversation that all of you are on the same page. Tonight: A force to be handled.
★ CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★ Your vision combines with your ingenuity, creating the possibility of a slam-dunk. The unconventional path opens doors and helps you understand. Tune in to your intuitive and spiritual side. Tonight: Exercise to good music.
★ LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★ The Lion loves the limelight or wants everything his or her way. Most likely, you personally manifest this characteristic. Right now, relax and be passive. No pouncing, just receiving or following. Tonight: Time with a special person.
★ VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★ Allow someone else to command and make decisions. At the present point, all you would get is flak with each decision. Be smart and know when to pull back. Brainstorm and be open to different ideas. Tonight: Just don't be alone. Of course, you could throw a spontaneous party.
★ LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★ All work and no play might add to your present grumpiness. Consider the sense of satisfaction you will have when you accomplish your goals. A conversation could be provocative, forcing you to consider some basics. Tonight: Get some exercise — the summer is coming!
★ SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★ Sometimes carrying around a tape recorder or notebook might be smart, like today. Your creativity swells, and you might want to jot down an idea

or two. You'll also meet people with ease and exude unusual magnetism. Tonight: Start the weekend early.
★ SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★ Prioritize, as you might have a lot on your mind. You could be scattered, impulsively going from one direction to another. Know when to say "enough." Try working from home if possible. Turn on the answering machine. Tonight: Happy at home.
★ CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★ Others seek you out for what seems to be way too many reasons, especially if you are trying to concentrate. Your popularity soars, though you might be impatient with the interruptions. Go with the moment. Much news heads your way. Tonight: Hang out with friends.
★ AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★ Stop. Make sure you absolutely know what you are doing with money and spending. What you believe is OK could become a problem. Tap into a friend's resourcefulness. Organize your routine more. Tonight: First pay bills or look at your budget.
★ PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★ A child or loved one is full of information and feedback if you express a willingness to listen. Your personality helps others reveal their thoughts and perhaps a hidden self. Don't judge so much. You will be happier. Tonight: Others will join in.

BORN TODAY
Singer Prince (1958), artist Paul Gauguin (1848), singer Tom Jones (1940)

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My newly established 'half-year resolution'

Six months into 2007, it might be a little bit late to declare a "New Year's resolution," but we can call what I have in mind a "half-year resolution."

Summer time is supposed to be a time when it's OK for the mentally stable to take off their shirts in public, and I never have been much of a pleasant sight.

I'm going to start working out - again. I've tried working out in the past, and I was never very good at it.

I had a gym membership my senior year in high school, but I always found it to be extremely embarrassing to go in there and not be able to lift as much as anyone.

I was out-run on the treadmill by a fifth grader on several occasions, and dropped the bar one time on the bench press.

I still hope that no one saw me do that.

But this time around, as I've impulsively decided, will be different.

I tend to make a lot of impulsive decisions like this, more often than not.

The random items for sale

at Wal-Mart by the check out line are for people just like me.

A couple of weeks ago, I decided I wanted to be artistic, and tried making a painting.

It turns out one can't just wake up one morning and decide to be artistic, and I'm still far from it.

But this, unlike many impulsive decisions I make, just may be a good one.

There have been several factors going in to my decision to dedicate more of my free time to pursuing a more healthy lifestyle, all of which I happen to think of as pretty good reasons.

First on my list is to get a ripped abdomen - I've never had one of those.

Every once in a while, my brother Payton and I will compare each others' stomachs, and he always wins.

He and I do this thing we like to call the "jump test," where we lift up our shirts and jump a couple of times.

His stomach stays in the same as it does while standing still, but mine jiggles like it's waving at you.

I know I'm a friendly guy, but that seems to be a little much.

Also, a particular line from Say Anything's "Yellow Cat/Red Cat" comes to mind when comparing my standing stomach to my sitting stomach.

I really do look a lot less like Buddha when I'm standing straight up, rather than sitting down or jumping around.

It would be nice to look healthy in any position.

Another motivation of mine to get healthy has been seeing other fellow sports writers over the past few months at sporting events.

Many of them were rather large compared to me, and I'm really hoping that look doesn't come with the job.

My plan this summer is to begin working out on a regular basis, doing things such

as running, lifting weights, doing crunches, and all of that fun stuff.

I'm also planning on playing as many sports as I possibly can this summer.

I would say that as a sports writer it would be important to do so, but that would be like arguing that Kerri Smith or Marilyn Powers should be listed in the police and sheriff's report every once in awhile.

I don't think it would be a bad idea though, for me to get out there and join some of the local athletes in doing what they do best.

At the very least, I will do an excellent job in making them look even better at what they do, as everyone looks better next to me.

I've also decided to take up running again on a more regular basis.

If you happen to catch me running around on my side of town, please don't run over me.

So if anyone wants to shoot some hoops, play some tennis, hit some golf balls or play any other sports with someone who is not as good as you, I'm your man.

Nadal beats Moya to reach French Open semifinals; Djokovic defeats Andreev

PARIS (AP) — Rafael Nadal moved closer to a third straight French Open title today, beating 1998 champion Carlos Moya 6-4, 6-3, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

The second-seeded Spaniard, who is 19-0 in his career at the French Open, has not dropped a set in the tournament this year. He next will face Novak Djokovic, who reached his first Grand Slam semifinal by beating Igor Andreev of Russia 6-3, 6-3, 6-3.

Last year at Roland Garros, Djokovic retired while trailing Nadal in the quarterfinals.

"He's the best player in the world on this surface," the sixth-seeded Djokovic said. "He plays with a lot of motivation and confidence. Physically he's very ready."

Nadal won the final eight

games of the match. Moya saved one match point with a backhand volley, but double-faulted to set up Nadal's second match point, which Nadal won with a forehand that Moya could barely get his racket on.

Djokovic also had an easy time against Andreev.

"I was aggressive from the start and that was the key," Djokovic said. "The result is not showing the right picture about the match — it was not easy to play Andreev. He's the kind of player who makes you work for the points, he produces a lot of spin."

Nadal is 3-1 against Djokovic, but the Serb beat Nadal in the quarterfinals at Key Biscayne, Fla., in March.

"It's not the same match, it's not the same player,"

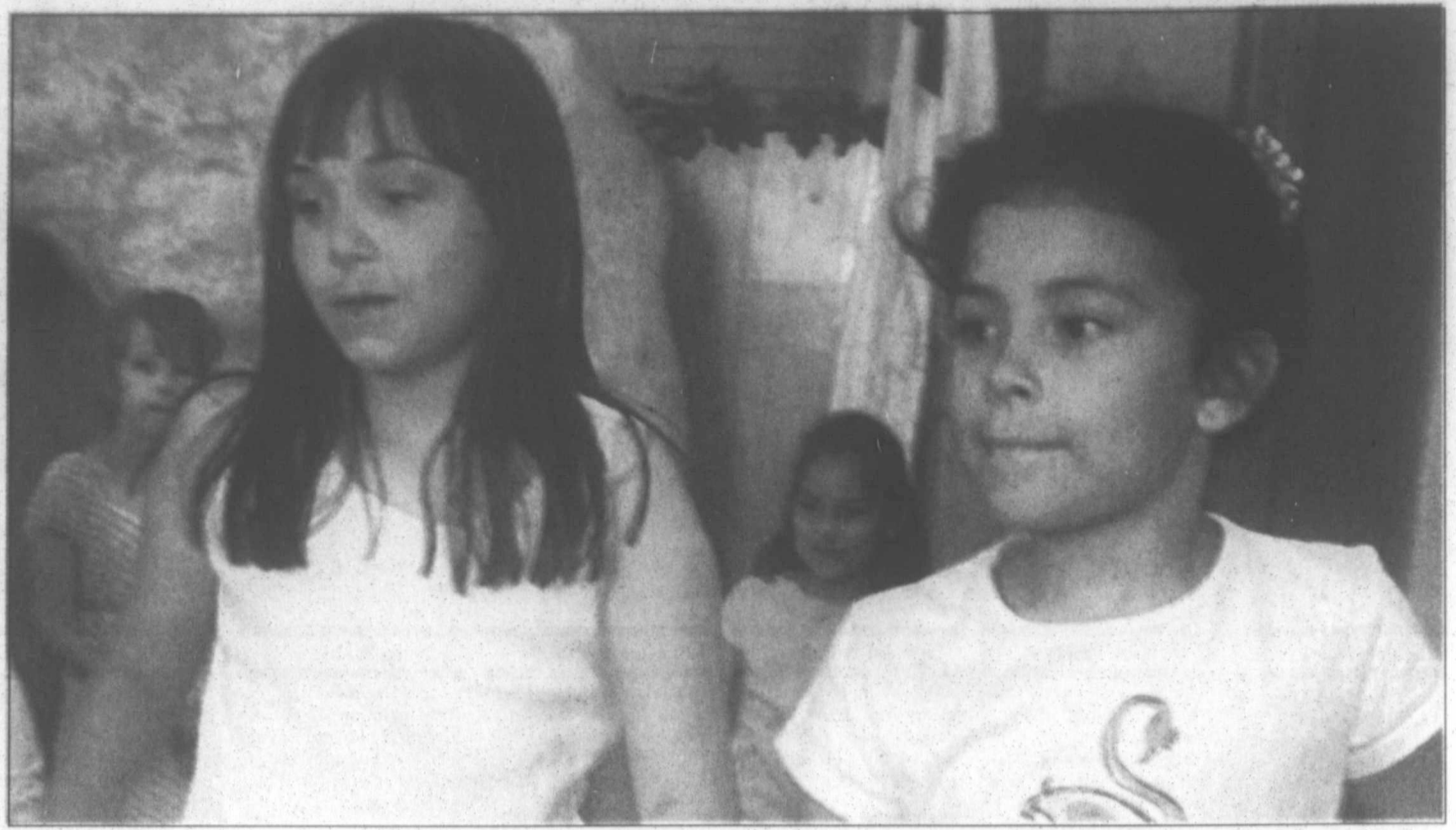
Djokovic said. "On clay you have to do more to try and earn the point against him."

Djokovic jumped in the air when he went up 3-0 in the third set. The 125th-ranked Andreev could not find a way back, and Djokovic won on his first match point when Andreev hit a forehand into the net — one of many similar errors he made during the match.

"You keep winning matches, so you think you can do it," said Andreev, who beat third-seeded Andy Roddick in the opening round. "Unfortunately, today it didn't happen and I couldn't reach the semifinal. But I don't think it will be my last quarterfinal."

Andreev said Djokovic was very strong across the board.

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Tyler Lambright and Elaine Nava recently demonstrated a line dancing routine learned at CREATE-a-Beat! of Pampa.

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Victor Villareal's intense look is the result of the egg that was flying through the air, thrown by his partner at the CREATE-a-Beat! "Good Behavior Games" recently at Hi-Land Christian Church.



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