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## Early voting begins in county *Filling truck*

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Tuesday was the first day of early voting in the March 4 primary election, and 119 Gray County voters cast their ballots by 5 p.m. that day, according to Linda Lewis, Gray County election administrator.

"That is a great turnout for the first day," she said.

Registered voters who wish to cast their ballots during early voting but need a ride to and from the polls may ask for assistance through the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 and its Women's Auxiliary or through the Top Of Texas

Republican Women.

To request a ride with a VFW volunteer, call 662-4367, 664-4500 or, after 5 p.m., 669-1264. For rides with the Republican Women, call 662-9008; leave a message if the call is not answered and the call will be returned.

"We encourage everyone to go to the polls to vote," said Danny Martin of the VFW.

Early voting continues through Feb. 29. The polls are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Persons wishing to vote

must present either their voter registration card or a valid Texas driver's license or other valid Texas photo identification card, said Lewis.

Presidential candidates as well as other national, state and local candidates will be on the ballot. Included will be all 32 U.S. representatives from Texas, the U.S. Senate office currently held by John Cornyn, 15 state senators and all 150 state representatives.

There are only two local candidates facing an opponent. All local candidates are Republicans.

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Equipment Officer Craig Harkcom from the Pampa Fire Department watches the gauges on the fire truck while a tanker truck from Hoover Volunteer Fire Department refills the water.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

### Deputy being investigated

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A Gray County sheriff's deputy has been placed on administrative leave with pay pending the results of an investigation by Texas Rangers into an allegation of wrongdoing.

Gray County Sheriff's Office was notified Monday evening of an incident alleging criminal conduct on the part of the deputy, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The caller was a Gray County resident involved in the incident, which reportedly occurred Monday evening.

Sheriff Don Copeland notified the Texas Rangers of the report, and the Rangers are conducting an independent investigation of the incident, Hoard said.

"The incident involved a pit-bull dog," Hoard said. "We're not going to release the name of the deputy or complainant at this time, pending the results of the investigation."

The reported incident occurred while the deputy was off-duty, Hoard said, and took place outside the city limits of Pampa.

"The investigation is ongoing, and we have no idea how long it will take," he said.

## Public forum allows residents to ask candidates questions

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Approximately 50 attendees at a local candidates' forum Tuesday evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler, to hear the candidates speak and answer questions.

Most of the questions were directed at candidates in the two contested races, those for Gray County sheriff and for Precinct 4 constable. Three of the four candidates attended the forum; Don Fletcher, who is running for Precinct 4 constable, was absent and no questions, if any, which were directed at him were asked.

Candidates each had five minutes to speak before the question-and-answer session.

Don Copeland, who is running for re-election as sheriff, said that he was first elected to the office in 1977.

"It's a great honor to be

the sheriff of Gray County," he said. "There's been lots of hard times and lot of good times. If I'm re-elected, you're going to get more of the same."

Vincent M. "Sonny" Marasco, who is Copeland's opponent in the sheriff's race, spoke of his plans to change the sheriff's office.

"I believe we need a change," he said. "There's problems we need to change, and we need to work harder. We need more people, better information and better education. We have a very high crime rate."

Curtis Broaddus, who is running against Fletcher for Precinct 4 constable, spoke of his reasons for seeking the office and why he believes it is not cost-effective to abolish the position. His plans include targeting illegal drug use.

Fletcher, who was first elected in 2004, had said in a previous interview that he plans to once again resign from office if elected and to refuse any recompense as an officeholder in order to save taxpayers' money and work toward having the position abolished. A local office must remain vacant for seven consecutive years before it may be abolished.

In 2006, Broaddus filed as a write-in candidate for the unexpired two years of the four-year term for Precinct 4 constable, and Fletcher then filed as a write-in candidate on his same platform of keeping the office vacant. Fletcher won that election also.

"It costs up to \$40,000 just to send one person to rehabilitation," Broaddus said Tuesday evening. "If we

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## Citizen of Year recipient to be named at banquet

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

The Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce will name its 2007 Citizen of the Year at its 79th annual Citizen of the Year banquet, 7 p.m. Thursday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Attendance at the event is by advance ticket purchase only. Featured speaker will be Richard "Buzz" David, president and chief executive officer of Amarillo Economic Corporation.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year are sought each year by the Chamber's board of directors. Chamber members and local residents may

nominate someone for the honor by submitting a completed written application by Dec. 31 each year.

A committee which includes the executive director of the Chamber and the past chairman of the board selects the Citizen of the Year after reviewing the nominations. Nominees must have been Pampa residents for the past five years.

Qualities sought in the Citizen of the Year include participation in organizations, civic and community activities and humanitarian work.

Previous Citizens of the Year include Paula Goff, 2004; Jack Reeve, 2005; and Suzie Wilkinson, 2006.

## Cleaner coal-fired plant planned for West Texas

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Developers say carbon dioxide from a proposed coal-fired power plant would be captured, then used to pump more oil from Texas' Permian Basin.

Tenaska Incorporated of Omaha says it is developing a 1,919-acre parcel east of Sweetwater, Texas, to build a 600 megawatt power plant.

Tenaska says new technology would let the plant recover up to 90 percent of its carbon dioxide emissions and sell it to oil companies that would pipe it underground to help recover oil.

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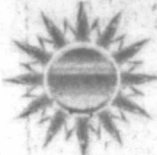
Rain chance

**Friday**



Partly sunny

**Saturday**



Mostly Sunny

Thursday: A chance of freezing rain and sleet before 10 a.m., then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 42. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Thursday Night: A chance of rain and sleet before 3 a.m., then a chance for sleet. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. East wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 45. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West-northwest wind around 10 mph.

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Milo	8.12	XOM	86.45	-0.56
Corn	9.01	Nat'l Oilwell	62.80	-1.36
Soybeans	11.84	Limited	17.43	+0.11
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa		Williams	35.18	+0.14
OXY	74.38	MCD	55.63	-0.04
BP PLC ADR	65.29	Atmos	27.10	-0.13
Cabot Corp	27.99	Pioneer Nat	44.83	-0.18
Celanese	40.08	JCP	47.43	+1.04
Cabot Oil Gas	48.00	COP	80.63	-0.01
Coca Cola	57.80	SLB	85.55	-1.17
VLO	61.04	Tenneco	26.56	-0.49
HAL	36.17	CVX	84.14	-0.69
		Wal-Mart	49.31	-0.35
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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**MORENO, Angie Ortiz** — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.  
**ORAND, Graci Reese** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.  
**WRAY, Nellie Ruth Bruner** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

**Angie Ortiz Moreno, 55**



Moreno

Angie Ortiz Moreno, 55, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 17, 2008, at Pampa.

Funeral mass will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, with Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Moreno was born Aug. 26, 1952, in Orange Grove. She married J.R. Moreno on Oct. 26, 1966, in Tulia. She had been a resi-

dent of Pampa for over 30 years.

She was a private caregiver and also worked for Pampa Independent School District. She was a Catholic and was a loving mother and grandmother.

Survivors include her husband, J.R. Moreno, of the home; three daughters, Melissa Cottrell and husband Robert of Fort Worth, Melinda Huffman

and husband Allen of Pampa, and Stephanie Moreno of San Marcos; one son, Michael Moreno of Kennedy; mother, Dolores Ortiz of Plainview; eight brothers, Daniel Ortiz of Silverton, Tony Ortiz and Louis Ortiz, both

of Winnie, Leo Ortiz, Armando Ortiz, Felix Ortiz, Jr., and Joe Ortiz, all of Quitaque, and Samplicio Ortiz of Amarillo; two sis-

ters, Royelia Angell of St. Anthony, Idaho, and Rosa Cantu of Plainview; and eight grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Felix Ortiz, Sr.; and a brother, Severino Ortiz.

MEMORIALS: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 1131, Fairfax, VA 22038-1131.

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

**Graci Reese Orand**

PAMPA, Texas — Graci was stillborn on Feb. 18, 2008, in Amarillo, but alive with Jesus in heaven.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Richard Bartel, pastor of Calvary Baptist

Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Survivors include parents, Danny and Ashlee Orand, of the home; two brothers, Tyler Orand and Cooper Trolinger, of the home;

maternal grandparents, Loyd Bohannan of Houston and LaDonna Bohannan of Pampa; paternal grandparents, James W. and Oveta Orand of Rockport; and maternal great-grandparents, Elmo and Ruth Thompson of Pampa, Marie Bohannan of

Houston and Bettie McCasland of Lubbock.

MEMORIALS: Calvary Baptist Church Children's Department, 900 E. 23rd, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

**Mary Marie Parker Ennis, 69**

Mary Marie Parker Ennis, 69, of Pampa, died Feb. 19, 2008, at Pampa. Services are

pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

• **1st 24-hour period**  
 Seventeen traffic stops were made, resulting in two arrests.

A traffic complaint was reported near the intersec-

tion of Randy Matson and Christine.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersection of Talley and Malone.

Animal control officers made calls concerning animals in the 1200 block of North Wells, the 500 block of Ballard, the 800 block of East Murphy and the 700 block of Sloan.

A police escort was provided in the 600 block of Ward.

Agency assistance was provided in the 900 block of South Wells.

A building check was made in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

Fire assistance was provided in the 400 block of Graham.

Lost property was reported in the 900 block of Schneider.

A silent/abusive 911 call was reported from the 2400 block of Duncan.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of Malone.

Warrant service was attempted at three locations.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 900 block of North Sumner, near Hobart and Foster, and in the 1000 block of Wilks, where an arrest was made.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Gray, the 1100 block of Cinderella, the 1000 block of Duncan and in the 1500 block of North Hobart, where door locks were superglued resulting in an estimated \$100 in damages.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Doucette and Harvester, the 700 block of Scott and the 1900 block of Duncan.

Identity theft was twice reported in the police department lobby.

Fraud was reported in the 2300 block of Christine.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Wynne, where \$60 worth of gas was taken.

One alarm was reported.

• **2nd 24-hour period**  
 Twenty-seven traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1000 block of West Atchison, and the intersection of 19th and Hobart street resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2700 block of Perryton Parkway and the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of South Tignor, and the intersection of Russell and Harvester streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of South Tignor, the 800 block of Brunow, the 600 block of Lefors, the 700 block of East Browning, the 600 block of Brunow, the intersection of 25th and Duncan streets, the 1100 block of Sirroco, the 1200 block of South Hobart, twice in the 900 block of Denver, once in the 1000 block of Clark, the 1200 block of South Barnes, the 1000 block of West Harvester and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 800 block of Brunow and the 1600 block of North Russell.

A welfare check was made in the 400 block of Graham.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of North Russell. A CD case containing several CDs was found.

A civil matter was reported in the 1300 block of Duncan.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1500 block of West Gwendolen.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1600 block of Grape, the 500 block of North Davis, the 3100 block of Duncan and the 700 block of North Zimmers.

A narcotics violation was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Love.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight, the 400 block of Magnolia and the 100 block of East Foster.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of Graham. The incident involved verbal threats by telephone occurring 20 to

30 times per day.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Dwight. An aluminum mailbox was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$40.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of Love. The incident involved minor injuries for which medical attention was refused.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Brunow. A metal tool box with hand and power tools valued at over \$4,000 was taken.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The victim's Social Security number was used to make a purchase at a local store.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of South Tignor.

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 19**

Eric Lee Rodriguez, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Stanley Erle Nash, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for assault on a public servant.

Coleman John Hampton, 24, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury/family violence and on sentences for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000 and burglary of a

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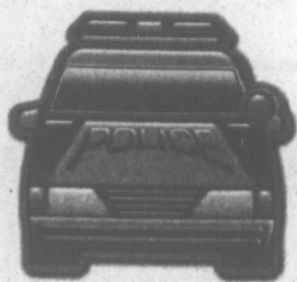
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Personal Security

by Sgt. Donny Brown

Although Pampa is overall a very safe city, vehicle break-ins often occur. An adept thief can break in and steal valuable property in less than 10 seconds. Crooks look for attractive targets at places such as fitness clubs, stores and shopping areas.

Help the Pampa Police Department by following these common sense procedures:

Secure your vehicle by rolling up windows and locking doors.

Keep valuable items out of sight and in a trunk or glove box.

Secure your belongings in the trunk or glove box before you arrive in the parking lot. If thieves see you securing items, you may be their target.

While shopping, ask the store to hold high value items such as electronics and

computers until you are ready to load them in your car and drive home.

Thieves also target city parks. These tips can help your family have a safe and enjoyable park visit in all City parks:

Only use the parks during posted hours.

Obey all posted warnings and signs.

Do not allow children to play unsupervised.

Do not carry a purse or valuable items. Follow the advice above and secure items out of sight before you arrive at the park.

Avoid walking alone. Carry a cell phone.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times.

We want everyone to enjoy themselves at everything they do in Pampa and do so Safely!



Sgt. Donny Brown

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habitation.

James Rodriguez Lopez, 38, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Robert Casas, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 1900 block of North Hobart by PPD for driving while intoxicated.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 19

9:28 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Sirocco on a medical assistance call.

2:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of Doucette on a medical assistance call.

Wednesday, Feb. 20

1:14 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Tignor on a motor vehicle accident.

SPACE

Space shuttle wraps up five million mile journey

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew returned to Earth on Wednesday, wrapping up a 5 million-mile journey highlighted by the successful delivery of a new European lab to the international space station.

The shuttle and its seven astronauts landed at 9:07 a.m. at NASA's spaceport at Kennedy Space Center, where the crew's families and top space program managers gathered to welcome them home.

Commander Stephen Frick safely guided Atlantis down through a sky dotted with thin, wispy clouds and onto the runway.

"It's been a great mission. We're extremely happy to be home," Frick told Mission Control.

NASA wanted Atlantis back as soon as possible to clear the way for the Navy to shoot down a dying spy satellite on the verge of smashing into Earth with a load of toxic fuel. The missile could be launched as early as Wednesday night from a warship in the Pacific.

Atlantis circled Earth 202 times during its mission, which began Feb. 7. Nine of those 13 days were spent at the international space station, where the two crews installed the European science lab, Columbus, that was ferried up by the shuttle.

A French astronaut, Leopold Eyharts, remained at the orbiting outpost with an American and a Russian to get

Columbus up and running. He replaced NASA astronaut Daniel Tani, who returned home aboard Atlantis after 120 days in space.

Tani's mission was marred by the death of his 90-year-old mother in a traffic accident in December, halfway through his space station stay. Even though the astronaut was able to listen in to her funeral, he said it was difficult being so far away at such a tragic time. He couldn't wait to be reunited with his wife, two young daughters and other family members.

Also on hand to greet Tani was the minister who presided over his mother's funeral, the Rev. Rob Hatfield of First Church of Lombard in Illinois.

NASA officials said Tani was doing well and experiencing the typical readjustment to gravity.

After two months of delay because of fuel gauge trouble, Atlantis ended up with an unusually trouble-free flight. Heaters for a set of small thrusters failed earlier this week, but posed no concern for re-entry. And a radiator hose that was bent before the flight retracted neatly into its box when the payload bay doors were closed in the wee hours for landing.

After inspecting his ship on the runway, Frick noted that Atlantis worked "beautifully and perfectly."

"We got everything done that we had hoped to get done," he said.

States better prepared for big health emergencies

ATLANTA (AP) — In the first report of its kind, U.S. health officials said the nation's states and cities made a strong effort to prepare for a flu pandemic, bioterrorism or other emergency health crises, but big challenges remain.

"I think in terms of effort and progress, an 'A,'" said Dr. Richard Besser of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, when asked to assign a letter grade.

"In terms of amount of work to be done, I would say that's absolutely enormous," he added.

It was the government's first assessment of the payoff from its investment of more than \$5 billion since the terrorist attacks of 2001 to make the country better prepared for a variety of public health emergencies.

The report looked at the staffing, laboratory capability and other resources of state, local and territorial health departments for handling bioterrorism or other disasters.

The number of state and local health departments able to detect biological agents grew to 110 in 2007, up from 83 in 2002. Labs able to detect chemical agents increased to 47, from zero in 2001, the CDC found.

All states are now doing year-round flu surveillance — an important measure if the bird flu virus in Asia mutates into a more dangerous form easily spread among people, unleashing a worldwide epidemic.

Information sharing between labs and public health professionals has grown tremendously. And the count of illness-investigating epidemiologists assigned to emergency response rose to 232 in 2006, from 115 in 2001.

"Clearly we are better able to handle most public health events in this country

today than we were in 2001, and that's very good news," said Michael Osterholm, a University Of Minnesota infectious disease expert.

Some of the bad news: Many states still do not have enough epidemiologists, and 31 states said they're having trouble attracting qualified lab scientists. Laws need to be updated, and disease surveillance data exchange appears to be inadequate in at least 16 states.

Other public health experts said federal funding is also a problem. The CDC's funding to state and local health departments for emergency preparedness dropped from \$991 million in fiscal year 2006 to \$897 million in fiscal 2007, according to the CDC report.

The agency did not release more recent figures. But some public health experts noted budget request figures that show a steady drop, including a proposed \$609 million for fiscal 2009.

"You can't expect states to be doing better if the federal government keeps cutting funding," said Jeff Levi, executive director of Trust for America's Health, a Washington-based public health research organization.

CDC officials said this is the first of what will be an annual series of reports on state and local emergency preparedness. Trust for America's Health has evaluated state preparedness five times in annual reports. Among the findings in the last report, released in December: Seven states had yet to participate in a federal program to buy antivirals for a potential flu pandemic and 13 did not have adequate plans to distribute vaccines and medical supplies from the Strategic National Stockpile.

*"You can't expect states to be doing better if the federal government keeps cutting funding."*

— Jeff Levi  
public health research

Voting

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Incumbent Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland faces Vincent M. "Sonny" Marasco, while Don Fletcher and Curtis Broadus are both vying for the office of Precinct 4 constable.

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Gerald Wright is not running for re-election. The only candi-

date who has filed for his position is John Mark Baggerman.

Incumbents running unopposed for re-election in county-wide races are 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead, County Attorney Josh Seabourn, Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley, Precincts 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis, Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge and Republican Party Chairman Doug Ware.

**Hardy Lordy Lordy**  
**Look Who's 40!!!**  
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could intervene in two people's lives, we'd pay for that position."

Fletcher had said in a previous interview that by keeping the office vacant, he was saving county taxpayers \$42,000 a year, the amount budgeted for the position.

Broadus reasons for running for the office include personal ones.

"In 2006, my mother passed away," he said. "It was brought about to some degree by my younger brother, because he was in such a drug-induced stupor, he couldn't get her the help she needed. Ten days later, he died of a drug overdose."

Broadus said that his plans to combat the drug problem include involvement with children.

"I've got an extensive investigation and law enforcement background," he said. "I've got experience in the educational system

here. I'm a father. All those things led me to want to serve."

Questions for each of the candidates who attended Tuesday's forum and who are in contested races, along with their answers and responses by their opponents, were:

**For Broadus: What has led you to run for the office of constable?**

"It is a heartfelt need for me to actually see some change in our community," he said. "I've seen problems with our children. I want our adults and elderly to be able to sleep at night. It's something that's very personal with me and something I've been led to."

**For Marasco: What do you plan to do about the drug problem?**

"Get more officers on the streets," he said. "Quit making deals with people. Execute search warrants in a timely fashion."

"Check the newspaper and the court dockets, and you'll see what we're doing," was Copeland's response.

**For Broadus: Will abolishing the constable's**

**office be a savings to the taxpayer? If not, why?**

"The cost of using drugs far outweighs the cost of a constable," he said. "That doesn't include what the constable can do for you on a daily basis. The constable is actually your police officer. You have a say."

**For Copeland: What about combating driving while intoxicated, not allowing deputies to run traffic stops and serving hot check warrants?**

"We serve all the warrants sent to us," Copeland said. "We stop DWIs."

Marasco responded by advocating a "full-service" sheriff's office, including running traffic stops and issuing tickets as needed.

"That's one way to get drunk drivers off the road and drug users off the streets," he said. He also favored serving warrants in a timely fashion.

**For Broadus: What impact on the community could you have if elected?**

"I want to be a catalyst of change," Broadus said. "I want to go head to head and face to face with someone who's going to do you

harm."

**For Marasco: Do you plan to work in the field if elected sheriff?**

"I will be out in the field," Marasco said. "It's a 24-hour-a-day, seven-days-a-week job. You can't do it by sitting behind a desk all the time."

Copeland did not respond to the question.

Unopposed candidates who also spoke at the forum were Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley, Precinct 3 Commissioner John Mark Baggerman, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and Republican Party Chairman Doug Ware.

County Clerk Susan Winborne read a statement by County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead, who was unable to attend the forum due to a prior commitment.

Barb Hahn, president of the Top Of Texas Republican Women, who sponsored the forum, read a statement by Precincts 1 and 3 Constable James Lewis, who was also unable to attend.

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# Viewpoints

## Making sense: Ronald Reagan would back McCain

In 1976, the Ford versus Reagan campaign for the Republican presidential nomination got so heated it looked as if my father and Jerry Ford would never again talk to one another.

When it was over and Ford had won, what did Ronald Reagan do? He simply went all-out to help Ford win his re-election, as did I and as did my sister Maureen. My dad simply followed his rule of backing the Republican candidate no matter who he was.

Assuming that John McCain will be the Republican nominee, you can bet my father would be itching to get out on the campaign trail working to elect him even if he disagreed

with him on a number of issues.

Unlike my father, a lot of conservatives stayed home in 1976, and we got four years of Jimmy Carter, whose main legacy was to drive the Shah of Iran from power and create the Islamic Republic of Iran with a bunch of wild-eyed mullahs running the show. He also gave us 20 percent inflation and long, long lines at the gas pumps. And don't forget 440 days of Americans held hostage by the mullahs.

By staying home, those conservatives made possible the future election of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

We are still suffering from the legacy of James Earl

Carter, thanks to the conservatives who refused to follow Ronald Reagan's example and instead sulked at home while the nation was being handed over to the worst president in American history.

We were still in the middle of the Cold War in those days, and by staying home conservatives risked losing that war by allowing an incompetent leader to become commander in chief.

Four years later, Ronald Reagan took over, the hostages were immediately released, and he went on to

win the Cold War. Now we have another world-wide war going on with a hidden enemy sworn to kill us all, and the policy of the Democrats running for the presidency is to throw up their hands and withdraw from the battlefield, leaving it to the enemy — and our fate in the hands of Osama bin Laden.

Is that what the let's-stay-home-on-election-day conservatives want? Do they want the most liberal member of the U.S. Senate, Barack Obama, as their president? Do they want the pseudo-Marist

Barack Obama — who reportedly has a photo of the murderous Castroite thug Che Guevara hanging in his Houston, Texas, campaign headquarters — hanging that photo in the Oval Office?

Do they want Hillary Clinton, the duplicitous former first lady, back in the White House enjoying all those furnishings she and her husband tried to swipe from the mansion?

Do they want a Democrat spending even more money that the government doesn't have on scores of programs right out of Karl Marx's playbook?

That's exactly what they'll get if they sit out the election and stay home on Election Day. That's called biting off

your nose to spite your face. Or even more to the point, political suicide.

Let me say this. There has been plenty of battling in the primaries, and I've been in the middle of the battle, but until now haven't committed myself to any candidate, waiting until we had a nominee.

That's over. If John McCain is the nominee of the party, this Reagan will happily campaign with him. The alternative is unthinkable to anyone who loves this nation.

—Mike Reagan, the elder son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 20, the 51st day of 2008. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 20, 1962, astronaut John Glenn became the first American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard the Mercury spacecraft Friendship 7.

On this date:

In 1790, Holy Roman Emperor Joseph II died.

In 1792, President Washington signed an act creating the U.S. Post Office.

In 1809, the Supreme Court, in *United States v. Peters*, ruled the power of the federal government is greater than that of any individual state.

In 1839, Congress prohibited dueling in the District of Columbia.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an immigration act which excluded "idiots, imbeciles, feeble-minded persons, epileptics, insane persons" from being admitted to the United States.

In 1938, Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary following Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain's decision to

*'Life begets life. Energy creates energy. It is by spending oneself that one becomes rich.'*

— Sarah Bernhardt  
French actress  
(1844-1923)

negotiate with Italian dictator Benito Mussolini.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers began raiding German aircraft manufacturing centers in a series of attacks that became known as "Big Week."

In 1965, the Ranger 8 spacecraft crashed on the moon after sending back thousands of pictures of the lunar surface.

In 1971, the National Emergency Warning Center in Colorado erroneously ordered U.S. radio and TV stations off the air; some stations heeded the alert, which was not lifted for about 40 minutes.

In 1987, Soviet authorities released Jewish activist Josef Begun.

Ten years ago: With the U.S. military poised to attack Iraq, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan began a final campaign to end the crisis over weapons inspections without bloodshed. Tara Lipinski of the U.S. won the ladies' figure skating title at Nagano, becoming at age 15 the youngest gold medalist in Winter Olympics history; Michelle Kwan won the silver.

Five years ago: A fire broke out during a rock concert at The Station nightclub in West Warwick, R.I., killing 100 people and injuring about 200 others. Former Air Force Master Sgt. Brian Patrick Regan was convicted in Alexandria, Va., of offering to sell U.S. intelligence to Iraq and China but acquitted of attempted spying for Libya. (Regan was later sentenced to life without parole.)



## Art, humanities cannot be 'measured'

One of the great intellectual errors in our time has been caused by the physical sciences. It's not what you think. Science and scientific methods are OK. They often produce results, some of which are actually beneficial. No, the problem is that science made the humanities jealous.

Science works by measurement and analysis. Let's take this lump of coal and break it down into all its chemical components and measure the amounts of each component. Doing that will give us a pretty good idea of just what coal is.

The trouble is that life and art are much more complex and variable than a lump of coal. Counting the brush strokes and analyzing the pigments will not tell you anything really useful about a painting, nor does detailed analysis work with literature

or with sociology.

When I finally got a chance to see the "Mona Lisa" in the Louvre, I saw immediately why so many people are attracted to it. Yet I can't tell you what it is about that painting that makes it so different from thousands of other portraits. And no one else can, including, quite probably, Leonardo da Vinci himself. Some things just happen, and some things can only be experienced. Analysis, outside of the physical sciences, is overrated, though it keeps a lot of pedants employed.

Another mistake that arose from jealousy of the physical sciences was the misnamed fields of social

science and political science. Neither is a science, and scientific methodology, beyond simple observation, doesn't work.

This has led to the great conceit that every phenomenon in the human parade is a problem that can be analyzed and solved. If that were true, one would think that war, crime and poverty would have been eliminated a long time ago, and the political process made much more rational than it is. Add to that conceit the cowardice that is rampant in academia and you can see why no successful outcomes are achieved.

An example of cowardice is the way most academics treat the subject of IQ as if it

were a radioactive hot stove, not to mention the subject of genetics when it is applied to such things as a tendency toward criminal behavior. Our society, like every other, is committed to certain fairy tales and is ready to wreck the career of any skeptic who challenges these holy dogmas. To paraphrase a movie character, we can't handle the truth.

Human nature, it seems, just doesn't change and is the same across the centuries and across the races and nations. We would do well to shuck all the academic pretensions, forever ban utopians and lower our expectations considerably in regard to improving the human situation. Science, pseudo-science and religion all have failed to eliminate the negative traits that make her

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:  
n Feb. 10

Houston Chronicle on Galveston taking responsibility for lead-poisoned children:

The lead poisoning of Galveston's children is not news, not intractable and, for these reasons, not excusable. Almost one in five children in the city has toxic blood levels of lead, a tragedy scientists have been describing for years.

Galveston's leaders need to snap out of the daze that has marked their response even after a November report from Baylor College of Medicine showed just how explosive this time

bomb is.

The report indicated that nearly 20 percent of Galveston children carry enough lead in their blood to lower their IQs and distort their behavior. This damage is thought to be irreversible.

Lead poisoning continues to surface, often in pockets, throughout the country. But Galveston's child-poisoning rate is almost 10 times the national average.

You can't necessarily see this devastation. Unless it reaches life-threatening levels, lead poisoning may cause no physical symptoms. What has been poisoned is a child's brain and as a direct result, her future.

Federal officials belatedly acted to regulate lead-laden paint and gasoline

in the 1970s. Blood levels of 10 micrograms per deciliter, the public learned, led to neurological and behavior problems. Screening, education and federal renovation funds lowered lead poisoning markedly across the country.

In the years since, scientists have learned just how toxic even small quantities of lead are and gauged the damage unleashed decades before. In 1994, 23 years after leaded gas use peaked, violent crime also reached a peak. Some researchers believe the correlation reflects U.S. toddlers' exposure to lead decades before.

Meanwhile, it's been found that tiny quantities of lead lower IQ even more dramatically than the higher levels that

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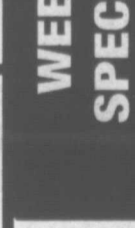

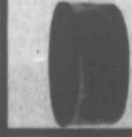
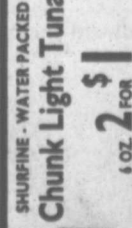
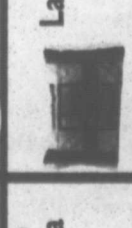





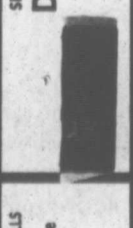
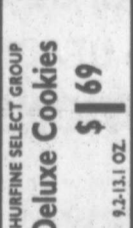

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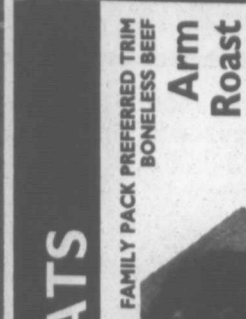



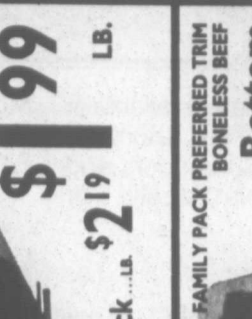





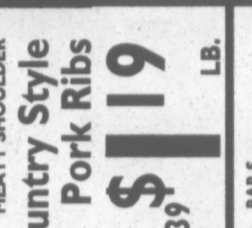


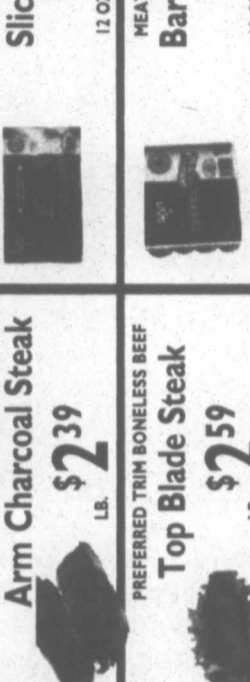
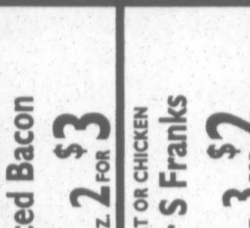
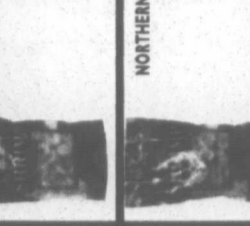
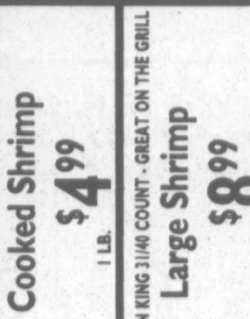
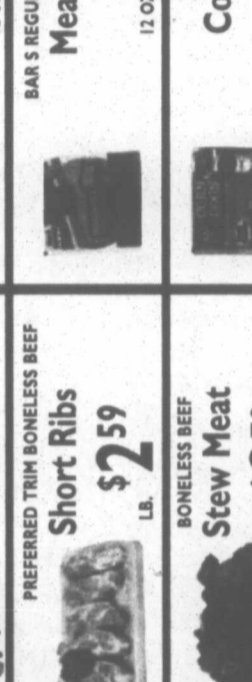
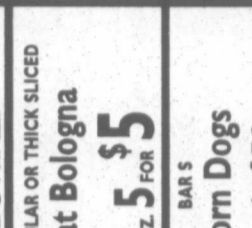

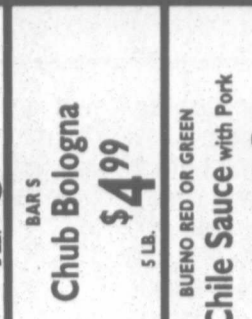

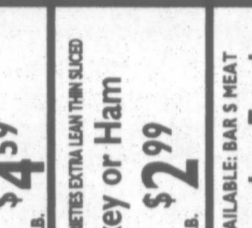
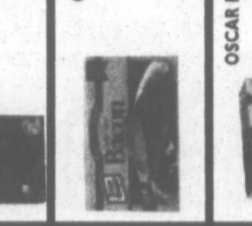
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• **The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa** will meet at 11 a.m. Feb. 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center and for coffee at 9:30 a.m. March 4 at Harvester Donuts. For more information, call Rita at 669-9916, Vivian at 669-9297 or Emilie at 669-3580.

• **Participants have until Feb. 29** to enter the Miss Irish Rose Scholarship Pageant to be staged during the March 14-16 Saint Patrick's Celebration in Shamrock. The pageant is open to girls between the ages of 14 and 18. Eighteen-year-olds must still be in high school. The 2008 Miss Irish Rose, along with her three runner-ups and Miss Congeniality, will receive a scholarship to the college of their choice. For more information, call Betty at (806) 334-0929, Dana at (806) 662-5405 or Shamrock Chamber of Commerce at (806) 256-2501.

• **Miss Texas International Pageant** System is currently seeking entrants for the Miss Pampa International 2008 Pageant.

The deadline for applications is March 1. Contestants will compete in personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown. To find out more or to request an application, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto [www.misstexas-international.com](http://www.misstexas-international.com) on the Internet.

• **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: "Night" by Elie Wiesel, March 12; "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" by Betty Smith, April 9; and "Walking Drum" by Louis L'Amour, May 14. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **Memory Gardens Cemetery** in Pampa will host a family Easter egg hunt starting at 11 a.m. March 15. Activities include egg hunt, bounce for kids 10 and under, prizes and more. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be postponed until 2 p.m. March 16. For more information, call Memory Gardens.

• **Tickets are currently available** now through March 14 for the Area Friends of the NRA banquet set to kick-off at 5:30 p.m. March 15 in the Heritage Room of the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Prime rib with all the trimmings will be served at 7 p.m. Dinner tick-

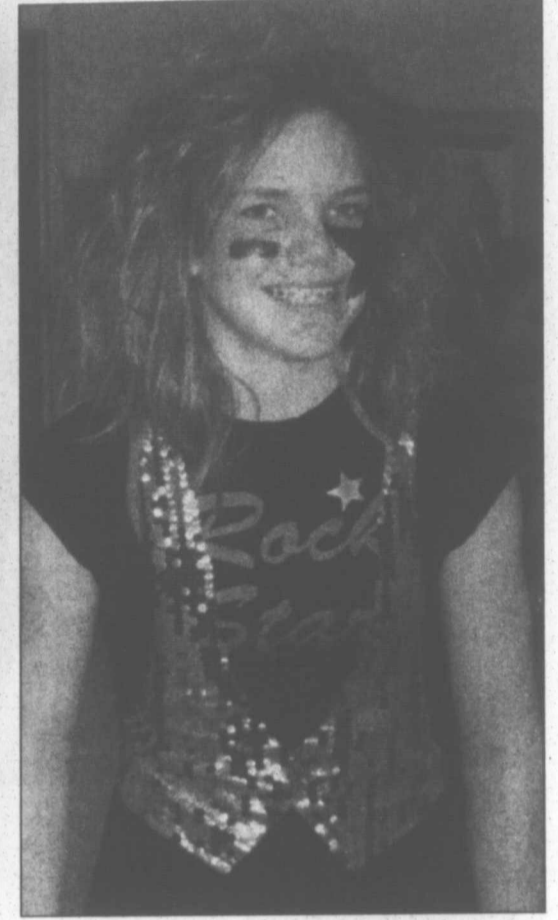
ets are \$30 for adults, \$15 for participants 18 and under or \$50 per couple if purchased in advance. The

deadline for advance ticket sales is the day prior to the banquet. A limited number of tickets will be available at the

door. Tickets are available in Amarillo at Pro Shooters, Panhandle Gunslingers and A&K Shooters Supply. For

more information, contact Connie at (806) 683-9079 or Bill at (806) 231-0771.

## Rock Star Day



LEFT: Serena Reyes recently dressed herself up like a member of the rock group KISS to celebrate "Rock Star Day" at Pampa Junior High School. Reyes' costume won the corresponding contest held in conjunction with the specially designated day. As a prize, Reyes will receive a free yearbook from the school. RIGHT: Eighth grader Bree Howard recently "ratted it out" for Rock Star Day at Pampa Junior High.

## People in the news

**Kirstie Alley splits from Jenny Craig, intends to develop her own weight loss product**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kirstie Alley and Jenny Craig may have gone their separate ways, but the one-time "Fat Actress" isn't giving up on the weight loss industry.

"After lengthy negotiations, regretfully the Jenny Craig Company and I did not come to an agreement to continue as their spokesperson," Alley said in a statement posted on People Magazine's Web site Tuesday.

Alley, 57, told People that while her experience with Jenny Craig was "extraordinary," she wants "to create something new that will help millions of people end the seemingly never ending fatty-roller coaster ride."

Alley said she intends to develop her own weight-loss brand with plans to launch in 2009.

"We are sorry that she did not accept our offer" to continue appearing in the company's ad campaign, Scott Parker, vice president of marketing for Jenny Craig, told People. "We wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

A message left with Alley's publicist late Tuesday was not immediately returned.

Alley, who starred on Showtime's reality-comedy series "Fat Actress," became a spokeswoman for the Jenny Craig diet program in 2005. About a year later, Alley donned a bikini to show off her new shape on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." Alley's TV credits also include "Cheers" and "Veronica's Closet."

**Owen Wilson to return to work on first movie since apparent suicide attempt**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Owen Wilson is going back to work for the first time since his reported suicide attempt last summer.

Wilson, 39, and co-star Jennifer Aniston begin shooting March 10 on 20th Century Fox's "Marley & Me," the studio said. It tells the tale of a couple who adopt a dog to give parenthood a trial run, then find the mischievous pooch more than they bargained for.

After he was hospitalized last August, Wilson dropped out of this summer's comedy "Tropic Thunder," which already had been in production. He was replaced by Matthew McConaughey.

Due out Christmas Day, "Marley & Me" is directed by David Frankel and based on the book by John Grogan. Alan Arkin co-stars.

## Reese

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human race so incorrigible.

When I was a kid, I used to think the Founding Fathers were all geniuses, but I know now that with the exceptions of Ben Franklin and Thomas Jefferson, they were not. What they were, however, were real-

ists. They knew in their hearts, from their own experiences, that humans could never be trusted to always do the right thing. That's why they devised a system of government that is full of checks and balances and divides power five ways to Sunday. They did their best to make it difficult for any one man or party to seize total power.

We, being the flawed humans we are, sometimes forget that, but so far enough people have remembered the

lesson to keep us free from a dictatorship. Thinking people will always put a higher value on freedom than on security, because they know that security is just another utopian illusion. We are, after all, a dangerous and violent species living on a dangerous planet. For a much more learned discussion of some of these ideas, read "From Dawn to Decadence" by Jacques Barzun.

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

## Lead

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were once established as dangerous. Teachers can often spot lead-damaged children simply through their poor performance and disruptive behavior.

Lead leaches from the bones of pregnant women years after exposure and poisons their fetuses.

This is the context in which Baylor released its study four months ago. Though the one-in-five children figure had been well established years earlier, the researchers expanded on it in a frank effort to get someone to act.

Galveston leaders, who have launched some ineffective measures here and there over the past decade, should have jumped. What priority could have been more urgent?

Yet they remain oddly hesitant. They did summon up a task force to

decide what to do. But the task force hasn't offered a plan yet, and in the meantime, city officials seem stymied about what they might do on their own.

After a Chronicle story on the poisonings this month, it was actually the federal government that suggested Galveston apply for available lead abatement grants.

It's true that Galveston has special lead-dispersal conditions other cities do not. Blessed with magnificent vintage houses, the island is buffeted by paint-sloughing winds. As those houses crumble, impoverished tenants stay silent because they fear eviction.

Homeowners, meanwhile, have natural disincentives to ask if their house paint is leaded. Only those who know their property is contaminated are required to disclose it.

Galveston officials, though, have no excuse for allowing the poisoning to continue. Already they've guaranteed residents a future of crime rates and underperformance that in part

were preventable. Every day counts in avoiding more.

That's why the task force needs to submit guidance, fast. It can refine the plan in months to come, but its duty right now is triage.

It goes without saying that city officials need to apply for those federal dollars. They also need to ferret out not wait to be handed all leads for further help.

The manager, mayor and council must enact now, and not later, universal lead abatement policies. Homes should be required to be certified lead-safe before rental or sale. And county officials must demand screening methods that work. Galveston's system is so inaccurate that according to federal standards only four children were lead-poisoned in 2005.

Galveston, famously, is a city marked by natural disaster. Faced with clear signs of a man-made calamity under way, its leaders cannot dare to be lax. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband's sister, "Mia," is a lesbian who came out to her family 10 years ago. Her parents disowned her. We were just out of high school, and for years we had no idea why. We were not allowed to invite Mia to our wedding or to have any contact with her. Several years later, she began trying to repair their relationship, despite the fact that she's forbidden to talk about her life or bring her partner anywhere near them. This was when we learned what had happened, and we were appalled at how Mia had been treated. When she comes to town for holidays, she stays with us. Because of this, my in-laws treat us like "sinners" just as they do her, and we're caught in the middle. We have tried explaining to these family members that they are entitled to their position and we're entitled to ours; that Mia is family and deserves respect and kindness. They call us liberal freaks with no moral values and say we should stand up to her and not let her "manipulate" us. My husband and I are tired of the drama we get at holiday time. Not only do they usually pick a fight with Mia while she's here, but they also won't speak to us for two weeks afterward. The last two times she came, Mia has either had to cut her trip short or has been reduced to tears by the harsh words from family members. If you wonder why Mia even bothers coming home, it's because she wants to maintain contact with us and she loves her nieces and nephews. How do we handle these people, or do we just give up? — **ODD ONES OUT IN OHIO**

**DEAR ODD ONES OUT:** Stand your ground. Do not allow yourselves to be bullied or emotionally blackmailed into rejecting your husband's sister. You are neither morally challenged nor "liberal freaks" for trying to help bridge the gap with the family. Frankly, your sister-in-law must be

extremely resilient to have tolerated the abuse she's getting from these "good" people. They may not approve of her sexual orientation, but she did not choose it -- it's who she is. It seems this self-righteous family's "moral values" do not include tolerance.

**DEAR ABBY:** I share a room with my stepsisters during visitation at my dad's. Their room doesn't have a lock, and my stepmom, "Muriel," doesn't believe in knocking before coming into their room. My stepsisters are used to it and don't care. However, Muriel is not my mom, and it's embarrassing to be barged in on without warning, especially when I'm undressed. Last weekend she walked in after I had just taken a shower and was completely naked. Muriel couldn't understand why I'd have a problem with it, since we're both females and I was already naked in front of my stepsisters. I have asked her nicely to please knock when I'm there, but she says, "A mother doesn't have to knock when coming into her own daughters' (or step-daughter's) room." Muriel said I have a "silly hang-up" and need to get over it. "I wouldn't be doing you any favors," she said, "if I gave in." Is my request unreasonable? How should I handle this? — **FEELS LIKE CINDERELLA**

**DEAR FEELS LIKE CINDERELLA:** It doesn't appear that you and Muriel are particularly close, or even on the same wavelength. She's being heavy-handed in the way she is asserting herself, and you should talk to your father and mother about it. Your stepmother is the adult, and she has allowed this to be turned into a power struggle. She's not your mother, and as you are a guest in their home, some common courtesy should be extended.

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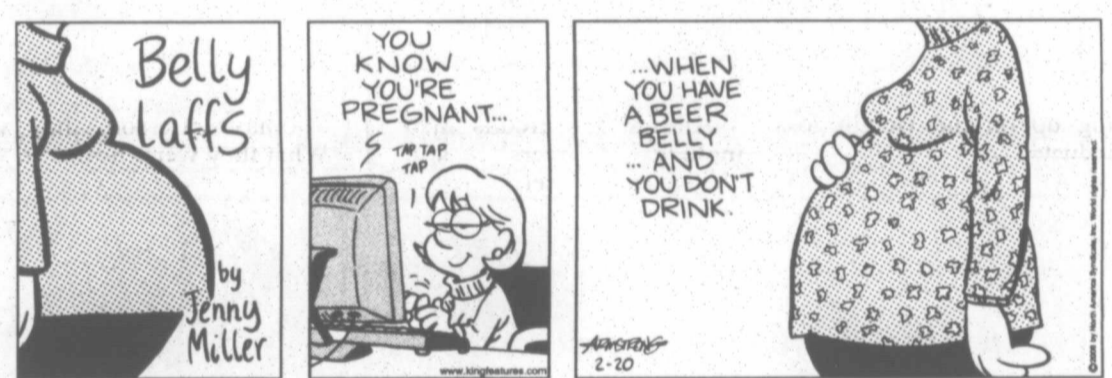
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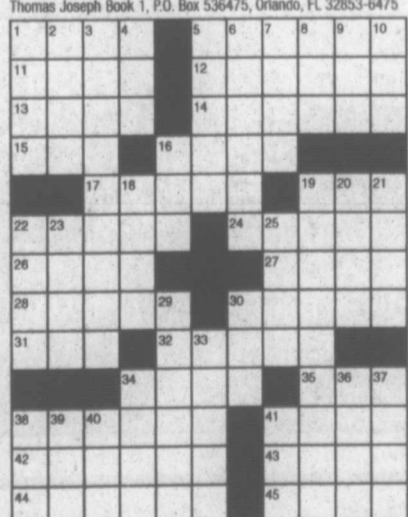
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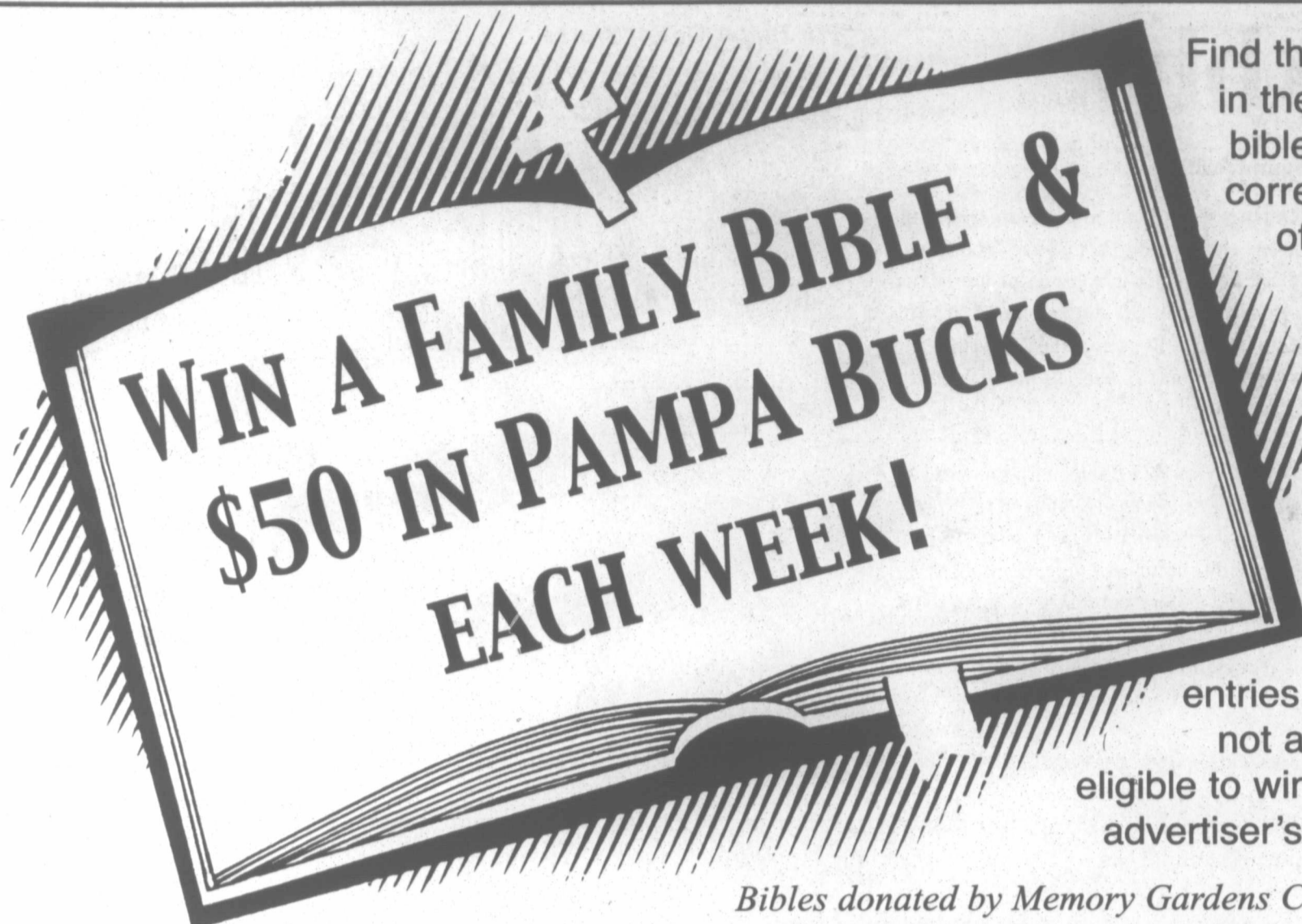
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# Sports

## OPTIMIST UPDATE

### Optimist Club basketball games continue

Optimist Boys Basketball was back in action on Monday night with the Fenton Motor Cowboys defeating the Douglas Paint and Body Tarheels 26 to 4 in the early game. Zach Beedy led the way for the Cowboys with 13 points, Josh DeLoach added 8 and Ethan Brock and Yancie McCuiston each dropped in 2 points. David O'Rear and Brenden Woelfle each had 2 points for the Tarheels only baskets of the game.

In the 7pm game the Alvey Law Mavericks bested the Clifton Supply Pistons 20 to 15. Nicholas Wells and Dylan Zawicki led the Mavericks with 6 points each, Jonathan Stevens dropped in 5 and Korbin Ramirez got on the board with 3 points. High point for the Pistons was Cuyler Clifton with 6, Austin Snapp had 3 and Roy Nelson, Calvin Webb and Tyler Curfman each contributed 2 points.

In the late game Monday night Damon Walker scored 16 points to pave the way for the Willis Oilfield Nuggets 32 to 8 victory over the Celtics. Alex Marruffo had 4 points and Hunter Hughes, Bryce McClendon, Aaron Allen and Nathan Sprinkle each had 2 points to round out the scoring for the Nuggets. The Celtics were led by Justin Velasquez with 6 points and Blain Troxell had 2 points.

The early game on Tuesday was a battle with the K.C. Enterprise Irish coming out on top of the Douglas Paint & Body Tarheels 16 to 14. Zach Wilson had 10 points to

lead the Irish, Ryan Lee had 4 and Zane McCoy had 2 points to round out the Irish output. Brenden Woelfle's 8 points led the way for the Tarheels, David O'Rear had 4 and Austin Hernandez finished up the Tarheels scoring with 2 points.

The 7pm game on Tuesday was another nail biter with the Celanese Red Raiders pulling out a 14 to 13 win over the Embridge Longhorns. Rhet Harden got on the board for the Raiders with 10 points. Jeffery Sirmans and Cody Beyer had the only other points of the game for the Raiders with 2 points each. The Longhorns were led by Cory Chidester with 5 points, Austin Guillen had 4 and Matthew Wheeler and Kade Winkler had 2 points each.

The battle for sole possession of 1st place in the 3rd and 4th grade division took place in the late game on Tuesday. Cade Engle led the way for the Great Plains Abstract & Title Buckeye's with 16 points and 7 assists in a 33 to 15 victory over the Fenton Motor Cowboys.

Solon Wilson had 8 points, Garrett Mullican had 6 points, Jordan Green had 2 points and Landon Taylor's 1 point rounded out the Buckeye's night. Josh DeLoach was high point for the Cowboy's with 7, Zach Beedy had 4 points and Kolton Jeferies and Ethan Brock each had 2 points for the Cowboy's.

The action will continue on Thursday and Friday night with 6 more games on the schedule for the week.

## Hidden Hills results

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Cowboy Action  
Fourth Saturday of the month, 10 am

## High school with most state titles loses in playoffs

BORGER Texas (AP) — Last season, Nazareth beat Nazareth, the nation's most successful high school program lost to Follett 61-47 in a playoff game Tuesday night, keeping the Swiftettes from a possible 19th state title.

Nazareth, a small school in the Texas Panhandle between Amarillo and Lubbock, pulled within 6 points going into the fourth quarter but three turnovers by the Swiftettes brought easy layoffs for Follett.

## Texas beats Baylor for 22nd straight time, 82-77

WACO, Texas (AP) — With nervous spectator Kevin Durant watching from behind the Texas bench, the Longhorns' 22nd straight victory over Baylor was much more difficult than it had to be.

Damion James had 19 points and 10 rebounds to lead No. 11 Texas to its fifth win in a row overall, 82-77 against the Bears on Saturday.

The Longhorns (21-4, 8-2 Big 12) could have used Durant to close out this one.

They squandered a 14-point lead in the final 3 minutes with three turnovers and seven missed free throws, including three consecutive one-and-one chances during a 10-0 run by Baylor.

"If we make those free throws, it put more pressure on them," Texas coach Rick Barnes said. "We turned it over some. We knew they were going to be aggressive. But it changes everything if you step up and make free throws."

Still, like they have every time for 10 seasons since Barnes became their coach, the Longhorns beat Baylor (17-7, 5-5), never giving up the lead despite their poor finish.

Texas had five players in double-figure scoring. James is among four returning starters who were also in the lineup last season with Durant, the sensational freshman who became the second overall pick by Seattle. Durant watched his old teammates during the NBA All-Star weekend.

"I told him before the game, you wanna play? It was good to see him," Barnes said. "He's very close to these guys. They're some of his best friends."

A.J. Abrams had 13 points and Justin Mason had 12 points. D.J. Augustin added 10 assists and eight points, but was only 2-of-12 from the field and missed three of the late free throws.

"Everybody gets tired, but we were out there fighting through it," Augustin said.

## Pampa Optimist Club presented awards, trophies

Ronnie Haynes was presented four trophies and a framed certificate for being President of the Pampa Optimist Club when the club was named an Honor Club, a Gold Honor Club and an Elite Club by the North Texas Optimist District at a Valentine party held earlier this month.

"Ronnie is the only person in the 54 year history of our club who has been President twice in a row," current President John Warner said in presenting the awards to Haynes for the 2005-2006 Optimist year.

Billy West was named Optimist of the Month for October, 2007, for his work as Commissioner of the Optimist tackle football program. West reported that 169 boys played

Optimist football this past season, the largest number in five years. Kevin Davis told the 41 attending that there were 72 girls and 94 boys who played Optimist basketball this season.

Babe Ruth Baseball Commissioner Chris Porter and Optimist Girls' Softball Commissioner LaDonna McAlpine announced plans for the coming season. Both plan coaching clinics for new and returning coaches.

Joe Davis announced that the Optimist Club will be sponsoring a tennis tournament in June, for junior and senior high students in this area, a week after an Optimist area golf tournament.



Donnie Winegeart, representing the Pampa High School Baseball/Softball Booster Club, accepts a matching grant for \$800 from Wal-Mart co-manager Kelly Cox.

### BASEBALL BOOSTERS

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the crowds are. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Step up to the plate and let go of your reservations. You will do an excellent job of handling a new responsibility.

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## School bus crash kills four

COTTONWOOD, Minn. (AP) — Motorists who came across a fatal school bus crash here quickly turned into rescuers, helping the driver pull screaming children out of the tipped-over bus and ferrying some to a hospital in their own cars.

Four children aboard the bus were killed Tuesday afternoon, and at least 14 people were injured.

"I parked my car and called 911, and ran to the school bus and the driver was handing kids out the door as fast as I could take them," Karen Mahlum told the Marshall Independent. "They were

screaming and screaming on the bus. There was so many kids."

Wednesday's classes were canceled at Cottonwood's Lakeview School, which has 580 children from Kindergarten to 12th grade, and grief counselors met with students and staff.

There was a steady flow of people seeking support, Superintendent Sheldon Johnson said. "You can see it in their eyes, 'Please help,'" he said.

Police said the bus was struck by a van and landed on its side atop a pickup truck. An investigation was under way to see if anyone was at fault.

### WEIGHT LOSS

## Kirstie Alley splits from Jenny Craig

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kirstie Alley and Jenny Craig may have gone their separate ways, but the one-time "Fat Actress" isn't giving up on the weight loss industry.

"After lengthy negotiations, regretfully the Jenny Craig Company and I did not come to an agreement to continue as their spokesperson," Alley said in a statement posted on People Magazine's Web site Tuesday.

Alley, 57, told People that while her experience with Jenny Craig was "extraordinary," she wants "to create something new that will help millions of people end the seemingly never ending fatty-roller coaster ride."

Alley said she intends to develop her own weight-loss brand with plans to launch in 2009.

"We are sorry that she did not accept

our offer" to continue appearing in the company's ad campaign, Scott Parker, vice president of marketing for Jenny Craig, told People. "We wish her all the best in her future endeavors."

A message left with Alley's publicist late Tuesday was not immediately returned.

Alley, who starred on Showtime's reality-comedy series "Fat Actress," became a spokeswoman for the Jenny Craig diet program in 2005. About a year later, Alley donned a bikini to show off her new shape on "The Oprah Winfrey Show." At the time, Winfrey said Alley, who is 5-foot-8, had lost 75 pounds, after hitting a high of 220 pounds.

Alley's TV credits also include "Cheers" and "Veronica's Closet."

## Art club



COURTESY PHOTO

It is tradition with Pampa Art Club to celebrate Christmas by drawing names and giving a gift of personally created artwork. Linda Shackelford, from left, Madeline Gawthrop, Norma Hinkle, Pat Kindle and Carol Dunham are showing off the gifts they received. These are examples of the diverse creativity displayed by members of the club. Members are presently preparing to exhibit at this year's annual Tea and Art Exhibit slated from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. May 6 at Lovett Memorial Library. This 60th anniversary event is open to all art lovers.

## Deputy injured in shootout dies

HOUSTON (AP) — A Harris County deputy constable who got into a shootout with a suspect he already put in handcuffs has died.

Harry Thielepape died early Wednesday, nearly a month after authorities say the 57-year-old was shot multiple times by a man who managed to grab his gun after being arrested.

Harris County Precinct 6 spokesman Danny Perez said Thielepape's wounds

from the shootout were just too severe.

Perez says Thielepape was working off-duty Jan. 26 as an apartment security guard when he arrested Jesus Gilbert Reyna. Authorities say Reyna was handcuffed and seated in the back of an unmarked patrol car but somehow still managed to grab one of Thielepape's guns.

Police say the 21-year-old Reyna was killed in the ensuing shootout when Thielepape returned fire with a second gun.

## Breeding cotton to beat the heat

By LAURA MCGINNIS  
ARS News Service

Consumers want durable, comfortable fabrics. Producers want easy-to-manufacture textiles. And growers want hardy, thriving plants. Uniting these traits is the goal of Agricultural Research Service (ARS) cotton breeders at the U.S. Arid-Land Agricultural Research Center in Maricopa, Ariz.

Plant geneticist Richard Percy, now with the ARS Southern Plains Agricultural Research Center in College Station, Texas, has bred new cotton lines with qualities to please growers, fabric manufacturers and consumers.

Pima — an extra-long-staple cotton — produces long, strong fibers that are suitable for high-quality products such as luxury bed sheets and sewing thread. But pima plants have been historically susceptible to heat. They start exhibiting symptoms of heat stress when their leaf canopy temperature — the temperature of a plant itself, as opposed to the air around it — reaches about 82 degrees

Fahrenheit.

During the past five decades, Percy and his colleagues have bred and released heat-tolerant and heat-



Photo by STEPHEN AUSMUS  
Aborted or shed fruit on a cotton plant as a result of heat sensitivity.

avoidant pima lines, which the commercial seed industry has used to create new varieties that can withstand

extreme temperatures.

In 2003, "Cotton Incorporated" offered to partner with Percy and ARS to improve heat tolerance and fiber quality in upland cotton, the species that makes up the majority of the U.S. cotton crop. To ensure that the new cotton lines would be productive and competitive throughout the Cotton Belt, Percy enlisted ARS and university scientists in Georgia, South Carolina, Louisiana and California in an across-the-cotton-belt breeding and evaluation program.

In 2006, as a result of their collaboration, ARS and Cotton Incorporated released three upland cotton lines with superior fiber quality and heat tolerance. Those lines have been picked up by about two dozen commercial seed companies and breeders for further development.

Read more about this research in the February 2008 issue of Agricultural Research magazine.

ARS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture's chief in-house scientific research agency

## Teachers union urges change to accountability

AUSTIN (AP) — Teacher unions pressing for major reforms to school accountability measures are renewing calls for Texas to put less emphasis on high-stakes testing that educators blast as commanding too much classroom attention.

The plea by all four teacher organizations in Texas come as leaders of a special state panel indicate changes are coming to the school accountability system when the Legislature reconvenes in January. The system annually rates campus and district performance based on test scores and graduation rates.

Sen. Florence Shapiro, who chairs the Senate education committee, said Monday that the system needs to be "recharged."

"It's time to look at our accountability system, evaluate it and decide what parts we want to keep, what we want to adjust and what we want to throw out," said Shapiro, a Plano Republican.

Testifying before the Select Committee on Public School Accountability, teachers unions complained the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test monopolizes classroom instruction and swallows the time teachers have to work with students.

Richard Kouri of the Texas State Teachers Association said the high-stakes test and school ratings now determine "how a child is viewed, how a school is viewed and even the salary of teachers."

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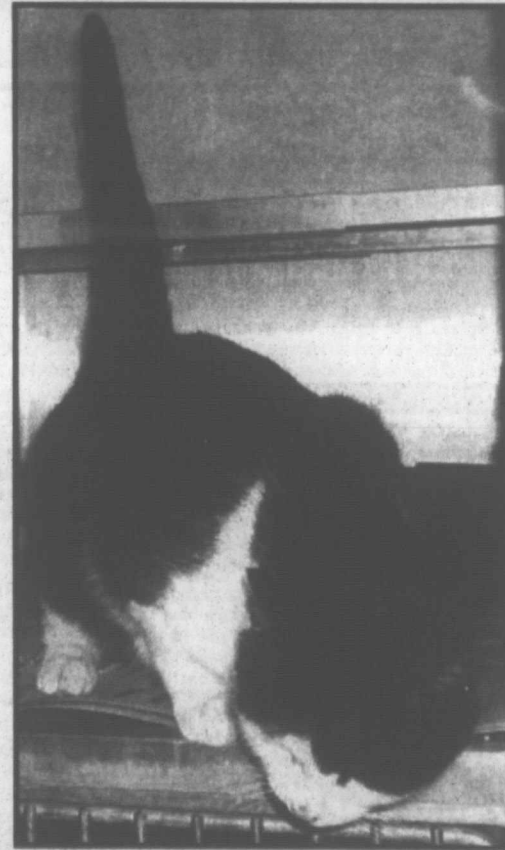
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