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Tour gives PEDC official vision of Pampa's future

by **DAVID BOWSER**
The Pampa News

Dwight Fiveash has seen the future and it's blowing in the wind.

Fiveash was one of a busload of area people that Mesa Power took to Sweetwater recently to see the booming wind generation industry there.

"I saw what in my view is Pampa three to five years

from now," said Dwight Fiveash, executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation. "I saw lots of industry. I saw lots of new businesses. I saw new schools being built. I saw lots of activity. There were improvements being made down town."

He said he couldn't believe the hustle and bustle in Sweetwater.

"That town has less population than Pampa," Fiveash said. "There's lots more trucks and lots more buildings going up. It's amazing."

Fiveash said he didn't realize that it would take that number of personnel to maintain and operate such facilities.

He said he saw some 1,000 wind towers generating electricity.

"I got to look at one up close and personal," Fiveash said. "I also got to see how those towers are managed and run."

As an engineer, Fiveash said he was fascinated by the details of the mechanics of the operation.

"It was interesting



Dwight Fiveash

to know how they go about the mechanics of measuring this," he said. "Every one of those towers has some 200 diagnostic reports coming into the control room continuously."

If the wind velocity reaches 65 miles per hour, he said the tower shuts down.

"It turns the blades into the wind," Fiveash said. "They also have sensors on the

blades that note ice. If the blades start to ice up, they're shut down."

They measure bearing temperature, bearing vibration and gear wear.

"They have all kinds of different diagnostics on those towers," he said.

He said the technology was a lot more advanced than what he had envisioned.

Fiveash said he met with a rancher that has them on his property.

"He talked about how there was an interface with his ranching operation and

the wind towers," Fiveash said.

He said he learned two pieces of data that he considered significant.

"The wind towers themselves are online and have the ability to produce power somewhere in the neighborhood of 97 to 99 percent of the time," Fiveash said. "That's not to be confused with the second piece of data that they produce power based on the wind available only some 30 to 35 percent of

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Wind power tops PEDC agenda

Wind power will top the agenda for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation board of directors when they meet Thursday.

There are plans to attend a wind power seminar at Texas Tech June 9 through 11 and the Houston Wind Power Show, June 1 through 4.

The board will also hear from Charlotte Rhodes from the Amarillo Area Foundation concerning the formation of a community fund.

Board members will consider some funding for VFW Post 1657 to bring the American Veterans Traveling Tribute to Pampa for Veterans Day, Nov. 11.

They will also discuss the cost

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Pampa News photo by David Bowser

Loaded up and ready to go. Roberts County rancher Robert Clark has loaded his Beechcraft Musketeer on a gooseneck trailer for the trip to a Tennessee museum. Clark donated the aircraft to the Beechcraft museum. He and fellow rancher Phillip Smith of Carson County plan to make the trip this weekend.

Police investigate stabbing

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

A Pampa man was taken by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center Sunday after police officers found him at his residence with stab wounds.

Pampa police were dispatched to 109 S. Lowry at 12:08 a.m. Sunday concerning a reported stabbing, according to police records. Upon arrival, they found Scott Hyde, 37, of the residence in the entryway of the home with stab wounds in his upper abdomen and left forearm.

Hyde told police officers he had come home to find several of his items in the middle of the entryway and his back door open.

"He told police that as he went out the back door to investigate, he was attacked by two men and a struggle occurred, which resulted in Mr. Hyde being stabbed," said PPD Sgt. Donny Brown.

The suspects, one described as tall and the other short, then fled the scene, Brown said. Both are believed to be white males.

"Hyde could not give any further description at the time of his interview," Brown said.

His injuries were considered non-life-threatening, and his current condition is unknown, Brown said.

The Lowry Street stabbing was one of 187 calls for service police received over the weekend.

Two Pampa businesses were the victims of thefts on Saturday. At 10:28 a.m. that day, officers were dispatched to Stokes Radiator and Muffler Service, 525 W. Brown, concerning a theft.

"Officers were told that a flatbed trailer with a welder attached was taken," Brown said. "The owner told police that a Mertex welder, Victor torch, hoses and gauges, along with other hand tools, were on the trailer at the time of the theft."

The trailer and tools were valued at over \$10,000.

Another theft occurred at 8:34 p.m. that day, when officers were dispatched to Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles.

The report stated that the suspects were still in the store. Upon officers' arrival, they met with store employees concerning the incident.

"Officer Houston Gass was the first to arrive on scene," Brown said. "He was attempting to make contact with one of the suspects who was pointed out by store employees. As he approached the female subject, she looked back at

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Two charged in burglary

By **MARILYN POWERS**
The Pampa News

Two suspects have been charged with burglary of a building and three others with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle as a result of Gray County sheriff's deputies' investigation and traffic stop.

Pampa residents Sharee Ramey, 25, and Bryan Christopher Humphrey, 19, were already in Gray County Jail on other charges when they were charged in connection with the burglary of Petco Petroleum Corp., located southeast of Pampa on County Road 11.

The burglary was reported at 6:53 a.m. March 1. Taken were a computer, printer and socket set. Entry was made by breaking a window.

"Our investigation led to two suspects," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. "Warrants of arrest were obtained yesterday for the two."

Both suspects remained in jail as of press time in lieu of bond, according to jail records.

Ramey's charges include possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance, tampering with physical evidence, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of 200 grams or more but less than 400 grams of a controlled substance,

burglary of a building and bond surrenders for forgery, possession of a controlled substance and manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

Bond on the burglary of a building charge was set at \$25,000, and Ramey's total bond is \$90,000, according to jail records.

Humphrey's charges are no driver's license, failure to appear, no liability insurance, failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to display driver's license, displaying expired registration, two counts of failure to appear/bail jumping, two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of 200 grams or more but less than 400 grams of a controlled substance, burglary of a building, a probation violation for burglary of a habitation, and bond surrenders for credit/debit card abuse, burglary of a building, manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance, possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance and fraudulent use of identifying information.

Humphrey's total bond is \$146,000, of which \$25,000 is for the Petco burglary of a building charge, according to jail records.

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Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		
Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny

Wednesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.
Wednesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. East-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 62. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 39. North-northwest wind around 15 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 4
 8:37 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Mary Ellen on a call for medical assistance.
 8:56 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Willow on a call for medical assistance.
 3:54 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a Dumpster fire and a small grass fire at Browning and Magnolia.
 5:54 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to a trash fire at Kentucky and Hazel.
 9:34 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a hazardous material spill at the intersection of Charles and Harvester.

Saturday, April 5
 12:20 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of north Nelson on a call for lifting assistance.

Sunday, April 6
 1:59 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 100 block of south Russel to a smoke scare.

Monday, April 7
 8:06 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle fire in the 900 block of Fisher.
 3:39 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident on the corner of Ting and

Starkweather. No injuries were reported.
 4:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville on a medical call.
 4:54 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical call.
 7:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1000 block of South Banks on an odor investigation.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today.

Friday, April 4
 8:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 8:52 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Willow Road and transported a patient to PRMC.
 10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.
 10:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Neal Road and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.
 12:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to

PRMC.
 4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a health care facility in Amarillo.
 10:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Saturday, April 5
 12:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, April 6
 12:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Lowry and transported a patient to PRMC.
 8 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Red Deer. No transport.
 8:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Price Road and Alcock. No transport.
 11:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North West and transported a patient to PRMC.
 5:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Purviance.

Monday, April 7
 7:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded approximately 1-mile east of Pampa on Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.
 9:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.
 10:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700

block of Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC.
 11:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Miami. Call canceled en route.
 1:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC.
 4:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.
 4:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
 5:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Banks. No transport.
 8:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

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

Sunday, April 6
 Fourteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 700 block of Bradley Drive and the 100 block of North Ballard resulted in arrests.
 A traffic complaint was received from the 1900 block of North Nelson.
 A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of North Somerville, the 2600 block of Seminole, the 200

block of West Kingsmill, the 100 block of West 30th, the 100 block of South Wells, the 500 block of South Ballard and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.
 A welfare check was made at the intersection of Kiowa and Comanche streets.
 Found property was reported in the police department lobby. House and car keys were found in the 100 block of South Hobart.
 Found property was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.
 One suicide attempt was reported.
 Warrant service was attempted once and resulted in at least one arrest.
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of East Kingsmill, the intersection of Nelson and Alcock streets, the 600 block of North Somerville, the 600 block of South Cuyler, the 400 block of Thut, the 2100 block of North Nelson and the 1900 block of North Nelson.
 Violation of a city ordinance was reported at the intersection of Twiford and Red Deer streets.
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1400 block of Ripley.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.
 Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of North Somerville and the 1900 block of North Hobart.
 One alarm was reported.
 Two open doors were reported.
 Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of Denver. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 800 block of Denver.
 Burglary was reported in the 800 block of South Banks.
Monday, April 7
 Six traffic stops were made.
 Traffic complaints were received from the 1400 block of Charles and the 800 block of South Banks.
 A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Starkweather and Tyng streets.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of

Liberty, Mo., and Allen J. Varnon of Spearman; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.
 The family suggests memorials be to Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 50610, Amarillo, TX 79159.

Farley, the 1300 block of South Hobart, the 100 block of South Dwight, the 700 block of Roberta, the 1200 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of North Somerville, the intersection of Seneca and Rosewood streets, and the 1200 block of South Christy.
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell, and the intersection of Highway 152 and County Road 4.
 Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of West 30th and the 600 block of East Frederic.
 Found property was reported in the 700 block of North Somerville. A dirt bike was found in an alley. The bike was not in working condition.
 Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of Hobart and the 600 block of South Ballard.
 Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1000 block of South Summer, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the intersection of Foster and Osage streets.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Lowry, the 300 block of Hazel, the 1100 block of Cinderella and the 2800 block of Charles.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of Duncan, the 700 block of North Faulkner and the 800 block of East Browning.
 Harassment was reported in the 400 block of North Gray.
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.
 Assault was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.
 Sexual assault was reported in the 300 block of North Ballard.
 Two alarms were reported.
 One building check was made.
 One open door was reported.
 A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$65 was taken.
 Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells. Forced entry was made into a home. Taken were a television, two DVD players, a stereo and a jar of coins. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

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VARNON, Eugenia "Genie" — 10:30 a.m., Berryville Memorial Cemetery, Berryville, Ark.
WILLIAMS, Clifton Ohnor "Dutch" — Funeral mass, 11 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.

Hector Humberto Nevarez, 15

Hector Humberto Nevarez, 15, of Pampa, died April 6, 2008, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Hector was born May 5, 1992, in El Paso. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2004, attending Pampa High School.
 Survivors include his par-

ents, Luis Humberto and Irma Teresa Nevarez, of the home; one brother, David Nevarez of Pampa; grandparents, Refugio and Bertha Navarez, and Manuel

Arreola and Ramona Gonzalez, all of Mexico.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Eugenia 'Genie' Varnon, 94

Eugenia "Genie" Maywood Collom Varnon, 94, of Pampa, died Saturday, April 5, 2008.

She moved to Pampa in 1937. After moving to

Berryville in 1960 she returned to Pampa in 1968.

Liberty, Mo., and Allen J. Varnon of Spearman; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at Berryville Memorial Cemetery at Berryville, Ark., with Eric Varnon officiating. Burial will be in Berryville Memorial Cemetery under

the direction of Boxwell Brothers Funeral Home in Spearman.
 Mrs. Varnon was born Aug. 15, 1913, at Hooks, the youngest of eight children. She married George Wesley Varnon on Nov. 8, 1934, at Alvin; he died in 1967.

Mrs. Varnon was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Driscoll and Mary Elizabeth Collom; and seven siblings.
 Survivors include a daughter, Ruby Lee Varnon Bishop of Georgetown; two sons, David Glen Varnon of

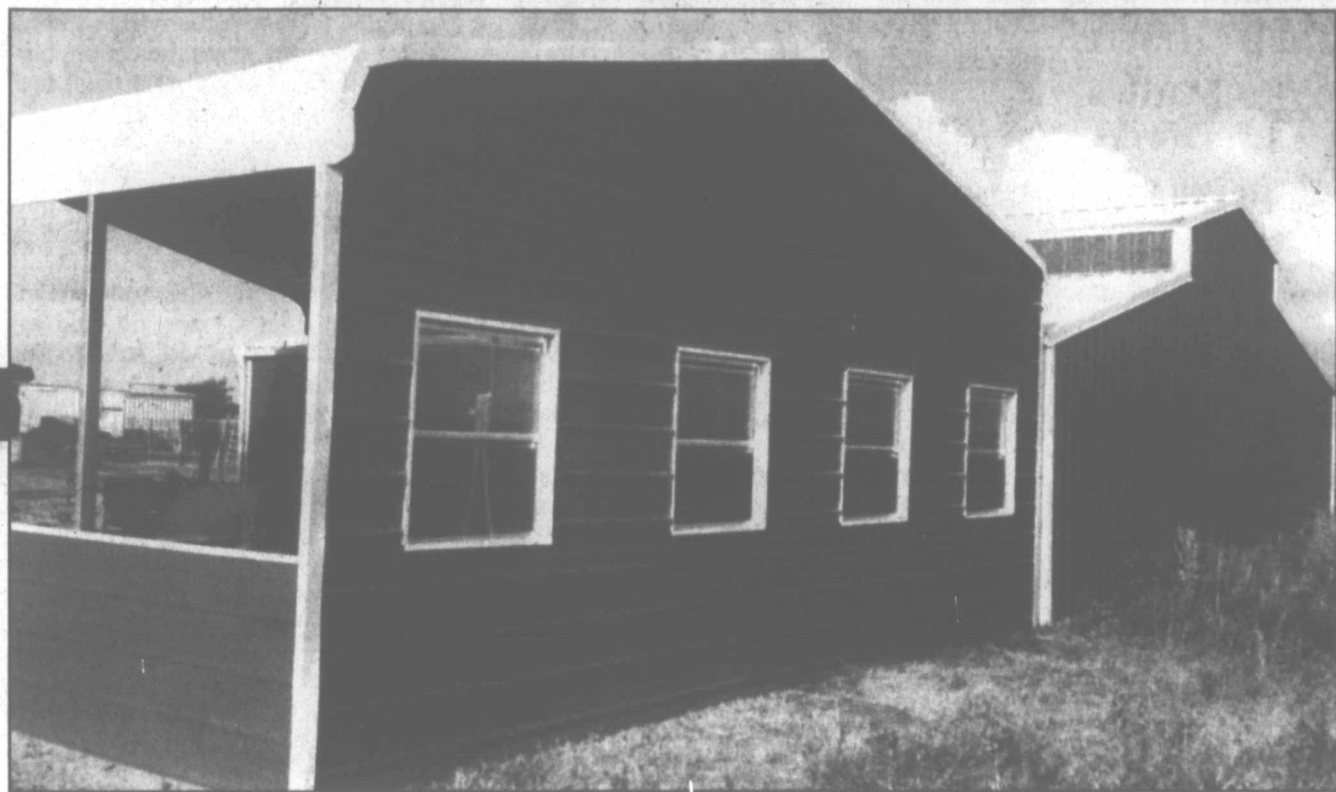
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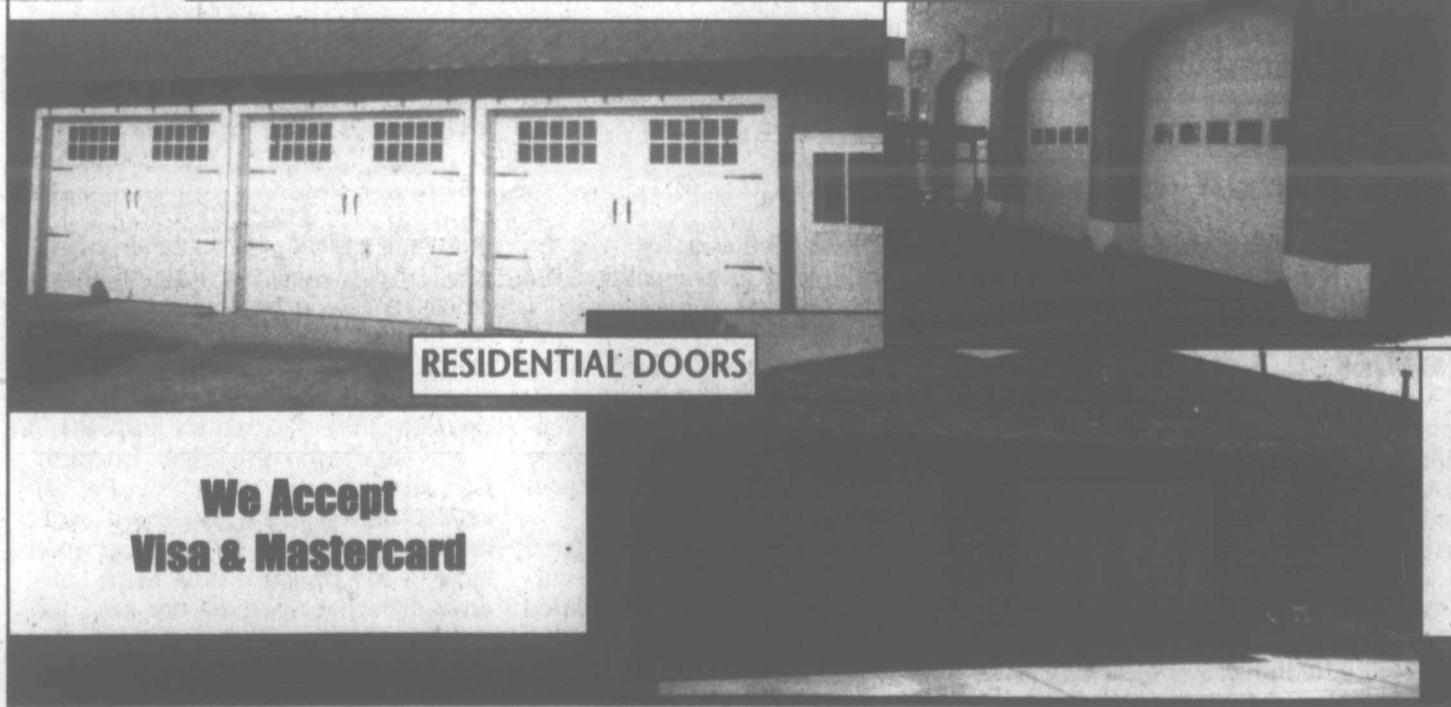
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A caucus is a gathering of local party members who pick a candidate for their party. Voters cast ballots in a primary to do the same thing.

The results of the caucuses and primaries are used to send each party's delegates to

their respective party conventions. They are to show their support based on how the candidates in their states fared.

Then there are the superdelegates. There's been a lot of talk about these in the media lately.

Superdelegates are "unpledged," meaning they are free to support any candidate for their party's nomination. Superdelegates may be party leaders and elected officials, but they do not have to be in order to be named as superdelegates.

The best I can tell from this, superdelegates are wild cards who may or may not follow the wishes of the majority of voters belonging to their party. Both Democrats and Republicans have superdelegates.

According to online information, the superdelegates will make up approximately one-fifth of the total number of delegates at this year's Democratic national convention, meaning that if the race between Clinton and Obama is close, the superdelegates may be the deciding factor in choosing the

Democratic Presidential candidate.

The Democrats go first, with their convention scheduled for Aug. 25 through 28 in Denver, Colo. The Republicans will meet Sept. 1 through 4 in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.



Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

After each party formally chooses its presidential candidate and the dust settles, the general election is held in November. One big difference between the primaries and the general elections is that voters in the primaries had to choose one party's ballot to mark; they could not vote for, say, a Democratic presidential candidate and a Republican local candidate, but had to choose which party's ballot they wanted to cast.

In the general election, however, everyone is free to vote for any candidate in each race. They can vote a straight party ticket or choose from any of the candidates in any of the races, no matter what party each candidate is representing.

The votes cast in the general election actually elect members of the nation's electoral

college. Each state has as many electors as it has senators and representatives. In December, these electors will cast their votes in their respective state capitals. The electors are expected to follow the wishes expressed by the voters in the general election, but it is allowed in the Constitution for them to deviate from that if they so choose.

One can argue either way about our electoral system. Some may say that the electoral college should be eliminated and the popular vote be the direct and only means of determining who the next president will be. Others will say that the electoral college acts as a means to level the playing field so that the less populous states will have more of a say in the matter.

The electoral vote doesn't always reflect the results of the general election. In 2000, Democratic presidential candidate Al Gore received the plurality of the national vote, but failed to win the majority of the Electoral College.

Our election process is very simple, really. Just like figuring our income tax returns.

Pols exploiting psychology of victimhood

The psychology of victimhood and the politics of envy are powerful political tools and

Walter Williams
Columnist



to 49.6 percent while that of the lowest 20 percent, at \$10,000, fell from 4.3 to 3.3 percent.

Cox and Alm argue that household income is not a complete measure of well-being. A far more useful measure of well-being is what households spend.

While the lowest fifth averages \$10,000 in income, they spend almost twice that amount. The highest fifth averages \$150,000 and spends about \$70,000, the rest goes to taxes and savings. The middle fifth averages \$45,000 and spends about \$35,000. While there's a large income gap of 15 to 1 between the top fifth and lowest fifth, the spending gap pales in comparison. If we look at consumption, the gap between the top and lowest fifths declines to around 4 to 1. Similar narrowing takes place throughout the income distribution. The middle 20 percent of families earned incomes more than four times the bottom fifth, but the spending gap was only 2 to 1.

Another factor to consider is that high-income households are larger with an average of 3.1 people in the top fifth, compared with 2.5 people in the middle fifth and 1.7 in the bottom fifth. Thus, if we look at spending per person, the difference between the richest and poorest households falls to just 2.1 to 1 and the average person in the middle fifth spends just 29 percent more than someone living in a bottom-fifth household.

How is all this possible? Low-income people have sources of income that don't

show up as taxable income such as sales of property like homes, cars, insurance policies redeemed, or the drawing down of bank accounts. They might be headed by retirees or those temporarily between jobs, and thus their low income total doesn't accurately reflect their long-term status.

Falling real prices help explain rising living standards. Years ago, a worker earning the average wage had to work 365 hours to purchase a VCR; today it's two hours. A cell phone dropped from 456 hours of

work in 1984 to four hours today. A personal computer, with thousands of times the computing power of the 1984 IBM, declined from 435 hours of work to 25 hours.

Nearly all American families now have refrigerators, stoves, color TVs, telephones and radios. Air conditioners, cars, VCRs or DVD players, microwave ovens, washing machines, clothes dryers and cell phones have reached more than 80 percent of households. Yesteryear, only the well-to-do could afford

many of these items. Cox and Alm say the biggest reason for the decline in prices is increased international trade and competition that forces producers everywhere to become more efficient and hold down prices. One of the surest methods to reduce the standard of living for all of us, particularly poorer households, is to buy into the special interests protectionist talk of today's political season.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

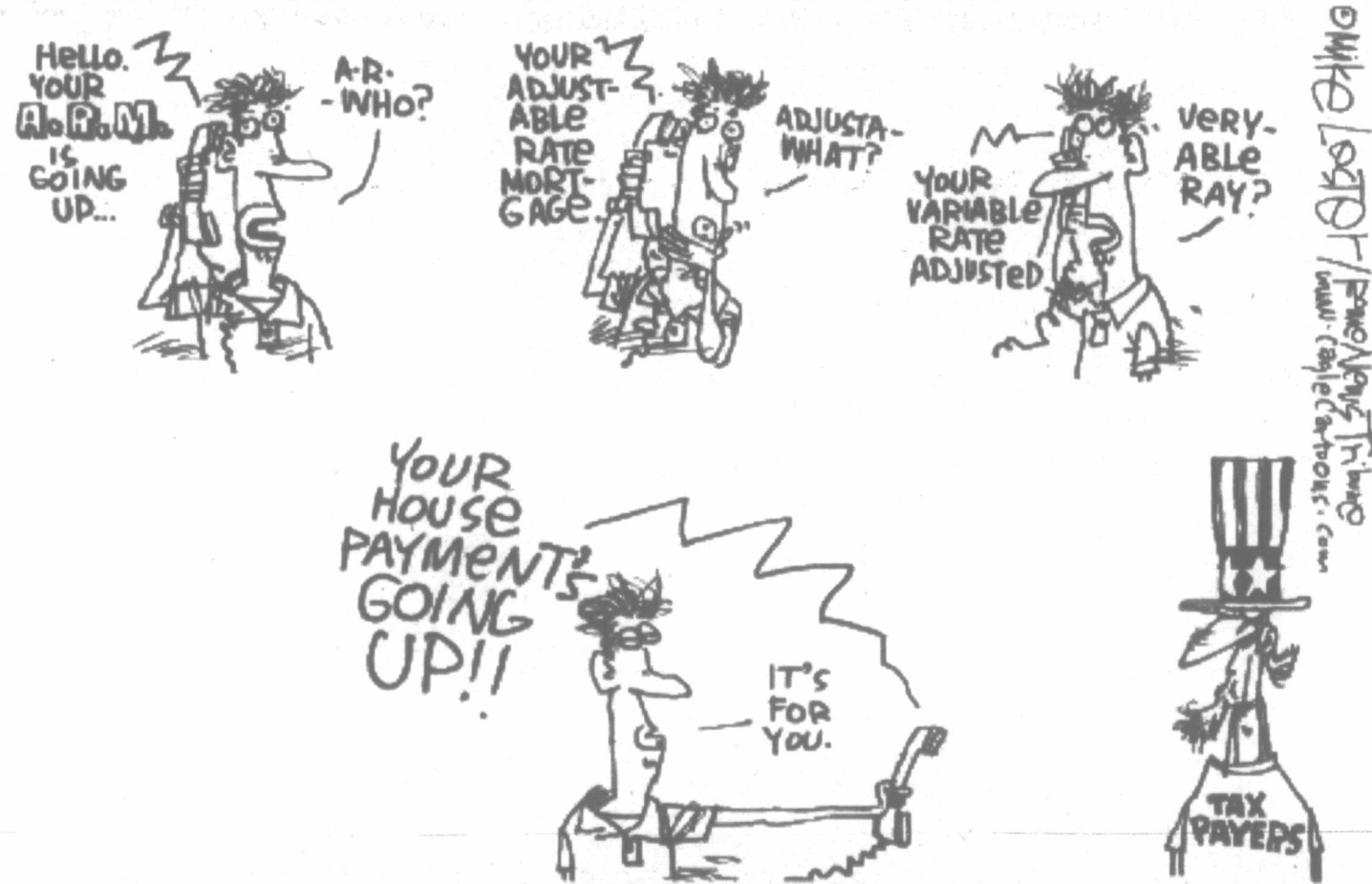
Today is Tuesday, April 8, the 99th day of 2008. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for direct popular election of United States senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.

On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ March 27

Austin American-Statesman on impending legal troubles with approved Bible course:

A pandering Texas Legislature and a meddling State Board of Education have combined to create an unnecessary legal bramble in Texas schools.

When the Legislature approved a Bible course for state schools last year, it offered little in the way of money or guidance. Even the intent of the law is in question. Is it mandatory if 15 students in a school request it, or merely optional?

Attorney General Greg Abbott's office is wrestling with that issue now.

Creating a situation in which the Bible curriculum is up to the State Board of Education was begging for trouble. Religious conservatives on that board live to make mischief for Texas schools, and having them outline a Bible course was sowing the wind.

Designing a Bible course that does not stray into the unconstitutional separation of church and state is difficult

under the best circumstances. And the state board, by any measure, represents anything but the best circumstance.

Bible course supporters are fine with a loose interpretation of the curriculum. But any fool can see that it can easily lead as it already has in Texas to religious proselytizing and result in a spate of expensive lawsuits for local school districts.

Ector County, whose schools offered a Bible course, was sued over the curriculum last year. The suit was settled this month when the school district agreed to change the curriculum.

Texas school districts can expect a tsunami of similar suits if they must offer the courses next year as the Legislature decreed. Even the most diligent teacher can easily slip into preaching rather than teaching when it comes to a specific religious text. The research shows as much.

A Southern Methodist University professor who researched 25 Bible courses in Texas public schools two years ago found that 22 were unconstitutional. They violated the First Amendment prohibition against establishing a religion.

Those offending courses were, the

professor explained, "textbook examples" of promoting one religion above others. It should be obvious that balancing First Amendment concerns, the beliefs and sensibilities of different religions and still teaching the holy text of Christianity is extremely difficult.

Having observed the State Board of Education at work over the years, we expect that it isn't concerned with maintaining balance. Of course, it won't have to pay the legal bills when hundreds of school districts are sued for instituting a course that violates the rights of non-Christians.

It was folly for the Legislature to approve a Bible course to begin with. There are abundant opportunities for Texans to practice their various religions outside of public schools, which are built and maintained by taxpayers of many faiths.

Mandating a class to study the holy scripture of one religion almost by definition at the expense of all others is a full-employment act for First Amendment lawyers. The Legislature set the table for the state board to indulge in another fiasco. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing in response to "In True Love in Washington" (Feb. 4), about the 16-year-old who became pregnant by her pastor. What she described is not a "love" relationship; it is an abusive one. A pastor who has a sexual relationship with a member of his congregation is misusing his power, and this constitutes clergy sexual misconduct. You were correct when you stated that "if there is any 'shaming,'" it should be directed at the pastor. Unfortunately, that is not typically the case. The shaming of victims that follows disclosure is nearly unbearable. Church officials typically collude in denial or cover up the problem. Rarely is there any care for the victim. For this reason, a sex-abuse therapist and a spiritual director familiar with this type of abuse are helpful in the healing process. In addition, it is vital for the victim and her family to find the support of someone who has lived through clergy sexual misconduct because it is unlikely they will find support in their current circle of friends. -- C.W., MUSKEGON, MICH.

DEAR C.W.: Thank you for sharing some valuable suggestions. The responses to "True Love" offered additional steps for her to consider. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You were right to point out that "Reverend Ron" is the one in the wrong. However, if the issue is not turned over to the police, the church's investigation may put a different slant on the results. Only law enforcement officers know the questions to ask in order to get the facts as they should be obtained. -- ADA IN OLEAN, N.Y.

DEAR ABBY: Both my husband and I are pastors and have had to deal with a similar situation in our region. Unfortunately, the

abuse and misuse of pastoral authority is too prevalent. It is widespread, although not indicative of most clergy, who seek to serve faithfully. I don't know who is responsible for holding Reverend Ron accountable, but hopefully there are church leaders who will take this situation seriously and not ignore it. Far too many people in the pews feel that it is not their place to hold someone accountable for his/her mistakes. The congregation will need someone trained in dealing with this kind of situation to help them heal as well. -- **REVEREND JOANNA**

DEAR ABBY: As a therapist, I have helped many people deal with this kind of emotional wreckage. The affair, which the pastor convinced this girl was OK because they were "truly in love," actually falls under the category "sexual abuse by one in a position of trust," and it is a crime. In some states, it may be considered statutory rape. After being told, the mother should contact the police and the district attorney. Reverend Ron is a sexual predator who has taken advantage of a vulnerable young girl. He needs to be stopped and removed from any and all contact with young teens. -- **THERAPIST IN LONGMONT, COLO.**

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for six years and have recently fallen in love with another man. But I still love my husband. Is it possible for a person to be in love with two people at the same time? -- **KIM FROM THE SUNSHINE STATE**

DEAR KIM: It is possible to love more than one person because you love them for different reasons. However, when someone is IN love, he or she is usually completely focused on that one love object. So the answer to your question is no.

For Better Or Worse



Zits



Garfield



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Marvin

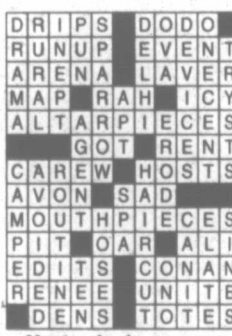


Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 1 Wanders
 - 6 Ship
 - 11 ... as good as
 - 12 Key
 - 13 Wyoming
 - 15 Cry of insight
 - 16 Dallas sch.
 - 17 Angled pipe
 - 18 Mythical monsters
 - 20 Baseball's Hodges
 - 21 Long time
 - 22 Ship of 1492
 - 23 "El Cid" actress
 - 26 Ice lifters
 - 27 Writer Hunter
 - 28 Zodiac cat
 - 29 G-man
 - 30 Some meals
 - 34 Half of hex-
 - 35 Thurman of film
 - 36 Contend
 - 37 "I'll Be There" singers
 - 40 Anticipate
- DOWN**
- 1 Indian prince
 - 2 Corn-husker
 - 10 Adler and
 - 3 Parish leader
 - 4 Big deer
 - 5 Congressional period
 - 6 Less
 - 7 Bat
 - 8 Fizz
 - 22 Midday
 - 23 Ring
 - 24 Daunt
 - 25 Extreme
 - 26 Lease
 - 9 Effective
 - 19 Hammer part
 - 20 Ring
 - 24 Daunt
 - 25 Extreme
 - 26 Lease
 - 31 Madonna movie
 - 32 Rattling spot
 - 33 Prophets
 - 38 Collection
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 - 28 Fancy auto
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Yesterday's answer

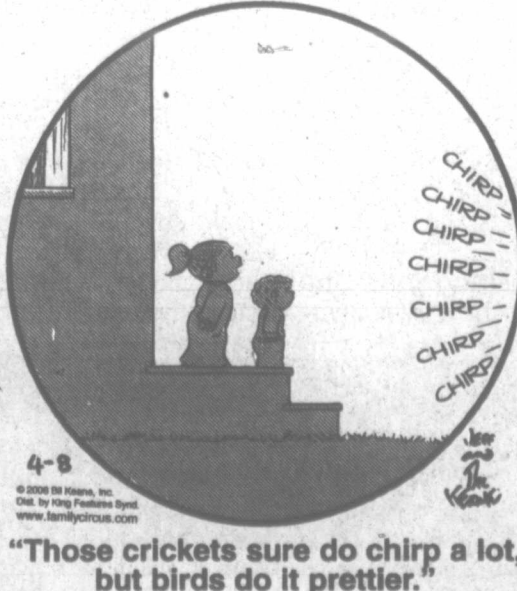
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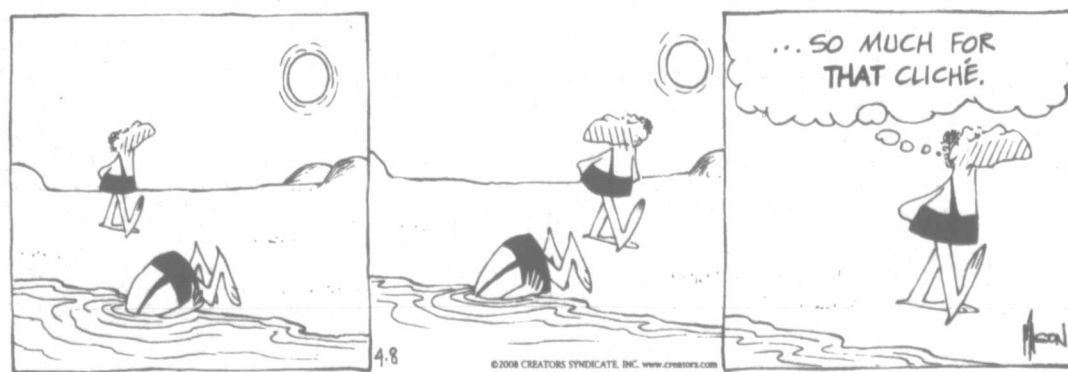


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends



Sports

Lady Harvester JV softball team falls to Caprock

The Lady Harvester JV softball team fell to Caprock on Monday, April 7 in Amarillo with a score of 16-1.

Caprock had eight hits to Pampa's three. Brooklyn Barker lead the second inning with a double off the left center field fence and Madi Shults drove in Barker with a sharp single up the middle for Pampa's only run. Katelin Wall also had a sin-

gle. Pampa's defense had seven errors that helped contribute to Caprock's 16 runs. Wall pitched and took the loss to have her record for the year fall to 7-4.

The Lady Harvesters' record is now 15-10 for the season and 3-4 in district. The JV's next game is Saturday, April 12 versus Palo Duro at home in Pampa following the varsity game.

Gymnastic girls compete in Lubbock Invitational

Competition team members from Gymnastics of Pampa recently participated in the Lubbock Invitational Tumbling and Trampoline Meet, lead by first year competitors Samara Villanueva and Millie Borunda, who both had outstanding performances at the meet.

Results are as follows: In tumbling level five, Kelsey Henry placed fifth and Jaycee Devoll placed seventh. In tumbling level four, Samara Villanueva placed third, Misti Bowers placed fifth and Kristen Duree

placed sixth. In tumbling level three, Millie Borunda placed second, MaKenzy Arganbright placed second and Samantha Clancy placed sixth.

In trampoline level four, Kelsey Henry placed fourth and Jaycee Devoll placed sixth. In trampoline level three, Samara Villanueva placed first, Millie Borunda placed second, Misti Bowers placed third, Kristen Duree placed third and Samantha Clancy placed fifth. In trampoline level two, MaKenzy Arganbright placed seventh.

Kansas wins first national title since '88

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chasing their first NCAA title in 20 years, the Kansas Jayhawks knew they were asking a lot from Brandon Rush.

All they needed from him was another big game on offense and a superb effort on Memphis star Chris Douglas-Roberts at the other end.

Rush gave them one out of two — and that was good enough to help the Jayhawks beat Memphis 75-68 in overtime in the national championship game Monday night.

Douglas-Roberts scored 22 points, one below his average in the NCAA tournament, but Rush made him work for every one.

"I think I did a pretty good job on him," Rush said. "I let him get out in the first half. He had 13 in the first half."

"In the second half, I tried to buckle down, sit down on his left hand," Rush said. "Then my team helped me out too. So they did a good job on him too."

Rush scored only 12 points — but four came in overtime, as the Jayhawks pulled away.

At times, Rush was so tight on Douglas-Roberts that he seemed to be inside his tattoos. Douglas-Roberts had 13 points on 5-of-8 shooting from the floor in the first half, but Rush never gave him a chance to take over the game when it mattered. Douglas-Roberts had only one field goal in the second half and one in overtime.

Early in overtime, Rush pressured Douglas-Roberts into a turnover and then scored on a layup at the other end. Kansas led the rest of the way.

"They were really sagging," Douglas-Roberts said. "So wherever I drove, it was a man there. It made it real difficult to drive. And they pretty much played like that the whole game."

Rush helped lead the Jayhawks to their third

NCAA title, and first since 1988. A fan in the Jayhawks-heavy Alamodome crowd flashed a placard that read, "1988: Twenty years in the making." The man who led the Jayhawks to that title, Danny Manning, was sitting on the Kansas bench as one of Bill Self's assistant coaches.

Rush hoped to follow in Manning's footsteps, and now he has. Rush, a junior from Kansas City, hasn't announced whether he will return for his final season.

Asked about his future, Rush said, "I'm not worried about that right now. I'm going to have time to think about it, discuss it with my family and stuff."

If this was the end of the line for Rush in college, it's been quite a journey.

He was Big 12 freshman of the year in 2005-06 and named to the first of three straight All-Big 12 first team.

Rush was ready to turn pro last summer. He declared for the NBA draft, but didn't sign with an agent, and that allowed him to return to Kansas after he tore an anterior cruciate ligament in a pickup game. Rush had surgery in June.

"It just feels good right now, just coming from what I had, ACL surgery, coming back and giving my teammates a Final Four — I mean a championship."

It took Rush time to regain his bounce and his stamina; he played as many as 30 minutes only once before Jan. 5.

As Rush recovered, he often deferred to teammates on offense. But as the season wound down, Self began to ask for more from his best pure scorer.

And Rush delivered, beginning with a career-high 28-point outburst against Texas A&M in the Big 12 tournament.

Against North Carolina in the national semifinals, Rush scored 25 points.



Courtesy Photos

Candia Jimenez, above, swings at the ball in Monday's game against Caprock. Below, catcher Devin Valentine waits ready for the pitch. The Lady Harvesters fell to Caprock with a score of 16-1.



Junior High girls compete in District Track Meet

The seventh and eighth grade girls track team competed in the Junior High District Girls Track Meet in Pampa on Saturday, April 5. According to their coaches, the girls had an incredible track season this year. The eighth grade placed third overall in district and the seventh grade placed second.

Results are as follows: For the eighth grade team, in shot put, Rikki Earnest placed fourth and also placed sixth in discus. In long jump, Autumn Chidester placed first and Kirsten Kuhn placed sixth. In triple jump, Autumn Chidester placed fifth. In high jump, McKinlee Stokes tied for fifth. In 400 meter

relay, Danielle Savoie, Megan Pirtle, Stephanie Allen and Autumn Chidester placed second. In 800 meter relay, Bree Howard placed fourth and Joleen Pittman placed fifth. In 100 meter hurdles, Stephanie Allen placed third and Kaitlyn Grant placed fourth. In 100 meter dash, Danielle Savoie placed second and Megan Pirtle placed sixth. In 800 meter relay, Kirsten Kuhn, Megan Pirtle, Bree Howard and Autumn Chidester placed fourth. In 400 meter dash, Autumn Chidester placed third and Joleen Pittman placed fifth. In 300 meter hurdles, Kaitlyn Grant placed fourth and Kailyn Troxell

placed fifth. In 200 meter dash, Danielle Savoie placed third and in 1600 relay, Kailyn Troxell, Caitlin Sieck, Joleen Pittman and Bree Howard placed third.

For the seventh grade team, in long jump Maddie Fatheree placed first. In triple jump, Maddie Fatheree placed first and Claire Hopkins placed sixth. In high jump, Maddie Fatheree placed first and Claire Hopkins placed sixth. In 400 meter relay, Kellie Taylor, Kristen Ladd, Taylor Morgan and Claire Hopkins placed third. In 800 meter run, J'Cee Holmes placed fourth. In 100 meter hurdles, Maddie Fatheree placed first,

MaKayla Hampton tied for second and Rachel Andrews placed fourth. In 100 meter dash, Kristen Ladd placed fifth and Claire Hopkins placed sixth. In 800 relay, Kellie Taylor, Martecia Alexander, Kristen Ladd and Claire Hopkins placed second. In 400 meter dash, J'Cee Holmes placed fifth. In 300 meter hurdles, Maddie Fatheree placed first and MaKayla Hampton placed sixth. In 1600 meter run, J'Cee Holmes placed first. In 1600 relay, Kellie Taylor, Molly Andorfer, Martecia Alexander and Dakota Watson placed sixth.

AL CAPSULES

CHICAGO (AP) — Joe Crede hit a tiebreaking grand slam to cap a five-run seventh inning, and the Chicago White Sox won its home opener 7-4 on Monday over the Minnesota Twins.

Coming off a weekend sweep at Detroit, Chicago has won five straight for the first time since Aug. 10-14, 2006. The White Sox have won six of their last seven home openers.

Crede is batting .393 with 10 RBIs. Last year, limited to 47 games because of a back injury, he

hit .216 with 22 RBIs. Jermaine Dye tied the score at 3 with a one-out RBI single off Pat Neshek, who had just relieved Matt Guerrier (0-1). A.J. Pierzynski struck out, and Carlos Quentin loaded the bases with a single.

Crede drove a 1-0 pitch to the bullpen in left for the fifth slam, his first since June 24, 2006, against Houston.

Chicago's Javier Vazquez (1-1) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking one.

Bobby Jenks pitched a scoreless ninth for his fourth save in as many chances.

Yankees 6, Rays 1
NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Mussina tied Bob Gibson on the career wins list by pitching six sharp innings, Bobby Abreu hit a two-run homer and New York beat Tampa Bay.

Abreu went 3-for-3 with a walk and Hideki Matsui drove in two runs for the Yankees, who lost Derek Jeter after two innings but salvaged a split of the four-game series.

Mussina (1-1) earned win No. 251 and is tied with Gibson for 42nd place. He struck out three to equal Yankees TV broadcaster David Cone for 21st place with 2,668 Ks.

Jonny Gomes homered for the Rays, who are 3-3 heading into their home opener against Seattle on Tuesday.

Jason Hammel (0-1) allowed eight hits and four runs in six innings. He struck out two and walked one.

Masters rookie soaks up the experience and plenty of pimento cheese sandwiches

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Let Tiger Woods worry about the green jacket. Johnson Wagner is more focused on the orangish — or is that yellowish? — delicacy that's as much a part of Augusta National as the azaleas.

Celebrating his last-minute invitation to the Masters, Wagner made a run on the pimento cheese sandwiches Monday. He managed to wolf down three of them right out of the chute.

"I'm going to OD on pimento cheese," Wagner quipped. "I love 'em, just love 'em."

He might be feeling a little bloated by the time he strikes his first tee shot Thursday. After all, the listed ingredients include cream, sodium citrate, salt, sorbic acid, vinegar, ammonium sulfate, sugar, calcium propionate, soybean oil, and — oh yeah — those little red specks of pimento.

Not that Wagner is worried about such things.

He's planning on experiencing Augusta to the fullest, right down to the menu.

"I've been pinching myself all day," Wagner said. "This is just incredible."

Who can blame him for being so giddy?

A week ago, Wagner was a player going nowhere. He had missed six cuts in nine starts this year and ranked 193rd on the money list. Not exactly Masters material. But, with the first major of the year having reinstated its rule that gives all PGA Tour winners a spot in the exclusive field, the 28-year-old had one more chance to get in.

The Houston Open. He sure took advantage of it.

Wagner opened with a 63 — matching Adam Scott for the course record — and zealously guarded the lead the rest of the way, earning his first Tour win by two strokes.

"The first thought was, 'Oh my gosh, I just won on the PGA Tour,'" said Wagner, who had planned on taking a trip to the beach with his wife and another couple this week. "But immediately after that, I said, 'Holy cow, I'm in the Masters.'"

In addition to his pimento cheese indulgence, Wagner relished some of the other traditions at this time capsule of a golf course.

He couldn't wait to get to the par-3 16th during his first practice round, yearning for a chance to skip his ball off the pond that runs nearly the length of the hole. The object is to hit a low screamer, have it ricochet off the water and come up dry somewhere near the flag on the other side.

Wagner actually thought of getting in a little practice after he arrived at his hastily arranged house near the course sometime after midnight.

"They had a swimming pool, and there's just a perle little grass hill next to it," he said. "I thought, 'This is a great chance,' but I think there was (another) house on the other side. They probably wouldn't appreciate it."

Going sans practice, Wagner's first attempt

lodged in the bank at the pond's far end — "pretty pathetic," he said. The next one rolled up just in the front of the green, and he moved on with a smile on his face. Mark off another line on that Masters checklist.

For one day at least, Wagner even felt like a bit of a celebrity.

"It seemed like every time I looked in the gallery, someone said, 'Hey, Johnson, congrats, great playing last week,'" he said. "It was amazing that so many people knew my name and knew what happened. It was probably the greatest day on the golf course I've ever had."

Otherwise, it was a typical Monday before the Masters. Some 40,000 fans milled around the one-time nursery, posing for pictures in front of the famous scoreboard along the first fairway or queuing up in lines that seemed to stretch on forever outside the merchandise store. Youngsters dressed in garish yellow coveralls and matching caps with "Litter" written above the bill got some last-minute instructions on how to keep the grounds looking immaculate.

And, of course, everyone strained for a look at Woods. The world's No. 1 player, four-time Masters winner and overwhelming favorite arrived Sunday, played another 18 holes Monday morning and planned one more practice session before

beginning his quest for a Grand Slam.

"He's the only player capable of doing that," Steve Stricker said. "You know, I wouldn't be surprised if he does do it."

In recent days, Augusta National was softened by 3 inches of rain, with the chance of more thunderstorms this weekend. That could present a much different setup than a year ago, when bone dry fairways allowed Zach Johnson — all 160 pounds of him — to keep up with the big hitters.

Johnson was able to lay up on the par 5s and still do most of his scoring, finishing with a 1-over 289 that matched the highest winning score at the Masters.

"It would be nice if the fairways could be dry again," said Nick O'Hern, the left-handed Australian who might have trouble outriving some of the guys down at the muni. "You just hit it as far and as straight as you can. There's no shaping the ball, except to the greens. Just get up there and smash it."

Even on the rain-soaked grounds, plenty of players managed to get a sampling of Augusta's fiendish greens.

Jeev Milkha Singh of India, who got in with a special foreign invitation, worked on some chipping from just behind the three-tiered ninth green. Two of his skittish attempts didn't even make it past the fringe. Another skidded by the cup and kept right on rolling down to the second level, finally stopping some 40 feet away.

And this was just practice. Imagine what that shot might look like when he's playing for real.

"It was amazing that so many people knew my name and knew what happened."

— Johnson Wagner
— Pro Golfer

New Dallas Cowboys stadium

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Construction workers who are building the new Dallas Cowboys stadium in Arlington have noticed they're getting whistled at — by the structure.

Strong winds are blamed for an eerie whistling sound that sometimes permeates the construction site.

The Fort Worth Star-

Telegram reported Tuesday that construction manager Jack Hill says engineers say the whistling sound is temporary until the roof is in place.

The \$1 billion dollar retractable roof Cowboys complex is scheduled to be open for the 2009 season and will be the site of the 2011 Super Bowl.

Tejada's ninth inning homer gives Astros win over Cardinals

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros knew they were getting a good player when they traded for Miguel Tejada. Still, there was concern the four-time All-Star shortstop had "lost a step."

On Monday night, he proved that theory wrong.

Tejada's two-run homer in the bottom of the ninth gave the Astros a 5-3 win over St. Louis, snapping a five game winning streak for the Cardinals.

Tejada's home run, his second of the season, to right field off Kyle McClellan (0-1) scored pinch runner Darin Erstad.

"I think he's way better than the guy we thought we were getting," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "They said he'd lost a step. He hasn't lost a step."

Cooper and teammates have been impressed by the energy of Tejada since he joined the team. He hasn't appeared distracted despite the FBI investigating whether he lied about steroids to investigators for a House committee.

"Every time I stepped up to the plate it was so exciting," he said. "I just wanted to do something for these fans."

The Astros led 3-0 before the Cardinals three-hit ninth

inning. Ryan Ludwick's two-out, two RBI double off closer Jose Valverde (2-0), who blew the save, tied it at 3 in the top of the ninth. Cesar Izturis scored easily on the hit to right center field.

Astros catcher J.R. Towles was in position to tag Troy Glaus at home, but couldn't hold onto the ball during a collision and Glaus scored the tying run.

A single by Aaron Miles and a walk by Izturis set up an RBI single by Glaus.

Yadier Molina grounded into a force out to end that inning.

Valverde, who led the majors last season with 47 saves for Arizona, was disappointed in his performance.

"I just threw some mistakes tonight," he said. "I was throwing too hard. But that's all right, I'll be back tomorrow and I'll forget this."

Back-to-back homers by Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee broke a scoreless tie in the seventh inning. Berkman's home run, which came off Cardinals starter Todd Wellemeyer, bounced off the wall in center field and put Houston ahead 1-0.

Lee followed with his third home run of the year, a shot that bounced off the facade in left field.

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This Week: Baseball

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The Kid Scoop Puzzler

What's the Score? Uh-oh! The stadium scoreboard isn't working!

Color all of the odd-numbered bulbs BLACK to display the final score of the game.

Who scored the most runs?

Play Ball

Baseball season is here and team pennants are sprouting like wildflowers.

Unscramble the names of the teams and write them below each pennant.

SANTIG	SAYKENE
DRE OXS	ULEB VASJ
SEGDRD	SARNIL
HICSETLAT	WITSN

ANSWERS: Gants, Red Sox, Dodgers, Yankees, Yankees, Sox, Jays, Athletics, Yankees.

Play Newspaper Baseball!

Can you hit a home run? It's easy! Just find the item in each base and on home plate in your newspaper. Complete all four and it's a home run!

THIRD BASE

A story or photo involving weather.

SECOND BASE

A story or photo involving animals.

FIRST BASE

A story or photo involving baseball.

HOME

The name of a city with a baseball team.

How many times can you make it around the bases?

Have a friend give it a try. Who scored the most runs?

Good Sport Turns Losing Into Winning

Baseball fans are glad Alexander Cartwright wasn't a sore loser.

While he wasn't the first person to think of hitting a ball with a stick, Alexander was the first person to write down a set of rules for a game he called "base ball" and it included hitting a ball with a stick. After he wrote down the rules, he put together a team. He called them the Knickerbockers.

He challenged another team to a game. Alexander's Knickerbockers lost, 23 to 1. Some people might have given up and never played baseball again — not Alexander. He _____ his team to more towns and kept playing. Soon town teams were playing all over the United States.

The _____ of baseball had begun. All because Alexander Cartwright was a good sport!

Where does each word belong?

TEAM SPORT TOOLS RULES LOSER

Grand Slam Snacks

Look for a pattern. What comes next in each row of baseball stadium snacks?

Standards Link: Geometry: Recognize and extend simple and complex patterns.

Double Double Word Search

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

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S F C M G A E M O H
O I I R B H N S R N
R F T E U S T N O U
E U S N T N M S E L
M A L S C A A A H P
B A L E L E L E E N
E R O C S G E P S T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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The Game Game

Find an article about a baseball game in the newspaper. What was the score? By how many runs did the winning team win? Where was the game played? Find that place on a map. How far is that place from your home?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Demonstrate comprehension by responding to questions.

Write On!

My Favorite Sport

Write a paragraph telling others about your favorite sport and why it is your favorite.

What a Character!

A good sport ...

... keeps trying ever after losing a game.

Kid Scoop Together: Sports Savings Bank

Start saving new words you collect from the sports pages. Look at the sports pages in today's newspaper.

Find and "deposit" three new words and write each of them on the lines below.

Write a definition or draw a picture to show what each word means.

ROSTER

An orderly list of people belonging to a group or team

ROCKETS 2008

#4 Darrin Garcia
#23 Howard Clarke
#6 Phillip Gerston
#21 Eddie Calderon
#73 Vincent Douglas

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, April 9, 2008:
You are in a golden moment this year. Others often want to share, brainstorm and socialize with you. Observe what makes you glow, and you will know what to fill your life with. Your head and heart might be in tune, but your drive is erratic. Taking care of your body might be more important than you realize. Listen to what gets your goat, and let go of what doesn't work. If you are single, romance certainly will wing in your direction. If you are attached, keeping communication open means getting plenty of funnys. GEMINI sometimes asks too many questions.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You are talkative. Trust the words that seem to spout from you. Abrasions and tests surround your daily life. Listen to yourself, your core, and you won't go wrong. Help others realize just how touchy a key associate might be. Tonight: Discuss a problem.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ You can be difficult to say no to, as usual. However, don't underestimate the power of the unexpected or a risk. Keep your eye on the money. That will curb a problem before it begins. Tonight: Act on a hobby.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Trust your instincts, and let yourself be generous. You glow, and everyone around you is drawn to you: Respond to others with your innate spontaneity. You cannot lose, for no other reason than you feel good. Tonight:

Whirling around in your life.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Responsibility calls, but love pulls. Lucky for you, if you just be yourself, all will come together, even if you withdraw into your shell. Just don't expect much activity for a few days. Use this free time well. Tonight: How about curling up with a good book?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your head is in line with your heart, and the world sees you as you are. Expect the unexpected and listen to your dreams, and you will be golden. You get what you want, even if you toss that lucky rabbit's foot. Tonight: Don't mess up the good times.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ You might feel like you are king or queen for the day. All is flowing smoothly, for now. Romance is in the air. However, watch the rose-colored glasses or, rather, toss the rose-colored glasses. The more realistic you are, the less disappointment you will experience. Tonight: To the wee hours — like it or not.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Think way outside the box. While others are running around in the midst of power plays, you will be smiling. If you don't detach, you could feel out of sorts. Listen to your dreams. Tonight: Isn't it time for you to take control of your destiny?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are capable of more than you might think. Say yes and be ready to stand behind your words. You will be well rewarded. A key partner or associate depends on you. You demonstrate ease in tense moments. Tonight: Consider a suggestion or invitation.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★ You might feel confused. Don't act now, but listen to your dreams. Don't be taken back by heavy — and we do mean heavy — demands. Trust in your abilities and don't fight the building wave — for the moment. Tonight: Out with fun-loving people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ It is good that you are considered the workhorse of the zodiac, because you will have to act just like it too. You fight hard to clear your desk or to-do list. Make sure to take special time for yourself! Tonight: Choose a favorite hobby. Anyone for golf, volleyball or maybe snoozing?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Some wonder how you can be yourself so easily, your head and heart in tune. You don't need to be concerned at all. Demonstrate to a loved one that he or she is more than a friend. Dote on this person. Tonight: Live, love and laugh.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are in a deep place. Open yourself to all possibilities, despite the friction. Use the friction to look inward and root out a problem. Remember, you are the giver of the zodiac. Let the flow of give-and-take happen. Tonight: Say yes.

HISTORICAL FIGURES BORN TODAY
French poet, critic, translator Charles Baudelaire (1821), electrical engineer Charles Steinmetz (1865), politician J. William Fulbright (1905)

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Fiveash

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the time.”

He said the trip was very interesting.

“They got into a lot of detail about how things are run and the mechanics and engineering and telemetry are done,” Fiveash said.

They toured a General Electric facility, he said, that was a marshaling facility.

“That’s where they marshaled all their spare parts

and all he repairmen worked out of,” Fiveash said.

They also toured a control room that controlled a significant number of towers.

Fiveash said they monitored weather at a 50-mile radius and at a 30-mile radius.

“If they have a storm or some type of weather change at the 50-mile radius, all their people in the field are alerted,” he said. “If it reaches the 30-mile marker,

all their people are removed from the field and pulled back to a safe location.”

He said he was impressed by such safety considerations.

“It was a long day,” Fiveash said. “It was 16 hours.”

The tour left Pampa at 6 a.m., and they returned at 10 p.m., he said.

“But it was very informative,” Fiveash said. “It was a very, very worthwhile trip.”

Police

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the officer and took off running.”

Gass pursued the woman on foot in an easterly direction across the Wal-Mart parking lot and into the driveway area of the Murphy’s gas station, located at Charles Street and Perryton Parkway, where he apprehended the woman.

The fleeing suspect was identified as Kamisha Grimes, 24, of Pampa.

Two other Pampa women

were also taken into custody. Shona Dorsey, 22, and Laura Delatorre, 22, were charged with theft, as was Grimes. Grimes was also charged with evading arrest.

The three were transported and booked into Gray County Jail.

Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 800 block of South Banks at about 5 p.m. Sunday concerning a reported burglary.

Taken from the residence by an unknown suspect or suspects were a handgun, sever-

al rifles, a shotgun, a wire feed welder and personal items.

Estimated value of loss in the burglary is \$2,200, Brown said.

Anyone with information about any of the incidents or others is asked to contact Pampa Police Department detectives at 669-5700 or Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 669-2222. Persons with information may also visit the department’s web site at www.pampapd.com.

Sheriff

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At 12:40 a.m. Monday, deputies stopped a vehicle which had been reported stolen out of Borger, Hoard said.

The stop occurred at the intersection of Texas Highway 152 and County Road 3.

Occupants of the vehicle, a 1995 black Jeep Grand Cherokee, who were arrested and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and possession of drug paraphernalia were Tosha Marie Blevins, 24, of Odessa; Rachel Lucas, 24, of Odessa; and O.B. Martin, 62, of Borger.

Lucas was released on \$3,500 bond, while Martin and Blevins remain in Gray County Jail in lieu of \$3,500 bond each, according to jail records.

The report of the Jeep being stolen had been received by Borger Police Department at about 10 p.m. Sunday, Hoard said.

Agenda

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and design of remodeling the office space they share with the Pampa Chamber of Commerce in the Pampa Community Building, and

hiring an administrative assistant.

The board members will hear reports on changes to the economic development corporation’s web site, advertising in Images

Magazine (an economic development publication), the portion of the city’s financial audit that relates to the economic development corporation and the Hampton Village project.

Events calendar

• **Pampa’s Tribute to Woody Guthrie Center** is currently seeking memorabilia from the Dust Bowl Days for a special commemoration of this particular period in history April 10-13 at the center. For more information, e-mail lmmb777@hotmail.com.

• **Pampa Book Club** will review the following books in the coming months: “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.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association, Inc.**, open to Airborne veterans from the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd, 101st and today’s special forces, will hold and/or celebrate several national activities including Static Line Awards, April 9-12, Atlanta, Ga.; All American Week, May 19-25, Fort Bragg, N.C.; and National Convention, Aug. 13-16, St. Louis, Mo. The only requirement for members is that they have their jump wings. For complete details and material for membership, call or e-mail, 1-937-898-5977 or Srgabn@aol.com. The association consists of 100 chapters across America and 30,000 active members.

• **The Texas LST/Amphibious Association** (including veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and other peacetime veterans) will meet April 10-12 at Corsicana. For more information, call (806) 435-5647.

• **“Fang-Tastic” 47th Annual Rattlesnake Hunt** will be staged April

12-13 at Waurika, Okla. The event will include James White and the Outlaw Handlers from Granbury, food booths, longest snake auction, carnival, gifts, souvenirs and more. For further information, call (580) 228-2553 or visit www.rattlesnakehunt.com on the Internet.

• **Carson County Historical Commission** will hold its annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. April 14 in the Hazlewood Education Building at Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle. Reports will be heard and plans will be made for programs in 2008. The meeting is open to the public.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 p.m. and 1-3 p.m., April 16, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 17. The event will include viewing of the film “Art21: Art in the 21st Century,” music by the Jim Laughlin Quartet, art activities and more. For further information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

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