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Deaths

Vera M. McMinn, 95, seamstress.
Sharon Kay Pearce, 61, bookkeeper.
Steve M. Wade, 74, U.S. Air Force veteran.

Odds & Ends

WEST HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Leaders in this community known for its progressive views are trying to ban cosmetic surgery — for pets.

Mayor John Duran introduced a motion Monday that would prohibit ear cropping, tail docking, debarking, defanging and other surgical procedures performed on animals for "noncurative" reasons.

Such procedures, supporters say, hurt the animals to satisfy their owners' tastes. Already law in many European countries, the ban would be the first of its kind in the United States, Duran said.

West Hollywood already has laws forbidding cat declawing and designating its residents as pet guardians rather than pet owners. Last year, the city started requiring pet-grooming companies to supply their customers with fresh water and report injuries related to grooming within 24 hours.

"We recognize we have an opportunity to provide leadership on public policy," said City Councilman Jeffrey Prang, who co-sponsored the motion. "Somebody always has to be first. Animal welfare is something West Hollywood feels strongly about."

Darla Dorr has raised dogs for 40 years and she rejects the idea that ear cropping is cruel.

Given proper care, the puppies are soon "racing around the house as if nothing's been done," said Dorr, former president of the Los Angeles Doberman Pinscher Club. If the measure passes, the city attorney will draft an ordinance that will become law 30 days after the City Council gives final approval.

DA Rick Roach resigns

Pleads guilty to weapons charge in federal court

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Rick Roach resigned his position today as 31st District Attorney and entered a plea of guilty in Amarillo to the federal charge of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms.

The resignation was faxed this morning and is directed to Gov. Rick Perry, with carbon copies faxed to 31st District Judge Steven Emmert, 223rd District Judge Lee Waters, 84th District Judge William D. Smith, and Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn. Smith was assigned Feb. 1 to a civil case seeking Roach's removal from office. The 223rd Judicial District is part of the 31st District.

"I hereby resign my office as District Attorney for the 31st Judicial District effective as of 12:01 a.m. February 8, 2005," Roach said in the resignation.

The letter was faxed from the office of Roach's attorney, Bill Kelly of Canyon, said Kelly Packard, administrative assistant to Seabourn.

"He did enter a guilty plea to Count 1 (concerning firearms possession) this morning in federal



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Kelly Packard, left, administrative assistant to Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn, hands 31st District Clerk Gayle Honderich the faxed resignation of District Attorney Rick Roach this morning for filing in Honderich's office on the third floor of the county courthouse. The resignation was filed in a civil case involving a petition for removal of Roach from office.

court (in Amarillo). His bond is continued under the same conditions," said Christy L. Drake, assistant U.S. attorney in Amarillo, by telephone this morning.

Sentencing will be in six to eight weeks, she said. Maximum penalty on the charge is 10 years in prison, a

\$250,000 fine, supervised release for not less than two years or more than three years upon release from prison, and a mandatory assessment of \$100, Drake said.

The remaining three charges were not dropped at the hearing, which began at 9:30 a.m. today, during

which Roach entered his guilty plea, Drake said.

"Typically, we plead somebody to a count, and the remaining counts of the indictment get dismissed at sentencing as part of the plea agree-

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Pampa News file photo by DAVID BOWSER

Chad Christopher Britton, right, talks with one of his lawyers, Mark Buzzard, during a break in Britton's murder trial in Amarillo in July 2002.

Canadian deputy's killer found hung in cell on death row

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Christopher Wade Britton, convicted of killing a Hemphill County sheriff's deputy in 2001, was found hanging in his cell last week, according to a report from the Associated Press.

Britton, 30, was found dead Friday, Texas prison officials said Monday.

Guards found Britton about 17 minutes after a security check, shortly after noon Friday.

They cut him down, placed him on a gurney and attempted CPR, but

could not revive him.

Prison officials told the AP that the state Office of Inspector General is looking into the death.

Britton remained on death row after being convicted by an Amarillo jury of fatally shooting Jim Bruce Graham, a Hemphill County sheriff's deputy who was trying to serve an arrest warrant on Father's Day, June, 17, 2001.

According to trial testimony, Britton was driving a 1985 Chevrolet Blazer on a Canadian residential street when Deputy Graham,

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PISD hires attorney to help with tax error

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

A \$6.6 million property valuation error on one of Pampa Independent School District's largest tax payers has put a \$103,000 dent in the district's 2004-2005 budget and could lead to a \$156,000 loss for the district next year.

In the hopes of offsetting the loss, Pampa ISD officials have hired a tax attorney from Austin, said Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

Haenisch said he has discussed the matter with Gray County Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley. The district has decided to retain a tax attorney from Austin to represent Pampa ISD.

"The attorney will communicate with Pat and with the state comptrol-

ler," the school superintendent said.

"I don't anticipate a win-win situation," Haenisch said. "Just so we don't lose on both ends, \$103,000 now and \$156,000 next year."

School districts receive funds from the state comptroller based on a number of factors including property valuations and weighted student enrollment numbers. A major change in property valuations can directly affect the amount of funds the district

will receive from the state.

Haenisch said that the current school district budget was based on the certified tax values supplied by the Gray County Appraisal District last July.

Bagley, appearing before Gray County Commissioners on Feb. 1, said that the original 2004 taxable value of the Celanese property had been \$85,100,957. That value was later adjusted to \$78,453,6598, a decrease of \$6,647,253.

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— Barry Haenisch
Pampa ISD Superintendent

As it stands now, the school district must pay back \$103,000 of the taxes received from Celanese for this year's taxes.

Bagley told county commissioners that a clerical error was responsible. "The taxpayer made the error and then submitted a corrected asset listing," Bagley told commissioners.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said at the meeting that Celanese officials notified the appraisal district of a problem with the property valuation in September, but the change was not made until January. Bagley said the delay resulted from "caution on my part."

Gray County will now have to reimburse Celanese \$32,000 and the

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Obituaries

Vera M. McMinn, 95

Vera M. McMinn, 95, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, in Odessa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of the First Baptist Church, officiating.



McMinn

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

Mrs. McMinn was born Feb. 12, 1909, in Morgan Mills, Texas. She married Clarence E. McMinn on May 5, 1928, in Crowell. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1936, moving to live with her daughter in Odessa in 2000. She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she served the Lord in many capacities. She taught Sunday School for many years, as well as serving as president and state officer

for WMU. She was an expert seamstress and enjoyed gardening. She was an avid Dallas Cowboy fan. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family and they loved her. She spent her last days always reading the Bible. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, three brothers and three sisters.

Survivors include one daughter, Berna McMinn May and husband, John Edd, of Odessa; one son, Donald McMinn and wife, Jackie, of Pampa; two granddaughters, Mrs. LaRue Keaton of Arlington, and Mrs. Donna Miller of Pampa; one grandson, James McMinn of Pampa; three great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hospice House, 903 Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas, 79761.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. today, Tuesday, Feb. 8.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Sharon Kay Pearce, 61

Sharon Kay Pearce, 61, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 30, 2005, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Pearce was born Nov. 13, 1943, in Kingman, Kan. She was a graduate of White Deer High School and attended Frank Phillips College in Borger.

She lived in California and Houston before settling in the Pampa area.

She worked for Culberson-Stowers Chevrolet and Tejas Feeders as a bookkeeper for several years before her health caused her to retire. She moved to Lamar, Colo., to be near her son.

Survivors include a son, Tim Fort and wife Amy of Lamar, Colo.; her mother, Evalyn Adams of Pampa; a brother, Don Adams and wife Carlene of Pampa; and four

grandchildren, Callie and Taylor Fort of Elgin, Okla., and Brock and Peighton Martin of Lamar, Colo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jerry Pearce; and her father, Alvin Adams.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Homebound Ministry, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 1:30-2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Pearce

Steve M. Wade, 74

VERNON — Steve M. Wade, 74, of Vernon, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005, at a Wichita Falls care center.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ron Fox officiating.

Interment will be in Wilbarger Memorial Park under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home in Vernon.

Mr. Wade was born April 3, 1930, at Acme, to the late Luther and Ethel Horn Wade. He married Thelma Nelle Arnette on May 8, 1958, at Myrtle Beach, S.C.; she died Feb. 28, 2003.

Mr. Wade was a U.S. Air Force veteran and was retired from Georgia Pacific

Gypsum Company. He later worked for American National Life.

He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Sheila Lindsay of Pampa; two sons, Steven E. Wade of Hawkins and Jamie Wade of Seymour; two brothers, Johnny Wade of Quanah and Charles Wade of Lawton, Okla.; a sister, Betty Hoover of Quanah; 13 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

Services tomorrow

McMINN, Vera M. — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

WADE, Steve M. — 2 p.m., Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel, Vernon.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Monday, Feb. 7

Fourteen traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Hobart, and at Perryton Parkway and Charles Street. A traffic complaint was received from Kentucky and Garland Streets, and in the lobby of the police department.

Suspicious person calls were received concerning Crawford and Faulkner Streets, the 1400 block of North Hobart, 24th and Mary Ellen streets, and the 400 block of South Municipal Drive.

One business and one residential alarm were reported.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Gray. A tail light on a 2001 Ford pickup was broken, for an estimated \$150 in damage.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 800 block of Brunow.

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

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at the police department.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Fisher and at the police station. Theft over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported at Taylor Mart, 1340 N. Hobart, and is reported to be employee theft.

One welfare check was conducted. One civil matter occurred in the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Information involving narcotic drug laws

was received at Kentucky and Garland streets, and at City Hall.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 800 block of Gordon. No injuries were reported.

Amy Briley, 27, homeless, was arrested at Garland and Kentucky streets for possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Johnny Dewayne Bridges, 22, One County Road K, was arrested at Alcock and Dwight streets for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Feb. 7

10:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Coffee. No transport.

1:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Browning and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

11:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to BSAW.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

6 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Perry and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Britton

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driving a white pickup, pulled up beside the Blazer.

Witnesses said they saw Graham get out of the pickup with his gun drawn and holding it down by his side. The deputy then reached in the Blazer and grabbed Britton by the arm. The witness said he then saw Graham fall back.

Graham had been shot in the head. He died at the scene from massive head trauma.

Graham was attempting to serve four mis-

demeanor warrants on Britton for accusations of assault, making a false report to police and stalking. Trial testimony indicated that Britton had told friends that he was looking for a gun and he planned to kill his girlfriend.

After a search involving numerous law enforcement agencies, Britton was finally found late that afternoon, hiding in a pond.

Britton was prosecuted in Amarillo by an attorney with the State Attorney General's office, called in for the capital murder trial by then-District Attorney Rick Roach. The trial was moved to Amarillo because of pre-trial publicity.

After his conviction, Britton was sent to death row in August 2002, officials told the AP.

Graham was born and raised in Canadian and had served as a deputy for Hemphill County since 1987. He is survived by his wife and daughter.

Another Hemphill County deputy was shot to death in July 1980.

Witnesses said Graham had his gun drawn, but held down, when he reached into Britton's vehicle. Then Graham fell back, fatally shot in the head.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Ateberry Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.03
Milo	3.09
Corn	3.59
Soybeans	4.31

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

OXY	60.41	+0.36
BP PLC ADR	60.60	-0.17
Cabot Corp	35.03	-0.20
Cabot Oil Gas	49.84	+0.59
Coca Cola	42.64	+0.15
VLO	58.90	+0.56
HAL	41.30	+0.31
TRI	43.26	-0.06
NOI	37.95	+0.35

KMI	76.15	-0.38
XCEL	18.19	+0.07
Kerr McGee	64.04	+0.19
XOM	55.34	+0.21
Limited	24.39	-0.02
Williams	17.45	+0.21
MCD	32.79	+0.01
Atmos	28.17	+0.08
Pioneer Nat	39.21	+0.04
JCP	44.31	+0.36
COP	96.75	+0.66
SLB	70.79	+1.07
Tenneco	16.40	-0.03
CVX	56.49	+0.23
Wal-Mart	53.48	-0.03
OKF	28.88	+0.08
NS Grp	30.70	-0.15

New York Gold	413.50
Silver	6.52
West Texas Crude	42.28

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of rain after 10 a.m. Areas of fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high around 49. Wind chill values between 28 and 33. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 24. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 45. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. North wind around 5 mph becoming east.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 25. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 43. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east southeast.

Thursday Night: A slight chance of rain between midnight and 1 a.m., then a slight chance of snow after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. South southeast wind around 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high around 45. South wind between 15 and 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Friday Night: A chance of rain before 4 a.m., then a chance of snow. Cloudy,

with a low around 32. South southwest wind around 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

Saturday: A slight chance of snow before 9 a.m., then a slight chance of rain.

Mostly cloudy, with a high around 46. South southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 32.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 53.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 58.

Roach

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ment," she said.

Roach's resignation from the office of 31st District Attorney was not part of the plea agreement concerning criminal charges against him, she said.

"As a result of his resignation, I am acting district attorney," said Assistant 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer this morning in Gray County Courthouse.

"I think Gov. Perry will act fairly quickly to name a successor. I will accept if appointed," she said.

"We will probably still need to do some kind of dismissal, but this is basically the end of the civil suit against him," Seabourn said this morning at the courthouse.

A petition for removal was filed Jan. 12 in the district clerk's office by Seabourn, with Rebecca Bailey, an employee in the district attorney's office, as plaintiff. It was filed one day after Roach was arrested in the courthouse by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on a federal charge of possession of methamphetamine.

Roach's federal indictment eventually contained four counts involving charges of addict or unlawful user in possession of firearms, possession with intent to distribute or dispense approximately one

ounce of methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute or dispense approximately one ounce of cocaine, and unlawful possession of methamphetamine.

Bailey swore under oath in the petition for removal that she had seen Roach inject himself with a substance he represented to be, and which she believed to be, methamphetamine on Dec. 16, 2004 and on Jan. 3 at Caprock Apartments. She

swore that on Jan. 7, she saw Roach in possession of a substance he represented to be, and which she believed to be, methamphetamine in the 31st District Attorney's office on the fourth floor of Gray County Courthouse.

A search Jan. 11 by federal law enforcement officers of Roach's office in the courthouse, his residence at Walnut Creek Estates, and an apartment at Caprock Apartments which was rented on behalf of the district attorney's office yielded 35 weapons, two of which were in his briefcase in the 223rd Judicial District courtroom on the third floor of the courthouse at the time of his arrest there. The remaining 33 weapons were found at his home and office, according to a warrant inventory

compiled after the search warrants were conducted.

A black zippered pouch containing suspected cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana was also found during the search of Roach's office in the courthouse.

Roach was elected as district attorney in 2000 and again in 2004 after serving as Roberts County attorney. The 31st Judicial District is made up of Gray, Hemphill,

Lipscomb, Roberts and Wheeler counties. The 223rd Judicial District comprises Gray County.

No mention of possible federal charges involving financial records of the district attorney's office was made this morning by Drake.

Bailey had sworn under oath in the original petition for removal that "I have personal knowledge that there is an ongoing Federal investigation of Richard J. Roach for Federal firearm violations misappropriation of funds."

Bill Kelly, Roach's attorney in both the civil and criminal cases, told the Associated Press after the plea bargain, "I can't say we're satisfied, but it's certainly acceptable."

to the property valuation change, officials said.

Haenslich said the \$103,000 loss to the school district will not affect the budget as badly this year as it would have in the past due to a higher-than-estimated student enrollment.

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Business Review

LA Nails offers wide range of nail-care services

Want to brighten your look without going to extremes? In the mood for a little pampering? Then LA Nails, right here in Pampa, might just be the salon for you.

Situated in Coronado Shopping Center, 1201 N. Hobart, next to Thai Delight restaurant, LA Nails is run by a husband and wife duo named Thao Luong and Thang Nguyen.

The couple introduced the business to Pampa about three years ago.

"I've wanted to own my own salon," Thao Luong explained, "since right after high school."

Though several LA Nail salons exist in the area, each, Thao said, is individually owned and operated.

She has been a nail tech for a total of six years. Thang, she said, has worked as a professional nail technician for approximately three years.

Thao and Thang offer at their salon a full slate of nail care services, performing both manicures and pedicures for their customers. Among the services patrons may choose from, for

example, is a special "spa" pedicure.

"It's called a spa pedicure," Thao said, "because we have a chair that massages your back while you sit for a pedicure."

All pedicures, she emphasized, include a luxurious foot massage, but only the spa pedicure includes the additional bonus of the specially-designed comfort chair.

Besides giving pedicures, LA Nails offers a variety of manicures and full-set false nails, solar nails among them.

"Usually solar nails are for people who prefer the French manicure," Thao explained, adding that this type of treatment is particularly effective in warding against any hint of yellow on the nail.

"It looks like a new set all the time because we fill the white areas back in," she said. Plus the white powder does not easily chip off, she said.

In addition, the salon handles a selection of lotions and scrubs for the hands and feet and keeps a stock of cuticle oil on hand for customers to purchase.

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Viewpoints

Fame and infamy don't come without cost

Only three letters of the alphabet separate the words "fame" and "infamy," yet they are really opposites.

Fame occurs when someone becomes generally known beyond their circle of friends and acquaintances. People who are famous are generally well known or much talked about, according to one dictionary.

Fame is what athletes, entertainers, politicians and others in the public eye crave: Celebrity. They do not earn it by doing bad things, but by doing things which call attention to themselves.

Those bad things which attract public notice are reserved for infamy. One dictionary defines infamy as disgrace, dishonor, a very bad

reputation, and having great wickedness.

I have worked in a variety of jobs since my working days began. Sometimes, like now, I gain a small degree of notoriety because my name is printed in the newspaper on a regular basis. Other times, my job has entailed just the opposite. I have had to become what amounted to a shadow person because my job entailed making some people angry enough to want to seek revenge.

I have found advantages to both situations. It's nice to have name recognition. It pumps up the ego and makes me realize that at least people are reading some of what I write, whether or not they like it or agree with it.

It's also nice, however, to be able to lie low and be part of a small close-knit group with a common goal, to do a certain good for society. People in those situations generally develop strong ties with the others in their group and related groups, and do not interact with those outside their group.

They are reluctant to allow others into their circle, and operate quietly rather than through attention-getting to achieve their goals. They generally keep a low profile for security reasons and to be

more effective in their job.

I can't really say which lifestyle I prefer. I admit it is unnerving to have someone I don't remember ever having seen before come up to me and tell me who I am, and then give me their comments on something I wrote. It's also flattering and gratifying.

Sometimes, however, the attention isn't confined to giving me feedback. Once in a great while, I get a weird message on my voice mail. Or a letter from a prisoner. You get the idea.

So while I can't say I know

what it's like to be famous, I can imagine what some of it must be like.

I know quite a few people who seem to seek fame, whether as a big fish in a little pond, or in an even larger arena. I wish them well, but would like to caution them.

Anyone seeking fame through public and media attention should be reasonably confident that they have nothing to hide, nothing major which would at the very least embarrass them and at the very worst land them in involuntary confinement.

Once a person begins to actively court the attention of the public and the press, they may get more scrutiny than they bargained for. It is not a

game for the fainthearted or naive. And what is worse, sometimes those who are possessed of the most "goodness" are perceived or portrayed as ridiculous or ignorant or some other negative state.

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The moral of this story, I suppose, as some infamous people can tell you, is to be careful what you wish for.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2005. There are 326 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 8, 1915, D.W. Griffith's groundbreaking as well as controversial silent movie epic about the Civil War, "The Birth of a Nation," premiered in Los Angeles.

On this date:

In 1587, Mary, Queen of Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1904, the Russo-Japanese War, a conflict over control of Manchuria and Korea, began as Japanese forces attacked Port Arthur.

In 1910, the Boy Scouts of America was incorporated.

In 1922, President Harding had a radio installed in the White House.

In 1924, the first execution by gas in the United States took place at the Nevada State Prison in Carson City.

In 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

In 1974, the three-man crew of the Skylab space station returned to Earth after spending 84 days in space.

In 1989, 144 people were killed when an American-chartered Boeing 707 filled with Italian tourists slammed into a fog-covered mountain in the Azores.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council approved sending 7,000 peacekeepers to Angola to cement an accord ending 19 years of civil war. Surgeon General nominee Henry Foster said in an ABC interview he'd performed 39 abortions — more than three times as many as previously stated.

Five years ago: Internet vandals continued an unprecedented campaign of electronic assaults against the biggest names in cyberspace, disrupting access for consumers to popular Web sites including eBay, Amazon.com and CNN.com. Republican George W. Bush won the Delaware presidential primary.

One year ago: President Bush denied marching America into war under false pretenses and said in an interview on NBC's "Meet the Press" the U.S.-led invasion was necessary because Saddam Hussein could have developed a nuclear weapon.

'I wish to live because life has with it that which is good, that which is beautiful and that which is love.'

— Lorraine Hansberry
American author and dramatist (1930-1965)



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Twisting and shouting on the left

George W. Bush and James Dobson are both gutsy guys willing to take on terrorists or those who terrorize American culture. That's why they have enemies among establishment mediocrats who work to take down anyone who stands up.

Since press opponents will twist anything they say if given the opportunity, both have to be extraordinarily careful whenever they make public statements. They can't let anyone over-promise: President Bush has been lambasted because a PR aide stuck a "Mission Accomplished" banner behind him in 2003 when the tougher Iraq war was not ending, but beginning. They can't let down. The bashed brothers are always on stage.

President Bush has been careful in his statements specifically about Iraq to

emphasize that we are on a long, winding and sometimes deadly road. His recent comments about the Iraq election showed joy but not irrational exuberance. Many pundits have complained that the president overreached in his pro-democracy commitments on Jan. 20, but a president's reach often exceeds his grasp, or what's an Inaugural Address for?

Nevertheless, some full-court pressers persist in their claims that President Bush is dumb. First, he didn't know the names of world leaders. Then, he mispronounced them. Then, he didn't grasp the complexities. Then, he didn't understand sensitivi-

ties. Secular liberals who don't believe in right vs. wrong believe instead in smart vs. stupid, so rather than discuss values they prate about brains and look for opportunities to d e b a s e rather than debate.

The biggest twisting, unsurprisingly, comes when an evangelical like Dobson argues that we need strong families with a father and mother to train children to use freedom without abusing it. That's waving Red America before the lead bull of today's cultural left, the idea that people are normally polyamorous and that an emphasis on how God made us male and female leads to

"compulsory heterosexuality."

Dobson mentioned a sensational fact during an inaugural week speech in Washington: that a pro-gay group planned to use a video starring children's TV characters in schools nationwide during March to promote approval of homosexual conduct. When he referred to one of the characters in the video, SpongeBob Squarepants, the press frenzy began: Dobson the dope thinks Spongebob is gay.

Of course he said nothing of the sort. Of course he was immediately Quaylized (as when Dan Quayle criticized the fictional TV character Murphy Brown for promoting single parenthood). And of course he will eventually be vindicated, as was Quayle

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They say now that there is no crisis with the Social Security system, but it was a crisis during the Clinton Administration when he was going to put together a panel to look for a solution to the problems. It was a problem then, the Democrats recognized that it was at the time,

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Dems only believe in selective strikes

Last week President Bush delivered his official State of the Union speech. Unofficially it was a funeral oration for what the Democrat Party has become.

He laid it out in a very matter-of-fact, very succinct and easy-to-understand manner. One of his biggest assets is his ability to make it easy for people to understand where he wants to go and where he thinks we need to be and how to get there.

Unfortunately he's working with a bunch of dummies back in Washington who sit on their hands most of the time, and people like Nancy Pelosi who came into the House chamber with the president, all smiles, as if she were his biggest fan and

closest collaborator — when for three days she had been doing nothing but lambasting the president about a speech he had not yet given.

The Democrats, it seems,

do not believe in pre-emptive strikes, unless they are aimed at the president. In their response they showed once again that they have no ideas of their own. I like the way Peggy Noonan put it in the Wall Street Journal recently. "As for the Democratic response," she wrote, "Harry Reid looks and talks like a small-town undertaker

whom you want to trust but wonder about, especially when he says the deceased would love the brass handles."

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Wisconsin supermarket IDs everyone buying alcohol, smokes

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Betty Ann Fischer has been old enough to buy liquor for more than 50 years. So the 71-year-old was a little surprised when a grocery store clerk asked her for some ID before selling her a bottle of wine.

The identification checks at all Pick 'N Save and Copps food stores in Wisconsin are part of a new policy by Roundy's Inc. requiring cashiers to check the age of everyone buying cigarettes or alcohol — regardless of whether they look 21 or 91.

"The first time it was a sweet young man, and I laughed because I thought he was trying to pay me a sweet compliment. But then he said, 'No I'm serious,'" Fischer said. "I thought he was just joshing with me."

'I would be insulted as an employee, that I had to check someone who's 70 years old buying a six-pack of beer.'

— Paul Esslinger
City councilor

Roundy's said it started its "We Care Because We Care" program in its 77 stores in Wisconsin, nearly all of which are Pick 'N Save or Copps, to prevent underage drinking and tobacco use and to help local law

enforcement. Instead, the policy has generated complaints from customers, newspaper columnists and even city officials.

Paul Esslinger, an Oshkosh city councilor, complained to a Pick 'N Save manager after a cashier asked him for ID and told him it was because of a state law.

"I would be insulted as an employee, that I had to check someone who's 70 years old buying a six-pack of beer," Esslinger said. "I would want to tell management, 'Don't you think I know that a 70-year-old person can purchase alcohol?'"

That's how Rita Kaczorek felt when she was asked her for ID for the first time in years.

"The first time it happened, I truly was

flattered. I thought, 'Wow, this is great.' After that it became a nuisance," said Kaczorek, 74. "When you get this old, come on! It's just silly."

The National Association of Beverage Retailers, which represents 20,000 bar and liquor store owners in 34 states, does not know of another major chain with a similar companywide policy, spokesman John Bodnovich said. He said most retailers require ID from people who look under 30 or 40, but carding everyone protects the store and the cashier from liability.

Roundy's spokeswoman Lynn Guyer provided a news release on the policy but did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press for comment.



101 project

Kindergartners at Travis Elementary School recently celebrated "101 School Days." Their theme was "101 Dalmatians." To help them learn to count to 100, the students count school days at the calendar each day. When they reach 100, they bring 100 items to school, sort them into rows of 10 and count them. On the next day, the concept of what comes after 100 is practiced with "101" activities including a puppy parade. The students made puppy ears, complete with spots, and constructed a bone dog collar with their puppy's name on it. Cara Morris, a retired teacher from Travis, has played the part of Cruella DeVil for the past 10 years. Above: Travis kindergarten teachers Kristie Troxell, far left, Pat Stucker, third from far right, and Marsha Coffee, far right, with Morris.

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(once safely removed from office) by an article titled, "Dan Quayle was right." But in the short run among those with short attention spans, the word went forth: Christian leaders are idiots.

The New York Times, unsurprisingly, led the way on this. Columnist Maureen Dowd's malicious megaphone shouted out the news that "Dobson outed SpongeBob," and then quoted a Nickelodeon spokesman as saying, "It's a sponge, for crying out loud." Lots of other journalists did the same. But Dowd went on to use

Dobson's remark as a way of renewing her attack on "Bush's brain," purportedly filled "with sugary visions of a quick and painless Iraq makeover." She described "the lovable and malleable president" who merely soaks up the ideas around him, "almost like a sponge. SpongeBush SquarePants ... lives in a bubble in

D.C./absorbent and shallow and porous is he!"

Christians and conservatives can find good news and bad news in such mockery. The good news is political: As long as Dowdists are unable to engage arguments and instead depend on ridicule, the left will not rise again in American politics. The bad news is cultural: Those peo-

ple who believe that people like Bush and Dobson are idiots are less likely to hear and absorb their message of personal and cultural renewal. More people need to understand the games secular liberals play. Here's one rule-of-thumb: No matter how bad a story sounds — particularly if it sounds bad — recognize the pattern of defamation.

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and nothing happened. Now when the GOP is doing something about it, they say there is no problem.

The president nailed them when he pointed out that the Congress makes a choice for its members to put money into their own thrift plan, but they do not want the

American people to have what they have.

The fact of the matter is the Democrats don't want the problems of Social Security solved. They see it as their issue and trot it out every election year, warning the American people that those rascally Republicans want to abolish Social Security and drive senior citizens into the poor house. They'd rather have an issue than a solution.

The only debate on the issues today is between various factions of the GOP — right, middle and left — the Democrats have no plans, no ideas and no future.

As I listened to the president I thought that my father would have been blown away by the way George Bush is handling all the slings and arrows aimed at him. He learned his lessons studying Ronald Reagan, and he is taking them to

another level.

Ronald Reagan ended the Cold War despite the efforts of many Democrats to thwart his moves against the Soviet Union's drive to conquer the world. This president will win the war on terrorism, despite the efforts of the Democrats to stand in his way on the road to victory.

The Democrats' behavior that night — booing, refusing to join standing ovations, sitting there sullenly — showed

they haven't learned a thing from their utter defeat, losing both houses of Congress, doomed to be a minority party on Capitol Hill for ages to come, and losing the White House. The late Dodger manager Charley Dressen once said of his team's great rival, "The Giants is dead."

It doesn't take a coroner to say today that the Democrats are too.

Calendar items

• **Texas CattleWomen** are currently sponsoring a statewide scholarship for high school students called the Pat Grote Memorial Scholarship. Applicants must be a 2005 graduating senior at a Texas high school or equivalent institution and must be accepted into an agricultural-related field at a Texas college or university for the 2005 fall semester. The deadline for applications to be returned to Amy Brainard, P.O. Box 570, Canadian, TX 79014, is Feb. 18. For more information, visit www.texascattlewomen.org on the Internet or call Brainard at (806) 323-6397.

• **Texas Cooperative Extension** in Ochiltree County will sponsor a beginning futures and options workshop for area producers from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Feb. 18 at the Ochiltree County Expo Center in Perryton. Dr. Steve Amosson will be the instructor for the course which will provide basic information to producers about using futures and options in marketing. The registration fee is \$10. To

register or for more information, call Scott Strawn by Feb. 16 at (806) 435-4501.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance**, featuring Mike Porter, is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Sportsman Club on South Barnes Street. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **North American Grain Congress**, the first joint conference of National Association of Wheat Growers and National Grain Sorghum Producers, will be Feb. 19-22, 2005, at John Ascuaga's Nugget Hotel & Casino in Reno, Nev. Register by Feb. 1 for an early birth discount. To register, log onto www.graincongress.org on the World Wide Web.

• **The Second Annual Playwrights Showcase** of the Western Region is Aug. 12-14, 2005, at Red Rocks Community College in Lakewood, Colo. The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2005. Registration forms

and more information are available at www.rccc.edu/playwright-showcase on the Internet.

• **Christian Fine Arts Society** is conducting a free religious poetry contest with a \$1,000 grand prize. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 9588 Thornbush Lane Fishers, IN 46038 or go to www.freecontest.com. The deadline to enter is Feb. 26. Be sure your name and address appears on the page with your poem.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: March 24, First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster, and March 29, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa; and March 1, Lefors Civic Center, 103 N. Court, Lefors. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more infor-

mation, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Residents have until March 9 to order seedlings** from Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The seedlings will be offered at a nominal cost. Wildlife packets containing 25 seedlings each of four different varieties to enhance quail, pheasant, deer, turkey and squirrel populations are available. The district will also be offering a limited variety of larger hardwoods. For more information or to obtain an order form, contact Gray Co. SWCD at 665-1751, ext. 102.

• **Chapter C.S. P.E.O. Sisterhood** will present a book review with Carol Smith Headrick at 2 p.m. March 20 in M.K. Brown Auditorium's Heritage Room. The book under review will be "Anatomy of Me," an autobiography of best-selling author of the mid-20th Century Fanny Hurst. Tickets will be available at the door before the event or may be purchased in advance by calling 665-7064.

Financial

Japan closer to lifting beef ban

TOKYO (AP) — Japan moved a step closer to partially lifting a ban on U.S. beef imports after a government panel on Tuesday accepted U.S. assurances that a specific grade of U.S. beef would be free of mad cow disease.

The panel's decision, if accepted by the government, will clear the way for Japan to begin importing U.S. grade A40 beef, which comes primarily from cattle aged 12 to 17 months.

Panel member Akihiro Okitani, a professor at the Nippon Veterinary and Animal Science University, told reporters that there was a high probability that meat of this grade was free of mad cow disease.

Japan imposed a ban on U.S. beef imports in December 2003 after the United States dis-

covered its first case of the fatal brain-wasting illness, known formally as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, in a Washington state Holstein cow.

Okitani praised information that U.S. researchers provided the panel to help it make its decision.

"The U.S. researchers came up with highly reliable data," Okitani said. He added it was now up to the Japanese government to decide whether to lift the ban on beef imports.

Before the ban, Japan was the most lucrative overseas market for U.S. beef producers, buying \$1.7 billion worth of beef in 2003.

The two sides tentatively agreed late last year to resume imports of beef products from cows younger than 21 months.

Wife of former pol running for office

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — The wife of former U.S. senator and ambassador Robert Krueger is putting her own name on a ballot.

Kathleen Krueger, 46, filed Monday to run for the District 5 seat on the New

Braunfels City Council.

The seat is now held by Mayor Pro Tem Lee Rodriguez, who has already served two three-year terms and is barred from running for the seat again by a City Charter term limitation.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: In 1964, I read a column of your mother's that hit home with me. It was about a man leaving his wife, a lady, for a tramp. I was enduring a similar situation at that time, and my mother cut the column out and gave it to me to comfort me. The clipping, now fragile and yellowed with age, was a contributing factor in my healing.

Now I'd like to do the same for others who are experiencing my pain. There appears to be an epidemic of spousal infidelity here.

It would help them if you would reprint that article. Curiosity prompts me to inquire whether professionals were consulted regarding that inspired response. Would you please consider printing it again? -- **LONG-TIME READER IN NEW YORK**

DEAR LONGTIME READER: No professional was consulted; my mother was a woman of great insight. The letter first appeared in 1964. It is one of my favorites, and I'm pleased to reprint it. Read on:

"DEAR ABBY: Why will a married man pick up a tramp and treat her like a lady, then turn around and treat his wife (who is a lady) like a tramp? -- **MINNIE**

"DEAR MINNIE: A man picks up a tramp because he wants a female companion who is no better than he is. In her company, he doesn't feel inferior. He rewards her by treating her like a lady.

"He treats his wife (who is a lady) like a tramp because he feels that by degrading her, he will bring her down to his level. This makes him feel guilty, so to get even with his wife for making him feel guilty, he keeps right on punishing her."

Years later, a reader asked, "What is the difference between a lady and a tramp?" Mother was stumped, so she asked the readers for their

input. Their answers were enlightening — and reviewing them is like looking into a time capsule.

"The difference between a lady and tramp? About three drinks." -- **TENDS BAR IN MILWAUKEE**

"A lady goes out, goes home and goes to bed. A tramp goes out, goes to bed, then goes home." -- **MURPH**

"There's no difference. Kipling said, 'The Colonel's lady and Judy O'Grady are sisters under their skin.'" -- **F.C.H. IN TEXARKANA**

"The difference between a lady and a tramp is men with big mouths." -- **MET A FEW**

"A lady draws a line. The tramp falls for it." -- **ROBERT BYRNE**

"A lady is chaste. A tramp is chased." -- **ROBERT FROM SAN DIEGO**

"There are no tramps. Only lonely ladies." -- **MARGIE FROM MANSFIELD**

"A lady lies around and sleeps. A tramp sleeps around and lies." -- **J.S. IN ASHLAND, ORE.**

"You pay a tramp in advance — but a lady costs more in the long run." -- **WESTPORT PETE**

"A lady is the female you're living with right now. A tramp is the one you used to live with." -- **CHICAGOAN**

"A lady lives for a loving. A tramp loves for a living." -- **CHUCK IN FAWN GROVE, PA.**

"A 'lady' is the woman my father left. A 'tramp' is the woman he left her for." -- **STILL MAD AFTER 14 YEARS**

"The difference between a lady and a tramp is discretion. I should know. I've been both." -- **RICH AND FAMOUS**

"There is no difference. Both are the children of God." -- **KENNETH A. FRITCHMAN, HELLMAN, PA.**

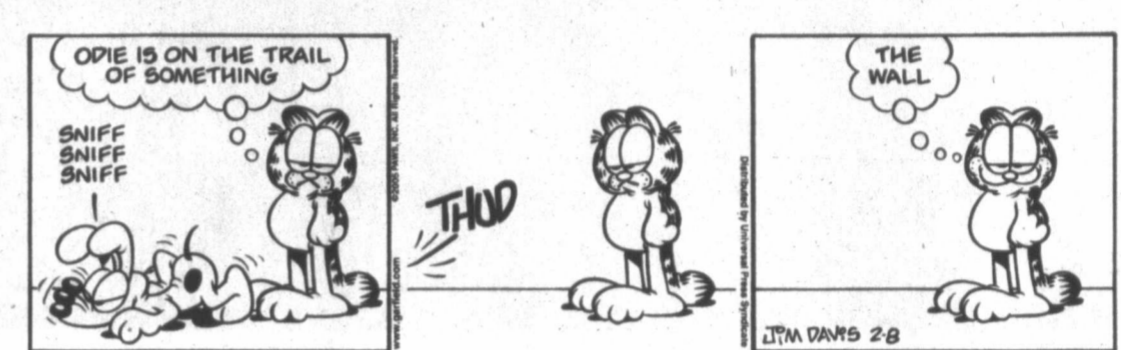
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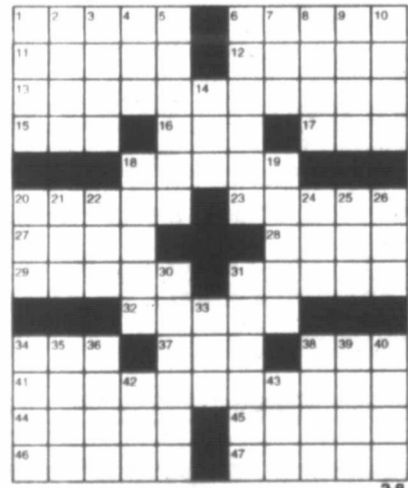
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Vicky
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Radishes are red
Berries are blue
Peaches are sweet
And so are you!

Maiya
3rd grade

You're the apple of my eye.

Connor
3rd grade

I carrot lot about you.
Lettuce ketchup with our relationship because, we're a good pear.

Ismael
6th grade

Your grape personality makes my heart beet with love. I have raised your celery because no one compares with you. You always turnip at the right place. My love for you is sublime and I just corn't get enough of you. You're plum fantastic.

Caroline
4th grade

Olive you forever.
You can't beet love. Orange you glad we're together?

Cheyenne
5th grade

Orange you going to kiss me?

Cierra
4th grade

I berry my love around you.

Emily
4th grade

It's bean a year since you were my Valentine.

Izzy
4th grade

Bananas are yellow, cotton candy is green, I'm going to be your Valentine and I won't be mean.

Brandon
3rd grade

Pineapples are yellow

Bananas are too
Will you be my Valentine?
Because I love you!

Michelle
3rd grade

From the desk of Max McNumber

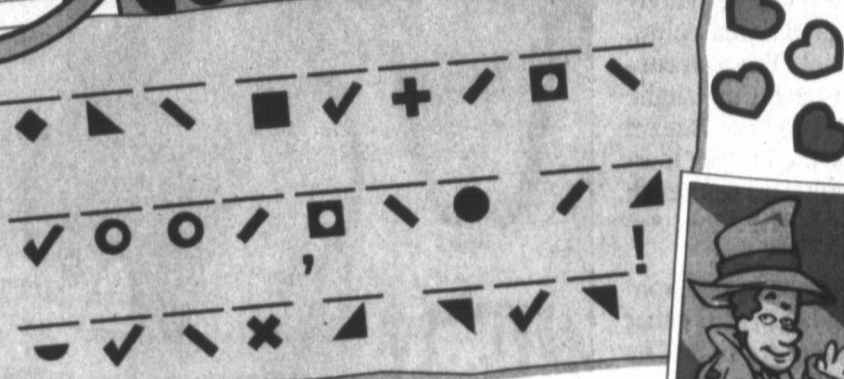
The shiny police car pulled up in front of the school. Children stopped their games to run and see what was happening.

A police officer jumped out of the car and rushed a package over to one of the teachers and said, "This is for my son."

"Joey, you have a Valentine package!" yelled the teacher.

Surprised, Joey looked up and said, "That's not my father."

Who is it?



Standards Link: Language Arts/Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Broken Heart Puzzle

Cut out these shapes. Can you put them together to make a heart? What does the Valentine message say?

Standards Link: Language Arts/Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step written directions.

Sweet Math

Help Max figure out the flavor of each candy below by solving the math problems. Draw a line to connect the hearts of the same flavor.

- 8 = Lemon
- 9 = Berry
- 6 = Banana
- 7 = Orange
- 3 = Grape

Math problems in heart shapes: $10-2$, $4+3$, $8-2$, $3+5$, $2+1$, $5-2$, $9-2$, $13-4$, $7-4$, $6+3$, $15-9$, $9-2$, $19-11$, $14-7$, $3+3$.

Top Secret Valentine

Make a Top Secret Valentine Puzzle for your special Valentine. Here's how to do it:

Instructions for making a Top Secret Valentine puzzle, including cutting a heart shape, writing a message, and putting pieces in an envelope.

Racing Hearts

How many hearts can you find on this page in 30 seconds? Now have a friend try. Who found the most?

Extra! Extra!

Find an unusual gift in the newspaper that you would give to someone to express, "I love you!"

Find something in the newspaper that you would call "a sweet deal."

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Heart Patterns

Circle the heart that comes next in each row.

Four rows of heart patterns for a visual discrimination task.

Standards Link: Math/Probability: Extend simple patterns.

Double Double Word Search

- VALENTINE
- SECRET
- MESSAGE
- HEART
- PINK
- BROKEN
- PACKAGE
- SWEET
- PROBLEMS
- FATHER
- CANDY
- ENVELOPE
- BANANA
- LOVE
- RED

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

A word search grid containing the words listed on the left.

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

Write On!

I built my house of ...

Finish this sentence and then write five details about your house.

Deadline: March 6, 2005
Published: Week of April 3, 2005
Send your story to:

Please include your school and grade.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Heartless

Look through the newspaper for an example of someone who was "heartless" or totally lacking compassion or caring. What could they have done differently to be a caring or kind person?

Standards Link: Character Education: Identify positive and negative character traits.

Illustration of a man and a woman talking. Text: "What did the artist say to her Valentine?"

ANSWER: "I love you with all my art."

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Sports Day

PJH wins 3 of 4

Last night at the Pampa Jr. High gyms the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams faced rival Westover of Canyon. It was the last game for the 7th grade basketball teams as they completed the 2004/2005 basketball season. The Green Teams took three of four games from the Warriors.

The 7th A team continued to play well against district opponents, defeating Westover 53-32. Alex Clendenning lead the GT with 21 points, 17 rebounds and four assists. Ryan Jimenez had 13 points, three assists and three steals. Braden Hunt tossed in 10 points and Travis Haggerman scored five points and pulled down eight boards. The A team outscored Westover in every quarter and never trailed in the game.

It's been an outstanding year for the A team as they went undefeated against district opponents in the regular season and finished second in the district tournament.

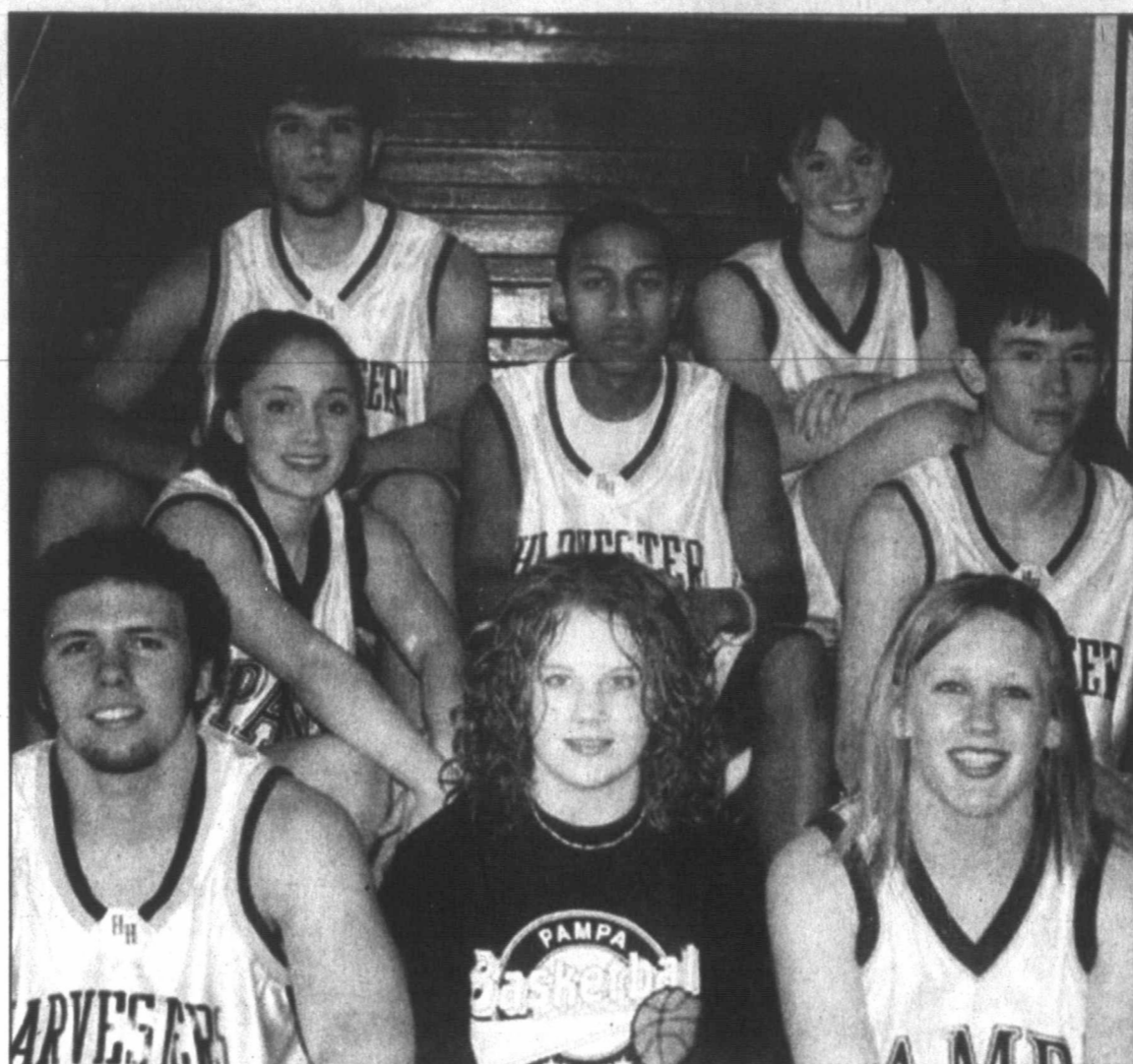
The 7th B team lost to the Warriors 30-55. They just couldn't seem to get things going. However, Zach Shaw had his best game of the year as he poured in 17 points to lead the B team. Anthony Allen had another solid performance as he scored seven points, grabbed six rebounds, and had three steals. Uriel Diaz also continued to play well and scored six points. As Coach Cav taught, success is not always measured on the score board. The B team improved every game and won Consolation in the District tournament this past weekend in Dumas. Congratulations to the 7th grade A and B teams for a great basketball season. The future certainly looks bright for Harvester basketball.

The 8th grade boys teams took two hard-fought games from the Westover Warriors. The A or B teams had not beaten either Westover team this year, so it was a sweet victory for both. The B team got things started off by holding on to beat the Warriors 46-43. The B team was playing without big man Dan Kirkland in the middle who was out with a knee injury. Raymond Cox, Johnathon Anguiano, Cody Newton and Brett Powell fought hard all night against a big Warrior front line.

The B team trailed most of the night, but fought back in the 4th quarter, gained a lead and would not let go of it. Heath Skinner lead all scoring with 17 points and a huge 9 of 12 from the free throw line. Micheal Loughmiller came in off of the bench and scored eight points, Cobron Harris had two big 3's to score six and Britt Powell chipped in six points as well. The outcome wasn't decided until the last five seconds of the game as a last second shot by the Warriors was blocked to preserve the victory.

The A team's contest was just as much of a nail-biter as the earlier game. The GT was behind in the first half 20-25, but held the Warriors to just four points in the 3rd quarter compared to 15 for the GT to take the lead. The game would go back and forth the rest of the game before the GT would gain and then extend its lead to 10 to win the game 55-45.

Byron Smith had a huge first quarter when he scored 10 of his 11 points, all in the paint. Blake Seick led all scorers with 13 and six of nine from the line. Thomas Fraser and Matt Smith both scored 8 and Fraser went five of seven from the line. Hayden Skinner also tossed in seven points. Perimeter defense was a big factor in tonight's victory. The last time these two teams met, Westover hit 9 three pointers — tonight only three — and those came in the second quarter. Free throws were also a big factor tonight. The GT was held to only one made shot from the field in the 4th quarter, but they converted 12 of 17 from the free throw line. Once again Smith, Smith and Fraser dominated the offensive and defensive boards and Matt Smith had some big blocked shots in the game. It was a great team win. This was the last regular season game for both teams. They will play in the District Tournament in Pampa this Thursday and Saturday. The A team will begin play at 4 p.m. and the B team at 7:45 p.m.



Tonight is Senior Night at The Pit. Players will be honored during half-time of each game. Pictured are (from left to right), bottom row- Brittin East, manager Jesse Horn and Lindsey Ammons. Middle row- Lauren Winkleman, Julian Salazar and Clayton Hall. Top row- Brandon Johnston and Jaclyn Spearman.

Leal earns trip to El Paso

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa wrestling team competed in the district tournament held at River Road High School over the weekend.

And despite strong performance by many of the Harvesters, only the top two finishers from each weight class would advance to Regionals.

Richard Leal will do just that thanks to an 11-1 first round win over Anthony Chavez of Boys Ranch.

Leal lost to Calvin King in the championship match, but his second place finish overall allowed him to advance.

Said Coach Cadenhead, "I was real pleased with the way we took the fight to the other wrestlers all day long. It was a long season for some of us, but I truly believe that with the heart these guys have, we can continue to make great strides in our program."

Regionals will be held this weekend in El Paso.

Other top finishers for Pampa this past weekend were:

- 103 pound- Richard Leal, 2nd Place
- 112 pound- Scotty Brown, 4th Place
- 119 pound- Matt Railsback, 4th Place
- 152 Pound- John Burns, 3rd Place
- 160 pound- Stephen McCarly, 4th Place
- 189 pound- Jesse Marcum, 3rd Place
- 215 pound- Chris Veal, 4th Place

One left for the ladies; boys in playoff dogfight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa High School's Lady Harvester basketball team will take the floor at The Pit tonight with the chance to end their regular season at 15-15, 7-3.

What's more, the girls know this is not the last game of the season. Pampa is heading to the playoffs after tonight.

The Lady Harvesters host Dumas tonight. That game will get started at 6 p.m.

The boy's varsity team however is part of a logjam of contenders vying for two playoff spots.

With Palo Duro's district championship and playoff well in hand, Pampa — along with Hereford, Caprock and Randall — are all scrambling for second and third.

And with only three games left, it is most

definitely crunch time.

The Harvesters took it on the playoff chin last week, suffering two straight road losses to Randall and Caprock respectively.

Though no game is given in this district, Pampa should make up some ground tonight at home against Dumas.

They will face Palo Duro Friday night at The Pit.

Harvester coach Jeff Reed may be something of a Dons fan tonight as Palo Duro is hosting Caprock.

Randall is hosting Hereford tonight. The loser of that game will fall to 3-5 in District 3-4A.

NOTES:

Game time: Lady Harvesters at 6 p.m., boys at 7:30 p.m.

On-air: AM 1230 KGRO

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District soccer play to begin

Pampa High School soccer team players, #2 Nick Robbins — Junior; #6 Andrew Fraser — Senior; and #7 Mark Murray — Senior display their winning form at a recent game. The district schedule begins today against Randall High School. Both boys and girls teams will play here at 4:15 p.m. this afternoon.

Pampa and River Road scrimmage here today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Head coach Dennis Doughty and his Pampa Harvester baseball team will get the preseason underway this afternoon with a scrimmage game at home against River Road. That game will get underway at 4 p.m.

Doughty and his staff have reason to be excited about the upcoming season, as his Harvesters will return seven starters from last year, including the entire pitching staff.

Tonight's scrimmage will give Doughty an opportunity further evaluate his players and how they perform against some one not wearing a Pampa uniform. Specifically, Coach Doughty wants to work on the pitching staff.

The Harvesters will start the regular season Feb 24-26 when they compete in the Borger tournament.

PHS tennis team sees tough competition at Wichita Falls

The Pampa Harvester Tennis team traveled to Wichita Falls over the weekend to compete in the Coyote Classic Tennis Tournament, where they faced some tough competition.

"This tournament had some of the best competition that we have seen all year, with many of the teams from the Dallas Metroplex area as well as Oklahoma," said Coach Josh Freeman. "We were very proud of all of our players, since for some of them, it was their very first varsity tournament."

Individual results are as follows:

Boys Doubles:
Crow/Foreman (Pampa): def. Carlson/Womack (Grapevine) Injury; lost to

Skuta/Cottingham (Edmond North) 6-3,6-3; lost to Johnson/Solly (San Angelo Central) 6-1,6-3; lost to Maush/Theta (WFHS) 2-6,7-5 (10-7); def. Ratloff/Bernus (Lub. Monterrey) 6-3,6-4

Frels/ Morris (Pampa): lost to Radloff/Bernus (Lub. Monterrey) 6-1,6-0; won by bye; lost to Natividad/Adams (Ama. High) 6-3,6-1; lost to Newport/Young (Ada) 6-4,6-4; lost to Carlson/Womack (Grapevine) 6-1,6-4

Boys Singles:
Adam Gonzales (Pampa): lost to Louitt (WFHS) 6-0,6-0; def. Fowler (Ada) 5-7,6-4,(11-9); lost to Womack (Grapevine) 6-0,6-1; lost to Michaels (Rider) 6-3,6-0; lost to

Raymond (Vernon) 6-4, 4-6, (12-10)
Philip Rodriguez (Pampa): lost to (Ada) 6-4,6-2; lost to Baird (Ama High) 6-0,6-1; lost to Condren (Lub. Monterrey) 4-6,6-2,(10-2); lost to Gunter (Edmond North) 7-6,6-4; lost to Sires (Ada) 6-4,6-2

Girls Doubles:
Stowers/Clark (Pampa): def. Thomas/Coble (Vernon) 3-6,6-2,(10-7) lost to Thacker/Porter (WFHS) 6-1,6-0; lost to Novak/Carlson (Ama High) 6-2,6-1; lost to Cobb/Brock (Lub. Monterrey) 6-4, 6-2; lost to Holcomb/St. John (Rider) 6-4,4-6,6-2
Patterson/Knowles: lost to Thomason/Sizemore (Ama High) 6-0,6-0; lost

to Clubb/Anderson (Ada) 6-1,6-2; won by bye; lost to Carnley/Irwin (Grapevine) 6-4,6-1; lost to Salcido/Killingsworth (San Angelo Central) 7-6,6-2

Girls Singles:
Lacie Long(Pampa): def. Skuta (Edmond North) 6-1,6-0; lost to Porter (WFHS) 6-0,6-0; lost to Rhynes (Ada) 6-2,6-1; lost to Zunker (Vernon) 2-6,7-5,6-3; def. Acker (Pampa) 6-1,6-0

Haley Acker (Pampa): def. O'Connor (San Angelo) 6-3,4-6, (10-2); lost to Kimball (WFHS) 6-0,6-3; lost to Landers (Southlake Carroll) 6-3,6-0; lost to Bradley (WFHS) 6-0,6-0; lost to Long (Pampa) 6-1,6-0

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2005:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 *** Take your time, and though impulsiveness might push you, your patience will be rewarded. Certainly an awareness illuminates a key relationship in your life. Tonight: Early to bed.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** News or perhaps even gossip puts a new slant on a personal matter. You might not have all the answers, but you definitely know what is off or wrong. Adjust directions accordingly. You can and will make good decisions. Tonight: Find your friends.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** A financial associate or partner could give you quite a kick, if you let him or her. You might have interpreted a money agreement quite differ-

ently. Take command and do what is right rather than what you want to do. Tonight: You cannot cancel plans.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** How you view others could change. One person in particular could be belligerent and difficult. You must choose the high road rather than participate in a petty squabble. Don't make it your style to bicker over insignificant details. Tonight: Choose a mind-relaxing activity.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Working with one other person might prove to be an efficient way to clear out additional work. You are driven beyond your normal energy or desire to clear out extra work. You could make a mistake if you're not careful. Tonight: Special time with a loved one.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** You find answers that energize you and work creatively. Though others could challenge you at first, they give you another perspective. Open doors and allow more feedback. You'll come up with a tighter plan. Tonight: You cook up the idea; someone else says "yes."
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** All work and no play might not be what the doctor ordered, but it's what you must do. Use your high energy where it counts. Know when to say "enough" to a difficult roommate or family member. Tonight: Loosen up with some kickboxing or jogging.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Just because you see a matter one way and someone else sees it differently doesn't make either of you right or wrong. New insights open doors and help you brainstorm. An answer or solution comes forth that

both of you can work with. Tonight: Go with spontaneous.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** What you consider to be a dubious situation could cost you a lot if you are not careful. Not everyone looks at situations as you do. Erratic behavior involving a domestic matter or real estate could land you in trouble. Tonight: Curl up at home.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Your energy might have greater influence than you thought possible. Be reasonable with an eccentric associate or a plan that keeps changing. Remember, you will be all the better from learning how to flex. Tonight: A neighborhood restaurant for a bite to eat.
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Four generations of the same family got together for this picture recently. Above: Bill Tuke, Meredith House resident, with his great-great-grandson Harley Organ, his daughter Linda Frost, his granddaughter, Janene Lucas and his great-granddaughter Kaleigh Lucas.

Britain

Dolly the sheep scientist receives cloning license

LONDON (AP) — The British government Tuesday gave the creator of Dolly the Sheep a license to clone human embryos for medical research into the cause of motor neuron disease.

Ian Wilmut, who led the team that created Dolly at Scotland's Roslin Institute in 1996, and motor neuron expert Christopher Shaw of the Institute of Psychiatry in London, plan to clone embryos to study how nerve cells go awry to cause the disease. The experiments do not involve creating cloned babies.

It is the second such license approved since Britain became the first country to legalize research cloning in 2001. The first was granted in August to a team that hopes to use cloning to create insulin-producing cells that could be transplanted into diabetics.

Dr. Brian Dickie, director of research at the London-based Motor Neuron Disease Association, said the latest decision by the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority means "we are a step closer to medical research that has the potential to revolutionize the future treatment of neuron disease," an incurable muscle-wasting condition that afflicts about 350,000 people and kills some 100,000 each year.

While the latest project would not use the stem cells to correct the disease, the study of the cells is expected to help scientists develop future treatments, according to the Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority, which regulates such research and approved the license.

Stem cells are the master cells of the

body. They appear when embryos are just a few days old and go on to develop into every type of cell and tissue in the body. Scientists hope to be able to extract the stem cells from embryos when they are in their blank state and direct them to form any desired cell type to treat a variety of diseases, ranging from Parkinson's to diabetes.

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— London-based Comment on Reproductive Ethics

Getting the cells from an embryo that is cloned from a sick patient could allow scientists to track how diseases develop and provide genetically matched cell transplants that do not cause the immune systems to reject the transplant.

Such work, called therapeutic cloning because it does not result in a baby, is opposed by abortion foes and other biological conservatives because researchers must destroy human embryos to harvest the cells.

Cloning opponents decried the license Tuesday, saying the technique is dangerous, undesirable and unnecessary.

"What a sad and extraordinary volte face (turnaround) for the pioneer of animal cloning," said the London-based Comment on Reproductive Ethics. "Wilmut has always been the loudest voice in recent years warning of the dangers of mammalian cloning. And we remember how in the years following the birth of Dolly the Sheep, he assured the world he would never go near human cloning."

Wilmut has repeatedly condemned the idea of human cloning to create babies, but not so-called therapeutic cloning.

Loophole dismays victims of voyeurism

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jeffrey Swisher was caught using a videocamera to peer up the skirts of teenagers at a mall, and law enforcement officials were eager to put him behind bars for a long time.

His punishment: 10 days in jail. A loophole in Virginia law meant prosecutors were only able to convict Swisher of disorderly conduct.

Prosecutors across the country are vexed by similar loopholes preventing them from imposing harsh — or often any — punishments on similar defendants. Victims of video voyeurism are often horrified to find out that what has happened to them isn't even illegal in most states.

"It was really frustrating and depressing," said Jolene Jang of Seattle, who was secretly filmed at a festival five years ago by a man who

lowered his camera to shoot up her dress. "I felt helpless."

The Internet has only exacerbated the problem. Type the words "upskirt" and "downblouse" into the search engine Google, and millions of Web sites pop up.

Lawmakers nationwide have begun to respond, reworking laws written before advancements in camera technology led to a boom in digital voyeurism.

Most states with video voyeurism laws prohibit unauthorized videotaping or photographing of people who are in private areas, such as dressing rooms, or in situations where they have "a reasonable expectation of privacy."

The description has been too broad for several state courts, which have ruled people do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy underneath their clothing

when they're in public.

That's what happened in Jang's case: In 2002, the Washington state Supreme Court ruled that taking pictures up a woman's skirt in a public place isn't illegal. The decision prompted a public outcry and lawmakers quickly amended the law.

Lawmakers in California amended a state law in 2000 to better address video voyeurism; Hawaii lawmakers amended their privacy law in 2002.

Swisher's case highlighted the loophole in Virginia's law.

"It's certainly immoral, it's certainly wrong, but under the code, it's just not a written offense," said Del. John Cosgrove, who is sponsoring a bill that would close the loophole. "We're trying to tighten the code so some pervert isn't able to do that."

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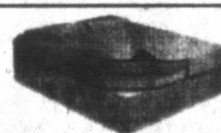
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