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## Spring elections off and running

*Last-minute filings make races for all but one city, school spots*

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Only one candidate remains unchallenged in the city and school board races, with three positions up for election for each governing body.

Deadline for filing as a candidate was 5 p.m. Monday for each of the six offices. Lance DeFever, incumbent Place 2 trustee on the Pampa Independent School District Board of Education, is the only candidate for his slot on the board, and the only candidate running unopposed.

Dana Terry has filed as a candidate for Place 3 on the school board, challenging Kenneth Cargill for the seat currently held by Jay Johnson, who did not file for re-election.

Derrel DeLoach is running against incumbent John Curry for Place 1 on the school board.

A three-way contest is shaping up among incumbent Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins and challengers Paulette Hinkle and Monty Danner.

Incumbent Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon gained an opponent when Lana Miller filed for his position on the Pampa City Commission yesterday.

Jeff McCormick, incumbent Ward 1 city commissioner, is facing Brad Pingel.

Early voting in the city and school board elections will be April 20 through May 3.

Early voting in the city election will be 8 a.m. to 5

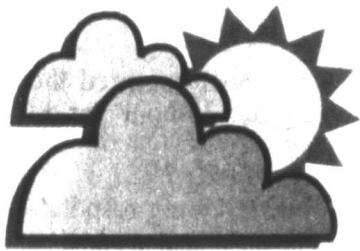
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

**Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers checks the candidate filing form submitted by Mayor Lonny Robbins in his bid for re-election. Deadline for filing as a candidate in the city and school board elections was 5 p.m. yesterday.**

### Today's weather



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### Deaths

Enzena 'Ann' Saville  
 Lytton, 82, artist.

John C. Schwind, 82.

### Odds & Ends

**BANGKOK, Thailand (AP)** — Motorists in the Thai capital are having the last laugh: More than 600 policemen have temporarily lost the right to issue tickets after failing a test on traffic law.

The police department last month tested 4,475 officers on their knowledge of traffic law, and almost one in seven failed to show adequate knowledge, said Maj. Gen. Montree Jamroon, a deputy commander of the Metropolitan Police Bureau.

"A total of 665, accounting for about 14 per cent of the traffic policemen in Bangkok, failed the test on traffic law and they will not be allowed to issue tickets until they pass," he said.

Those who failed the test would have to take it again within six months, said Montree.

Bangkok drivers have long complained about the seemingly arbitrary enforcement of traffic laws.

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)** — In the eyes of one Missouri legislator, the show-me state needs to tone down its image — as far as the adult entertainment industry is concerned.

"Travelers in our state are being sent a signal that Missouri is a porn-friendly state," said State Sen. Matt Bartle. To combat that, Bartle has sponsored a measure for a sin tax.

The proposal cleared the state Senate with little debate on Monday. The legislation needs another vote to move to the House.

Under the bill, tipping strippers would be illegal, as would any physical contact between exotic dancers and their customers. Total nudity would be banned, and no one under 21 could work in such businesses.

The legislation also would impose a \$5 per customer charge for sexually oriented businesses, from strip clubs to adult bookstores, and a 20 percent tax on revenues.



**Jeanna Miller, Texas Classroom Teachers Association president-elect and an educator with Pampa Independent School District, right, meets with Texas Governor Rick Perry.**

## Pampa teachers meet with top state officials

AUSTIN — Texas Classroom Teachers Association Board of Directors, including two Pampa educators, met with Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Commissioner of Education Shirley Neeley last week.

Jeanna Miller, TCTA president-elect, and Carrie Johnson, a District 16 director, along with Connie White of Amarillo, also a District 16 director, were among 58 members of the board that met privately with Gov. Perry and Neeley for a briefing on what some lawmakers think about education issues. The group also asked questions.

Perry spoke on the current debate over public school funding, telling teachers the Texas Legislature is committed to action, according to a TCTA news release.

"The debate always needs to be about how to improve public schools," Perry told the teachers. "I have not ruled out across-the-board pay raises for teachers, but I do think incentives work," he added.

*'The debate always needs to be about how to improve public schools.'*

— Gov. Perry

Perry later stressed that "classroom teachers need to be at the table helping to craft a performance pay package."

After a 30-minute address, Perry responded to questions and discussed such issues as testing, helping disadvantaged children and reducing paper-work demands on teachers.

Neeley joined Perry in welcoming the TCTA board members to Austin where they gathered for the Association's 50th annual convention. She assured the group that giving

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## Education bill may be paid with vice taxes

*Rep. Chisum pushes for bus transportation to be funded*

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers are relying on some of Texans' biggest vices to try to fund a reduction in school property taxes.

A 3 percent tax on snacks like soft drinks and doughnuts was added Monday to the \$10 billion tax bill intended to reduce school property taxes by a third. The bill also contains a \$1-per-pack increase in the cigarette tax.

House leaders spent much of Monday fine-tuning two bills intended to reduce property taxes while overhauling public education in Texas.

The snack measure was added as part of an effort to plug a \$1.2 billion hole that lawmakers were left with when the comptroller's analysis came up short of necessary money to buy down the promised property tax reduction.

To raise more money, the new version also would increase the sales tax to 7.25 percent, impose a sales tax on newspapers and bump a proposed payroll tax on businesses to 1.15 percent.

The snack tax would be levied on foods such as bakery items, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, tortes, chips, nuts and soft drinks not bought in restaurants.

Under the proposal, the state sales tax, now at 6.25 percent, would be expanded to include other products and services such as bottled water, billboard advertising, car washes and vehicle repair services. The motor vehicle and boat sales tax would be increased to 7.35 percent.

Meanwhile Monday, House legislators said more money for the costs of bus-

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*'Running school buses is a major business in rural Texas.'*

— Warren Chisum  
 State Representative - Pampa



Rep. Chisum

## Free severe weather workshop slated March 12

AMARILLO — The Amarillo National Weather Service, Amarillo Department of Emergency Management and Pantex will host a Severe Weather Workshop on Saturday, March 12.

Local television stations

KVII-TV, KFDA-TV, Ka.m.R-TV, ClearChannel radio, KGNC radio and Walmart will co-sponsor the event.

The workshop will be held at the Civic Center Heritage Room in downtown Amarillo and is open to the

public, free of charge. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., presentations begin at 10 a.m., and the workshop ends at 5 p.m.

This year's general session theme, "Tornadoes in Your Backyard: A 50-Year History" will focus on sig-

nificant tornado outbreaks across the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles, the forecasting of tornadoes, and how tornado safety has evolved in the past 50 years.

The day will begin with concurrent sessions from 10 a.m. to noon. Both sessions

will be held in the Heritage Room at the Amarillo Civic Center and those in attendance can choose which session to attend.

The main session will be Severe Storm Spotter

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Obituaries

Enzena 'Ann' Saville Lytton, 82

MOUNTAIN PARK, Okla. — Enzena "Ann" Saville Lytton, 82, died Sunday, March 6, 2005, at Elkview General Hospital in Hobart, Okla.

Services are scheduled at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in Mountain Park United Methodist Church with Dr. W. Jene Miller, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Arnett, Okla., officiating.

Burial will be in Mountain Park Cemetery under the direction of Becker Funeral Home of Snyder, Okla.

Mrs. Lytton was born March 25, 1922, at Mountain Park, to John Roy and Leah Bea Saville. She grew up in Snyder and married William Thomas "Bill" Lytton on March 11, 1939, at El Reno, Okla.; he died June 24, 1994.

The couple lived in Pampa for many years before returning to Oklahoma and settling in Mountain Park upon Mr. Lytton's retirement

from Halliburton. Mrs. Lytton was an artist and a homemaker who was active in her church and in the community.

She belonged to Mountain Park United Methodist Church and enjoyed hosting meetings of United Methodist Women and the local garden club.

Mrs. Lytton was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Jerry Thomas Lytton; and a brother, Leroy Saville.

Survivors include two brothers, Joe Saville of Tulsa, Okla., and Ford Saville of Yucca Valley, Calif.; three sisters, Edna Puckett of Garden Grove, Calif., and Edith Haven and Freddie Farris, both of Long Beach, Calif.; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to Mountain Park United Methodist Church Ann Lytton Memorial, P.O. Box 121, Mountain Park, OK 73559.

John C. Schwind, 82



Schwind

FORT WORTH — John C. Schwind, 82, passed away Sunday, March 6, 2005.

Funeral services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Wednesday at St. Andrew's Catholic Church. Burial will be in Greenwood Memorial Park. Rosary will be at

6:30 p.m. Tuesday in Greenwood Chapel. John was born Feb. 19, 1923, in Breckenridge.

Survivors: Wife of 56 years, Marjorie Schwind; sons, Kenneth Schwind and wife, Susan and Mickey Schwind and wife, Doris; special daughter, Julie Beat and husband, Mark and their children; grandchildren, Jennifer Brown and husband, Jack, Stephanie Boutwell and husband, Shawn, Kensie Schwind and Tanner Schwind; and great-grandchildren, Rylan and Jaden.

Services tomorrow

SCHWIND, John C. — 1 p.m., St. Andrew's Catholic Church, Fort Worth. WILLIAMS, James E. "Chuck" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrest.

Monday, March 7

Thirteen traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported at One Medical Plaza and the 800 block of North Hobart. A hit and run accident was reported in the 1000 block of Charles.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Kentucky and Garland streets, and the 600 block of Doucette.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of West Brown, the 1100 block of West Alcock, the 900 block of South Faulkner, and the 200 block of Tignor.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky, where jewelry and sunglasses valued at \$310 were taken.

Identity theft was reported in the lobby of the police department.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 100 block of Randy Matson Avenue,

at Pampa High School. A safe was damaged, and cash was taken, for total estimated loss of \$970.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2100 block of North Nelson and the 100 block of North Nelson.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler and in the 500 block of Perry, where minor injuries were reported.

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

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of North Somerville.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of East Kingsmill.

A civil matter was called in from the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

Disorderly conduct/noise was called in from the 1300 block of Coffee.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of Neel Road.

One business alarm was reported.

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 34, 1101 S. Christy, was arrested at the intersection of Russell and Brown streets on capias pro

finances for an unregistered vehicle and no inspection sticker.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

Monday, March 7

11:36 p.m. — In the 200 block of West Louisiana Avenue, an unknown vehicle collided with a legally parked 1998 Mitsubishi Montero, owned by Jerney S. Farmer of Dallas.

Sheriff

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

Monday, March 7

Juan Altamirano, 36, Mobeetie, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a Potter County warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

Michelle Lynn Roberts, 35, homeless, was arrested for evading arrest with a motor vehicle.

Ambulance

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

Monday, March 7

9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Highway 152 and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Lowry. No transport.

Correction

Incorrect times for auditions for ACT I's upcoming musical comedy "Coping" were given in a news release to The Pampa News. Auditions will be Thursday, March 10, from 5 to 7 p.m.; Saturday, March 12, from 2 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, March 15, from 5 to 7 p.m.; and Thursday, March 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the ACT I theatre on the west side of Pampa Mall.

White House seeks hearings for Mexicans on death row

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration is asking Texas to conduct new hearings for 51 Mexicans on death row who say they were denied legal help from their consulates in violation of international law.

The International Court of Justice in The Hague last year ruled that the convictions violated the 1963 Vienna Convention by not providing the Mexicans with consular access. In 1969, the

Senate ratified the treaty, which requires such access for Americans detained abroad and foreigners arrested in the United States.

The Supreme Court filing is an attempt by the administration to quell international criticism and comes a month before justices were to hear arguments in the case of Texas death row inmate Jose Medellin, who is challenging his conviction and sentence as a due process violation.

Criminal

Driver testifying in immigrant smuggling case

HOUSTON (AP) — The driver of a tractor-trailer carrying more than 70 immigrants was the most "heartless and evil" member of a smuggling ring because he didn't help people as they slowly died, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

But Tyrone Williams' attorney, in opening statements of the first trial stemming from the nation's deadliest smuggling effort, said Williams was not responsible for the 19 deaths in 2003 even though he did transport the illegal immigrants.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said Williams would have helped the immigrants who screamed for help and tried to claw

their way out of the hot, airless trailer, but he didn't speak Spanish and didn't understand their cries.

When the truck was discovered abandoned at a truck stop in Victoria, 17 people inside had died from dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation, including a 5-year-old boy.

Two others died later. Victoria is about 100 miles southwest of Houston.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez told jurors that Williams deliberately avoided learning the number of people the smugglers put in his truck as part of his efforts to not get caught by authorities.

Williams had smuggled immigrants for the same

ring before, Rodriguez said.

Rather than help the immigrants as they kicked out a signal light and cried for help, Rodriguez said Williams demanded more money from the other operators of the smuggling ring because he feared the immigrants would damage his truck.

"At no time during that entire trip did he ever open the doors to see what was going on," Rodriguez said. "He was the most heartless, evil and cruel member of the organization."

Washington said his client did try to help the immigrants by offering them water, but that he couldn't understand what

was happening to them.

"They will not prove that these poor, helpless, defenseless people died at his hands," Washington said of prosecutors.

Washington, a former congressman from Houston, also asked jurors why Williams is the only person among the 14 defendants who could receive the death penalty. Washington, who took that question to the U.S. Supreme Court, said other members of the same smuggling ring had more knowledge about the possible dangers involved in the smuggling attempt.

The Supreme Court refused Monday to hear Williams' appeal.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Wind chill values between 23 and 28 early. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. Wind chill values between 25 and 30. Windy,

with a north northwest wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 61. Wind chill values between 24 and 29 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 36. Wind chill values between 29 and 34. North northwest

wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southwest.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 67. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 66. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 78. West wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 37.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 64.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41.

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

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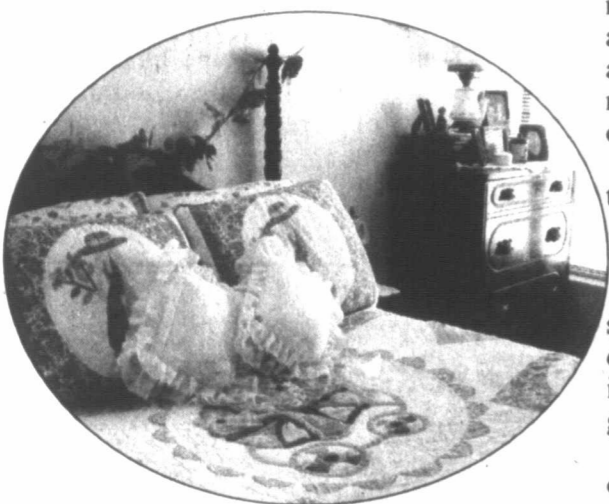
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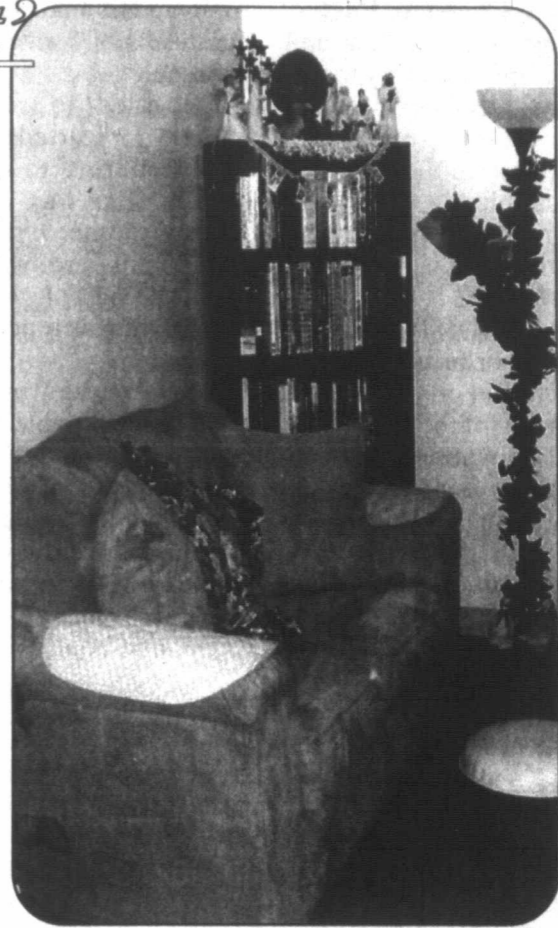
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# Viewpoints

## Books: Wonderful world of wit and wisdom

If brevity is the soul of wit, then I must be witless.

I enjoy language. English is a language with lots and lots of words, and I try to use as many of them as I can.

Ask me to give a one-word answer to a question? Impossible.

Tell me to keep my questions brief? How? Why?

I can be brief if sufficiently tortured or bribed, but it's so much fun to spout off. Just ask any of the editors for whom I've worked.

Language is a wonderful, magical thing. The written word can transport us anywhere on or off the globe, and even to places that don't exist except in the writer's

imagination. In order to learn anything, one must first understand language, the means of conveying that learning.

I learned to read well before I started school, thanks in part to an older brother who was desperate for study time. I suffered a little from hero worship, I think, because I wanted to emulate him as much as possible.

Whenever he would study at the kitchen table, I'd take up my post at the opposite end of the table, wishing I had some studying to do, too, to keep him company and learn what he was learning.

The first book I remember

"studying" at that table was a blue dictionary. Somehow, with family help (parents as well as big brother), one day I started to make sense of the words on the pages.

From that day on, there was no stopping me.

I think the first book I read cover to cover was "Fun With Dick and Jane." You know, the one that includes such well-remembered lines as "See Spot run? Run, Spot, run."

Next, I learned to write. Now the flow of information could go both ways. I could

read what others had written, and I could write things that others could read.

I discovered that libraries would loan books that could be taken home, devoured,

and returned in exchange for other books. I was in heaven.

Before I graduated from the eighth grade at Skellytown, where I grew up, I must have gone through every book in the school library, as well as in the branch library on Main Street.

When I attended White Deer High School, I had

another whole library to plow through in my four years there. Next came West Texas State University, with the biggest library yet.

Owning books, as well as borrowing them, is also a glorious thing, I discovered. If I owned a book, I could reread it any time I wanted, without having to return it within a given time to its rightful home at a library. Whatever adventure was inside that book was at my command.

One of my favorite yearly events is the annual book sale at Lovett Memorial Library. I can spend hours pawing through the stacks of books available at bargain basement prices, searching

for ones that I don't already have or haven't already read.

The book sale is usually held in the spring. Last year, the Friends of the Library had another one in the autumn. As a result, I had two Thanksgiving weekends to celebrate last fall.

I cannot imagine what it would be like to be unable to read and write. The closest I can come to an idea of that situation would be to be lost in a foreign land, where I didn't understand the language and couldn't make myself understood. It might even come close to having partial loss of sight, sound or speech.

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### Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, March 8, the 67th day of 2005. There are 298 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On March 8, 1782, the Gnadenhutten massacre took place as some 90 Indians were slain by militiamen in Ohio in retaliation for raids carried out by other Indians.

### On this date:

In 1702, England's Queen Anne ascended the throne upon the death of King William III.

In 1841, Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., the "Great Dissenter," was born in Boston.

In 1854, U.S. Commodore Matthew C. Perry made his second landing in Japan; within a month, he concluded a treaty with the Japanese.

In 1874, the 13th president of the United States, Millard Fillmore, died in Buffalo, N.Y.

In 1917, Russia's "February Revolution" (so called because of the Old Style calendar being used by Russians at the time) began with rioting and strikes in St. Petersburg.

In 1917, the U.S. Senate voted to limit filibusters by adopting the cloture rule.

In 1930, the 27th president of the United States, William Howard Taft, died in Washington.

In 1942, Japanese forces captured Rangoon, Burma, during World War II.

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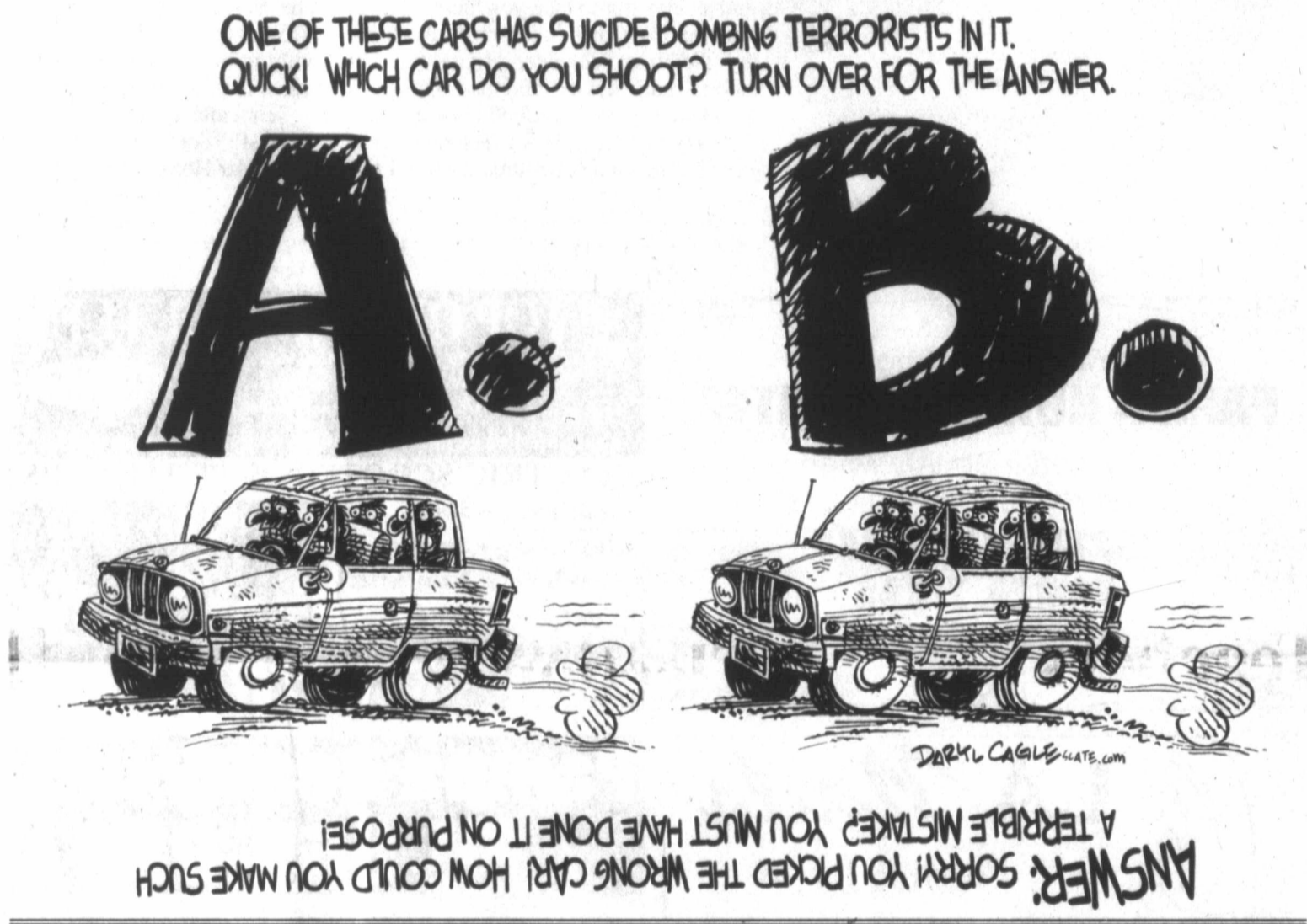
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## A theologian's political legacy

Who's the major figure behind the election and re-election of George W. Bush? On one level, the visionary Karl Rove. At a deeper level, a theologian most Americans have never heard of: Francis Schaeffer, who 50 years ago this month founded an evangelistic haven in Switzerland, L'Abri.

Over the next quarter-century, Schaeffer changed the lives of many disaffected young people who stopped at L'Abri and found an intellectual pastor who dealt with their hardest questions. He summarized his answers in notable books like "The God Who is There" and "Escape

from Reason," and then turned to political matters in his book "How Should We Then Live."

Published in 1976 and then turned into a film series, that book — along with the impetus of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision — pushed many evangelicals into political and cultural involvement. Schaeffer brilliantly summarized the history of Western civilization and explained problems in philosophy, sci-

ence and culture. He concluded that if Christians stayed aloof from political and cultural debates,

Western civilization would go down the drain.

In a follow-up book, "A Christian Manifesto" Schaeffer argued that:

"The people in the United States have lived under the Judeo-Christian consensus for so long that now we take it for granted. ... We have forgotten why we have a

positive balance between form and freedom in government, and the fact that we have such tremendous freedoms without these freedoms leading to chaos. Most of all, we have forgotten that none of these is natural in the world."

Schaeffer went on to describe two tracks, and did not predict which would be dominant down the road. He wrote:

"The first track is the fact of the conservative swing in the United States in the 1980 election. With this there is at this moment a unique win-

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### Marvin Olasky

Columnist



## U.S. responsible for Syria pull-out

Syrian leader Bashar al-Assad is having a very bad year. The Syrian puppet government in Lebanon resigned under pressure from street protesters demanding that Syria withdraw its troops. In a rare show of post-Iraq war unity, the United States, France, Germany and Russia have all called on Syria to quit Lebanon and let that vassal state be free.

A Lebanese protester in Beirut Cornered, Mr. Assad shuttled to Riyadh late last week, hoping to secure the backing of his old friends the Saudis, in advance of an Arab summit at which the

Syrians were expected to take it hard on the chin for their role in Lebanon. Shockingly, Crown Prince Abdullah informed the Syrian leader that the game was up, and to get out of Lebanon now.

Thanks to the extraordinarily helpful role of the Saudi government, which deserves our thanks and gratitude, Syria is now checkmated. There is nowhere for Syrian soldiers to go but home.

A Syrian withdrawal would be only the first step

in securing peace and democracy in Lebanon. It should be remembered that the reason the Syrians invaded in 1976 was to stop the brutal civil war between Christians and Muslims.

### Texas Thoughts

Dallas Morning-News

Fouad Ajami, himself a native Lebanese of Shiite background, believe that the country's religious factions have suffered so greatly in the past generation of war and occupation that they are

prepared to share their country with each other. The presence in recent weeks of Muslim and Christian Lebanese united in Beirut's streets, marching arm in arm for independence, has been a remarkable and uplifting sight.

No doubt, the Middle East can always break your heart, but this Beirut spring is starting to look like an Arabic replay of 1989. "I was cynical about Iraq," said the Lebanese Druze warlord Walid Jumblatt. "But when I saw the Iraqi people voting three weeks ago, 8 million of

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House debate expected to begin Tuesday on the school finance overhaul could last all week.

The transportation funding wasn't in the original legislation, but was promised in an effort to garner favor with lawmakers from rural areas who said they probably

wouldn't have voted for the measure otherwise.

"Running school buses is a major business in rural Texas," said Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa. His Panhandle district has one 92-mile daily bus route. The amendment would give schools money based on the number of miles buses must travel.

Texas' formula for funding school transportation hasn't been updated since gasoline was under a dollar per gallon in 1983. Superintendents in many sparse but expansive

rural school districts say that the money allocated for transportation costs can be a fraction of the actual costs of hauling students to and from school every day.

Chisum and a handful of other rural lawmakers said they probably would not have supported the measure without the transportation funding.

But, the promise of additional transportation funding was not enough to sway all rural representatives.

"I think it's particularly harsh on rural districts," said

Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview. "I believe that we have to use an across-the-board pay raise to recruit rural teachers. 'We're going to lose our base and once we lose that important base for education, we're going to really have a hard time.'"

Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerville, said he still has concerns about the impact of the legislation on his rural district.

"This will change on the floor of the House, it will change again in the Senate and it will change again in the

conference committee," Hilderbran said. "We'll try to improve it on the floor with amendments, but I'll probably vote for it just to keep it alive. There'll be plenty of opportunities to improve it."

Replacing the funding system for public schools is a top priority in the session. Lawmakers are under a court order to funnel more money into public schools, which are now largely dependent on local property taxes. A group of property wealthy and poor school districts sued the state, saying they don't get enough

money to provide an adequate education to Texas children.

In addition, many lawmakers want to give homeowners relief from escalating property taxes.

The House plan would give schools an additional \$3 billion in funding over the next biennium and institutes teacher incentive pay programs based on student achievement. Critics say the new money would quickly be eaten up by inflation and other mandates in the bill, like the incentive pay program.



Evening of Jazz

Pampa High School's Jazz Band, pictured here, will perform in the annual "Evening of Jazz" Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. "Evening of Jazz" is a night of fine food and great jazz music," said Greg Haddock, PHS Band Booster Club president. "Featured performers are our very own Pampa High School Jazz Band and other guest performers." Tickets are \$25 each for the meal and show. Tickets are available from any PHS band student or call Greg or Jacque Haddock at 665-0572.

# Books

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I am forever grateful to those who taught me how to read and write.

Most everything I have learned began with those two skills.

Express thanks to family members and teachers who gave you the skills to enable

you to read this column. Tell adult literacy volunteers how important and needed their work is.

Better yet, look into volunteering a little time with the adult literacy council or your favorite library.

Then, reward yourself with a good book.

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Write to Staff Writer Marilyn Powers at reporter1@thepampanews.com.

# Syria

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them, it was the start of a new Arab world. The Berlin Wall has fallen."

Commander in Chief George W. Bush and the men and women of the U.S. armed forces were the ones who started pushing. Remember that.

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# Teachers

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teaching professionals salary increases and health insurance were important issues that would be discussed as the current legislative session continues.

TCTA is an independent, non-profit association for 50,000 teaching professionals across the state.

Based in Austin, it is the only statewide teachers association that limits active-level membership to those directly involved in classroom teaching or allied work with students.

# Election

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p.m. weekdays in Room 205 of City Hall.

Early voters in the school board election may cast their votes between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Applications for mail-in ballots for the city election may be

mailed to Phyllis Jeffers, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, 79065. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. April 29.

Election Day is Saturday, May 7. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. that day at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, for both elections.

# Workshop

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Training. This is an excellent opportunity for people of the community to learn more about the types, structures, and dangers associated with severe storms. Those who attend this program will be certified as official National Weather Service Storm Spotters and will receive a Certificate of Completion and a NWS Spotter ID Card. It is up to the individual if they chose to voluntarily relay severe weather reports to the Amarillo NWS. For those interested, the NWS will end the morning session by meeting with anyone who is interested in being part of a newly formed NWS Cellular Skywarn Network.

• In the concurrent session, Dr.

Kevin Kloesel, of the Oklahoma Climatological Survey, will speak on "Basic Radar Interpretations for Decision Makers." While this session is open to anyone, it will be geared to those involved in emergency management. This session will be followed by an coordination meeting to area Amateur Radio Operators and the Amarillo Emergency Services. Anyone interested in being a part of the Ha.m.S Skywarn network are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The afternoon general session will begin at 1 p.m. Topics and speakers for this session include:

- "A Look Back at the Historic June 21st, 2004 Amarillo Hailstorm" - Jason Jordan, Amarillo NWS Forecaster
- "Looking Back & Looking Forward - Panhandle Tornadoes 1950-2004" -Mark Fox, Lubbock NWS Sr.

Forecaster

• "Detecting Tornadoes by Radar: The Past, Present, and Future" - Dr. Kevin Kloesel - Oklahoma Climatological Survey

• "Tornado Safety: How Things Have Changed Since 1950" - Texas Tech Wind Engineering Dept.

• Presentations will also be made by TV Meteorologists Dave Oliver (KFDA) and Matt Hines (Ka.m.R).

Numerous booths will also be on hand. As many as 25 organizations are expected to staff booths, including the Amarillo NWS, Amarillo Emergency Mgt., Radio Shack, Amateur Radio Operators, Pantex, local TV stations, weather vendors, and more.

For additional information, please call the Amarillo NWS at (806) 335-1121 or visit our website at www.srh.noaa.gov/ama.

# Legacy

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dow open in the United States ... and we must take advantage of it in every way we can as citizens, as Christian citizens of the democracy in which we still have freedom."

He made it clear that: "We are in no way talking about any kind of theocracy. ... In the Old Testament, there was a theocracy commanded by God," but now "we must not confuse the Kingdom of God with our country." He emphasized that "the United States was founded upon a Christian consensus," and that "we today should bring Judeo-Christian principles into play in regard to government. But that is very differ-

ent from a theocracy in name or in fact."

He emphasized the importance of working politically to maintain first track opportunities, because otherwise we'd be on a second track -

movement toward an authoritarian government with rule by a legal and technological elite. On the second track, some people would engage in civil or even forceful disobedience, and that would contain its own dangers: "Speaking of civil disobedience is frightening because there are so many kooky people around. ... Such peo-

ple will in their unbalance tend to do the very opposite from considering the appropriate means at the appropriate time and place."

Schaeffer died in 1984, at a time when some hard-line

Christian separatists still looked down on political involvement as cavorting with Satan, and a few romantics yearned for the second track. Many evangelical thought leaders, though, had absorbed Schaeffer's teaching, which then trickled down to millions more. The result was political organization and pulpit exhortation that propelled

evangelicals to the polls, where they overwhelmingly voted for conservative candidates, including George W. Bush. Karl Rove is one among many who said the evangelical vote made the difference.

Since Schaeffer welcomed the election of Ronald Reagan, he would have applauded the 2004 results. He would see great dangers in genetic manipulation and would mourn the continuation of the abortion holocaust. But I believe he would advise us to work hard for first track political success, because neglecting politics and law is "absolutely utopian in a fallen world."

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Marvin Olasky, Ph.D., is a professor of journalism at the University of Texas at Austin.

*'We are in no way talking about any kind of theocracy.'*

— Francis Schaeffer  
Theologian

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### Weekly Writing Corner

#### Kids Speak Out!

##### Kids Speak Out!

Should kids read the newspaper in school? Why or why not?

I think we should read newspapers, so that we are able to keep up with current events. It's very important to know what's going on in the world today. Also, the newspaper has funny comics.

David  
8<sup>th</sup> grade

Kids should read the newspaper in class. The newspaper has lots of cool things to use like sports, weather, politics, and lots more. If they didn't let kids read newspapers, they would miss out on all the cool things out in the world.

Emily  
8<sup>th</sup> grade

I think kids should read the newspaper because it helps them learn about our community!

Zack  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Kids should be able to read newspapers in school because we can learn from reading newspapers. There are a lot of interesting things in it. There are fun activities too. You practice your reading and at the same time you are learning about what is going on in the world.

Vincent  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

I think kids should read the newspaper in school because it will let the kids know what is going on in our state. Also they can review articles. I like to read the newspaper at school that's why I like doing Kid Scoop.

John  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

I think kids should read the paper because they can learn so much! Plus, they could see who got in the newspaper in Kid Scoop!

Izzy  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

I think kids have to read the newspaper because we have to know what's happening in our town! Also, we want to know who's winning in soccer, or other sports! Plus, we could learn math in the "Supermarket" page! Last but not least, you could get your grade up by reading what is in the newspaper. I think kids should read the newspaper!

Lizbeth  
4<sup>th</sup> grade

### Write On!

#### Fiesta!

Fiesta is how to say festival in Spanish. Imagine that you have been asked to organize a festival. What would happen at your festival? What would you eat?

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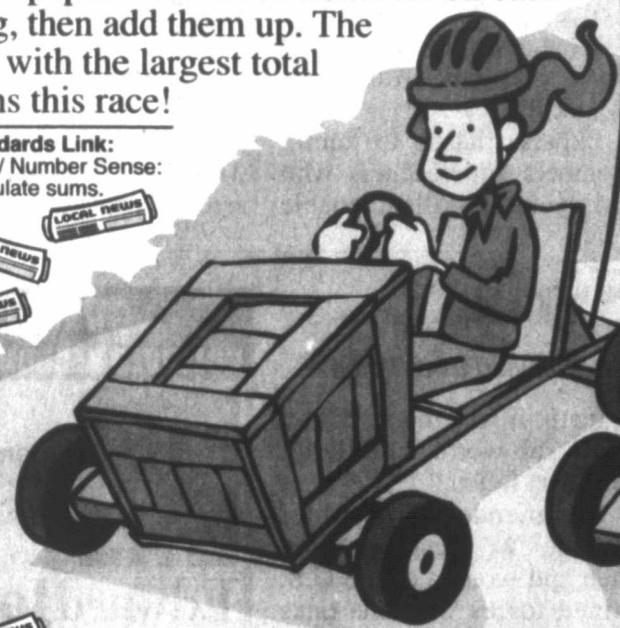
Attention: Weekly Writing Corner

Please include your school and grade.

### By the Numbers

Which go-kart is going the fastest? Find and cut out nine numbers from today's newspaper. Glue three numbers on each flag, then add them up. The car with the largest total wins this race!

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Calculate sums.



### Dream Car

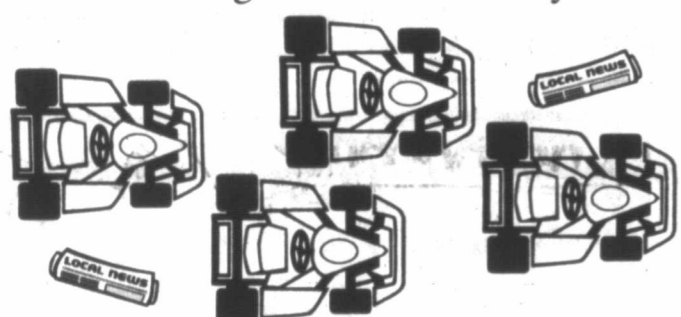
What kind of car would you like to own someday? Find five words in the newspaper that describe your dream car. Write a classified ad for your dream car using the words you found.

**WANTED**  
A comfortable, fast, powerful, stylish, red convertible with wings to fly over traffic jams.

How many newspapers can you find on this page in 60 seconds?

### Brain Fuel

Reading the newspaper every day is a great way to increase your brain power. For every paragraph that you read in today's newspaper, color one of the go-karts below.



### Speedy Spelling

Make a list of four words that are difficult to spell.

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- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

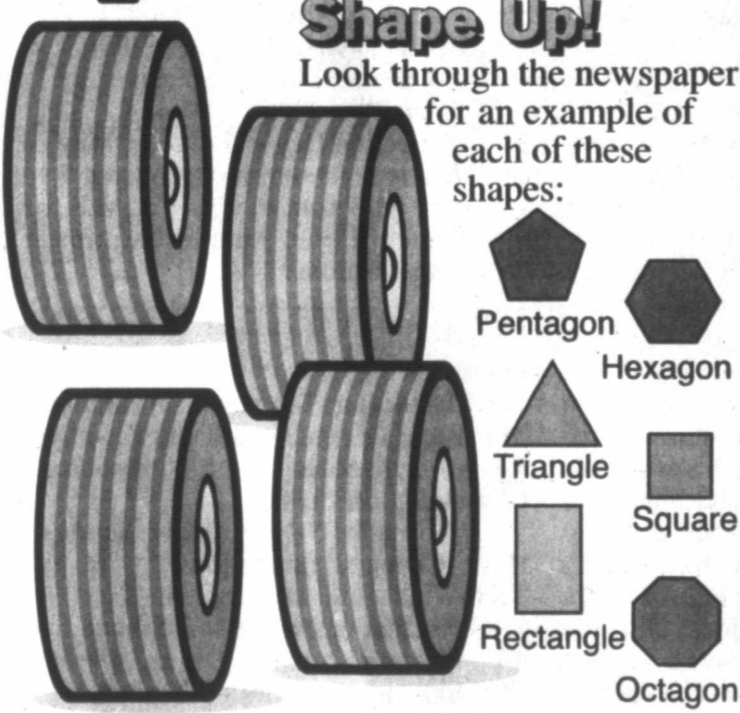
Dash through the newspaper and find the letters that spell each of your words. Cut out the letters and glue them onto each tire.

Can you win the race by spelling all four words?

Standards Link: Language Arts/Spelling: Spell regular and irregular words.

### Shape Up!

Look through the newspaper for an example of each of these shapes:



### Extra! Extra!

#### Newspaper Know-It-All

Look through the newspaper and see if you can find:

- A five-word headline
- A classified ad
- A game score
- Today's date
- The letters in your name

Race against a friend. Who found these items fastest?

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

### A Prize for Journalists

Movie stars get Oscars. Athletes get trophies. Joseph wanted to provide a way to honor great writers. In 1917, he left money to start a school of journalism at University in New York. He also left money to start an annual award for outstanding journalists, and writers. These important awards are called .

### Secret Code

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

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### Double Double Word Search

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

- RALLY
- READING
- BRAIN
- DREAM
- BOOSTER
- NEWSPAPER
- CHECKERED
- WRITERS
- RACE
- MEDIAN
- SPELL
- TIRE
- POWER
- WINS

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D R Y L W I N S G B

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

### BEYOND Kid Scoop

#### About Average

Find the ages of three people in the newspaper. List the ages from oldest to youngest. Circle the median (the middle) age on your list. Add up the ages and divide the total by three to find the average age of your newsmakers.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Reading Comprehension: Follow multiple-step directions; Math/Statistics: find median and mean.

### Why did the orange stop in the middle of the race?

ANSWER: It ran out of juice.

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Crossword

CROSSWORD  
By THOMAS J. ...  
ACROSS  
1 Sounds of 1 surprise  
6 Trail follower  
11 Loose, as a lace  
12 Banks of baseball  
13 Tony Hillerman mystery  
15 Road good  
16 Drink carefully  
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18 Myanmar, once  
20 Got together  
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27 Finished  
28 "Tomb Raider" heroine  
29 Intended  
31 Annual race  
32 Right now  
34 Fire leftover  
37 Bowl-shaped pan  
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46 Trades  
47 Building wing

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Imagine if, by applying what we already know, we could save the majority of lives that are lost to the third-leading cause of cancer in men and women. That's no pie-in-the-sky dream. I'm talking about colon cancer. Regular testing can help prevent this disease or detect it at its earliest, most treatable stage.

This year, colon cancer will claim the lives of more than 56,000 Americans. That's more than 150 deaths a day, many of them preventable. The tests allow doctors to remove polyps before they can become cancerous, and prevent colon cancer from happening. These same tests can also detect early signs of the disease as effectively as mammography detects breast cancer. So why aren't Americans over the age of 50 getting tested?

Many people simply do not realize they're at risk beginning at age 50. Some people think they don't need to be tested because they have no family history of the disease or symptoms. The truth is, symptoms often don't appear until colon cancer has progressed, and no matter what a person's family history or how someone feels, if you're 50 or older you're at risk for colon cancer.

There is also the perception that the test will be embarrassing or painful. While some of the tests may be uncomfortable, colon cancer is far worse.

Bottom line: If you're 50 or older, now is the time to get tested for colon cancer. People with a family history of the disease or other risk factors should discuss with their doctors getting tested even earlier.

Abby, March marks the sixth annual National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. It's a perfect time to start raising this important subject and making sure that Americans get the test that could save their lives. Do it NOW! Don't put it off. It's one of the few cancer tests that can actually prevent the disease. — STEPHEN F. SENER, M.D., PRESIDENT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

DEAR DR. SENER: I am

pleased to help publicize this important message. Readers, if there is a history of colon cancer in your family, please discuss it with your doctors, regardless of your age. If you're lucky and there isn't one, but you're 50 or nearly there, recognize that adulthood brings with it certain responsibilities. So don't be childish, don't be embarrassed and don't be afraid. The exam isn't painful. The biggest "inconvenience" is the preparation for it. Consider it an initiation into a special club — the long-life club.

The American Cancer Society offers a free information kit to help you discuss colon cancer testing with your physician. To get one, call toll-free: (800) 227-2345 and stop colon cancer before it starts.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old, American-born Asian woman, whose tradition-bound, first-generation mother insists that I, or another person in our family, share a portion of our meal with her even though she has already eaten and we have not. This is acceptable behavior in her home, but is it appropriate for her to continue this behavior in public?

For example, my mother, my aunt, my cousin's three children and husband and I went out to dinner at a steakhouse, and my mother insisted that I slice a portion of my steak and share it with my cousin, who had already started to eat her entree of pasta. Not wanting to create a scene, I obliged. Mother becomes angry with me when I try to explain that this is not proper etiquette. She calls me selfish for not wanting to share. What do you suggest I do? — FRUSTRATED DAUGHTER IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR FRUSTRATED: You will spare yourself a lot of heartburn if you realize that you cannot change your mother. So, when you are at a restaurant with her, order a larger portion than you normally would, beat her to the punch and offer to share.

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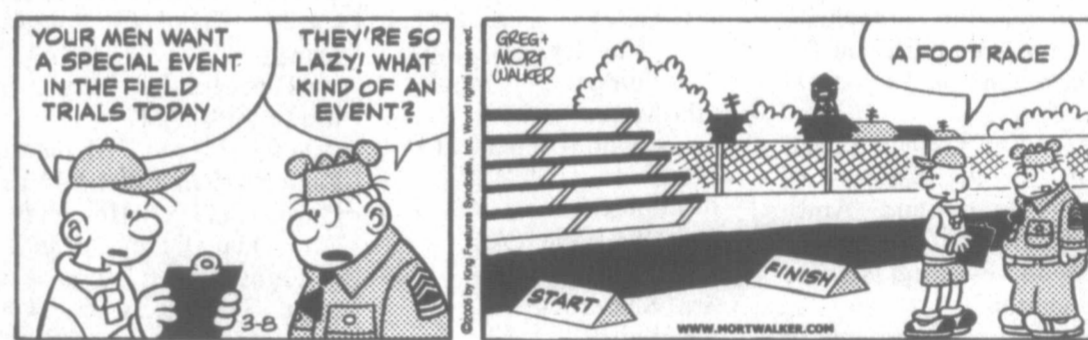
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

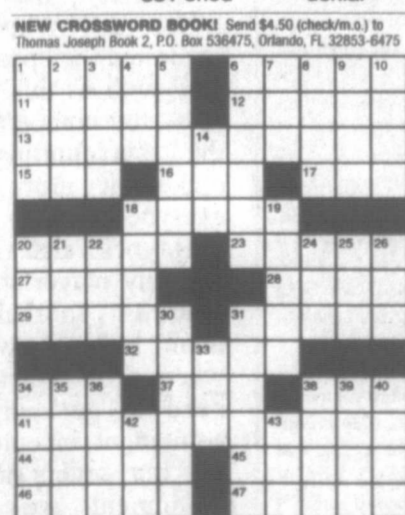
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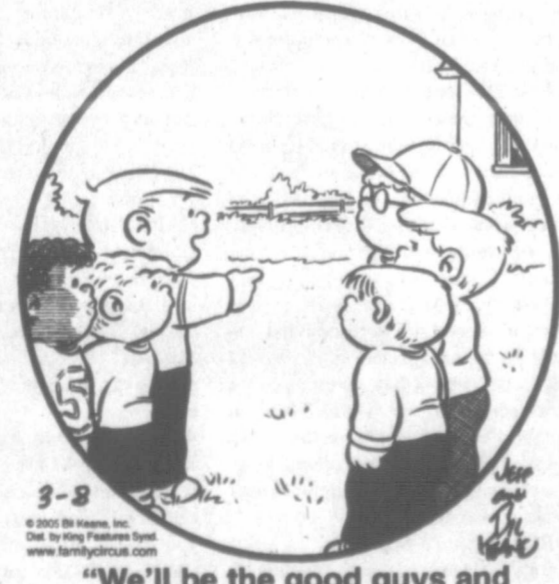
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# Sports Day

## PHS soccer and softball fields come to life tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School soccer fields — as well as the Lady Harvester softball field — will be busy this afternoon. —The Pampa soccer team, still with a chance at the playoffs, will host Canyon at 4:15 p.m. —The Lady Harvester soccer team will host the Lady Eagles of Canyon. That game will also begin at 4:15 p.m. —The Lady Harvester softball teams will take the diamond starting with the JV game at 3 p.m., followed by the varsity squad. —The Pampa baseball team will be in Snyder starting Thursday. The JV team hosted Amarillo High yesterday.

## Pampa, Follett honored at MAYO tournament

The 5-6 grade Follett girls and Pampa boys took top honors at the MAYO tournament in Miami over the weekend. The tournament began last Tuesday and wrapped up this past Saturday. The Follett and Pampa were awarded the Katie Underwood (girls) and Bill Seuhs (boys) Memorial Sportsmanship trophies. These awards represent the highest honor at the tournament. The tournament raised funds for the families of Tim Parsley and Andy Hogg. It also contributed funds for the Find Monica Foundation. Final figures are not in yet, but early estimates predict this year's MAYO Tournament was another great success.

**K-2 Boys**  
1st- Valley  
2nd- Pampa  
3rd- Miami

**3-4 Girls**  
1st- First State Bank of Miami  
2nd- Follett  
3rd- Hedley

**3-4 Boys**  
1st- Valley  
2nd- Wheeler (4)  
3rd- Pampa  
4th- Miami  
Consolation- Wheeler (3)

**5-6 Girls**  
1st- Cheyenne, Okla.  
2nd- Pampa  
3rd- Shamrock  
4th- Valley  
Consolation- Miami

**5-6 Boys**  
1st- Pampa  
2nd- Pringle Morse  
3rd- Valley  
4th- Wheeler (5)  
Consolation- Wheeler (6)

**K-2 Girls**  
1st- Miami Enbridge  
2nd- Valley  
3rd- Shamrock

## JV squad goes 4-1 at Dumas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester junior varsity softball team finished third in last week's Dumas Tournament, going 4-1 along the way. Pampa took care of Tascosa, 14-0, Caprock 11-2, Dalhart, 5-2 and Tascosa (second meeting), 18-2. The Lady Harvesters fell to WT High varsity for their only loss. Said Owens, "It was the first time these girls have ever played four games in one day and I'm so proud of them. They did a great job." He added, "Over all we had a great tournament, going 4-1. We learned a lot and we got better. I'm very proud of the team." Pampa is currently 5-1 on the season.



### Court papers

This group of young future Lady Harvesters recently competed in the Lefors Youth Club Tournament, going 4-0 en route to winning the 3-4 grade division. They also took part in the Panhandle Youth Basketball League where they won the 3-4 grade division, going 10-0 along the way. Pictured are (from left to right), front row- Jessie Dixon, Savanna Mertz, Alexa O'brien and Bailey Dixon. Back row- Taylor Morgan, Bailey Wichert, Arin Rice and Bailey Beck.

## BORGER TRACK MEET

### Smith, Haggerman nab first place

Here are the Pampa Junior High boys results from the Borger Track Meet held March 4. Pampa will next compete at Plainview Thursday.  
**8th Grade**  
2400 Run: 2nd place, Paul Soria 9:18.00; 5th place, Jesus Quesada 9:57.04  
400m Relay: 3rd place, Pampa 50:58 (John Luke Covalt, Chase Herriman, Casey Trimble, Sergio Salazar)  
110m Hurdles: 1st place, Matt Smith 16:47  
800m Relay: 3rd place, Pampa 1:50.28 (John Luke Covalt, Chase Herriman, Zack Doan, Casey Trimble)  
200m Dash: 1st place, Matt Smith 24:69; 4th place, John Luke Covalt 27:83  
1600m Run: 3rd place, Paul Soria 6:02.23, 5th place, Zack Doan 6:13.76  
1600m Relay: 1st place, Pampa 4:00.45 (Casey Trimble, Chase Herriman, Sergio Salazar, Matt Smith)  
Discus: 4th place, Nick

Millikan 97'  
High Jump: 5th place, John Luke Covalt 4'8"  
Long Jump: 3rd place, Casey Trimble 16'10"; 4th place, Sergio Salazar 16' 5"  
Pole Vault: 2nd place, Nick Riley 8'; 3rd place, Chase Herriman 7'6"  
**7th Grade**  
400m Relay: 2nd place, Pampa 53.25 (Leonel Madrid, Zack Organ, A.J. Rodriguez, Travis Haggerman)  
100m Dash: 2nd place, A.J. Rodriguez 13:16; 5th place, Landon Long 15:30  
400m Dash: 5th place, Zack Organ 72:60  
200m Dash: 1st place, Travis Haggerman 26:72  
1600m Relay: 2nd place, Pampa 4:38 (Leonel Madrid, Anthony Allen, A.J. Rodriguez, Travis Haggerman)  
Shot Put: 1st place, Travis Haggerman 36' 5"  
Discus: 1st place, Travis Haggerman 90'3"  
Long Jump: 6th place, Leonel Madrid 13'4"

## Softball leagues forming

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for spring softball: —Men's Open —Mixed Open —Men's Church —Mixed Church In addition, two new leagues will be offered this spring, Men's Corporate League and company teams (players must work for the company that they play for). There will also be a Mixed Youth League (teams made of male and female players age 16 to 18 years). The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200.00 per team. The player's fee is \$15.00 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for all Men's Leagues, and 12 persons for all Mixed Leagues. The entry deadline is March 16 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. March 23, at the recreation office, now located in City Hall, 200 West Foster, room 204. Play will begin the week of March 28. Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the recreation office, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. They can also be downloaded from the city's web site, www.cityofpampa.org. If you have any questions or would like more information on the spring softball leagues, please contact the recreation office at 669-5740 during regular business hours.

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## POYC baseball, softball registrations under way

Monday was the first day to register for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2005, and 124 players took advantage, according to Ronnie N. Haynes, Optimist President. Registration continues today through Thursday from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist building.

"We had 31 sign-up for softball, 27 in the T-Ball League, 28 in the Pitching Machine League, 14 in the 9-10 Cal Ripken League, 18 in the 11-12 Cal Ripken League and six in the Babe Ruth League," Haynes said. "Last year players from Miami, Lefors, Claude, Panhandle, Clarendon, White Deer and Skellytown played in our program," Haynes continued. "Miami is having their sign-ups Wednesday. McLean, Fort Elliott and Wheeler have requested the opportunity to play with us this year. We think the competition from the surrounding towns makes it more fun for everybody."

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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)  
★ A thought you have as you wake up might be more important than you realize. You might be stunned by the idea. Write it down before you forget this concept. Much goes on behind the scenes. If you are in an amorous phase, romance will bubble forth. Tonight: Enjoy your privacy.  
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
★★★★ Surprises that head your way will play out in your favor if you remain flexible. A meeting could develop into a networking event. You will be delighted. A friend could play a role in what happens. Tonight: Decide what would please you.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ All eyes remain on you -- still. Clearly, an unstable situation becomes a key factor in planning your day. Don't react; flow. The end result could be very positive. You receive praise, compliments and acknowledgment.  
Tonight: Out late.  
CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ News heads in your direction that might be almost unbelievable. Check facts and information. You will be most content if you lie back and watch what happens. Travel, foreigners, education and law are favored. Tonight: Choose something unique.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★ Someone you counted on could do the unexpected. If you have a sixth sense about a lottery ticket, go for it, especially if the results come in tonight. Let associates have their way. Make a point of giving others long-deserved compliments. Tonight: Dinner with a special friend.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ You have a strong reaction to others this morning. Whether you are justified or not, you still experience your feelings. Give yourself time. Listen to a special friend with an understanding perspective. Tonight: Just don't stay home.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★ Take your time adjusting to a stressful situation that could force you to re-organize your day. Still, don't forget that special person who makes a difference in your life. Let yourself wind down and plan a relaxing finale this afternoon. Tonight: Yoga or a back rub -- whatever relaxes you.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Use the unexpected to trigger your imagination. Nothing needs to be a problem. Think of it as an opportunity to find solutions. Others admire your resilience and creativity. Let someone know you care. Tonight: Have fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★ Your family and domestic life give you a morning jolt. Though you might not be 100 percent content, on the positive side, you are wide awake and ready to go. Flow, and you'll discover that everything works out. Tonight: Buy flowers or a plant on your way home.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ A call or event might have you shaking your head this morning. You could choose to be upset, or let it go. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Make an important call you have been putting off. Tonight: Catch up on another's news.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★ You pull the wild card financially. In the mood you are in, play it conservatively and don't take a risk that you cannot afford. Do buy a card or token of affection for a loved one. Of course, you might indulge yourself, too. Tonight: Treat someone as you would like to be treated.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ You continue to surprise others with your actions. You could be changing rapidly -- mentally and emotionally. Be generous with those around you. Make an extra effort toward a loved one or a friend you have ignored. Tonight: Smile away.  
BORN TODAY  
Astronaut Yuri Gagarin (1934), chess player Bobby Fischer (1943), author Mickey Spillane (1918)

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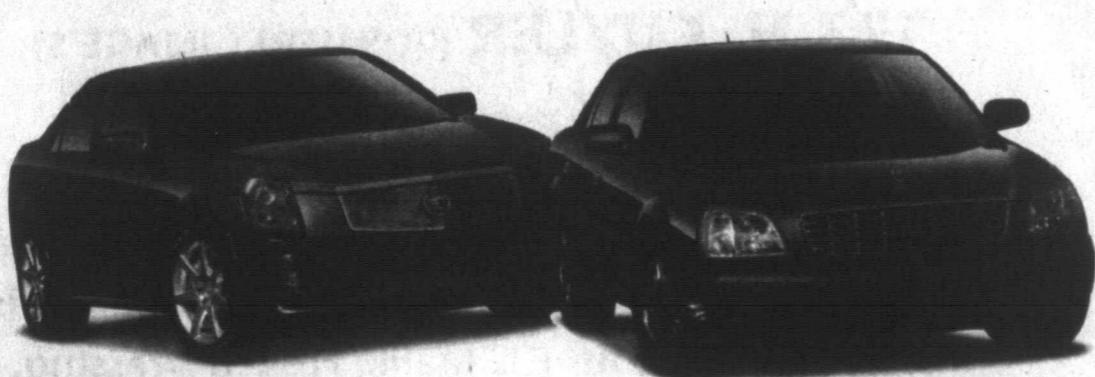
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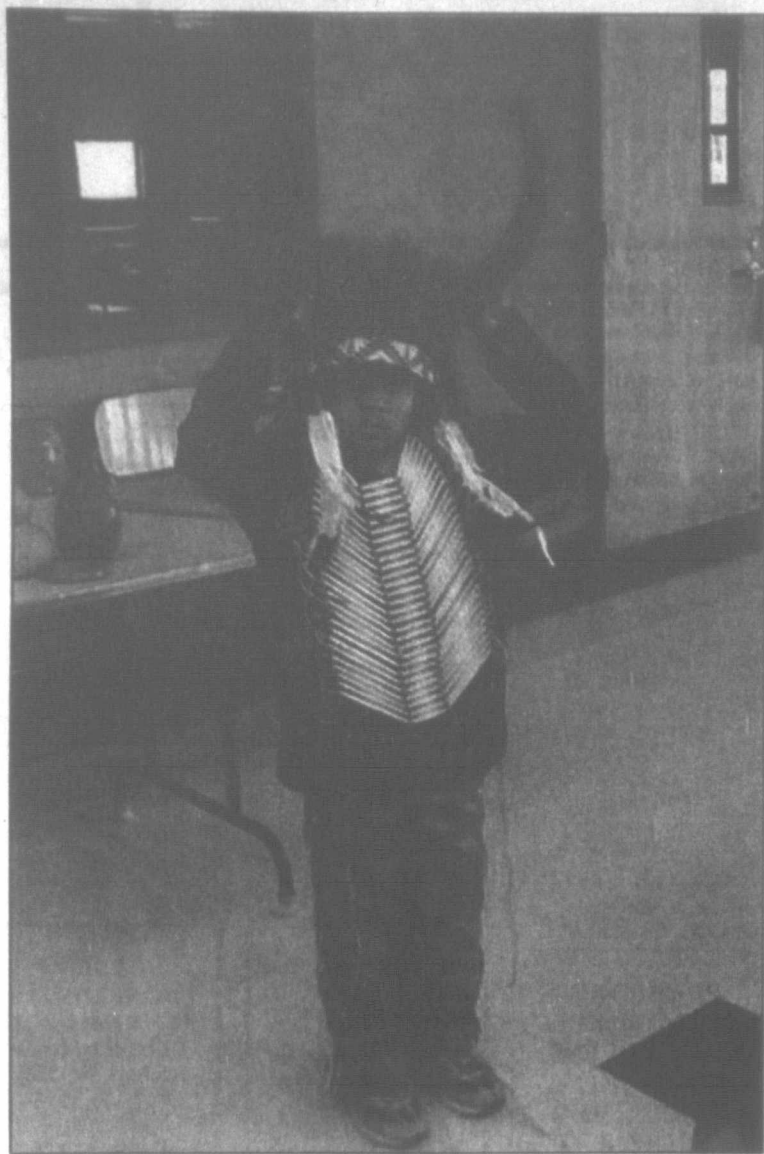
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### Trunk show

Chase Brown, kindergartner at Lamar Elementary School, models some Native American artifacts provided by Ray Thornton of Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Thornton recently presented a trunk show to Lamar kindergarten students on the American Indian.

## China stepping up pressure in Taiwan

BEIJING (AP) — China unveiled a law Tuesday authorizing an attack if Taiwan moves toward formal independence, increasing pressure on the self-ruled island while warning other countries not to interfere. Taiwan denounced the legislation as a "blank check to invade" and announced

deputy chairman of the congress' Standing Committee, told the nearly 3,000 members gathered in the Great Hall of the People.

Beijing claims Taiwan, which split from China since 1949, as part of its territory. The communist mainland repeatedly has threatened to invade if Taiwan tries to

make its independence permanent, and the new law doesn't impose any new conditions or make new threats. It lays out for the first time legal requirements for military action.

Taiwan's Mainland Affairs Council, which handles the island's China policy, said the law gives China's military "a blank check to invade Taiwan" and "exposed the Chinese communists' attempt to

war games aimed at repelling an attack.

The proposed anti-secession law, read out for the first time before the ceremonial National People's Congress, doesn't specify what actions might invite a Chinese attack.

"If possibilities for a peaceful reunification should be completely exhausted, the state shall employ nonpeaceful means and other necessary measures to protect China's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Wang Zhaoguo, Ministry spokesman Liu Chih-chien.

use force to annex Taiwan and to be a regional power."

The island's vice president, Annette Lu, accused Beijing of violating international norms for peacefully resolving disputes, as Taipei prepared for an invasion.

Large-scale military exercises would be held from mid-April to August, with troops practicing knocking down Chinese missiles and fighting communist commandos, said Taiwan's Defense Ministry spokesman Liu Chih-chien.

## Martha softening her message

NEW YORK (AP) — A beaming Martha Stewart told several hundred employees that the lessons she learned from a cross-section of people she met during five months in federal prison will be reflected in her company.

Stewart said on her first day back at work Monday that Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia Inc. has focused too much in the past on technical aspects of entertaining and cooking, and not enough on why people need to take care of each other.

"We're going to deepen our bond with the millions who read our publications and watch our television programs," Stewart said. "We're going to engage and inspire new readers and new viewers for whom these topics may have seemed alien, unfamiliar or even — believe it or not — superficial."

As if to confirm her new down-to-earth image, Stewart pulled out a much-photographed poncho she wore when released from prison on Friday, saying it did not come from a fancy store, but was crocheted by a

fellow inmate.

"The night before I left she handed me this... and said, 'Wear it in good health,'" Stewart said. "I hope she is reading the news and looking at television because I'm so proud of her."

Whether or not Stewart has emerged from prison a changed woman may not matter as far as her company goes, observers said. They said the new strategy is brilliant for turning around Stewart's multimedia empire, which has struggled with a string of losses and sales declines since news surfaced in June 2002 about her questionable stock sale.

"Her prison experience can be used as a new and powerful brand asset," said John Barker, president of DZP Marketing Communications, based in New York. "What prison has done is to make her more fallible. There is this opportunity to make Martha more approachable, more empathetic."

Company officials declined to comment on the details of the new approach.

### Foreign affairs

## Protesters making impression

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Nearly 200,000 pro-Syrian protesters waved flags, chanted and whistled in a central Beirut square Tuesday, answering a nationwide call by the militant Shiite Muslim Hezbollah group for a demonstration to counter weeks of massive rallies demanding Syrian forces leave Lebanon.

Loudspeakers blared songs of resistance and organizers handed out Lebanese flags and directed the men and women to separate sections of the square. Demonstrators held up pictures of Syrian President Bashar Assad and signs saying, "Syria & Lebanon brothers forever." Black-clad Hezbollah guards handled security, lining the perimeter of the square and taking position on rooftops. Trained dogs sniffed for bombs.

Large cranes hoisted two giant red-and-white flags bearing Lebanon's cedar tree. On one, the words, "Thank you Syria," were written in English; on the other, "No to foreign interference."

The demonstration was in front of U.N. offices. Hezbollah opposes the U.N. resolution drafted by the United States and France last year calling for Syria's withdrawal from Lebanon.

The square was just a few blocks from another downtown square where opposition protesters have been demonstrating for days, demanding that Syria withdraw the 14,000 troops it maintains in Lebanon. Nations, including the United States, also demand that Syria withdraw its intelligence agents.

A day after the Syrian and Lebanese leaders announced that Syrian forces would redeploy to eastern Lebanon before the nations discuss a full withdrawal, most of the troops were still in position, with Associated Press reporters in the mountains overlooking Beirut seeing only scattered movement of military trucks heading toward the Bekaa Valley.

A truck carrying 11 soldiers and supplies headed east at midmorning but most of the military traffic was moving in the other direction. Scores of cars also headed toward western Lebanon and the capital, Beirut, bearing passengers waving Lebanese flags on their way to a Beirut protest.

Hezbollah, a Shiite Muslim group, has been mobilizing its followers from across the country for the protest, also meant to denounce the U.N. resolution that also called for dismantling militias.

## Witness testifies of molestation by pop star

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The 14-year-old brother of Michael Jackson's accuser described the molestation allegations against the singer for the first time, saying he saw Jackson touching his brother as the boy slept on the singer's bed.

He said that he twice saw Jackson masturbating with one hand while the other was in his brother's underwear. He did not state the dates of the incidents, which the prosecution says followed a February 2003 TV documentary in which Jackson appeared with the boy at his Neverland ranch.

"I didn't know what to do," the witness said, adding that he watched both incidents for a few seconds before going to a guest room. Speaking calmly, directly and unemotionally, the boy said the alleged molestations occurred two days apart.

The defense says the allegations are a fiction created by the children's mother in an attempt to extort money from the pop star. The accuser's brother faced more questioning Tuesday.

The boy said the molestations occurred sometime after Jackson had shown him and his brother sexually explicit magazines kept in a suitcase in his bedroom. "We all looked at them one at a time," he said.

The defense has said Jackson had "girlie" magazines in his house but never showed them to children.

District Attorney Tom Sneddon projected on a courtroom screen the covers of magazines, including one called Barely Legal that depicted a young woman with her breasts exposed.

Jackson, 46, is accused of molesting a 13-year-old cancer survivor at Neverland, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the family captive to get them to rebut a damaging documentary in

which Jackson said he allowed children to sleep in his bedroom.

*'I didn't know what to do.'*

— Trial witness

The accuser's brother also described an incident in which Jackson grabbed a mannequin that he kept in his bedroom and "he pretended like he was having intercourse with it" on a bed while fully clothed and laughing.

Jurors were shown a photo of a mannequin depicting a girl with braids.

The brother said Jackson had once asked him if he ever masturbated. The boy said he answered no. "Then he said to me, 'Everyone does it. You should try it. It's OK,'" the witness said of Jackson.

He also told of Jackson conducting drinking parties with his young boy guests in which he served them wine and called it "Jesus juice."

The witness said that on the night he discovered Jackson with his brother, he pushed open the door to Jackson's room and, "I saw directly onto the bed. I saw my brother was outside the covers. I saw Michael's left hand in my brother's underwears and I saw his right hand in his underwears," he said.

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