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## Parents, residents discuss gun incident at Travis

#### **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

Reassurances and explanations were offered but not in all cases accepted Tuesday evening as parents of Travis Elementary School students met with representatives of the school system and local law enforcement to discuss an incident involving second-grader who a brought an unloaded handgun to the school Feb. 9.

Independent Pampa District School Superintendent Barry Haenisch opened the meeting at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium at 2300 Primrose Lane by praising individuals who were involved in the incident.

"Several things went right on a day that was not necessarily a right day," Haenisch said.

"Our administration became alerted to the situation by a student in the classroom who kept her head. Her quick action certainly helped us address this situation much more quickly than oth-

Concerned parents and residents attended an informational meeting Tuesday night in the Travis Elementary School gym.

erwise.

"Also, the teacher immediately looked for what she was told was there, found it and removed the child from the classroom," he said.

Travis Principal Doug Rapstine, in a press release Friday, said the student took the gun out of his backpack during a restroom break and showed it to the other stu-

dents.

The teacher returned to the room, searched the child's backpack to which the gun was returned and brought the child to the school office, Rapstine said. "The police were called to the school and the boy's parents were notified. An officer came to the school and questioned the boy and confiscated the gun. The father came to the school and took the student home. He has been suspended pending an expulsion hearing," Rapstine said in the release.

At Tuesday night's meeting, Haenisch also praised Rapstine, the school's teachers and counselor, and the school's police liaison officer, Brett Watson.

"I think they did a very nice job of alleviating fears," Haenisch said.

The meeting was then opened to questions from the audience, and further information about the child who brought the gun to school was disclosed.

The boy is 8 years old, and

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## Working for Progress group plans to clean up city

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

houses, but instead of complaining, assist the city. she's organized the Working for

Miller, who was at the meeting,

Patrick said that with all the groups and their volunteers working togetner, she nopes they can improve the looks and condition of the city. "Our purpose is to improve environmental conditions in Gray County and develop participation and unity between city officials and citizens of the community," Patrick

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Barbara Patrick has lived in Pampa for 22 years. During that time, she said she's watched the persistent decline of the community.

"It's time to do something about it." Patrick said.

The fiery community leader said she's tired of weeds overgrowing city parks and seeing dilapidated Progress Advisory Board.

Noting that the city does not always have the workforce to clean up neighborhoods around town -something with which Pampa City Commissioner Lana Miller agrees --Patrick said at the advisory board's meeting Tuesday night at Lovett Library that the residents need to

said the city simply doesn't have the manpower to take care of all the cleanup projects, although the city is in the process of tearing down abandoned houses and clearing lots.

Bob May with Clean Pampa, who was also at the meeting, said his organization has been developing an inventory of trash problems.

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## commission takes no action yet on CRMWA issue

#### By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission took no action at Tuesday's meeting on a Canadian River Municipal Water Authority plan to buy more water rights.

CRMWA is planning a \$55 million bond issue this year. The money from the bond issue will go to buy more water rights for the water

authority's 11-member cities, including Pampa.

Kent Satterwhite, CRMWA general manager, had asked that the city indicate its decision not to participate, participate or participate at what level, by March 1.

The commission asked that it be put on the agenda for their next regular meeting, scheduled for 4 p.m.

Feb. 28 (see related story).

"I'd like more time," Mayor Larry Robbins said.

In other business, the commission granted a utility easement to Southwestern Bell from Hobart Street to the AmericInn.

They also approved the Pampa Economic Development Corp. bylaws. The bylaws stagger the

terms of the seven-member Pampa EDC board with one and two year terms. It also prevents anyone on the city commission or a city employee from serving on the board, although the city manager will be a non-voting member. The bylaws also require the Pampa EDC to report to the city commission annually, no later than See CITY, Page 3

## **Candidate forum Thursday**

#### **By MARILYN POWERS** Staff Writer

Top O' Texas Republican Women will host a candidates' forum at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Knights of Columbus Hall, 318 N. Cuyler, for all Republican candidates in the upcoming primary election March 7.

Associate Judge Phil Vanderpool will be moderator. Each candidate will be given an opportunity to speak, and written questions from the audience will be allowed.

Refreshments will be provided, and there is no charge to attend the meeting, which is open to the public.

Early voting is Feb. 21 through March 3. Candidates for the offices of county inspector for hides and animals; county treasurer; county judge; county clerk; district clerk; commissioners for Precincts 2 and 4; three

justices of the peace for Precincts 2, 4, and 1 and 3 combined; 31st/223rd district attorney; and judge for the 31st judicial district will be included on the March 7 ballot and may participate in Thursday's forum.

The only candidate on the Democratic ticket for the March primaries in a local race is Lee Waters, who is running for reelection as 223rd district judge.

Several Republican candidates are running unopposed for re-election to their offices. They are John E. Radcliff, county inspector for hides and animals; Richard Peet, county judge; Susan Winborne, county clerk; Gaye Honderich; 31st district clerk; James Hefley, Precinct 4 commissioner; Kurt Curfman, Precinct 2 justice of

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## **School board has** a lot on its agenda

#### By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will be looking at architects, buses, insurance and elections when they meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Center Carver Administration Office, 321 W. Albert.

The school board is expected to set May 13, as election day for the school board election. They will also set a time and place to canvass the election results.

The trustees will discuss and could take action on the purchase of an activity bus for the district.

They are expected to name an architectual firm to work with the district's Facility Committee.

The school board will consider insurance policies for the 2006-2007 school year.

The board will hear on second and final reading

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#### 2 — Wednesday, February 15, 2006 — The Pampa News

### Obituaries

Paul B. Coronis, 70, died 1963, in Wheeler County. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, in Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Pastor Bob Banks of Bible Church of Pampa officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Coronis was born March 9, 1925, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He married Laverne Wright on Feb. 12,

McLEAN — Roy Eugene Chronister, 64, of McLean. died Feb. 13, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 17, 2006, at Assembly of God in McLean with Dean Williamson officiating. Burial will be in

Ferne Barnard Duncan, 99, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 13, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, and John Curry officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Duncan was born Nov. 13, 1906, in the Oklahoma Territory, near Buffalo, to H.P. and Arrah Ellen Price Barnard. She attended schools in Fredrick, graduating from high school in 1924. She joined her family in White Deer and soon married J. Wade Duncan on Aug. 9, 1924.

After 72 years of marriage, he preceded her in death in August of 1996.

She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include two

#### Paul B. Coronis, 70

He was owner and operator of Coronis Builders. He was a member of First Baptist Church and the Las Pampa Pond & Water Garden Society. Survivors

include his wife, Laverne Cornois Coronis of the home;

three sons, Cory www.carmichael-Coronis of Pampa, Greg whatley.com. Burke of Wichita Falls and Paul Dean Parker of Dallas;

#### **Roy Eugene Chronister, 64**

Wildorado Cemetery at loved to fish and hunt. Wildorado, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean. Roy Eugene Chronister was born to Marvin and Mary Chronister on Jan. 27, 1942, in Van Buren, Mo. He

#### Ferne Barnard Duncan, 99

daughters, Angela Spearman and husband John of Pampa and Cynthia West and husband Bill D. of Round Rock; one son, Bill Duncan and wife Jenny of Plainview; grandchildren, John R. Spearman and wife Lisa, Jay Spearman and wife Janis, and Melinda Stowers, all of Pampa, Margaret Horn and husband Steve of Cheyenne, Wyo., Sarah Houlett and husband Greg of Amarillo, Mark Duncan and wife Diane of St. Elmo, Ill., Ann Duncan of La Guna Beach, Calif., Angela Richardson and husband Todd of Cedar Park, Troy West and wife Kammy of Austin, David Hurt and wife Susan of Plainview, and Jeff Hurt and wife Sondra of Carrollton; great-grandchildren, Amy Gamblin and husband Kyle. Mindee Ferland and husband Joel, and Ryan Spearman, all of Pampa, Reid Spearman of Wyo., Laramie, Jared Jordan Spearman,

Survivors include one son, David (Kristi) Chronister of Wildorado, Texas; his mother, Mary Chronister of McLean; one sister, Marie Donahue; and two grandchildren, Dylan Hannick and Shawn Wiggins.

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Spearman, Jaclyn Spearman, Lauren Houlett, and Andrew Hurt, all of Lubbock, Celeste Locknane and husband Grady of Fort Worth, Kristen Stowers, Eric Hurt and wife K.J., all of Dallas, Katie Houlett and Colton Houlett of Amarillo, Megan Duncan of St. Elmo, Ill., Jacob Richardson, Will Richardson, and Kristen Richardson, all of Cedar Park, Allison West and Ryan West, both of Austin, Skylar Hurt, Lydia Hurt, Ross Hurt and Duncan Hurt, all of Carrollton; one great-greatgranddaughter, Tyler Paige Ferland of Pampa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Denice Barnard and H.P. (Buss) Barnard, Jr.; and two sisters, Edna Barnard and Elizabeth Thompson.

The Duncan family extends it's love and appreciation to her caring angels Irene Estrada, Bobby Howard, Tammy Cheek, Donna Gordy, Stacy Wells,

Helen Josephine Ridings Dyer, 76, of Pampa, Texas, died Feb. 15, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley children; and two Funeral Directors.

> Mrs. Dyer was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Canadian. She married B.B. "Bo" Dyer on June 12, 1950, in Memphis, Texas. He preceded her in death on April 26, 1999. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. She was a member of the Church of Christ, attending the Wells Street Church of Christ.

Sunday, Feb. 12,

scheduled at 2

p.m. Thursday in

First Pentecostal

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with the Rev.

Albert Maggard,

pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in

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Pauline Sutton, 82, of

Graveside services will be

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Izaddia Subia, 87

Izaddia Subia, 87, died County, Texas. She married Jess Subia on Sept. 30, 1944, in

> Childress. He preceded her in death on April 4, 2003. Mrs. Subia had been a resident of Pampa since 1975. moving from California. She was a member of the Central Baptist Church and the Women of the Moose Lodge

#658. Survivors include three sisters, Clara Quary, Helen

#### Pauline Sutton, 82

dent of Pampa since 1936. Frances Runs Through of She married Paul

M. Sutton on May 22, 1943, Pampa.

They were married for 42 years before he preceded her in death on Oct. 26, 1985. She volunteered for Salvation the Army for 37

years, and was a member of the Salvation Army Church since Dec. 31, 1954.

Survivors include one www.carmichaelbrother, Carl Bozeman of whatley.com. Texas. She had been a resi- Fort Worth; two sisters,

#### **Elizabeth Barnard Thompson**, 89

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Texas, before moving to

She was a homemaker and

a member of the White Deer

ating the service. Ky. — Barnard Thompson, 89, of Mayfield, July 20, 1916, in Frederick, and husband Jim of Murray,

Mayfield, Ky.

Methodist Church.

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Vivian Morrell of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her

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Lincycomb, Jimmy Lineycomb, and Herman Lincycomb; and one sister, Donnie Ralston. The family requests

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Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. THOMPSON, Elizabeth

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ices will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006, at the White Deer Cemetery with family members offici-

### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made. Two traffic complaints were received, one of them in the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway. Two traffic accidents were reported in the 300 block of North Banks and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

An assault was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles where minor injuries occurred. An open door was investigat-

ed in the 1200 block of Finley. Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight and in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of North Doucette; a suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace; and prowler was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A gas drive off was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A medical assist for Lefors Volunteer Fire Department was provided in the 500 block of North Park, and assisting another agency was noted in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Fraud was reported in the 200 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct calls were received from the 700 block of North Davis, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 900 block of East Twiford.

A missing person was reported in the police department lobby

A civil matter was investigated in the 400 block of North Powell.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson where minor injuries occurred and an arrest was made.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose Lane.

ed at one location.

An animal complaint was received in the 2700 block of Aspen.

Harassment calls were received in the 200 block of North Wells and the 800 block of North Dwight.

Alarms were investigated in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway and the 500 block of East Tyng.

Escort service was provided in the 800 block of West 23rd.

A public intoxication report was investigated in the 2300 block of Alcock.

Pampa Independent School District will hold a **Community Hearing** to discuss the proposed 2006 - 2007 Calendar

on Thursday, February 16, 2006 at 6:00 PM at the Carver Center **Administration Building** 321 W. Albert

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but that would have to wait until the advisory boar"s next meeting, 7 p.m., March 21, in the meeting room at the north end of the library.

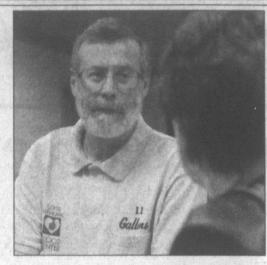
Normally, Patrick said, the board will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the library, but another group had reserved the room for the second Tuesday in March.

The advisory board's constitution calls for two to five members from each of the wards in the city. From that group, they will elect a president, first and second vice presidents, a secretary and a corresponding secretary for four-year terms.

Patrick said she hopes to hold special meetings in each ward to develop more pride in home ownership.

Patrick said she wants Pampa to make a good impression on people coming to town. "The first impression is a lasting impres-

sion," she said. "This is our town." Patrick said the city had offered support, including the use of prisoners from the Jordan Unit, who have been helping with alley cleanups for the past several months. She said that some equipment has been



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Bob May, left, talks over ideas for improving neighborhoods with Carolyn Jacobs Tuesday night.

made available to the group along with people to run it, including chain saws, trucks and backhoes.

She said the time for talking was over. "It's time for us to get involved," Patrick said.

Although a number of people with whom she had talked were at Valentine's Day functions, more than a dozen people showed up at Tuesday evening's meeting.

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## City

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Nov. 30 of each year. The city commission also extended agreements with White Deer, Groom, Skellytown, Miami, Lefors and McLean for certain animal control services. The agreements will run through Jan. 31, 2007.

The commission also discussed drilling water wells within the city limits, handicapped parking at M.K. Brown Civic Center and a soil stabilization program at Lovett Memorial Library.

Pampa Recreational Director Shane Stokes presented the commission with a map of architectual plans to expand parking on

the east side of the parking lot north of M.K. Brown. The plan also calls for handicapped parking on the northeast side of the building next to the main entrance. The old handicapped parking on the north side of the building, Stokes said, would also probably remain. The aggregate concrete walkways on the east side of the building would be

replaced, he said. Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers told the commission that the library board is referring a soil stabilization problem at Lovett Memorial Library to the library foundation when the foundation board meeting toward the end of March or in early April.

Monty Trimble addressed the commission during the public comment

period of the commission meeting, asking that the city direct the Pampa Police Department to enforce the law concerning handicapped parking spaces.

Trimble said he had been told the city was reluctant to go on to private property to ticket or tow illegally parked cars. He presented the commission with a Texas Attorney General's opinion saying that law enforcement agencies could take such action.

City Manager John Horst told the commission that he expected a 6-foot wide, 50- foot long stainless steel park bridge near the Super Play Ground to be completed this spring. He said the bridge had been approved and budgeted.

## School

#### **Continued from Page 1**

Texas Association of School Boards Policy Update 77, consider revisions to the district's employment practices, consider a budget amendment and adopt an Emergency

trict. They are expected to approve the sale of tax delinquent property, approve the January financial report, approve Pampa High School fund-raisers for the baseball team and TAFE and approve the purchase of graphing calcula-

Response Plan for the dis-

tors. The school board will

## Travis

#### Continued from Page 1

his father is currently attending the law enforcement academy in Amarillo, according to some of the parents.

The boy reportedly not only showed classmates the gun, but waved it at them and made at least one statement that could be considered threatening, the parents said.

The incident was perhaps the most serious, but not the first time the boy has been disruptive and threatening, Haenisch said. "The district they said. One previous will fund that (the child's incident mentioned by a continued education). Our parent involved the boy allegedly stabbing another student with a pair of scis-

was working with scissors

"Is there a policy if any-

"Federal law says that

one brings a weapon to the

school?" one parent asked.

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school is a violation of the

gun-free school zone,"

Haenisch said. "A weapon

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"If an adult or non-stu-

from school for one year after a hearing is held." This is not the first time

such a situation has occurred in Pampa schools, Haenisch said, but it is the first time such an event has happened at Travis Elementary.

One parent asked about schooling a child who is expelled for a year. Another asked if the child could be expelled for the remainder of the current school year and repeat second grade during the following school

year. "By state law, a child under age 10 cannot be deprived of an education,'

been suggested to Haenisch as possible courses of action, Haenisch said.

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"This school has an enrollment of 360 students," said one parent who is also a staff member at the school. "Look around. If we have parental involvement, where are the rest of the parents?"

About 75 attended Tuesday night's meeting, including representatives of the school district, media and law enforcement.

"Is Child Protective Services getting involved?" one audience member asked.

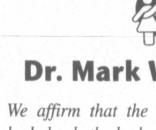
"I can't tell you if they've been reported or not,' Haenisch said. "It's a confidentiality issue."

#### Commission sessions to be on television By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer Beginning today, the Pampa City Commissioners will be television stars.

Pampa City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers said the city commission meetings are being recorded on DVDs and will be replayed on Cable One's city access channel, Channel 11.

Jeffers said the meetings will be broadcast on Channel 11 at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. beginning today. The meetings will be broadcast at those times on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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hands are tied." An expulsion from one school within a district applies to all schools in the "I question whether he district, as well as to any did actually stab her, and all other public school whether it was meaningful districts in the state, he said. or just carelessness," Rapstine said "The class

Some parents asked about the possibility of criminal charges being brought.

"Chapter 46.13 of the Texas Penal Code states that the firearm must be readily dischargeable," said Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department, who answered some of the audience's questions. "That means a minimum of one bullet must be loaded in the gun at the time. We can't charge the child with any-

thing because of his age," Metal detectors and clear, see-through backpacks had

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"If a school employee becomes aware of a situation in any way abusive, they are obligated to report it to CPS within 48 hours," he said.

Haenisch said work on the issue of school safety and emergency response procedures would be undertaken today.

"We will have a group working on it tomorrow, and by Friday, we will try to get something to the paper to reassure you about safety on campus.

"The school board will be adopting an emergency procedures plan Thursday night," he said.

"One of the things I hope will come out of this is a volunteer program of parents," Haenisch said after the meeting.

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Forum

the peace; Joe Martinez, Precinct 1 justice of the peace; Mary Ann Carpenter, Precinct 4 justice of the peace; Switzer, Lynn 31st/223rd district attor-Steven ney; and Emmert, 31st district judge.

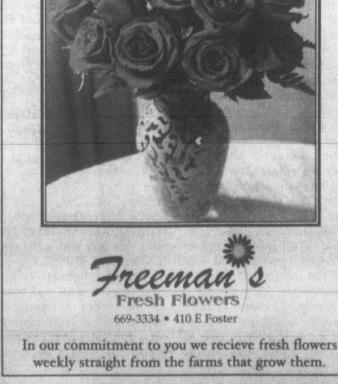
Only two local races have more than one candidate. Incumbent Gary Willoughby is being challenged by Durward Dunlap for Precinct 2 commissioner. County Treasurer Lee Cornelison is facing Tory Peet and former county treasurer Scott Hahn. The three are the same candidates that were in the 2002 race which Cornelison won.

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## Viewpoints

## Internet is a lawless and treacherous place

Jimmy Wales, Internet entrepreneur, started the to handle the matter with a Web site Wikipedia, "the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit," in 2001. told that they did verify Several months ago, a story began circulating about incorrect information being published in government officials' biographies. John Seigenthaler, previous aide to Attorney General Robert Kennedy, found out he had been incorrectly identified as a suspect in the Kennedy assassinations.

When Seigenthaler tried representative of the Wikipedia Web site, he was information published on their site. According to our current Internet laws and regulations, there is no course of action available for Mr. Siegenthaler.

Now there are new stories of emerging out Massachusetts and USA Today that some current members of Congress are

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Meehan deleted any information that could be viewed as negative and replaced it with only glowing accolades copied from a biography on

action by having their staff has traced more than 1,000



Some changes have been

to improve a person's image

while others have been

changed to offer a more neg-

ative image. Examples include Sen. Bill Frist being labeled "ineffective" and Sen. Tom Coburn being voted "most annoying senator."

The lawlessness of the Internet makes it a very confusing and dangerous resource for information. Wikipedia has plenty of correct information available to its users but too much of it is mixed with opinions and incorrect information, making it difficult to distinguish The Pampa News.

between the two.

Wikipedia is only one example of this type of Web site but there are hundreds of other Web sites publishing incorrect information and much worse, so I urge users of the Internet, particularly children, to be very careful and choose your resources wisely. Information published on the Internet may only be as good as the author's intent.

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## Today in History

#### **By The Associated Press**

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 15, the 46th day of 2006. There are 319 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 15, 1898, the U.S. battleship Maine mysteriously blew up in Havana Harbor, killing more than 260 crew members and bringing the United States closer to war with Spain. On this date:

In 1564, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei was born in Pisa.

In 1764, the city of St. Louis was established.

In 1820, American suffragist Susan B. Anthony was born in Adams, Mass.

'We live by encouragement and die without it – slowly, sadly and angrily."

- Celeste Holm, American actress

In 1879, President Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court. In 1933, President-

elect Franklin D. Roosevelt escaped an assassination attempt in Miami that claimed the life of Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak.

1942. In the British colony

Singapore surrendered to the Japanese during World War II. In 1961, 73 people, including an 18-member U.S. figure skating team en route to Czechoslovakia, were killed in the crash of a Sabena Airlines Boeing 707 in Belgium.

In 1965, Canada's new maple-leaf flag was unfurled in ceremonies in Ottawa.



## America blessed with strong leaders

In 1986, the Philippines National Assembly proclaimed Ferdinand E. Marcos president for another six years, following an election marked by allegations of fraud. (Marcos was later ousted.)

In 1989, the Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan, after more than nine years of military intervention.

Ten years ago: Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin announced he would run for re-election. A federal judge temporarily blocked the Communications Decency Act, saying the government had to explain what material it considered indecent before it could enforce the law, designed to protect children from sexually explicit material on computer networks.

Five years ago: President Bush said the Pentagon should review its policy on civilian participation in military exercises like the emergency ascent drill a Navy submarine was performing when it sank a Japanese fishing vessel off Hawaii. Hans-Joachim Klein, a former German terrorist, was sentenced to nine years in prison by a German court for killing three people in a 1975 attack on an OPEC meeting in Vienna, Austria.

One year ago: Defrocked priest Paul Shanley was sentenced in Boston to 12 to 15 years in prison on child rape charges. Christopher Pittman, a teen who claimed the antidepressant Zoloft had driven him to kill his grandparents at age 12, was found guilty in Charleston, S.C., of murder and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kevin McCarthy is 92. Actor Allan Arbus is 88. Country singer Hank Locklin is 88. Former U.S. Rep. John Anderson, R-Ill. is 84.

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Texas celebrates Presidents' Day each year on the third Monday in February. Our first president, George Washington, was born Feb. 22, 1732, and many states celebrate his birthday with a holiday bearing his name. In fact, the federal government officially recognizes the third Monday in February as Washington's Birthday. However, individual states observe their own holidays, and, since 1971, Texas has honored all presidents by celebrating Presidents' Day.

I have a deep respect for George Washington, who led our Revolutionary Army against the British in the fight for America's independence. His leadership in the formative years of our country paved the way for America to emerge as the bright, shining star that it is today.

He also had unparalleled self-restraint. At the end of the Revolutionary War, even though he controlled a pow-

erful army General Washington rebuked those who urged him to become king of the new country. Instead, he resigned his post as commander in chief and dissolved the army, allowing for a peaceful transfer of power.

Six years **Kay Bailey** later, the Hutchison country unanimous-U.S. Senator ly elected George

as our first president. Despite his great popularity, he retired from office after two terms to set the precedent of voluntarily giving up the country's high-

Washington

est office. When King George III of England – the very man America revolted against learned President Washington had stepped down, he stated that the president's self-restraint "placed him in a light the most distinguished of any man liv- he seemed to possess more

greatest character of age."

Abraham Lincoln, our 16th president, was also born this month. President Lincoln stood out for his pragmatism and moderation. When the country was being

> torn apart by dle Toward the

end of the Civil War, many northerners wished to punish the South, but President Lincoln refused. In his famous second inaugural address, he announced a policy of forgiveness, offering "malice toward none" and "charity to all."

General William T. Sherman perhaps best summed up who Abraham Lincoln was when he said, "Of all the men I ever met, ing," and made him "the of the elements of greatness,

combined with goodness, than any other." To this day, the Republican Party is often referred to as "The Party of Lincoln.'

In addition to Presidents Washington and Lincoln, 1 am happy to recognize all our other presidents on this holiday. Their sacrifice and service contributes to the distinguished reputation the presidency has today in our country and throughout the world.

Thomas Jefferson, our third president, greatly affected the early years of our country, championing of the idea of government by the people. He drafted the Declaration of Independence in 1776, at the young age of 33, before being elected president 20 years later. One of his most notable achievements was the Louisiana Purchase, which doubled the size of the United States and ushered in an era of westward expansion that led to

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tags identifying them and

## Informants are by and large a sleazy bunch

and intelligence agencies fundamentally depend on informants. Informants in foreign intelligence are at best traitors to their respective countries. Informants in domestic crime issues are often paid, either in cash or in deals cut on crimes they have committed. Altogether, they are a sleazy lot.

One point many people often don't understand is that CIA officers are not spies. They are "case officers." Their job is to recruit spies (informants) and funnel the information back to the analysts.

Naturally, every country tries to depict its spies as noble people opposed to tyranny rather than people

soreheads and neurotics or simply greedy opportunists. Often, informants working for money in domestic crim-

inal cases will actual-Charley entrap some inno-Reese per-

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episode of Randy Weaver began, which ended with the deaths of his wife, his son and a deputy

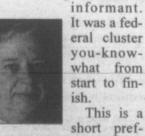
U.S. marshal in 1992. intercepts calls from terrorists. OK, how does the Bush A paid informant badgered Weaver, who was hard administration know that up for money to feed his somebody in Europe or the Middle East is a terrorist? family, into illegally sawing Terrorists don't walk around off a shotgun, something any 8-year-old with a hacksaw the street with little name

Both law-enforcement trapped and blackmailed, and a vice can do. The idea was to arrest him, threaten him with a long prison sentence and then coerce him into becoming a federal

their organization. They don't call people and say: "Hi, al-Qaida calling. Can I interest you in a bomb-mak-ing kit?" informant. It was a fed-The answer is an informant or some other country's eral cluster intelligence agency. The first you-knowwhat from

thing you know is that this person is a terrorist suspect. If anyone had proof that he was a real terrorist, he would be arrested. You can get some idea of how unreliable these suspect lists are by the instances of pop stars, U.S. senators, babies and other innocent people winding up on the U.S. terrorist watch list because of bureaucratic goof-ups.

Furthermore, it stands to See REESE, Page 8



ace to the current problem of

domestic spying. The Bush

administration says it only



#### **By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips**

DEAR ABBY: My mother was murdered by a serial killer about 16 years ago. Whenever the subject of parents comes up at work, I don't know what to tell people rude, unprofessional and sexually discrimwhen they ask about my mom. I am 26. Once in a while, they will ask me about what happened to her, but when I open my mouth to say something, I get nervous and start blushing. This might be because I know people get uncomfortable when you talk about stuff like this. I also feel weird telling them that my mother was a prostitute and that's how she was murdered. Sometimes I say she was in an "accident" -- but that's a lie. Can you give me any advice on the proper way to discuss this in harassment. Give copies to your boss and the office without it being weird for me or the other person? -- MOTHERLESS **DAUGHTER IN WASHINGTON** 

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#### **DEAR MOTHERLESS DAUGHTER:**

The fact that you become "nervous" when trying to discuss what happened to your mother means -- to me -- that you are still traumatized by the circumstances of her death. (Frankly, that's understandable.) When someone asks about your mother, it's not necessary to give chapter and verse unless you want to. Tell the person your mother passed away many years ago, which is the truth. If you are pressed for details, say that the topic is painful and change the subject. You are under no social obligation to bare your soul to anyone.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 24-year-old male with a problem. I work at a small business with six employees and 12 contracted associates. My problem concerns one of the female associates, "Stella." Over the past year, Stella has made sexual advances toward me. She asks me to come over and watch movies while her husband is away; she asks for hugs while I'm busy with customers, and shows me her new undergarments.

When I told Stella I was uncomfortable with the situation she placed me in, she became upset and accused me of being inatory. I have brought this to the attention of my employer. He says he had a talk with her and that it will stop, but it hasn't. I love my job and don't like being treated this way, yet I feel my only option is to leave. Can you please help? - UNCOMFORT-**ABLE IN CALIFORNIA** 

**DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE:** Leaving is NOT your only option. Document the times, dates and examples of the sexual explain that the conduct has continued. According to my employment law expert, Nancy Bertrando, if the boss doesn't deal with this, you should file a complaint with the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. (It is listed in your phone book under Government Agencies.)

DEAR ABBY: I am being married in May. I want to wear my wedding gown to the airport and on the plane. Is this common? Is it proper? Please let me know. --BRIDE-TO-BE, TERRE HAUTE, IND.

DEAR BRIDE-TO-BE: There is no "law" against it, but I would recommend against wearing your bridal gown to the airport because the idea is impractical. Airport floors are dirty and could soil the gown. A trip up or down an escalator could tear the hem. The compulsory security screening could also create a problem, and so would the seating on the aircraft. It would be much better to do what brides traditionally do: After the reception, change into comfortable traveling clothes and leave your wedding gown at home.

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#### For Better Or Worse





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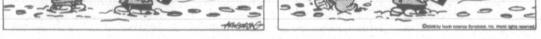
#### **Beetle Bailey**



#### Marvin













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## Sports Day

## **Pampa falls to Lady Mats**

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS** Sports Editor

Estacado 79, Pampa 58

The real prize from Friday's playoff seeding game between the Lady Harvesters and Randall was evident in Plainview

Tuesday night. The Lady Raiders barely edged Pampa to take second place in District 3-4A this season, relegating Pampa to third.

On the floor of the Hutcherson Center in Plainview Tuesday night, the difference between the two spots was obvious.

Randall met Frenship in the opening game of the bidistrict playoffs which was close for much of the first half. Then Randall turned up the heat, outscoring the Lady Tigers 28-10 in the second to drop Frenship 47-34 in a game many Callie Cobb takes the ball to felt Pampa should have the bucket Tuesday night.

been in. Game two of the bidistrict playoffs featured Pampa and Lubbock Estacado, two teams that met in Pampa Dec. 16 with the Lady Mats coming away with the win.

The Lady Harvesters forced Estacado into some early mistakes and dropped five fast points on the Lady Mats. From there the game was close throughout the opening period which ended with Pampa trailing 16-13.

Turnovers and lost rebounds would haunt the Lady Harvesters in the second quarter, 3).

while Estacado's shooting helped the Lady Mats open a 40-25 lead entering the locker rooms at the half.

Despite a valiant effort, it was a deficit Pampa would not overcome.

The Lady Harvesters played Estacado close in the second half (39-38), but the

Lady Mats were effective in protecting the 15-to-20point lead established earlier in the game.

Britteni Rice, despite being the focus of Estacado's attention at times, turned in a superb performance, tallying 34 points for the game including five 3-pointers. She was also effective from the free throw line where she went 11-for-14.

Jackie Gerber finished the night with nine points. Kelsie Wyatt came off the bench to score seven. Callie Cobb, Haili Kotara, and Felicia Urban also scored in the game.

Said Coach Fry earlier today, "After the game there were a lot of emo-

tions, especially for the seniors." He added, "I just told them how proud I was of them for the season and how much I appreciated them and that we are already to start preparing for next year."

Fry will benefit from returnees including Rice and Kotara. He will also have a healthy McKinsie East to help anchor his team next season.

The Lady Harvesters wrap the 2005-2006 season with an overall record of 15-17 (7-



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Third-year Lady Harvesters head coach Troy Fry — who has led Pampa to back-toback playoff appearances - goes over a game plan with his team prior to the start of the second half Tuesday night.

Halie Skinner protects the ball while looking for an open teammate Tuesday night.



WTAMU FOOTBALL Ryan Leaf joins Carthel's staff as Buffs' quarterbacks coach

CANYON - West Texas A&M University head football coach Don Carthel announced Tuesday that Ryan Leaf has

Leaf spent five years in the NFL, playing for the Chargers, as well as a stint with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, before being tradaccepted an offer to become WTAMU's ed to the Dallas Cowboys in 2001 and then Seattle Seanawks, before retiring in 2002. His best statistical season was in 2000 with the Chargers, when he threw for 1,883 yards and 11 TDs "I feel very honored to be a part of Coach Carthel's staff and a part of an up-and-coming successful program," Leaf said. "About a year after I retired from playing, I decided that I wanted to get back to college, where I had the greatest time of my life, and to get involved with college football." Leaf contacted his head coach during his playing days at Washington State, current University of Texas-El Paso head coach Mike Price, who put him in touch with Carthel.

# Pampa ends regular season 23-6; to meet Frenship Tuesday night in bidistrict playoff in Plainview

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS** Sports Editor

Pampa 64, Hereford 56

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Hereford kept pace with Pampa much of the second half (13-16, 18-13) but it was Pampa's night on Pampa's home floor and

quarterbacks coach.

'It's a huge addition to our staff, Ryan brings a great deal of football experience and knowledge to our quarterbacks. We're excited about him further developing our quarterbacks Dalton Bell and Keith Null," Carthel said. "I think overall, it is a real positive addition to our staff with his college football expertise in guiding Washington State to their first Rose Bowl in

over 60 years." Leaf, a Great Falls, Mont., native, played his collegiate football at Washington State University, where he passed for nearly 8,000 yards in his career. As a junior, Leaf averaged 330.6 ypg in leading the Cougars to the Rose Bowl against the University of Michigan, Washington State's first appearance in the Rose Bowl since 1931. Leaf was a first-team All-American and finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting, behind winner Charles Woodson of Michigan, and runner-up quarterback Peyton Manning of University of Tennessee.

After his junior year, Leaf entered the NFL Draft, and was chosen with the second pick of the 1998 draft by the San Diego Chargers.

"I'm very excited to be back in Texas. I thoroughly enjoyed my time there with the Cowboys and Texas had a strong calling to me when I became interested in coaching."

Leaf earned his bachelor's degree from Washington State in May of 2005 in arts and humanities, with a minor in psychology. After his retirement, Leaf spent time vacationing in Europe before spending time on his ranch in Montana, but is anxious to get back involved with football and join the Buffaloes' coaching staff.

It was Senior Night at The Pit Tuesday as Pampa wrapped the 2005-2006 regular season. Paramount on head coach Dustin Miller's list was to make sure all his seniors got a chance to play.

He also wanted to make sure they left their home floor with a win.

Done.

Though it didn't come easy. "Last night's game was not very pretty," noted Miller. "We played like we did not have much on the line. But the object was to win and we did that."

The two teams were evenly matched much of the first quarter which ended with Pampa holding a narrow 15-12 advantage.

The Harvesters opened things up a bit in the second period, outscoring the Whitefaces 20-13 to enter the break up by the Harvesters refused to be denied win No. 23.

"These guys are very special," said Miller. "I am so thankful for what they have done for Pampa basketball. These guys have raised the bar back where we expect it."

Pampa last played in the post-season in 2004 when they fell to Andrews in the first round.

The Harvesters will face Frenship Tuesday night in the Hutcherson Center on of campus of Wayland Baptist Dustin Miller University in Plainview. Head Coach, PHS Boys That game will follow the bidistrict opener between Basketball coach Canyon and the Eagle's opponent.

The Harvesters finish the regular season with an impressive overall record of 23-6, 8-2 in District 3-4A.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb. 16, 2006

You make a difference when it counts this year. Somehow, even with difficult situations and people, you are able to see the big picture. What a gift! Others might rely on you a bit too much for your own taste. Let it be. You have the strength, leadership and network to handle the hoops you might need to jump through. Success will greet you. If you are single, someone quite unique will enter your life. Your openness will be reflected in the quality of this bond. You have what it takes. If you are attached, your bond will evolve to a new level. Relating might not be a picnic. LIBRA opens mental doors.

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

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Listen well to someone who often drops nuggets of wisdom. You could be stumped by a situation or person. It's time for you to give up your independent stance - just once! Tonight: Choose what is good for you. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Dive into a project as if there is no tomorrow. You will be happier as a result. Think and believe that you can achieve what you want, no matter what. Someone could be a bit difficult. Consider what you could be doing to provoke this behavior. Tonight: At home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* You might have the best intentions, but words tumble out of your mouth like lead. You can do what it takes to make a situation work. A serious

approach might be very understandable. onight: Flirt alert. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\* Your finances are a bit tight and cause you a problem. You might want to think before you leap into action. Be playful with a family member, even your pet. Everyone heals from changes. Tonight: Stay cool, calm and collected. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Your serious demeanor might be a bit much for others. Listen more and toss cynicism to the wayside. You will find that a positive attitude can and will make a big difference. Listen well. Someone is quite hard on you. Tonight: Speak

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

 $\star$  What your internal voice says might not jibe with what reality indicates. Be careful with your words and actions, especially with financial commitments. You will be a lot happier if you don't have to deal with unnecessary financial damages. Tonight: Balance your checkbook BEFORE heading out the door

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Just because you feel on top of the world doesn't mean that others do, too. This fact will be spelled out for you loud and clear. Listen well to someone who cares about you. You will get good advice. Tonight: As you like. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Your intuition helps you follow through on what you want. You might want to rethink a situation carefully Think through a question that involves your exterior public life. Think positively. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's. You are going to need them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ If you take a good look at you long-term goals and plans, you will find the right path to achieve what you want. You might want to listen to feedback you get from a very serious person in your life. Tonight: As you like.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* You understand an associate's needs better than he or she realizes. This is when diplomacy counts. Take the lead and let someone have his or her head. With the right nudge, you have to believe this person will make the appropriate judgments. Tonight: Out on the town. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Others might be unusually difficult taskmasters. Think positively, and you will feel much better than you have in a long time. Recognize what needs to happen with someone. Engage in an intellectual conversation. Tonight: Say yes to a request.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★★ Work closely with an associate, friend or loved one to achieve the goals you have set in mind. You might be overly serious about a responsibility or project. Lighten up and enjoy yourself-OK? Tonight: Quality time with someone special.

**BORN TODAY** 

Actor LeVar Burton (1957), rapper, actor Ice T (1958), politician Sonny. Bono (1935) \* \* \*

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## **PHS Soccer: Boys handle Canyon** 5-2, girls fall to Lady Eagles, 3-0

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#### **By MICHAEL J. STEVENS** Sports Editor

#### Pampa 5, Canyon 2

Pampa played host to visiting Canyon Tuesday, with the boys taking an importnat district win, while the Lady Harvesters put up a good battle against their Canyon counterparts.

On the boys' side, Nick Robbins, Rusty Snider, Tanner Dyson, Chase Phillips and Jesus Quesada all netted scores off superb assists from their Pampa teammates.

The win is the second in a row for the Harvesters who edged Palo Duro Saturday.

Said head coach Byron May afterward, "We had do some soul-searching after those first two district losses, but I feel like we're gaining some confidence as a team now."

May continued, "We had a lot of unselfish play, and a lot of plain hustle. Canyon had Borger on the ropes before they finally gave up a 1-1 tie, so we knew that we couldn't let them have the edge, and the boys did a good job of being sure of that.'

May praised the play of Nick Robbins, who had great game Tuesday. "His work ethic has been the leadership our team needed to get back into contention. He and Rusty Snider gave us control over the game."

#### **Canyon 3, Lady Harvesters 0**

No loss is ever easy, but Pampa can take pride in the way they played the Lady Eagles - undefeated in district play — Tuesday afternoon.

Despite the loss, coach Jeff Quisenberry is quick to praise his Lady Harvesters for their effort. "We played well and definitely had some opportunities," he said.

Canyon's first two goals came in the first half with their third goal coming 25 minutes into the second half.

"This team has faced its share of adversity so far this season," said Quisenberry. "We were only able to suit-up 13 players for this game."

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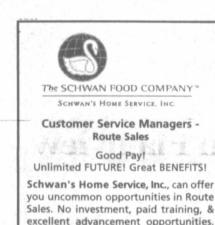
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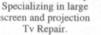
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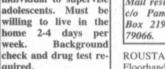
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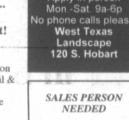
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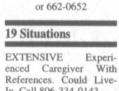
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## Leaders

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the settling of Texas.

Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president, became the youngest president ever at the age of 43, following the assassination of President William McKinley.

President Roosevelt, a hero of the Spanish-American War, led the United States' emergence as a world power. Believing in diplo-

military might, he was known for quoting the West African proverb, "Speak softly and carry a big stick.'

Texas has sent its share of leaders to the White House. Dwight Eisenhower, who served two terms as the 34th president, was born in Denison. Lyndon B. Johnson, the 36th president, was born in Stonewall. More recently, George H.W. Bush, the country's 41st president, began his political career in 1969 by representing strong leaders over the years.

matic persuasion backed up by Texas in the U.S. House of Representatives before eventually becoming president.

Of course, we also have a Texan in the White House today our 43rd and current president, former Texas Governor George W. Bush. Our president has valiantly kept his word to defend America in the war on terror.

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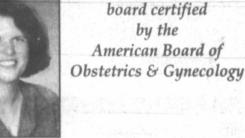
other words, it's a massive invasion of privacy, not a selective invasion of privacy - or at least that's my guess.

Ronald Reagan said of his arms deals with the Soviets: "Trust, but verify." The problem is, there are no ways the American people or their elected representatives can verify anything President Bush says on the subject of national security. It's all classified. The very practice of one equal branch from another equal branch of the government is an unconstitutional act that ought to be ended immediately. We will have to wait for a Congress with guts for that to hap-

I lear the expansion of American government power more than I do the terrorists. They are, after all, criminals who might shoot us or bomb us and get killed in the process. They are, by nature, a passing threat. A secretive government that scoffs at the rule of law and the restraints of the Constitution, however, is a very permanent threat to the freedom of the American people.

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## **Judge allows Moussaoui back** in courtroom despite exploits

Qaida Zacarias Moussaoui was unexpectedly allowed to entered, 12 prospective re-enter the federal courtroom Wednesday for the selection of a jury to decide whether he is executed or imprisoned for life.

Judge Leonie Brinkema had ordered Moussaoui barred from jury selection at a hearing on Tuesday because he refused to maintain courtroom decorum and indicated a determination to keep giving insult-laden speeches.

explanation in court for her change of mind on Moussaoui's presence, but she had said the day prison jumpsuit with

conspirator alter his behavior.

Just before the judge jurors were led into the courtroom and seated in the jury box. The nine men and three women included only one black, a middle-aged man. There was one white-haired man wearing a suit and tie. Others were younger and less formally dressed.

The lawyers were introduced, including a new presence at the defense table, jury consultant Marjorie Fargo. Then, Brinkema gave no with no announcement, a side door opened and Moussaoui, clad in a white knit cap and green

ALEXANDRIA, Va. before that she might "Prisoner" in block letters (AP) - Confessed al- reconsider if he decided to on the back, quietly walked in and took his seat behind the defense lawyers.

> The bearded 37-yearold Frenchman of Moroccan descent said nothing but almost immediately began craning his neck to scan the faces of the potential jurors.

Brinkema made no mention of Moussaoui's presence as she explained to the jurors that they would be identified only by number in public and explained that they would be asked only general questions at first and then brought back later for individual questioning later in the morning.

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