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Pet owners should check animals after food recall

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pet owners should be on alert by a recent precautionary pet food recall by Menu Foods, which makes pet food for 17 of the top 20 North American retailers. The recalled food is limited to "cuts and gravy" style food in cans and pouches manufactured between Dec. 3, 2006, and March 6, 2007.

These foods may have contributed to the deaths of 10 animals, nine cats and one dog, due to kidney failure.

This company received several complaints from consumers that their animals got sick and died as a result of eating their product. Although that has not been substantiated, Menu Foods decided to recall the foods due to these deaths coinciding with the introduction of an ingredient from a new supplier that was used in the manufacturing process. The ingredient is wheat gluten, which is apparently used for protein.

Pampa Veterinarian Ron Easley

said he has no confirmed local cases of illness or kidney failure due to animals eating these products.

"We do not have all the pieces of the puzzle yet, so this problem is still in its early stage," Easley said. "If anyone has a pet that has an unexplained illness, they should take that animal to the clinic immediately. To check for kidney problems, we can take blood and urine and if it is caught early enough, this may be treatable."

Easley gave the symptoms of kidney failure in animals as loss of appetite, increased water intake, frequent urination, lethargy, possible vomiting and oral ulcers.

He also said that his office had received a fax from the Iams Company saying they would pay for a diagnostic work-up on an animal that is possibly sick from their food. But every time his office has tried to call and ask questions regarding the fax, the line has been busy.

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Today is the first day of spring and signs are visible all over town. Bradford pear trees located downtown display their white blossoms. Colorful flowers adorn the dental office of Dr. William Buck on West 28th Street.

First day of spring wakes up colors of Mother Nature

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Today is the first day of spring and signs are popping up all around town. Bradford pear trees are filled with white blossoms, bright yellow daffodils are blooming and the weather is warming up and rain is in the forecast this week.

The occurrence of the vernal equinox is what technically signifies the start of spring, typically falling on March 20 or 21.



According to Wikipedia, the word "equinox" comes from Latin meaning "equal nights." On this date, sunrise and sunset are about 12 hours apart everywhere on Earth. This is due to the sun being directly above the equator and spending an equal amount of time above and below the horizon at every location on Earth.

For everyone on the Earth, the sunrise is at 6 a.m. and sunset at 6 p.m. If this happens at a different time, it is because of different time zones used by different countries.

This occurrence is also known by different names other than vernal equinox. Some refer to it as spring equinox, March equinox, first point of Aries, Pisces equinox and also Northward equinox.

The sun is not moving, the Earth is the object actually moving. As Earth revolves around the sun, the top half, called the Northern Hemisphere, becomes tilted more toward the sun as winter turns to

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Tralee training class rescheduled

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A series of training classes sponsored by Tralee Crisis Center has been rescheduled to begin April 9, with registration due by April 6.

The training was originally scheduled to run March 19 through May 28. The sessions are for anyone wishing to volunteer to help victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Newly-trained volunteers will have a choice of duties, said Lyn Ledbetter, a staff member at the center. Volunteers are needed to make direct contact with victims, work in the office, work in the resale store, work in the warehouse, make household repairs and move large items.

Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older, and must provide three references.

Classes will meet from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. once each week during the training period. Training will be provided by Tralee staff and by representatives of law enforcement, the judiciary system and the medical profession.

Interested individuals may register by calling 669-1131 or by sending their name, address and telephone number to Tralee Crisis Center, P.O. Box 2880, Pampa, TX 79066-2880. Each applicant will be provided with a registration form to be completed and returned by April 6.

Tralee Crisis Center serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in Gray, Carson, Childress, Collingsworth, Donley, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler counties. Volunteers work in their county of residence, although they may request another county in which to volunteer, Ledbetter said.

PISD to meet Thursday

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District will hold a regular board meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday to discuss and possibly approve policy revisions on an extracurricular contract, bids for fall sports equipment and canceling the May 12 school board election order.

The board will discuss and possibly approve policy revisions to employment practices in regard to educator term contracts.

They will also consider making changes to policies on class rankings, admissions and students' rights and responsibilities.

The student code of conduct may have changes and additions added to it if the board votes to approve them. An extracurricular contract and an amendment regarding fighting and bullying may be added.

Bids for football, volleyball and cross country supplement contracts.

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 Thursday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Friday: A 50 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
 Friday Night: Rain and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Saturday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
 Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Soybeans	6.40

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

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BP PLC ADR	60.62	+0.34
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Celanese	30.49	+0.01
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Actor's dad dies in prison

DENVER (AP) — Actor Woody Harrelson's father, Charles Harrelson, died in the Supermax federal prison where he was serving two life sentences for the murder of a federal judge in Texas, officials said today.
 Charles Harrelson, 69, was found unresponsive in his cell on March 15 and apparently died of natural causes, said Felicia Ponce, a Bureau of Prisons spokeswoman in Washington.
 Ponce did not know the cause of death. Fremont County Coroner Dorothy Twellman did not immediately return a call.
 Charles Harrelson was convicted of murder in the May 29, 1979, slaying of U.S. District Judge John Wood Jr. outside his San Antonio home. Prosecutors said a drug dealer hired him to kill Wood because he did not want the judge to preside at his upcoming trial.
 Charles Harrelson denied the killing, saying he was in Dallas, 270 miles away, when Wood was killed.
 He was transferred to Supermax, the highest-security federal prison, after attempting to break out of an Atlanta federal prison in 1995.
 Other inmates at Supermax, about 90 miles south of Denver, include Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski, Oklahoma City bombing coconspirator Terry Nichols and Olympic Park bomber Eric Rudolph.

Obituaries

Barbara Floyd Davis, 52

Barbara Floyd Davis, 52, of Pampa, died March 21, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.
 Mrs. Davis was born March 7, 1955, at Pampa, to Roy and Elsie Floyd. She married Scotty Davis on Nov. 4, 1978, in Wheeler County. She worked for Texas Department of Criminal Justice Baten Unit for 11 years.
 Mrs. Davis was a Methodist. She was preceded in death by her mother, Elsie Hartman Floyd.



Davis

Survivors include her husband, Scotty Davis, of the home; her father, Roy Floyd of Pampa; a stepson, Darrell Davis of Dallas; and a brother, Terry

Glenn Floyd of Amarillo.
MEMORIALS: Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106
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Dennis Wayne Taylor, 53

Dennis Wayne Taylor, 53, of Pampa, died March 21, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.
 Mr. Taylor, a graduate of Pampa High, was born July 6, 1953, at Pampa. He was employed by Sullins Plumbing and Crall Products.
 Mr. Taylor was preceded in death by his parents, Gordon and Opal Taylor; a

brother, Gordon Earl Taylor; and a sister, Vickie Taylor. Survivors include his stepmother, Margaret Taylor of Pampa; and a sister, Kathy Schiffman of White Deer.
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
 Six traffic stops were made. One traffic stop in the 900 block of South Hobart resulted in an arrest for unlawful transport of persons for pecuniary benefit.
 A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Alcock and Hobart streets.
 Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of West Somerville, the police department lobby and the 1900 block of Duncan.
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of Magnolia, the 1000 block of Fisher, the 300 block of South Gillespie, the 2400 block of Mary Ellen, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 1800 block of North Faulkner, the 300 block of Jean, the 2200 block of North Wells, the 2100 block of Mary Ellen, the 900 block of East Twiford and the 1200 block of Wilcox.
 Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Highways 60 and 70.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.
 One suicide attempt was reported.
 Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, and resulted in at least three arrests.
 A suspicious person call was received from the 500 block of East Kingsmill.
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.
 Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1600 block of North Christine, the 1000 block of South Wells and the 1600 block of West Kentucky.
 Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Russell and the 700 block of North Frost.
 Harassment and terroristic threats

were reported in the police department lobby.
 Assault was reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill, the 1200 block of Darby and at One Medical Plaza.
 Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.
 One burglar alarm was reported.
 Fraud was reported in the 1000 block of East Scott.
 Theft was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. A bicycle valued at \$200 was taken.
 Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles. An assortment of items with total estimated value of \$66.02 were taken. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.
 Burglary was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan. Nothing was taken in connection with the incident.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.
Tuesday, March 20
 Edrey Molina Picazo, 23, of Canton, N.C., was arrested in the 900 block of South Hobart by Pampa Police Department for unauthorized transportation of persons for pecuniary benefit.
 Sammy Devron Laury, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, evading arrest/detention and occupying a residence without water.
 Nathan Williams, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, possession of more than one gram but less than four grams of a controlled substance, evading arrest/detention and occupying a residence without water.
 Aaron Samuel Lewis, 27, of Amarillo was arrested in the 500

block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana, possession of more than one gram but less than five grams of a controlled substance, evading arrest/detention and occupying a residence without water.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, March 20
 3:13 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of 19th and Duncan on a vehicle accident that involved a hazard material spill.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.
Tuesday, March 20
 7:22 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.
 12:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Field.
 6:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.
 7:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 70 about seven miles north of McLean and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.
 11:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to University Medical Center in Lubbock.
Wednesday, March 21
 5:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

House committee approves proposed \$150.1 billion

AUSTIN (AP) — The House budget-writing committee approved a proposed \$150.1 billion state spending plan for the coming two years today, much of it accounting for growth in public education and health and human services.
 The budget proposal now moves to the full House, where it's expected to be debated late next week. Then the Senate gets its crack at it.

The House Appropriations Committee voted 24-2 in favor of the bill.
 "We passed a good budget," said Republican Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa, chairman of the committee. "We're proud of what we did."
 Rep. Sylvester Turner, a Houston Democrat, after voicing concerns about a children's health insurance funding bill of his that hasn't yet been approved, was present at the appropriations meeting but did not vote on the spending plan.
 "With all due respect, I simply cannot do it," Turner said.
 In total, the spending plan includes state money and federal money allotted to Texas. The state general revenue portion of the \$150.1 billion proposal amounts to \$75.5 billion.
 The overall proposal represents a 3.8 percent increase over the \$144.7 billion for the 2006-07 biennium. The 2008-09 proposed spending amount does not include \$14 billion for school property tax cuts, approved as part of a school funding plan last year. That's included in another bill.

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Raid nets drugs, stolen property; 3 arrested

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A quantity of marijuana, money, crack cocaine and stolen property was found during a drug raid conducted Tuesday night that resulted in three arrests by Pampa Police Department.

Members of the department's Special Response Team, as well as other officers and the Precinct 2 constable, executed a search warrant at 544 Oklahoma at 9:09 p.m. Tuesday. Upon their arrival, three occupants of the house attempted to evade the officers but were apprehended.

Approximately \$2,000 in cash, more than one gram of crack cocaine and an undetermined quantity of marijuana were found by officers in the residence.

"The cash is believed to be the proceeds from sales of illegal drugs," said PPD Assistant Chief Dennis Burton.

Sammy Devron Laury, 33, and Nathan Williams, 29, both of Pampa, and Aaron Jamel Lewis, 27, of Amarillo were arrested and booked



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This house at 544 Oklahoma was the scene of a drug raid Tuesday night that netted a quantity of drugs, cash, stolen items and three arrests.

into Gray County Jail at about 9:30 p.m. Each was charged with evading arrest/detention, occupying a residence without water, and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana. Williams and Lewis were also charged with possession of more than one gram but less than four grams of a controlled substance, a felony offense.

"The investigation was initiated by citizen complaints," Burton said. "This is a known drug house,

where multiple search warrants have been conducted in the past."

Three arrests made by a Gray County sheriff's deputy over a three-hour period beginning late Monday and ending early Tuesday were made in the area of the house at 533 Oklahoma, Burton said. Those three persons were each charged with possession of more than one gram but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

"Other arrests have been

made in the area for the same type of offense in the last few weeks," Burton said.

"Narcotics officers are taking steps to have nuisance abatement procedures done concerning the house. They are working with the county attorney's office," Burton said. "We hope to have the house demolished so it can't be used as a drug house anymore."

Two other individuals at the house at the time of the search warrant were not charged with any offenses.

"The investigation is continuing, and other arrests are anticipated," Burton said.

Williams is reportedly the owner of the house, he said.

All three remained in jail as of press time in lieu of bond. Laury's total bond was set at \$5,000, Williams' at \$8,000 and Lewis' at \$9,500, according to jail records.

"We appreciate the input from the public. If they have more information concerning narcotics, they can call the police department at 669-5700 or Crime Stoppers at 669-2222," Burton said.

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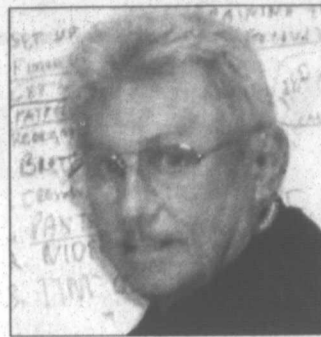
A year ago Gray County was recovering from a wildfire that consumed around 500,000 acres of land. This year it was raining on that anniversary.

As a first responder and a member of the Gray County Emergency management team, I feel it my duty to get everyone thinking about the weather again.

We have already had one, possibly two tornados touch down in the county. Neither did any damage.

We have witnessed the destruction wrought by tornados in the past few weeks and the grief they have caused. Start planning what you are going to do in the event of threatening weather.

Get a few essential supplies together, a couple of jugs of water, candles, and the like. (Just a few things to tide you over if the power is out a day or two.) Find that one interior place



Courtney

in your home that will afford you protection against flying debris, which seems to be the biggest cause of death from tornados.

Make arrangements with friends and neighbors that have underground shelters to sit out the storm with them. Above all, don't believe that "it" can't happen to you. I will always remember that big black funnel - June 8, 1995.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

House panel approves subpoenas for top Bush aides

By LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press Writer
WASHINGTON (AP) —

A House panel today approved subpoenas for President Bush's political adviser, Karl Rove and other

top White House aides, setting up a constitutional showdown over the firings of eight federal prosecutors.

By voice vote, the House Judiciary subcommittee on commercial and administra-

tive law decided to compel the president's top aides to testify publicly and under oath about their roles in the firings.

The White House has refused to budge in the con-

trovercy, standing by embattled Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and insisting that the firings were appropriate. White House spokesman Tony Snow said that in offering aides to talk to the committees privately, Bush had sought to avoid the "media spectacle" that would result from public hearings with Rove and others at the witness table.

"The question they've got to ask themselves is, are you more interested in a political spectacle than getting the truth?" Snow said of the overture Tuesday that was relayed to Capitol Hill by White House counsel Fred

Fielding.

"There must be accountability," countered subcommittee Chairwoman Linda Sanchez, D-Calif.

The Senate Judiciary Committee scheduled a vote Thursday on its own set of subpoenas, with Democrats complaining that the threat of force is the only way to get a straight answer from the White House.

"The White House is in a bunker mentality — won't listen, won't change," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif. "I believe there is even more to come out, and I think it's our duty to bring it out."

The House subcommittee today approved, but has not issued, subpoenas for Rove, former White House Counsel Harriet Miers, their deputies and Kyle Sampson, Gonzales' chief of staff, who resigned over the uproar last week.

The panel also voted to compel the production of documents related to the firings from those officials and Gonzales, Fielding and White House chief of staff Joshua Bolton. Fielding a day earlier refused to provide Congress internal White House communications on the subject.

Food

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A few of the cat foods recalled are Eukanuba, Iams, Loving Meals, Nutriplan, Nutro Max, Science Diet Feline Savory

Cuts, Sophistacat and Special Kitty.

A few of the dog foods recalled are Companion, Hill Country Fare, Mighty Dog Pouch, Nutro Natural choice, Ol' Roy, Pet Essentials and Presidents Choice.

For a complete list of recalled products, go to the

Web site www.menufoods.com/recall. Brands are listed and if clicked, the actual packaging information will be listed as well.

For more information call the phone number set up by Menu Foods, 1-866-895-2708.

Spring

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spring. The bottom half, known as the Southern Hemisphere, becomes tilted away from the sun.

The beginning of spring for people in the United States is the beginning of autumn for people in Australia and the southern parts of Africa and South America.

Folk tales from various European countries claim that on the day of the vernal

equinox, one can balance an egg on its end. Some believe that the pull of gravity is more equal on this day because the sun is directly overhead, but there is no scientific evidence of this.

According to the Web site www.wxduke.com, the egg legend apparently got its start in 1945 when a reporter for Life Magazine wrote a story about a Chinese ritual in which people stood eggs on end on the first day of spring, which they observed in early February.

In 1983, approximately 100 New Yorkers got

together on March 20 to balance eggs and an article about the event appeared in the New Yorker magazine. One year later, 5,000 New Yorkers repeated the tradition on the first day of spring and the egg legend grew.

This Web site is quoted as saying, "The truth is that if you can get a raw egg to balance upright on the vernal equinox, you can get it to balance any other day of the year ... so don't spread this unscientific rumor or you'll end up with egg of your face."

PISD

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plies and equipment have been received. Board members will discuss and possibly approve the bids as presented.

Also on the agenda is an action calling for the cancellation of the May 12 school board election order. This is due to only one candidate filing in each position, so it is not necessary to hold an election.

In Place 6, Joe Martinez re-filed for his position and

was unopposed. Mark McVay filed for Place 7, after Greg Brown did not seek re-election. McVay is also unopposed.

The board meeting will be held at Lamar Elementary, 1234 S. Nelson.

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Viewpoints

Making sense: Who hates America?

If you believe the media and the cry-baby left, the entire world hates the United States of America. I don't believe that. The reality of it is they don't hate us; they just love our money and wish they could get their hands on more of it. That's all the rest of the world ever cared about.

Sure, a lot of the French hate America, but they hate every nation that isn't France.

Lefties across the globe hate America because they are insanely jealous of our prosperity and our standard of living, but they are not anything like a majority.

Ask yourself this: If America is so hateful, why does half the world want to come here to live in such a

hateful country?

If you really want to know who really hates America don't look abroad. Look right here in the United States for the real hate-America crowd, look at the left-wing crazies who run the Democrat party.

Think about it. America is at war. Tens of thousands of Americans in the armed forces are fighting that war, and more than 3,000 of them gave their lives battling the terrorists sworn to destroy this nation.

Yet aside from Osama bin Laden and his crew of merciless killers, the people most dedicated to seeing the United States defeated in a battle for the future of the world are the liberal Democrats now feebly try-

ing to run the Congress.

You really have to hate America and its people to lust after the defeat of your own country.

Sure, they don't come right out and say it. They cover their tracks by calling a headlong

and shameful dash for the exits a "redeployment," their way of saying they fully support our troops, while they mutter about cutting the funding for them and leaving them defenseless far away from home.

As the new strategy for winning the war in Iraq

begins to take hold, they refuse to recognize any of the signs of progress. Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid and the despicable John Murtha announce to the nation that we are losing the war, and moreover, can't possibly win it.

You really have to hate America to stand on the sidelines, root for an enemy triumph and do everything you can to make sure we lose a war.

If you want to know who really hates America look at the Democrats who jumped on the media bandwagon to attack Walter Reed Army

Medical Center charging that they have not given good medical care to our wounded troops coming back from Iraq when they are fully aware that these wounded heroes have received the finest medical care ever given to anyone, soldier or civilian, in the entire history of the world.

Thousands of wounded members of our armed forces who would have died of their wounds in previous wars are alive today as a result of the medical care available at Walter Reed and other armed services hospitals.

But what do we hear from the likes of Nancy Pelosi and Harry Reid? Praise for the great care the Army and Navy have provided for the

wounded and disabled? No.

Instead we hear allegations that slyly suggest that the conditions in substandard living quarters are in actuality symptoms of poor medical care being given to our troops. That's a flat-out lie, and you have to hate America to tell it.

The fact of the matter is that those veterans forced to live in substandard quarters and receiving extraordinary medical care were victims, not of the Army, but of the federal bureaucracy which operates under rules and restrictions dictated by the Congress when it was under the control of the Democrats. Moreover it was the Congress which allowed

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 21, the 80th day of 2007. There are 285 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On March 21, 1685, composer Johann Sebastian Bach was born in Eisenach, Germany.

On this date: In 1804, the French civil code, or the "Code Napoleon" as it was later called, was adopted.

In 1806, Mexican statesman Benito Juarez was born in Oaxaca.

In 1907, U.S. Marines arrived in Honduras to protect American lives and interests in the wake of political violence.

In 1946, the United Nations set up temporary headquarters at Hunter College in New York.

In 1957, President Eisenhower and British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan began a four-day conference in Bermuda.

In 1960, some 70 people were killed in Sharpeville, South Africa, when police fired on demonstrators.

'Never lose your temper with the press or the public is a major rule of political life.'

— Dame Christabel Pankhurst
English suffragist (1880-1958)

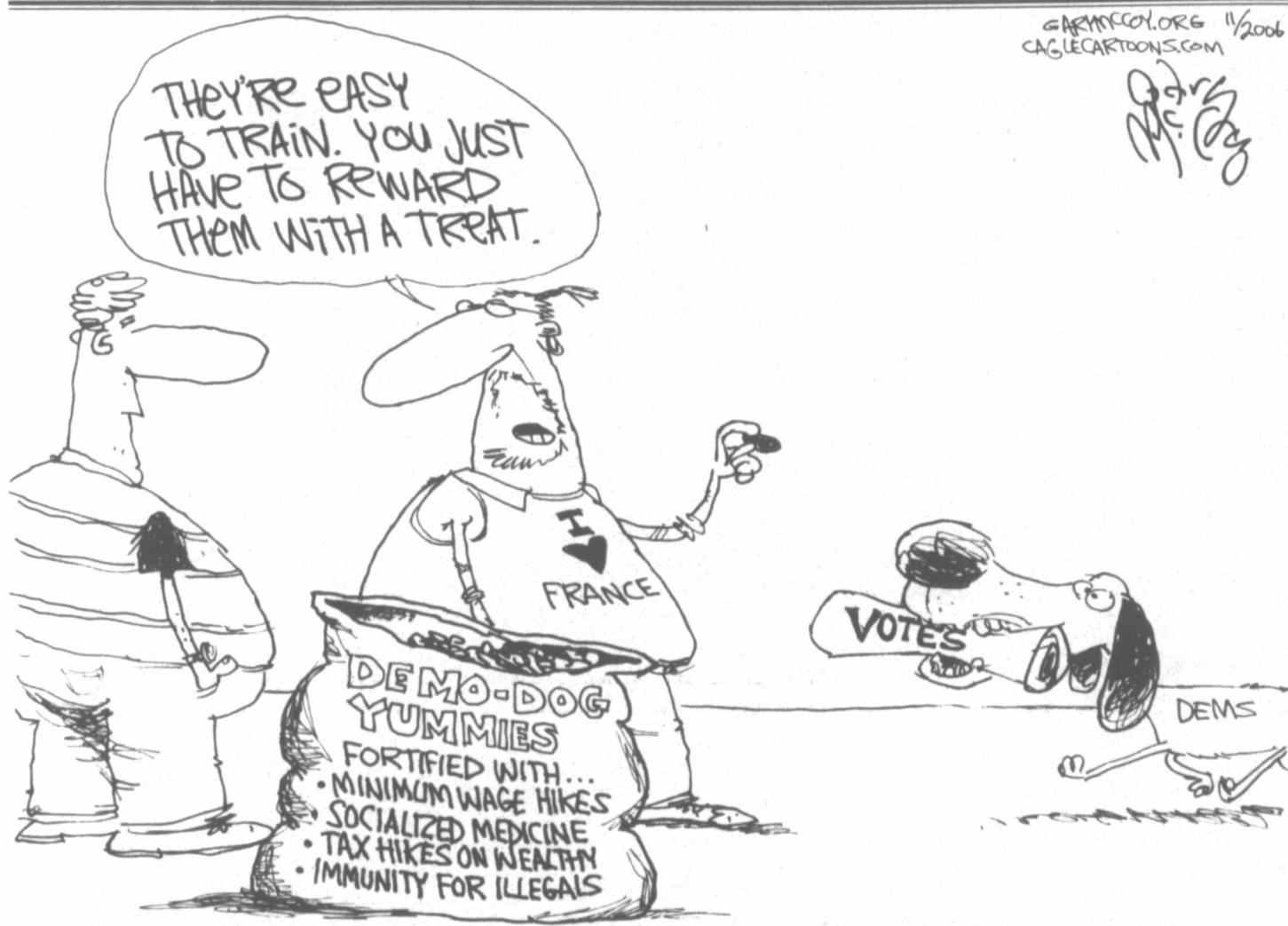
In 1965, more than 3,000 civil rights demonstrators led by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. began their march from Selma to Montgomery, Ala.

In 1979, the Egyptian Parliament unanimously approved a peace treaty with Israel.

In 1985, police in Langa, South Africa, opened fire on blacks marching to mark the 25th anniversary of the Sharpeville shootings, killing at least 21 demonstrators.

Ten years ago: President Clinton and Russian President Boris Yeltsin wrapped up their summit in Helsinki, Finland, still deadlocked over NATO expansion, but able to agree on slashing nuclear weapons arsenals. A suicide bomber blew himself up in Tel Aviv, killing three Israeli women.

Five years ago: President Bush began a four-day trip to Latin America. Marjorie Knoller, whose two huge dogs had mauled neighbor Diane Whipple to death in their San Francisco apartment building, was convicted in Los Angeles of second-degree murder; her husband, Robert Noel, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. (A judge later threw out the murder conviction against Knoller, replacing it with manslaughter, but the murder conviction was reinstated by an appeals court.) Alexei Yagudin won the men's title at the World Figure Skating Championships in Nagano, Japan.



People in the skunk works know what's going on

How is it that it took reporters from The Washington Post to discover the bad conditions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center? The answer is simple. The reporters didn't go there for a photo opportunity. They went to look, to ask questions and to listen to patients and their families.

Here was a bad situation sitting right under the eyes and noses of the president, the vice president, the presidential candidates, Congress, congressional committees and their overblown staffs, and yet they all profess they didn't know about it.

Well, of course they didn't. In the first place, they only went there for publicity purposes. In short, they weren't really interested in finding out anything. They were interested in demonstrating to the media that they "cared" about the veter-

ans. What a laugh that is.

You'll never find out anything negative if you have your staff phone ahead and say: "Mr. Bigshot wants to visit some of your patients on such and such a day at such and such an hour. Please

make the arrangements." Anybody who was ever in the Army knows what happens when inspections are pre-announced. There is an abnormal cleanup in preparation for it.

When Harry Truman was in the Senate during World War II, he drove to defense plants in his secondhand car, unannounced, and talked to workers long before their bosses knew he was in town. Truman, one of America's great public servants, was

interested in the truth, not in personal publicity. The bosses couldn't get away with burying him under puffery because he already knew what the problems were before he asked his first question.

I'd say one of the safest bets in the world is that similar problems exist in other Veterans Affairs facilities. Already the Bush administration plans to cut \$2 billion from the VA budget. The VA has long been treated like an unwelcome cousin in Washington.

The standard procedure not only in the U.S. but in every country is to welcome the warriors home then, after the parade, forget about them. American government perse is not a bad institution,

much less an evil one. But the problems of government are always in the details. Congress can conceive of a good program and fund it. The problems will arise in its administration. It's never enough to have a sound strategy and tactics. You have to have sound execution. People down in the skunk works have to do their jobs correctly.

Most of our politicians have such an elevated view of themselves these days that they think it's beneath their dignity to go into the skunk works and talk to the people actually doing the labor. They prefer to talk to the generals or to the top civilian officials.

It didn't take me any time as a young reporter to realize that public officials, unless they were stupid, were never going to tell me anything that wasn't in their self-

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 12**
Austin American-Statesman on amends from the House for insured drivers:

State Rep. John Smithee, chairman of the House Insurance Committee, has stepped up with legislation to protect Texas motorists who file a legitimate claim under their auto policy against losses inflicted by uninsured motorists but face an insurer reluctant to pay.

Smithee, R-Amarillo, isn't proposing any radical change in House Bill 1013. In fact, he's just trying to restore the law as it was practiced until late last year.

Scheduled for a hearing today before Smithee's committee, the bill is necessary because of a Texas Supreme Court decision on Dec. 22. The Brainard decision, named after one of the plaintiffs, said insurers weren't obligated to pay an uninsured or underinsured motorist's claim until a court had ruled on who was liable and determined the damages. Also, the court said, the insurer was not obliged to pay the legal fees of a policyholder who had to sue to collect.

Consumer groups said the practical effect of the court's 7-0 ruling will be to give insurers enormous incentive to deny such claims, forcing policyholders to either settle for much less than their losses or to try to find a lawyer to sue the insurer. Insurers defended the

decision, arguing that most such claims would continue to be paid without dispute.

Smithee said he just wants to restore the law as it was before the court's decision, eliminating the "wasteful and futile" step of forcing policyholders to get a court judgment first on liability.

As pointed out here before, Texas motorists are required by state law to carry minimal amounts of liability insurance in case they injure others or damage property in an automobile accident. But too many motorists some estimate about 25 percent don't carry coverage. That's why motorists are strongly encouraged by the state to buy additional coverage against uninsured

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Republican Women



COURTESY PHOTO

Top O' Texas Republican Women's Club recently installed the following officers for 2007: Ann Franklin, president; Kerrick Horton, vice president; Barb Hahn, secretary; Bobbie Nesbit, treasurer; and Pat Kennedy, PAC treasurer. Meetings are at 11:30 a.m. every third Wednesday of the month at Pampa Senior Citizens Center.

Events calendar

- **The late registration deadline** for the next nationwide ACT exam is Friday. The early registration deadline was March 9. Students who missed the early deadline will be charged an additional fee. The test will be administered April 14. To find out more, contact your high school counselor or log onto www.actstudent.org on the World Wide Web.

- **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Tuesday and April 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

- **Pampa Chapter of Ducks Unlimited** will meet March 30 for a "ruffling of feathers" at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, 200 N. Ballard. The price of admission is \$35 for singles or \$45 for couples. The fee to sponsor a couple is \$270. For more information, call 663-9616.

- **S.T.A.R. will sponsor** a free "Back in Control" parent training from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. March 31 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Some CEUs will be available. To pre-register or for more information, call (806) 359-2005.

- **Ten white flowering trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by March 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

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motorists, motorists who don't have enough insurance and hit-and-run drivers.

Having obeyed the law by buying auto insurance and gone one step more by spending more of their own money for protection against those

who don't, Texas motorists with a claim shouldn't then have to choose between settling for much less than their loss or fighting a court case if they can find a lawyer willing to help, one who might take a big bite out of whatever they win.

Smithee's bill in effect would overturn the court decision: A motorist filing a claim under uninsured motorist coverage would not have to wait for a court judgment on liability or loss. Insurers would be

required by law to act in good faith in making a settlement offer. And the policyholder unnecessarily forced to go to court could recover attorney fees from the insurer.

Smithee has a good bill that will protect the rights of Texas motorists who buy necessary insurance while putting no undue burden on insurers who sell it to them. We hope the Legislature will pass it.

Reese

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interest to tell. Therefore, I never wasted much time talking to them. I

invested my time with the clerks and other workers who knew what was really going on. When I asked a politician a question, I already knew the answer.

Investigating is not molecular biology. Congressional committees ought to fire their high-priced

lawyers and sons and daughters of big contributors and hire themselves some retired cops who know how to ask questions. Then they might learn what's really going on in government.

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

Reagan

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Walter Reed medical center to be

scheduled to shut down in 2010 — just three years from now — putting it in that category to deprive them of adequate funding.

You really have to hate America to attack — for purely political reasons — a system of medical care that is sav-

ing huge numbers of Americans. They have no shame.

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

Hawaiian officials honor bounty hunter and wife

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii lawmakers honored TV bounty hunter Duane "Dog" Chapman and his wife, Beth, for getting crooks off the street.

The state House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a resolution honoring the couple for their work at capturing criminals.

Duane Chapman is the star of the Hawaii-based A&E reality series "Dog the Bounty Hunter," which follows his exploits in apprehending people who have avoided arrest.

"I hate to say this, but for felons and ex-cons, I'm their president. What I do, they shall follow," Chapman said after receiving a commendation at the state Capitol. "I'm the poster child for rehabilitation in America."

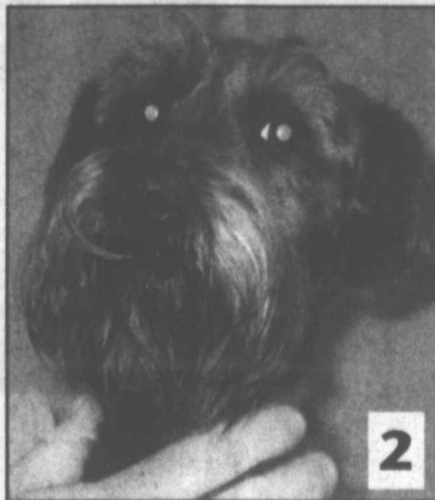
The commendation comes as Mexico seeks the extradition of Chapman and two colleagues on charges that they made an illegal arrest in the country in 2003. A separate resolution before the Legislature urges Mexico to drop its efforts.

Before he hunted fugitives, Chapman was a member of a biker gang and was convicted in 1977 of being an accessory to murder. He was sentenced to five years in prison.

Pets of the Week... sponsored by The Pampa News



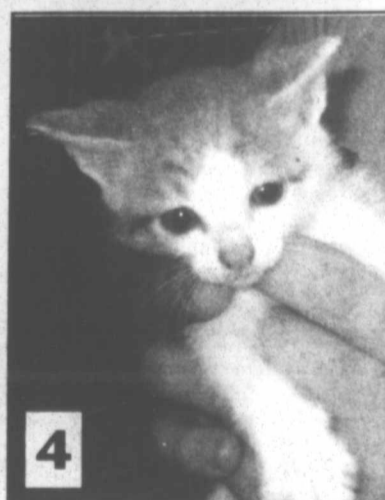
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I saved a poem that I read in your column years ago, and now for the life of me, I can't find it. It was about looking at yourself in the mirror and realizing how important character is, rather than the opinion of others. Can you tell me where to find it? My daughter is popular at school, but she was caught cheating on an exam, and I want to give it to her. — **NANCY IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR NANCY: I'm very familiar with the poem you're looking for. It was a favorite of my mother's and part of a collection of letters, poems and essays that had special meaning for her. It became part of the Dear Abby Keepers Booklet. For your convenience, I'm reprinting it today. Read on:

THE MAN IN THE GLASS (Author Unknown)

When you get what you want in your struggle for self
And the world makes you king for a day,
Just go to a mirror and look at yourself
And see what THAT man has to say.

For it isn't your father or mother or wife
Whose judgment upon you must pass,
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life
Is the one staring back from the glass.

Some people might think you're a straight-shootin' chum
And call you a wonderful guy.
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

He's the fellow to please, never mind all the rest,
For he's with you clear to the end,
And you've passed your most dangerous test
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years
And get pats on the back as you pass,
But your final reward will be heartache and tears
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

My Keepers Booklet can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby -- Keepers, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. The booklet is inspiring, positive, and a quick, easy read for anyone who needs a "lift."

DEAR ABBY: The husband of a close friend of mine is graduating from the state police academy. She's throwing him a party, and we're invited. Could you please suggest an appropriate gift for him? I'm stuck. — **A READER IN THE EAST**

DEAR READER: How about a St. Christopher's medal? He's sure to be doing a lot of "traveling."

For Better Or For Worse



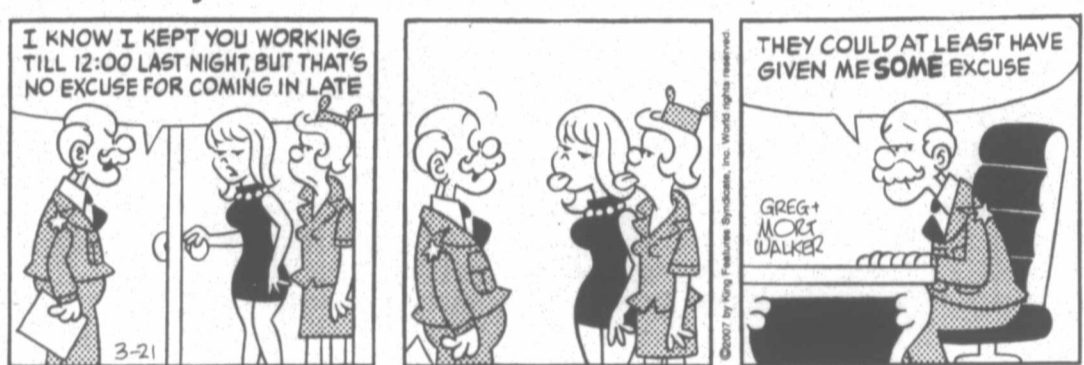
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

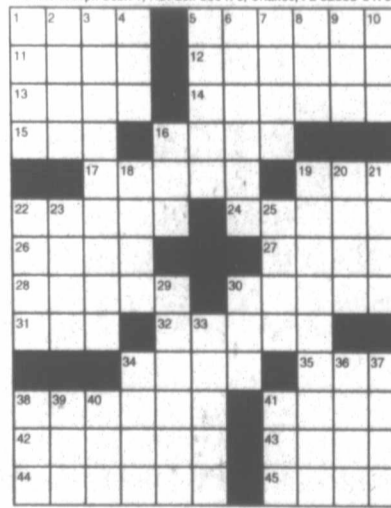
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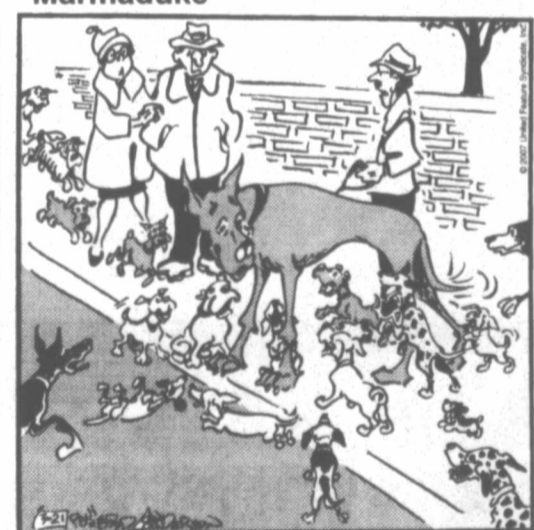
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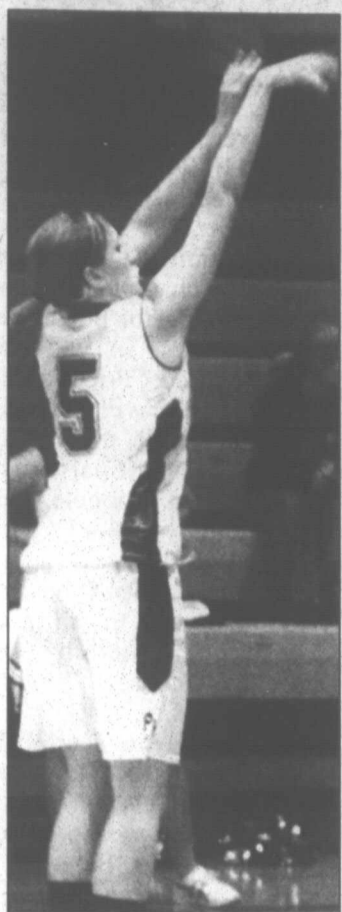
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Britteni Rice
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1st Team All-District



McKensie East
Senior
2nd Team All-District

Lady Harvesters make 3-4A All-District teams

In just a short time following the conclusion of their 2006-07 season, two of the Lady Harvesters were announced as 3-4A All-District team members.

Britteni Rice, who currently holds the career scoring record at Pampa High School, was named Co-Player of the Year, sharing the title with Meagan Coats of Palo Duro.

Rice and her fellow Co-

Player of the Year also made 1st Team All-District.

McKensie East, who proved to be a valuable asset under the goal this season was named as a 2nd Team All-District member.

Apart from All-District honors, Rice also made TABC All-Region and All-State teams and will play in the TABC All-Star Game in San Antonio on May 4.

Yao Ming leads Rockets past Pacers

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming had 32 points and 14 rebounds and went 12-for-13 from the free-throw line to help the Rockets to an 86-76 victory. But he also coughed up six turnovers, most of them Indiana steals coming after Yao tried to put the ball on the floor.

"The way to cut down turnovers is to limit the dribble," said Yao, who hit 10 of 17 shots. "You have to give them (the Pacers) credit. They have a good steal team, particularly stealing from the big guys."

Yao has been wearing tape around the middle and ring fingers on his shooting hand since dislocating his middle finger against Boston on March 7. He dismissed that as a reason for his sloppiness.

"That's not a good excuse," Yao said.

When Yao kept the ball high and simply turned and shot, he was virtually unstoppable. He's expecting a long film session with Houston assistant coach Tom Thibodeau on Wednesday to examine his mistakes.

"If I get the ball in my shooting range, I'm just going to face up and shoot it," Yao said. "It's hard to block my shot and if I get the offensive rebound, I can easily put it back in."

Jermaine O'Neal scored 25 and grabbed nine rebounds for the Pacers, who have dropped eight straight road games and 12

of 13 overall.

O'Neal took a hard foul in the fourth quarter and had X-rays after the game on his left knee. O'Neal missed three games after an MRI last week revealed a sprain. Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said O'Neal was "very doubtful" to play in San Antonio on Wednesday.

Tracy McGrady added 20 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds for the Rockets. McGrady's problem wasn't his ball-handling, but his shooting — he finished 7-for-21 and made only one 3-pointer all night.

"I was so frustrated on the offensive end," he said. "I couldn't get anything to fall."

The one 3-pointer McGrady did hit was a big one, ending a string of 12 straight misses for Houston in the fourth quarter. The shot gave the Rockets a 70-67 lead with 7:33 to go.

"I told myself in the fourth quarter that if it was going to be close," McGrady said, "it was up to me to really get us easy baskets and try to take over the game."

Yao added two baseline jumpers over the next minute to give Houston a 74-67 lead.

O'Neal dunked with 6:06 left to cut Houston's lead to five. He tried for another dunk with 4:43 to go, but hit the floor hard after he was fouled by Shane Battier. O'Neal limped around for a few seconds.

Basketball banquet tickets available until Friday

The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvesters will be honored next week with two separate banquets held at the Knights of Columbus and Briarwood Church. Ticket information is listed below:

Girls Basketball Banquet
March 28th, 7 p.m.
Place: Knights of Columbus
Cost \$10, Meal catered by Randy Dunn
For ticket information contact Shelly Teichmann by Friday March 23rd.

Boys Basketball Banquet
March 29th, 7 p.m.
Place: Briarwood Church - Family Life Center
Cost \$10, Meal catered by Randy Dunn
For tickets contact Sandy Clark at the PHS Athletic Office 669-6830 by Friday March 23rd.

Devils flame out in Toronto

By The Associated Press

The New Jersey Devils took a beating, and then lost the game. Their Atlantic Division lead could be next.

They limped into Toronto having dropped three of four and the skid got worse with a 2-1 loss to the Maple Leafs on Tuesday night.

"We had plenty of chances," Devils forward Jay Pandolfo said. "We hit at least three posts, maybe four. We can't keep our heads down after this loss."

Cam Janssen had to keep his up all night, because the Maple Leafs were looking for him. In the last meeting between the teams on March 2, Janssen leveled All-Star defenseman Tomas Kaberle with a late hit that left Kaberle with a concussion and drew the New Jersey enforcer a three-game suspension.

Toronto sent out Wade Belak to deliver some more

punishment.

"I came out and just kind of yelled at him and he looked at me, and it was time to go," Belak said. "My job is protect players like Kabby. He's not expected to go out there and fight. That's my job and I'm fine doing it."

The fight was high spirited and lasted about 90 seconds. It gave a jolt to both teams, but the Maple Leafs made the most of it.

"I think everyone in the building was tired after that one," Maple Leafs coach Paul Maurice said. "But probably not as sore."

The Devils haven't won at home in a month and hold a slim two-point lead over the hard-charging Pittsburgh Penguins in the Atlantic.

In other NHL games, it was Montreal 1, Boston 0; Columbus 5, Chicago 2; Florida 4, Philadelphia 1; Tampa Bay 4, the New York Islanders 3 in overtime; Ottawa 4, St. Louis 2.

Raffle Tickets



Kendrick Carey and Cyndal Boyd sell a raffle ticket to benefit Pampa Special Olympics to Marsha Richardson. Pampa Special Olympics Booster Club is selling raffle tickets for a set of Callaway (or equivalent) golf clubs, \$300 and \$150 in Pampa Bucks and a hand made afghan. The booster club will be selling at United, Hastings and Wal-Mart on March 31. Drawing will be held on April 14.

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Wood and Prior could start season on DL

By The Associated Press

Kerry Wood and Mark Prior could start the season on the Chicago Cubs' disabled list.

Wood, coming back from a torn right rotator cuff, threw 25 pitches off a mound Tuesday at the Cubs' spring-training complex in Mesa, Ariz. On March 11, he strained his right triceps while pitching against Milwaukee, and it's unclear whether he will be ready for the start of the season.

"Until we get him back out there and get him on a schedule, you just don't know," pitching coach Larry Rothschild said. "Hopefully he could, but it has to work for the team and it has to be in his best interests."

The 29-year-old Wood was just 1-2 with a 4.12 ERA last year and has a 12.00

ERA in three spring training appearances. If he's on the active roster, it most likely would be as a one-inning reliever.

The 26-year-old Prior was 1-6 with a 7.21 ERA last year when his season was cut short by a strained right shoulder. He is 0-1 with an 18.90 ERA in two spring training appearances, allowing seven runs and eight hits in 3 1-3 innings with five strikeouts and no walks.

"How many innings has he pitched?" manager Lou Piniella asked Monday. "You need 25 or so innings. In fairness to the person, is he going to be ready?"

In Tampa, Fla., the New York Yankees said Andy Pettitte is expected to miss his scheduled start for on Friday because of back spasms.

"I don't anticipate it being

a major problem," manager Joe Torre said. "He just got a little tightness. It seems to be pretty straightforward."

Pettitte first experienced the back problems while working out Monday, and his scheduled bullpen session Tuesday was canceled. Torre said that Pettitte should be ready for the start of the season if he is able to make a final spring training start next week.

"It kind of stiffened up after I got done," Pettitte said. "I left here and I was like, 'Don't worry about it. I'm good.' Then last night, my back just locked on me. I was still pretty locked up this morning. I loosened up a lot."

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Mavericks fly over Knicks for 55 wins

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks are loaded. The New York Knicks are short-handed.

Not surprisingly, the result was lopsided.

Dirk Nowitzki and Josh Howard each scored 24 points, and the Mavericks hit the 55-win mark for the third straight season by beating the Knicks 92-77 Tuesday night.

Jason Terry added 15 points for the Mavericks, who pulled away from the banged-up Knicks early in the second half and improved the NBA's best record to 55-11. They have won three in a row after losing consecutive games for first time since starting 0-4.

"I think offensively we're explosive. I think we can score with the best of them," Nowitzki said. "I think even though we're a slower team now than we used to be with (Don Nelson), defensive-minded, we still have a lot of offense out there."

Erick Dampier had 10 points and 13 rebounds, and Howard grabbed 10 boards

as the deeper Mavs wore down the Knicks and shot 53 percent from the field. Reserve Jerry Stackhouse scored 10 points.

"As far as wearing them down, we just stick to our game plan," Howard said. "If they get tired, they get tired. We're going to keep coming."

Dallas improved to 2-0 on a six-game road trip that opened Sunday with a victory at Eastern Conference-leading Detroit. The Mavericks visit Cleveland, right behind the Pistons in the East standings, on Wednesday.

Eddy Curry had 22 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks, who are playing without the injured Jamal Crawford, David Lee and Quentin Richardson, and have lost three of four.

In addition, New York point guard Stephon Marbury left with about 5 1/2 minutes remaining with what looked like an injury to his left arm; Channing Frye missed most of the second half after getting poked in

the right eye; and Curry played through a back problem that forced him to miss the morning shootaround.

"Channing and then Steph, I was just trying to figure out who was I going to put in and how were we going to play," Knicks coach Isiah Thomas said.

Frye was diagnosed with a corneal abrasion and will be re-evaluated Wednesday. Marbury said he could have returned.

New York missed a number of shots around the basket and shot only 36 percent as the extra workload some players are facing seemed to be taking its toll. Marbury was 2-of-10 from the field two games after a 3-for-13 showing.

Nate Robinson was the only other Knicks player in double figures with 19 points. Reserve Renaldo Balkman had 10 rebounds but was only 3-for-10. Curry was 4-of-12 from the free throw line.

"I don't think it was them, I think it was us tonight," Marbury said. "We were just

making mistakes. We had a lot of mistakes tonight."

The Knicks are a half-game behind New Jersey and Orlando for the eighth and final playoff spot in the East. The Knicks are 1-2 on a four-game homestand that ends Thursday against Portland.

Before the game, Dallas owner Mark Cuban again talked of how he considered selling the team last summer. Good thing he didn't, because he would've gotten rid of a team that looks like a title contender. The Mavs have won 55 games in five of the last six seasons, and should have no trouble surpassing the franchise-record of 60 victories.

Not that the Mavs care much about racking up a gaudy regular-season record after last year's loss in the NBA finals.

"I think we've got the second highest number of wins since I've taken over," Cuban said, "and that and a quarter leaves me searching for another 50 cents to buy some coffee."

Defending champion Maryland falls

By The Associated Press

With all five starters returning, Maryland was all set to make a run at a second straight NCAA championship.

It wasn't enough to keep the Terps from falling into Mississippi's trap and the defending NCAA champions never got out.

Ole Miss (23-10) used its stifling defense to steal the ball 15 times and score 42 points off 29 Maryland turnovers, and the Rebels upset the No. 2 seed Terrapins 89-78 in the Dayton Regional on Tuesday night.

"It's a different animal, the expectations, the pressure you put on yourself, or that the media places on you each and every time they mention your name," Maryland coach Brenda Frese said. "When you're a winner and a champion those are the expectations you want when you are a domi-

nant program."

Armintie Price scored 28 points to lead the Rebels, who were blown out by the Terps 110-79 at a tournament in the Bahamas in November.

"This time we were trying to win a championship, we were playing for bigger and better things, so we were more focused," Price said.

Mississippi will play No. 3 Oklahoma in the Dayton Regional semifinals. The third-seeded Sooners beat Marquette 78-47 on Monday.

Maryland wasn't the only No. 2 seed to fall on Tuesday. Vanderbilt was upset by No. 7 seed Bowling Green 59-56.

Amber Flynn scored 19 for the Mid-American Conference champion Falcons, who face No. 3 seed Arizona State on Saturday.

Bowling Green (31-3) is the first team from the MAC to reach the round of 16.

Why Danny Ainge spent \$30,000 to watch a college game

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Thanks to the sparkling play of a few freshmen who otherwise would have been riding the NBA pine this season, college basketball has rarely looked better. But that only begins to explain why Celtics boss Danny Ainge paid \$30,000 recently for a seat to watch the Big 12 tournament.

That wasn't the price printed on the ticket, but rather the amount NBA commissioner David Stern fined Boston after Ainge wound up sitting next to the mother of Kevin Durant, Texas' sensational freshman, for the championship game against Kansas, and didn't end the conversation after saying, "Hi."

You'd think both the NBA and the NCAA would encourage such a chat. Ainge knows plenty about playing at the next level and slightly less about running an NBA team (judging by his record as a general manager, anyway, but that's a column for another day). And since her son will have to decide sooner rather than later whether to leave college for the pros,

Wanda Pratt could benefit from the advice. But, no.

In order to maintain the elaborate fiction that college is more than a way-station for the most talented high school ballplayers, Stern whacked the Celtics for "excessive contact" between a team executive and the family of a surefire lottery pick who hasn't yet declared for the draft.

To prove he was serious, the commissioner followed that up a few days later by docking NBA icon and Bobcats part-owner Michael Jordan a cool \$15,000 just for mentioning Durant during an interview. Still, considering how much time and energy Stern invested to get the NBA players' union to sign off on a minimum-age requirement two years ago, Ainge and MJ should be glad they didn't get hit any harder.

The rule states players must be at least 19 and a year out of high school to be eligible for the draft. It was designed to combat the perception that his league was filling up with spoiled brats and that the product on league floors most nights

was a long way from finished. The jury is still out on both counts, but the rule has been a bonanza for college basketball and its annual showcase, the NCAA tournament.

It's the least the NBA can do for what amounts to a free minor-league system.

"The caliber of play is better than it's been for some time now, and it makes it easier to plan. Now," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun chuckled Tuesday, "if they could only extend it to two years."

Calhoun's program, like North Carolina, Duke and a handful of other traditional powers that compete for the best players, has been devastated by underclassmen leaving for the NBA.

If those kids had gone to school for four years, the way most did before Kevin Garnett made the leap from high school to the NBA in 1995 — the first time in 20 years a player did so successfully — this would have been Calhoun's starting lineup this season: Rudy Gay, Josh Boone, Andrew Bynum, Charlie Villanueva and Marcus Williams.

"And if I've got the order right," the coach continued, "they went No. 8, 7, 12, 10 and 21 in the first round of the last few drafts. We've got 15 kids in the NBA right now, and I'm a great believer that when a guy is ready, he should go."

"Durant certainly looks like he can go, and the Ohio State kid, Greg Oden, looks like he can go, too. But Ben Gordon is scoring what, 22 points a night in the NBA now, and he wasn't ready coming out of high school or after one year in college. Emeka (Okafor) is a force in the pros, but he wasn't even rated in the top 100 high school recruits when he showed up."

Calhoun can tick off a dozen reasons why he thinks a season or three in college is better for every player — more coaching, more polish, more maturity, even a better safety net.

"I can name a whole bunch of kids who came in here and elsewhere thinking 'one-season-and-done,' but if you're averaging 9 or 10 points a game in the Big East — and we're certainly one of the best conferences out

there — it certainly doesn't certify you as NBA-ready."

"Some people think that's a problem, that a kid's stock drops suddenly and then what does he do?" Calhoun said. "In my mind, it says he needs more work. ... And without getting hokey, college is still the best thing that happens in most of their lives."

There are exceptions, to be sure, players who were physically and emotionally ready for the big time, beginning with Garnett and extending through Kobe Bryant and Tracy McGrady to LeBron James, who got into the league just under the wire.

But the minimum-age rule applies to just about everybody else, and if Stern really wanted to make an impact, his next project should be changing the NBA's rookie-contract provisions. Right now, a player drafted by a club is locked into a low-wage deal — relatively speaking — for three years before he can test his real market value. More than a few underclassmen still leave before they should to get a head-start on their serv-

ice time.

In the meantime, though, the college game is getting its legs back, the spring in its step provided by youngsters like Durant, Oden, Brandon Wright of North Carolina and Taj Gibson of Southern California. Any or all of them might be playing in the NBA next season, but the message is already filtering down through the ranks. Calhoun said nearly half of the top 100 high school juniors have already committed to colleges, about double the usual number at this time of the year.

Back in the early 1990s, when Jerry Tarkanian turned UNLV into a national power by taking chances on kids with borderline academic and behavioral issues, he defended the practice this way:

"Believe me," he'd tell reporters, "one year of school is better for any kid than none."

Who knew then Tark was just ahead of his time?

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Astros look for improved hitting from Everett

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — There isn't much room for improvement when it comes to Adam Everett's fielding.

However the Houston Astros would like to see a bit more from the shortstop at the plate this season.

Everett, who signed a one-year, \$2.8 million contract in January, had a .990 fielding percentage with just seven errors last season. That percentage is the fourth best all-time in a season for a National League shortstop.

He hit .239 with six home runs and a career-high 59 RBIs in 2006, but the Astros think a few tweaks could improve those numbers.

"Adam's trying to get the ball up the middle," said manager Phil Garner. "He's trying to stay on the ball a little bit longer and that's what we want him to do and that's what he's trying to do this spring."

Garner denied that Everett's hitting was a concern, but did say that they have had conversations with

the 30-year-old this spring about what they're looking for from him this year.

"I think it will make him a better hitter and that's what we want him to do," Garner said. "If he'll do it consistently, he'll end up being a much better hitter so that's why we ask him to do it."

Everett is 4-for-29 with one home run and five RBIs this spring.

Though no one doubts that, Everett will remain Houston's starter at shortstop, he could get a little

push from new acquisition Mark Loretta. Loretta, who is a career .299 hitter, will likely be Craig Biggio's backup at second base, but can play several infield positions including shortstop.

He started two recent spring games at shortstop when Everett was held out as a precaution because of his lower back and got the nod in a third game when Everett didn't make the trip to play the Dodgers.

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Dental awareness



Some first grade and kindergarten students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School in Pampa recently visited Dr. John Sparkman's dental office as part of Dental Awareness Month. Above: Gabriel Terrazas, Max Renteria, Daniela Tamayo, Yaquelin Recendiz, Jennifer Rios, Brendan Akins, Jastein McGahen, Juan Carlos Castillo, Lillibeth Renteria, Jesus Soto, Talon Akins, Burkely Unruh and Natalia Renteria.

COURTESY PHOTO

Blanco won't seek another term

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Speculation about Louisiana Gov. Kathleen Blanco's political future swirled for months amid criticism about the sluggish pace of the state's hurricane recovery.

Blanco ended the rumblings Tuesday by announcing she wouldn't seek a second term this fall, becoming the rare incumbent governor who had a chance at re-election and passed.

Blanco, Louisiana's first woman governor, said her exit will enable her to get her initiatives through an upcoming legislative session without having to worry about political considerations.

"I am doing this so we can work without interference from election year politics," she said at the Governor's Mansion. She announced her decision in telephone calls to legislative leaders, in a meeting with her cabinet secretaries and in a letter to her staff.

Blanco was seen as so politically weakened by hurricanes Katrina and Rita that Democratic powerbrokers questioned behind the scenes whether she was re-electable or whether she should step aside to give another Democratic candidate a better chance at the post.

Her staff denied that the governor succumbed to political pressure or was stepping aside so that popular Democratic former U.S. Sen. John Breaux might enter the race.

FARMING

Manure becomes fertilizer alternative

By JAMES HANNAH
Associated Press Writer

NEPTUNE, Ohio (AP) — A growing number of farmers and entrepreneurs are turning dung into dollars.

Manure sales are up, as more grain and vegetable farmers turn to animal waste as an alternative to higher-priced commercial fertilizer, say state agriculture regulators. The market also has grown because of the emergence of large livestock farms which generate an abundant supply of manure.

"Back in the late '80s, I was told you'd never sell manure," said Kevin Elder of the Ohio Department of Agriculture. "Today, there are a large number of farms that broker it, that sell it to grain farmers."

In 2003, only one person in Ohio was licensed to buy and sell large amounts of manure. Today, there are

30 — with 48 more in the process of getting permits.

In neighboring Illinois, 12 companies have sought permits to haul manure since certification began in 2002.

In Iowa, with its many livestock operations, manure hauling businesses flourish. The number of certified commercial haulers there increased from 1,385 in 2005 to 1,447 last year.

Ben Puck, who has operated a hauling business in Iowa for 28 years, said sales for his services have increased as much as 15 percent in the past year, primarily because of large livestock farms.

The skyrocketing price of commercial fertilizer is making manure more attractive. The price of nitrogen fertilizer, for example, has more than doubled in the past four years, in part

because of the rising cost of natural gas needed to make it.

Manure generally costs about \$50 less an acre than commercial fertilizer, said Gene Tinker, animal feeding operations coordinator for the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Actual savings would depend on the type of commercial fertilizer a farmer had been using.

Stricter environmental regulations have nudged some livestock farmers into the manure market. Runoff from large livestock operations can harm water quality and aquatic life in the vicinity.

"It came almost out of necessity," said Matt VanTilburg, who has combined a manure business with raising corn and soybeans on the family farm near Neptune, a village about 60 miles north of Dayton.

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N-Korea refuses to join nuclear talks until frozen funds released

By MARI YAMAGUCHI
Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Talks on disarming North Korea's nuclear program remained stalled Wednesday, stuck over a dispute on when \$25 million of Pyongyang's funds will be released from a Macau bank.

North Korea said it would not take part in the six-party negotiations in China's capital to meet goals outlined in a landmark Feb. 13 disarmament agreement until the money was transferred.

"I can't say with confidence how long it will take for the money to be transferred as North Korea wants, or what kind of technical obstacles remain," said South Korean envoy Chun Yung-woo.

He told reporters it would be difficult to hold a planned meeting of the heads of the delegations "if North Korea insists that it cannot take part in negotiations before they confirm the transfer ..."

Planned group talks were called off Tuesday, with some participants holding bilateral meetings instead, when North Korea said it would not take part until the money was in its account.

North Korea boycotted the six-nation talks for more than a year after Washington blacklisted the tiny, privately run Banco Delta Asia on suspicion the funds were connected to money-laundering or counterfeiting.

But U.S. officials announced Monday that the money would be transferred to a North Korean account in Beijing, saying it was up to the Monetary Authority of Macau, a Chinese territory, to release the funds.

The authority has declined to say if it will announce when the funds have been released. "I have no instructions from my superiors regarding when the money will be

transferred," Wendy Au, a spokeswoman for the authority, said Wednesday.

Japan's chief delegate, Kenichiro Sasae, said he was still optimistic of progress once the transfer dispute was resolved.

"As soon as the current problem, which is a technical issue, is resolved, I believe things will start moving forward," he told reporters.

"I hopes talks among the heads of the delegations will resume, paving the way for progress on the discussions on the denuclearization issue," he said.

The setback comes as the two Koreas, the U.S., Japan, Russia and host China are trying to fine-tune a timetable for North Korea's disarmament under the February agreement.

Under the deal, North Korea is to receive energy and economic assistance and a start toward normalizing relations with the U.S. and Japan, in return for beginning the disarmament process.

North Korea would ultimately receive assistance equivalent to 1 million tons of heavy fuel oil if it fully discloses and dismantles all its nuclear programs.

The Chosun Sinbo, a pro-North Korea paper in Japan, said the North Korean "delegation is maintaining a position that returned funds should be directly confirmed in order for the BDA issue to be finally resolved."

The negotiations have also been complicated by Pyongyang's strained ties with Tokyo.

North Korea is upset at Japan's insistence that the two nations settle issues related to Pyongyang's abduction of Japanese citizens in the 1970s and '80s before taking steps to

improve relations.

Associated Press writer Bo-Mi Lim contributed to this report.

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