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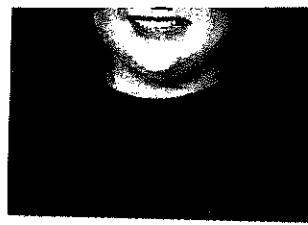


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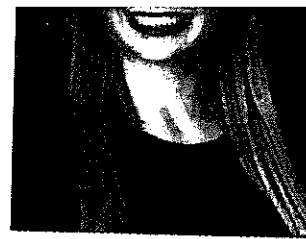




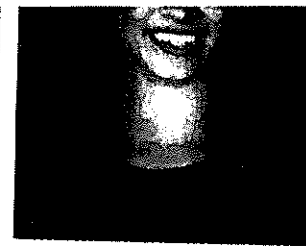
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By **BETSY BETHEL**

For the Tyler Star News

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# Ark

God's Word, rather than man's flawed assumptions. The Creation Museum is a place to go if you believe, and even if you don't, you will not be disappointed at all.

Afterward, we relaxed until around five, when we made our way to the Ark Encounter. Once we got within about one-half mile of the Ark, the view was something to behold. There were many people in attendance already, but at 5:30 p.m., the time was perfect to be there. It was huge, just to look up and stand beside the Ark. It dwarfed us. We then started our journey, and there were not too many people at the start, as most of the people were already into the Ark.

After walking a good ways, we entered the back end of the Ark to start our journey. The Ark is 510-feet long, 85-feet wide, and 51-feet high, constructed based on dimensions derived from scripture of the Bible, so it was going to be a very long evening for us to walk.

There were many different types of things to help get you on your way, for the people that are handicapped or older, for those that might need some help get through the tour.

As we toured the Ark, we quickly noticed in the brochure, there were three exhibits in one. The Ark is a massive exhibit in itself, that takes your breath away, simply by its size.

The incredible craftsmanship throughout, to me, is an exhibit in itself too.

There were three decks in the Ark, with each having many exhibits, as well as cages holding the animals, food and water. To see how we can

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State law requires that the property tax assessments will be assessed at an equal and uniform 60% of its market value (see WV Code, Chapter 20, Article 1, Section 1-10.1). My staff and I will be working to ensure that all property is assessed correctly.

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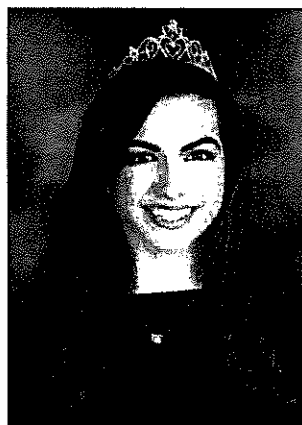
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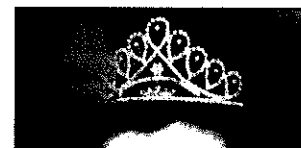
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## Queen of Queens

### Contest Set for Thursday

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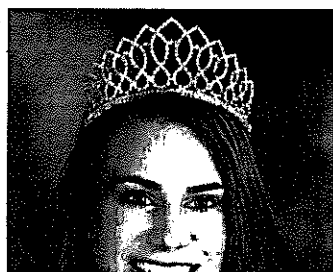
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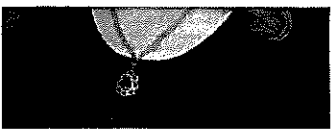
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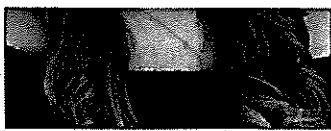
People are invited to come early for the pre-game activities featuring the OVAC All Star Marching Band, Drill Team, cheerleaders and Queens. Please note that the location of the football game has been changed this year due to repairs being made to Wheeling Island Stadium.

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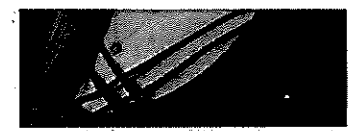
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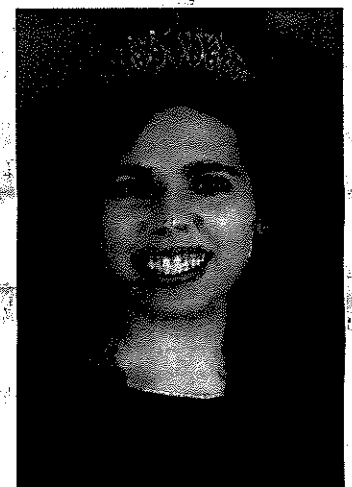
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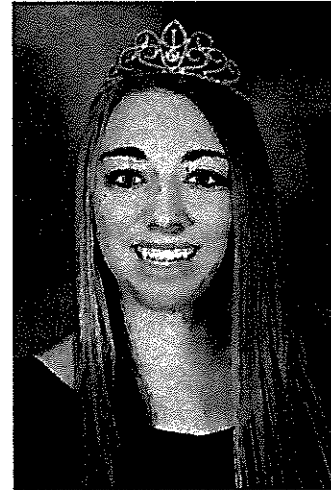
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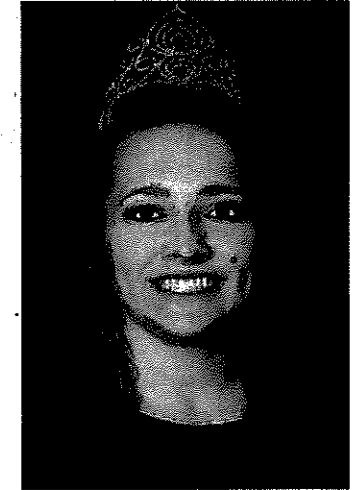
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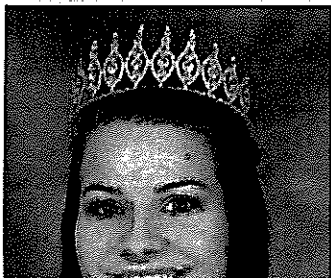
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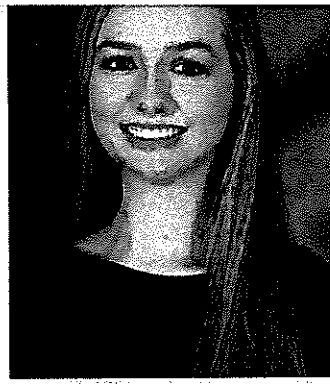




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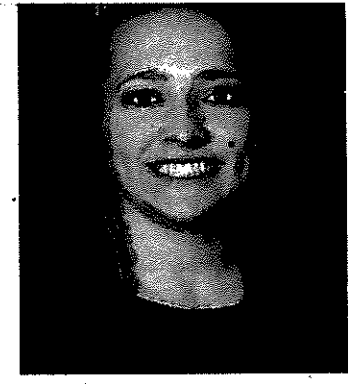
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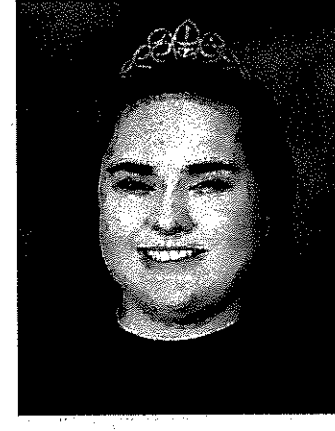
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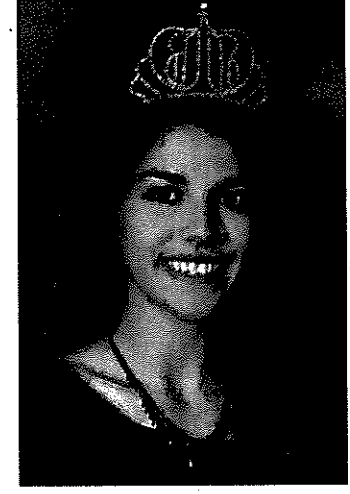
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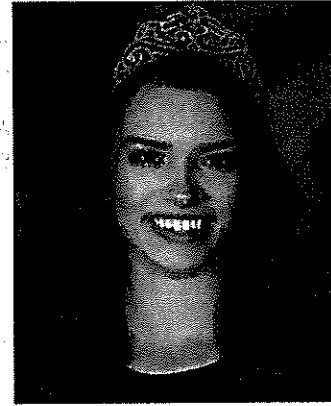
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