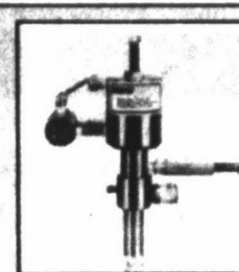


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Parks board to meet

Pampa Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board meeting is slated for 5:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 26, at City Hall, 200 W. Foster. Items to be considered include water bill donation fund review, policy for renaming park, contract trimming of Priest Park, State park, and auditorium policies.

DEATHS

Nadine Arney, 86, civic volunteer.

Delcia Adella 'Dee' Carter, 100, homemaker.

Vera Marie Gonzalez, 64, homemaker.

Walter Lafayette Stowers, 70, carpenter, builder.

Wilfred Lee 'Cracker' Stubblefield, 82, welder.

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Andrew Curtis and Mac Smith, seniors at PHS make a special guest appearance at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School. The St. Matthew's alumni were invited to read books to the children to help support literacy. St. Matthew's Support Group are hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 23-27. Also reading books to the children were PHS students Krissy Holman and Anna Johnson (not pictured). During the week of the fair several community members will be reading to the children to encourage and promote literacy. The book fair is open to the public.

Sales tax up \$123,000

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

Pampa officials report almost a million dollars in sales tax receipts so far this year, well ahead of the same time last year.

"Sales tax revenue is really encouraging," said John Horst, director of finance for the City of Pampa.

The report through February contains five months of sales tax figures for the city's fiscal year.

"For those five months," Horst said, "we've collected \$123,000 over what we had budgeted. About 15 percent over budget is where we're

at." Compared to receipts for the same period last year, the city is \$61,222.22 over where they were at the same point in the last fiscal year.

"We were a little concerned about budgeting sales tax," Horst admitted, "and we dropped it down, but it's really looking good."

The city sales tax receipts so far this fiscal year total \$945,837.33.

February sales tax figures were \$339,432.26. They were up from \$214,602.43 in January and well ahead of the \$203,685.61 in December.

Last year, the city sales tax receipts for February were \$231,882.68. The total for the first five months last fiscal year was \$884,615.11.

Horst had projected only \$215,696 for February sales tax receipts. The actual amount collected is slightly more than 18 percent of the budgeted figure.

The amount collected for each of the last five months of this fiscal year has been well ahead of the conservative budget projections.

Based on the current rate of receipts, the city could reach almost \$300,000 more than the budgeted \$1.95 million by the end of the fiscal year in September.

Pampa ISD board to meet Thursday

A full agenda including preliminary election matters awaits Pampa Independent School District's board of education Thursday, Feb. 26.

The board is to meet at 6 p.m., at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert, with 19 items on the agenda including setting an election order for the May 15 school board election, and establishing a time and place to canvass election results.

Other items to be considered by the board include bids for athletic uniforms, cash receipts and disbursements, adoption of a

Texas Public Schools Week resolution, textbook selection committee's recommendations, 2003-2004 district performance goals and objectives, revised policy on employee standards of conduct, liability insurance coverage, administrator contracts and superintendent evaluation and employment contract.

Pampa Learning Center is scheduled as the Campus Spotlight for the meeting and reports are scheduled on the school board members' credit hours, a TASB Localized Policy Update and compensation and benefits for the local leaves and absences policy.

Sting catches four stores selling tobacco to minors

Four out of 10 Pampa stores sold tobacco to a minor in a sting conducted Feb. 21 by Pampa Police Department, according to a news release from the department.

The stores that sold tobacco products to the minor are The Cigarette Store, 1008 W. Alcock; Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart; United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart; and Wal-Mart, 2225 N. Hobart, according to the press release.

The six stores which did not sell tobacco to the minor in the sting are Frank's Foods, 300 E. Brown; Heard-Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler; Allsup's at Price Road and Highway 152; Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart; Taylor Mart, 2101 N. Hobart; and Classic Lube 'n' Wash, 2801 Perryton Pkwy.

"The purpose of the sting was to see if a 16-year-old male could buy tobacco products at stores around

Pampa. Ten stores were chosen randomly to check for compliance.

The underage person was sent to the stores with his driver's license that showed he was 16 years old." Officer Colby Brown said in the news release.

"He attempted to buy cigarettes at the stores. He was told to be honest about questions asked of him, and that meant that when asked his age, he told them he was 16.

"The operation is not to trick or get the clerks in trouble, but to make sure they are doing what the law says to keep tobacco away from children," Brown said in the release.

The fine for selling tobacco to a minor is up to \$500 in Pampa Municipal Court.

"Congratulations to the stores that did not sell to the minor. Pampa Police Department will be conducting checks again soon," Brown said.

Commission defers action on agreement

By MARILYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Pampa city commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to defer any action concerning the McCarty-Hull building until further discussion can be held between the city and the business.

"There still needs to be further communication with McCarty-Hull first before we take any action. There needs to be more conversation about the incubator project before the commission takes action," said Mayor Lonny Robbins in a telephone interview this morning.

Two items concerning the McCarty-Hull building, also known as the U.S. Bus building at 822 E. Foster, had been on the agenda for the regular meeting, held in city commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

One agenda item involved the city's proposal to fill in a

large pit, 4 feet by 76 feet and 1 1/2 feet deep, which was left by U.S. Bus, located in the floor of the building. City Manager Mitch Grant estimated it would cost the city about \$5,000 to fill in the pit and cover it with concrete. He also proposed roof repairs to the building which he estimated would cost the city \$3,500.

The other deferred agenda item concerned a proposed lease amendment to release around 7,000 square feet of the building back to the city for use in the West Texas A&M University business incubator project.

Ward 2 Commissioner Jeff Andrews was excused for his absence from the Feb. 10 commissioners' meeting. Andrews was also absent Tuesday.

"He's missed several meetings since we changed our meeting time to 4 p.m.," said Ward 4 Commissioner (See CITY, Page 3)

Sorry, no chickens

HOUSTON (AP) — Empty chicken coops and a "We're sorry, no chickens today" cardboard sign met Oluwatoyin Akanbi at one of the live animal markets where she normally picks a favorite and then prepares the freshly killed bird for dinner.

The two markets next to it and another up the road were also without fowl Tuesday, the result of the discovery of a contagious strain of avian influenza on a Texas farm. The markets advertise everything from live goats to chickens and fish and beef.

"The doors are closed," Akanbi said. "They have no chickens to sell."

Owners of the four markets agreed to kill hundreds of chickens and about 20 ducks after the discovery of the avian influenza on a farm in Gonzales County, about 50 miles east of San Antonio. Overall about 6,600 birds have been destroyed.

Workers dressed in blue jumpsuits with head coverings and large black boots power washed the markets as curious customers drove by.

State officials requested that Houston market owners disinfect their businesses using a potent chemical called Virkon S mixed with water after the owner of the infected Gonzales County farm brought some of his birds to the markets. Chickens and ducks at two of the Houston markets tested positive for the virus, but had not become ill, said Carla Everett, a Texas Animal Health Commission spokeswoman.

"They couldn't find anything here, so they told us to clean (See CHICKENS, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

ARNEY, Nadine — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

GONZALEZ, Vera Marie — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Memorial Heights Cemetery, Lefors.

SMITH, Dixie Hines — 2 p.m., First Methodist Church, Miami.

NADINE ARNEY
1917-2004

CONWAY, Ark. — Nadine Arney, 86, a former Pampa resident, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, at Conway. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Robin Gantz, a Presbyterian minister; Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa; and the Rev. Terry Simmons, grandson of Mrs. Arney and pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Hobbs, N.M., officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Sept. 3, 1917, at Wynona, Mo., Mrs. Arney moved to Pampa in 1929 and graduated from Pampa High School in 1935. She moved to Conway five years ago. She was a former director of Highland General Hospital Auxiliary, served on the boards of directors at Genesis House and Pampa Senior Citizens, was a member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha Sorority and belonged to First Presbyterian Church.

She married Bert Lowell Arney on June 5,

1937; he preceded her in death in 1988.

Mrs. Arney was also preceded in death by her parents, Alvin Lee and Blanche Randolph; and a brother, R.W. Randolph.

Survivors include two daughters, Barbara Arney of Prescott, Ariz., and Carol Simmons of Conway; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939; Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, TX 79065; Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065; or a favorite charity.

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DELICIA ADELLA 'DEE' CARTER
1904-2004

GAINESVILLE, Texas — Delcia Adella "Dee" Carter, 100, of Gainesville, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Gainesville. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, 2004, at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Pastor J.C. Burt, associate pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Carter was born Jan. 8, 1904, in Paris, Texas. She had lived on the Goodnight Ranch for several years before moving to Pampa. She had been a resident of Pampa for approximately 25 years, moving to Bentonville, Ark., in 1964 and to Gainesville in 2001.

She married Bailey Carter on Dec. 31, 1921, in Goodnight. He preceded her in death in 1965.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Goodnight. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include three daughters, Wilberine Redus and husband Tom of Corpus Christi,

Geraldine Cox and husband Jim of Gainesville and Martha Fields and husband Ken of Conroe; one son, Bill Carter and wife Boyce of Amarillo; one sister, Wilberine Rawleigh of Clyde, Kan.; 10 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 16 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Jimmy Carter in February of 2001; and a sister, Sally Marshall in 1928.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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VERA MARIE GONZALEZ
1939-2004

LEFORS — Vera Marie Gonzalez, 64, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Heights Cemetery with Cliff Houghton, of Fairview Assembly of God Church in Amarillo, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Gonzalez was born Aug. 22, 1939, in Arkansas and moved to Lefors about two months ago. She married Evaristo Gonzalez and was a Seventh Day Adventist.

Survivors include her husband, Evaristo, of

Pampa; five daughters, Rose Mary Soto of Lefors, Cathy of El Paso, Annie Rose Provence of Amarillo, Lenora Helfer of Pampa and Julie; four sons, Danny Moman and Erasmo Gonzalez, both of Pampa, David Provence of Amarillo and Bobby King of San Antonio; a brother, Leonard Provence of Oklahoma; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

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WALTER LAFAYETTE STOWERS
1933-2004

VERNON — Walter Lafayette Stowers, 70, died Monday, Feb. 23, 2004, in a hospital at Vernon. Services were to be at 11 a.m. today in Sullivan Funeral Home Chapel with Jay Hanley officiating. Interment was to be in Eastview Cemetery under the direction of Sullivan Funeral Home of Vernon.

Mr. Stowers was born June 21, 1933, at Retrop, Okla., to the late Fate and Ruby Lois King Stowers, and graduated from Retrop High School. He married Frances House on June 14, 1952, at Carter, Okla. He was a carpenter, building contractor and

worked for the W.T. Waggoner Estate for 30 years.

He was a member of Wilbarger Street Church of Christ.

Mr. Stowers enjoyed woodworking. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Stowers in 1984.

Survivors include his wife, Frances, of Vernon; two sons, Billy Stowers and Mike Stowers, both of Vernon; a sister, Kathleen Hipkins of Pampa; a brother, Vernon Stowers of Pampa; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

WILFRED LEE 'CRACKER' STUBBLEFIELD
1921-2004

Wilfred Lee "Cracker" Stubblefield, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Stubblefield was born March 16, 1921, at Pooleville, Okla., to Jesse Lee and Jennie Stubblefield. He was a 1940 graduate of Burkburnett High School. He married Ethel Swinford on Oct. 8, 1946, in Vernon. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1954.

He worked as a driller for FWA Drilling Company for 24 years. He later owned and operated his own welding service, retiring in 1982.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany during World War II. He served as a guard at the Palace of Justice war trials.

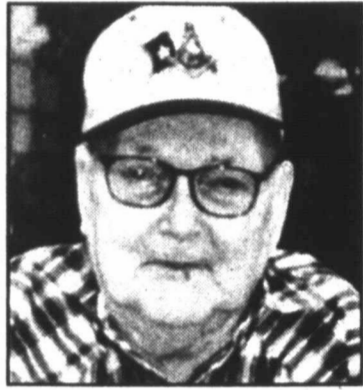
He was a member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM for 40 years, the El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, was past patron of the Order of the Eastern Star #1064, and a member of the Church of God.

Survivors include his wife, Ethel Stubblefield, of the home; one daughter, Janis Roberson and husband Jerry of Plainview; one

son, Randy Stubblefield and wife Donna of Pampa; one sister, Pauline Varner of Burkburnett; eight grandchildren, Shelly Bragg of Plano, Ty Stubblefield and Mandy Cross, both of Pampa, Scott Shackelford and Matt Shackelford, both of Plainview, Beth Owen and Jill Mason, both of Amarillo, and Jennifer Penrose of San Antonio; and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Lorene English; and a brother, Newton Dempsey.

The family will be at 1711 Chestnut in Pampa and requests memorials be to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 190567, Dallas, TX 75219-0567.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Credit card abuse was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Credit card abuse was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

Theft of a firearm was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra. A 20-gauge shotgun was reported stolen. Estimated loss was \$100.

Stalking was reported in the 1100 block of Sumner.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of Bradley. No forced entry was found. Taken were a computer and DVD player, for an estimated loss of \$1,592.

Two incidents of domestic assault were reported in the 900 block of East Francis. In each instance, minor injuries were reported.

An unattended death was reported in the 2100 block of Faulkner.

Larry Dale Terry, 35, Pampa, was arrested at 300 W. Foster on warrants for speeding and failure to appear. He was released to municipal court.

Walter Martin Giles, 40, Amarillo, was arrested at the Greyhound bus station on a Potter County warrant for probation violation on a charge of indecency with a child.

Valerie Marie Vigil, 18, 440 Hughes, was arrested at 1205 N. Hobart for theft under \$50. She was released to municipal court.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

7:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of North West and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

11:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

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BP	48.50	-0.03	CVX	88.13	-0.05
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Cabot Corp.	33.47	+0.41	OKE	22.03	+0.01
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Trud	34.17	-0.55	Silver	6.60	
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ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Sunday, Feb. 22

On this date, Pampa Police Department determined that the driver of a 1989 Mercury Sable involved in an accident Wednesday, Feb. 11 had given false information and failed to identify. The driver, now identified as Gary Dale Anderson, 35, 1120 S. Wells, was booked into Gray County Jail for the two offenses. The original citations issued to Craig Gene Lacher, 35, 1032 Sirocco, the name given to police at the time of the accident, were dismissed and new tickets were issued to Anderson. The tickets

issued in connection with the Feb. 11 accident were for failure to retain Texas driver's license in 30 days, no liability insurance and improper passing on the right. The accident occurred at the intersection of Foster Avenue and Cuyler Street.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

3:55 p.m. — A 1997 Ford F150 pickup, towing a 2001 homemade trailer and driven by Michael Heath Hall, 29, Shamrock, and a 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche, driven by Thomas Michael Spielbauer, 59, Amarillo, collided in the 100 block of North Cuyler. No injuries were reported. Hall was cited for following too closely.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for mostly cloudy skies, highs in the lower 40s and north winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should fall on partly cloudy skies with areas of fog after midnight, lows in the lower 20s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday should see partly cloudy skies. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the mid 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 30s. South winds 15 to 25 mph with

gusts to around 35 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the mid 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Saturday, mostly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Breezy. Highs in the upper 50s. Saturday night, mostly cloudy. A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight.

Breezy. Lows in the upper 30s. Chance of showers and thunderstorms 30 percent. Sunday, mostly cloudy. A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the morning. Highs in the mid 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the lower 30s.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press
Snow blanketed the Panhandle while rain continued early Wednesday across North and Central Texas as the last of a series of upper level low-pressure systems moved through the state. Forecasters said skies were expected to clear, with a warming trend through week's end.

Temperatures slowly dropped overnight, with readings from the lower 30s to middle 40s. Early-morning temperatures ranged from the 20s to 40s. It was 32 degrees at Graham, with snow, and 48 at Palestine.

Winds were mostly northerly at 15 to 25 mph, with higher

gusts that dropped wind chills into the lower 20s.

Rain totals across North and Central Texas were around an inch or more. Waco received 1.96 inches of rain on Tuesday, a record for the date, according to the National Weather Service.

Snow was mixed with rain in western parts of the region, between Graham and Comanche.

In the Panhandle, an estimated 6 inches of snow was reported in Friona and Bootleg, near Hereford.

The weather service said Amarillo received 2.5 inches and up to 3 inches fell in Claude, Hereford, Umbarger, Lake Tanglewood and Wayside.

City Briefs

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SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Feb. 24

Beverly Ann Plummer, 56, Amarillo, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety

for disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

Christopher Ray Scott, 38, Amarillo, was arrested by DPS on a bond surrender for a Potter County charge of forging a financial instrument. He is being held for Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Judge bars A&M from hazing punishment

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Texas A&M University will have to redo disciplinary hearings if it seeks further disciplinary action against Corps of Cadets members accused of hazing, a state district judge has ruled.

Judge Richard W.B. Davis of Bryan ruled that the school violated the students' due process rights. The order

came after 23 students sued the school last summer. The students and 49 others were members of Parsons Mounted Cavalry, an elite part of the Corps of Cadets that drills on horseback and is responsible for hauling the school cannon to and from events.

Ronald Hole, the students' attorney, said Tuesday that the judge did "the minimum he

could have done." University officials declined to comment on the late Monday ruling.

The school's mounted cavalry was suspended in 2002 while police investigated a number of hazing allegations, including that cadets members beat other cavalry members, urinated on them, and doused them with water and horse feces.

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(Courtesy photo)

John Haesle plays Rhett Butler to Berinda Turcotte's Scarlet O'Hara during one of Mildred's movie fantasies in ACT I's production of "The Secret Affairs of Mildred Wild" playing Feb. 27-28 and March 5-6 at the ACT I theater located on the west side of Pampa Mall. Season ticket holders may call 665-3820 for reservations. Performance time is 7:30 p.m.

Next ACT I play reveals housewife's fantasy life

Area Community Theater, Inc.'s next production "The Secret Lives of Mildred Wild," directed by Kayla Pursley, opens Friday, for four performances on Feb. 27, 28 and March 5 and 6. The play starts each night at 7:30 p.m.

Season ticketholders may make reservations by calling 665-3820. Advance tickets are available at Rolanda's Silk Flowers and Gifts, 1621 N. Hobart.

Five veteran actors, Diana Bruner, Ronnie Holmes, Paula Simpson, Bill Hildebrandt, Berinda Turcotte and three newcomers, John Haesle, Gayla Rigdon and Zachary Rogers, make up the cast. Making ACT I tech debuts are Rebecca Middlebrooke who is stage manager and Christine Bowman who will be running the sound board. Rogers is also handling the lights.

In the tiny living quarters behind the Greenwich Village candy store which she operates with her husband, crowded with her 40-year collection of movie magazines, Mildred Wild has virtually escaped from reality into the dream world conjured up by the 3,000 movies she has eagerly devoured over the years. And when the outside world does intrude — via her husband; his meddling sister; their hard-boiled landlady; or the foreman of the wrecking crew — Mildred meets each crisis with a hilarious fantasy scene drawn from her lode of old movies.

Turcotte plays the role of Mildred. A 14-year ACT I veteran, she is into her 26th year at Celanese Chemical and in her spare time works on her retirement project, "The Reading Room" a used book store, located on South Caylor.

Haesle plays Mildred's husband, Roy. He is regional training coordinator for Celanese. Besides making his acting debut, Haesle is responsible for most of the set construction.

Bruner is the bookkeeper at The Pampa News. She plays Bertha Gale, the landlady. Her ACT I acting credits include "Moon Over Buffalo," "Murder Mystery of 1940" and "The Women." She has also handled lights and assisted with ACT I's children's productions.

Simpson plays Roy's sister. She directed the very first ACT I production some 20 years ago and hasn't been on stage since "Nonsense." Simpson is the principal at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School.

Hoskins plays Sister Cecilia, a nun from the Sisters of the Virgin Birth, Brides of Christ convent. Hoskins serves on the board of directors in charge of program advertising. She is a licensed nurse and she and her husband, Don, opened a new business, Randy's New & Used Tires last year.

Holmes is the owner of Holmes Sport Center. He plays Carroll Chatham, Mildred's butcher and figures prominently in all of Mildred's fantasy scenes. His previous acting credits include "Amateurs" (received Best Director and Best Supporting Actor awards), "Catch Me If You Can" (Audience Favorite), and "Curious Savage."

Hildebrandt plays Rex Bulby, the television cameraman from Hollywood Matinee, a movie program for homemakers. He moved to Pampa from Houston in 1986 and made his ACT I debut playing James Thurber in "A Thurber Carnival." He's been around ever since on stage and back stage, helping whenever he's called upon.

Rigdon is Miss Manley. It is her job to interview Mildred for the television station when Mildred wins the Hollywood Homemaker of the Week award. She recently moved here from Dumas. Her new business is the State Farm Insurance Agency at 1912 N. Hobart. She and her husband, C.D., have two sons, one who is serving his country in Iraq.

Rogers is Turcotte's nephew. He received an All-Star Cast award for Dr. Einstein in district competition when he was in high school. He is currently enrolled in the Mortuary Science program at Amarillo College. He has enlisted in the army and plans to specialize in Infantry and Mortuary Affairs.

ACT I's next production is set for July and will be directed by Karen Smith. For more information about being a part of the ACT I team, call Kayla Pursley at 665-3820.

CITY

Faustina Curry.
"Jeff missed October, was here for one meeting in November, and missed December, and we were still meeting at 6 p.m. then," said Ward 3 Commissioner Robert Dixon.

Robbins suggested having Grant speak to Andrews about missing meetings. "We need to get his input," Robbins said.

Presiding city election judge Maxine Hawkins and alternate judge Ruth Riehart were re-appointed to continue in their posts for two-year terms beginning April 1 and expiring April 1, 2006.

Grant reported that he had sent information to several potential customers on the city's proposed sale of excess allocated water from Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. He said that on or around Feb. 13, he got a letter from CRMWA stating that the water authority was going to decrease the city's water allocation by about 29 percent from previous estimates.

"What we could safely sell on a one-year basis, 400 to

500 million gallons, would be considerably lower than the 800 million to 1 billion we thought we'd get to sell," Grant told commissioners.

The city has received no responses as of Tuesday's meeting to their offers to sell water, he said.

Commissioners deferred action on applying for a HOME grant. The two-year grant, funded by the federal government, would provide \$250,000 to be used for replacing four or five homes. The city would have to contribute 20 percent of the total, or about \$50,000, Grant said.

"We have to decide whether we want to get this grant. You are looking at at least 10 years to recoup the money in ad valorem taxes," he said.

Houses to be replaced with the grant money would be demolished, the debris taken to the landfill, and a new house constructed on the same site. Any houses chosen for replacement must be owner-occupied homes, with the owner in residence for at least two years, and with taxes paid on the property.

The deadline to apply for a HOME grant is April, Grant said.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner presented the police department's 2003 annual report and 2003 racial profiling report.

Grant reported on plans for a Cruise Night for classic car enthusiasts in Pampa. The event is in the planning stages and is scheduled for the weekend of June 12.

Finance Director John Horst presented a fund report for the 2003-04 fiscal year to date. Three funds showed expenditures in excess of funds. The library fund expenditures were \$39,001 more than its revenue. The water and waste water fund expenditures were greater than revenue by \$75,568. Golf course funds showed \$77,504 more in expenses than in revenue.

Horst said that the city had lost a little over 100 water customers since Sept. 30, 2003. About 80 percent of the city's property tax revenue had been received in January, Horst said, and sales tax revenue was above what had been estimated.

Commissioners took no action after meeting in executive session for one hour and six minutes to discuss the personnel evaluation of the city manager.

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CHICKENS

up and we can go ahead and sell it again," said Coffey Brobby, assistant manager of Ideal Food Store — African Groceries, one of the markets told to disinfect. But on Tuesday, after spending the weekend cleaning, Brobby said he still had not gotten word that he could resume live chicken sales.

The 100 chickens that remained at Brobby's market and chickens and ducks at the three other markets have since been destroyed and allowed to enter the food chain, said Dr. Max Coats, deputy executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission.

"Any kind of food preparation will inactivate the virus," he said, adding the strain of the virus found in Texas does not pose a health risk to humans. "It has never been shown to cause a problem. Normal cooking temperatures would destroy it."

Despite posing little, if any, threat to humans, the virus is highly contagious among birds.

"If you step in some bird

manure at one live bird market, and it just happens to come off at the other live bird market and if the chickens step on it or peck it or breathe it in, there we go with transmission," said Doug Smith, a Harris County agriculture extension agent.

Coats said testing was under way at all of the chicken farms within a five-mile radius of the farm where the avian flu was found in Gonzales County. Most of the tests have come back negative with the exception of the initial farm and the two markets in Houston, he said.

Few of the chickens have become sick from the virus, which Coats said is "definitely a sign that we caught it early on."

"We have done lots of testing and have not found any other signs of disease," he said.

While the news was encouraging Tuesday, Coats said there was still much to do to try to pinpoint the cause of the virus and win back consumer confidence.

Russia, the largest foreign market for U.S. poultry at \$380 million last year, has prohibited

Texas chickens and turkeys, while the European Union and South Korea banned all U.S. poultry imports.

Mexico, the state's largest trading partner, has stopped imports of all fresh poultry products.

James Grimm, executive vice president of the Texas Poultry Federation, said the economic impact on Texas will be substantial.

However, the news didn't deter Irene Hernandez, who for years has driven 20 miles from her home in Missouri City, for the taste of fresh chicken she said can only be found at the live markets, which cater to Houston's Asian, Vietnamese, African and Hispanic communities.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Customers Crude Remarks Make Work in Upscale Cafe a Downer

DEAR ABBY: I recently turned 18 and started a new job as a waitress in an upscale cafe. I love my job, but there's one drawback.

The other waitresses and I get hit on left and right by men in their 40s and 50s. I'm not talking about a few cute remarks but lewd suggestions and asking for our phone numbers. One girl even had to file a police report because a 61-year-old man kept coming by and waiting for her to get off work, even after she declined his invitation to go out.

Where does a man that age get the idea that he can get a girl who's still in high school? And how do we let them down without sounding rude or risking our jobs? -- GROSSED OUT IN FLORIDA

DEAR GROSSED OUT: Where does he get the idea? In his dreams, honey! How should you deal with it? Be friendly, be polite, and tell him that he reminds you of someone very special -- your grandfather.

DEAR ABBY: My friend, "Harry," and I are having a disagreement about proper etiquette. He says he doesn't have to open a door for me, only for his wife - even though we are both females.

My boyfriend and I feel that the door should be opened for both women by the first male to reach the door.

Harry claims that he needs to open the door only for his wife because they are a couple, and my boyfriend should open the door for me. My boyfriend always opens the door for me and continues to hold it open for Harry's wife.

Who is right? -- LESLIE IN MAPLE GROVE, MINN.

DEAR LESLIE: You are. Harry should continue to hold the door until both women have entered or exited. To do otherwise is rude and thoughtless. I don't know who taught Harry his manners, but it appears he's a little rough around the edges and could use some polishing.

DEAR ABBY: How should I respond to my husband who constantly corrects me when I'm talking to friends and relatives? We can be talking about anything -

movies, weather, the day of the week we did something. And, according to him, I am always wrong. (FYI -- I am usually right.)

It's bad enough when he does it at home, but it's humiliating when we're out. I've tried talking to him privately about this, but he becomes defensive. Then I get the silent treatment.

I have reached my limit. Abby, what can I say to him that won't embarrass either of us or put him on the defensive? Any advice will be appreciated. -- ALWAYS WRONG ANYWHERE IN U.S.A.

DEAR ALWAYS WRONG: Loving spouses do not correct each other in public; they do it privately. Since you have spoken to your husband about this and he continues, recognize that he is insecure and trying to make himself look smarter/superior by making you look foolish. Most people recognize this ploy for what it is.

Nothing you can say to him about his behavior will make him less defensive. He's already on the defensive and it has nothing to do with you.

Marriage counseling might help him see how detrimental this is, and improve your level of communication. I wish you luck.

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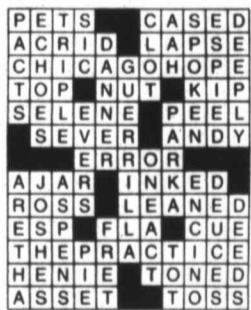
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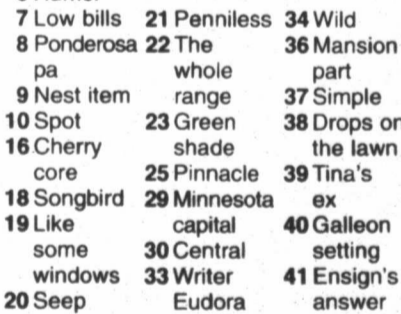
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SPORTS

Nebraska routs cold-shooting Texas Tech

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — For the second time in 10 days, Nebraska proved to be an inhospitable host to a nationally ranked team.

Nate Johnson had 17 points and nine rebounds Tuesday night and Nebraska beat No. 25 Texas Tech 72-44 for its most lopsided win ever over a ranked opponent.

"Our confidence is high, and we fed off that," Johnson said. "We held our heads up and kept it positive. That's what we did all 40 minutes tonight."

The Cornhuskers (15-9, 5-8 Big 12) have won four of their last six games. Included in that stretch is a 74-55 win over then-No. 12 Kansas on Feb.

15. On Saturday the Huskers took then-No. 7 Oklahoma State to overtime before losing.

The victory marked Nebraska's biggest win over a ranked opponent since an 80-59 victory against Kansas State in 1993.

The Raiders (19-8, 7-6) shot just 18.5 percent in the second half while losing their fifth straight road game and for the sixth time in nine games overall.

Nebraska outrebounded the Raiders 25-11 in the first half and 51-24 for the game.

The Huskers, who held Tech to a season-low 30.8-percent shooting from the field, handed the Red Raiders their

worst loss since a 90-50 defeated by Kansas in the 2002 conference tournament.

The 44 points equaled the fewest scored by the Raiders in a game since 1990. Tech also had 44 in a loss to Kansas State last season.

"We were just thoroughly beaten," Tech coach Bob Knight said. "That's a simple explanation of the game. There wasn't any phase we weren't beaten in, including just simply how hard or hard intelligently we played."

Knight, who walked out of the interview room after answering two questions, did not allow his players to speak with the media.

The Huskers avenged a 26-

point loss in Lubbock last year.

"Obviously they played a lot better today than they played against us last year," Knight said.

Jarrius Jackson led the Raiders with 10 points.

Andre Emmett, the Big 12's season and career scoring leader, was shut down most of the game but did set the Tech career points record. He finished with a season-low nine points, 12 under his average.

Emmett scored off a spin move midway through the second half to pass Rick Bullock's school record of 2,118 points from 1973-76.

Emmett was back in the starting lineup after opening last Saturday's game at Texas

A&M on the bench for the first time in his 94 career games.

Emmett had difficulty getting good looks at the basket as the Huskers alternated Jake Muhleisen, Corey Simms and Johnson on him. He missed his first three shots and didn't score until his fast-break layup 10:17 into the game.

Johnson clearly upstaged Emmett, going 7-for-9 from the field and making all three of his free throws.

Three of his baskets came on snaking moves through the lane.

"He made like seven of the top 10 plays of the week," Brian Conklin said. "He's been like that ever since he came here for pickup games."

Fort Elliott girls in regional finals

CHILDRESS — Third-ranked Fort Elliott downed Spur 60-50 Tuesday night to advance to the regional finals in the Class 1A girls' division.

Katie Donaldson was Fort Elliott's top scorer with 19 points in the regional semifinal clash.

Holly McCurley and Tamara Hefley followed with

9 each.

Rachael Eubank was 16 points for Spur. Brittany Robertson and Kandes Walker added 9 each.

The Lady Cougars are now 30-1 for the season. They meet the Happy-Borden County winner later this week.

Spur closes with a 24-6 record.

Broncos re-sign Wilson, Kearsse will hit open market in latest NFL news

DENVER (AP) — Al Wilson is staying with Denver, Bruce Smith and Jessie Armstead are out in Washington, and Jevon Kearse will be hitting the free-agent market.

On a busy Tuesday, the deadline for teams to declare franchise players, the Tennessee Titans opted not to give Kearse that designation. After several months of contract negotiations, Titans general manager Floyd Reese decided to let the talented but injury-prone defensive end be free.

That doesn't mean Tennessee won't re-sign the 1999 Defensive Rookie of the Year.

"Let the market decide what's out there, then go from there," Reese said. "I'm not sure what the market holds. ... I know there's a number of defensive ends

that have been franchised, and that will only escalate his value. Now, where does that put him?"

"We'll let the market seek its own level."

Kearse led the Titans in sacks in four of his five seasons.

He had 36 sacks and made the Pro Bowl in his first three seasons, but has only 11 1/2 sacks in the last two years.

He missed 12 games with a broken left foot in 2002, then sprained the same foot in 2003 and missed nearly three games.

Tennessee is about \$16 million over the salary cap of \$80.6 million.

Drew Rosenhaus, Kearse's agent, believes the willingness to bypass making Kearse a franchise player could help contract talks with Tennessee.

Looks for shot



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Channing's Wade Grant Looks for a shot while Follett's Tanner Woods moves in to play defense during a bi-district game Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse. Grant had a game-high 17 points in leading Channing to a 33-27 victory.

Pampa Bowling Roundup

Harvester Lanes League Standings 50 To Heaven League (Week 3)

Team	Won	Lost
Grey Ghosts	10	2
Future Forsenics	9	3
Polygrip Pals	7	5
Rolaid Rollers	5 1/2	6 1/2
Going, Going, Gone	5	7
Geritol Go-Getters	4	8
Prilosec Prowlers	4	8
Team Nine	3	9
Metamucil Maulers	2 1/2	9 1/2

Season's High Scores Men

High scratch game: Andy Anderson 267; High scratch series: Andy Anderson 657; High handicap game: Andy Anderson 267; High handicap series: Jerry Laughlin 697.

Women

High scratch game: Shirley Jernigan 202; High scratch series: Ann O'Brien 538; High handicap game: Shirley Jernigan 253; High handicap series: Ann O'Brien 629.

Church League (Week 10)

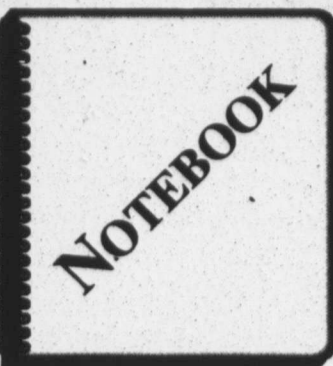
Team	Won	Lost
Reeborn One	27	13
Ward's For Christ	27	13
Three Gals & A Guy	25	15
Hits-n-Misses	23	17
Four Him	23	17
Two by Two	21	19
Carpenter's Creations	20 1/2	19 1/2
Young At Heart	19 1/2	20 1/2
Holy Rollers	18	22
Reeborn Two	15	25
Slider's	11 1/2	28 1/2

We High Scores Men

High scratch game: Raymond Wyant 242; High scratch series: Raymond Wyant 688; High handicap game: Roy Villareal 257; High handicap series: Raymond Wyant 724.

Women

High scratch series: Kay Crouch 202; High scratch series: Kay Crouch 461; High handicap game: Kay Crouch 244; High handicap series: Lee Gillis 615.



KIDS CLUB

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club is having roller hockey signups from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 2-3 at Baker Elementary School.

Another signup session is set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. March 4-5 at Baker School.

The league is for both boys and girls ages K-12.

There will be a Skate-A-Round on March 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Baker School, located at Highway 60 and South Barnes Street (one block south of Taylor Mart).

Youngsters are urged to bring roller blades and any hockey gear.

For more information, call Joe at 669-1533 (day-time), Janet at 664-3813, or Anna at 669-1740. After 6 p.m., call Dean at 663-1917 or Janet at 669-1838.

BASKETBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban will give away \$1 million of his own money this summer as the host of an ABC reality series called "The Benefactor."

"Why has he agreed to give away such a large sum of money? Simply because he can and because he can't wait to devise the means through which applicants must prove to him that they deserve the money," ABC said in a Tuesday news release.

About 30 contestants will compete on the six-episode series for the billionaire's cash.

FOOTBALL

HOUSTON (AP) — A grand jury has voted to clear three Rice football players and a high school recruit in a female university student's sexual assault at a campus party.

Harris County grand jurors made their decision Tuesday.

The three Rice freshman, all age 19, were hosting a 17-year-old prospective recruit at a party on Dec. 6, said Terry Yates, an attorney who represented one of the students.

ESPN to air Rose movie

BRISTOL, Conn. (AP) — Pete Rose will be the subject of an ESPN movie beginning production this spring.


"Hustle," will premiere on Sept. 25, ESPN executive vice president Mark Shapiro announced Tuesday. The two-

hour movie will focus on events in Rose's life and baseball career in the mid- to late 1980s, including the lifetime ban he agreed to following an investigation of gambling — a suspension that has kept the career hits leader off the Hall of Fame ballot.



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Warner-Horton stays unbeaten in Optimist League

PAMPA — The Warner-Horton Supply Cavaliers defeated the Pampa Office Supply Heat 39-12 and the National Bank of Commerce Spurs 33-21 to remain undefeated and at the top of the 5th-6th grade division in the Optimist Boys' Basketball League.

Alex Cendening was the leading scorer for Warner-Horton with 14 points against Pampa Office Supply and 15 against National Bank of Commerce. Reid Bradley

led Pampa Office Supply's efforts with 6 points while Rylan Clark canned 14 to pace NBC.

Ryan Jimenez and Jesse Jimenez with 8 points each kept the Holmes Gift Shoppe & Sports Center Sixers a game behind with a 29-25 victory over NBC. Braden Hunt contributed 14 points for NBC.

In other games, the Celanese Mavericks behind 12 points from Joe Latigo Collins and Michael

Recovery Service 34-15. Tyler Malone made 7 points for Liquid Recovery Service.

Celanese ran away from Pampa Office Supply 30-18 with Jonathan Polasek and Mechelay each scoring 8 points.

Reid Bradley had 7 points to lead Pampa Office Supply.

In the 3rd-4th grade division, the Frank's True Value Sixers overwhelmed the

Celanese Lakers 39-4 as Latigo Collins and Michael Roberts scored 10 points

each. Brendon Burrell had 3 of Celanese's 4 points.

The Culligan Water

Conditioning Spurs used 5 points from Landon Powell to win a low-scoring game

15-6 over the Cabot Swoosh. Drew Facio aided Cabot's efforts with 6 points.

Oklahoma State falls in two overtimes

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Missouri surrendered a nine-point lead in the final 3:08 of regulation, but Arthur Johnson's free throws with 30.3 seconds left in the second overtime gave the Tigers a 93-92 victory Tuesday night over sixth-ranked Oklahoma State.

Hundreds of fans stormed the court to celebrate when a last-second jumper by Oklahoma State's John Lucas

bounced off the rim, giving the Tigers (14-10, 8-5 Big 12) their fifth straight win and putting them back in contention for an NCAA tournament berth.

The loss ended an 11-game winning streak for Oklahoma State (21-3, 11-2) and dropped the Cowboys into a first-place Big 12 tie with Texas.

Missouri led for most of the game and seemed headed

for a relatively easy win after consecutive 3-pointers by Rickey Paulding put the Tigers up 71-62 with 4:52 to play.

But Oklahoma State went to a full-court press for the rest of regulation that baffled the Tigers, forcing five straight missed shots.

The Cowboys went on an 11-2 run that sent the game into overtime.

Sosa wants to focus on World Series, not steroids

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Ask Sammy Sosa about the new and improved Chicago Cubs. Or their chances to make the World Series. Or even about that pitch he took on the elbow his first day of spring training.

But don't ask him about steroid use in baseball, because he doesn't know anything — and he doesn't want to.

"I really don't want to make a comment about that because we've got a beautiful team here," he said Tuesday. "We've got something else in mind, to come here and play baseball. I don't want to make a comment because I don't have anything to talk about."

That probably won't stop the questions, though. Steroid use is a hot topic at spring training this year. Anonymous survey testing last season showed 5-7 percent of the tests were positive, and Barry Bonds' personal trainer has told federal agents he gave steroids to several baseball players.

Greg Anderson, Bonds' trainer, was one of four men charged in a steroid-distribution ring that allegedly supplied athletes with banned substances.

All four pleaded innocent.

While no athletes have been charged, players are carefully examined as they report to spring training — and not just by team physicians. Any weight loss or gain raises eyebrows, and seemingly everyone is suspect.

Sosa tried to sidestep the issue Tuesday, saying he can't control what other athletes might do.

"I don't want to even think about it," said Sosa, who looks the same as he has in previous years. "I don't really know and I don't want to know. I know myself, I know who I am and that's it."

Sosa had much more to say about the Cubs, who have made significant additions to the squad that came within five outs of the World Series last year. They added Gold Glove first baseman Derrek Lee, and bolstered their bench with Todd Walker and Todd Hollandsworth.

They took what was already one of the best rotations in the NL and added Greg Maddux to the foursome of Kerry Wood, Mark Prior, Matt Clement and

Carlos Zambrano. And they plugged the holes in their bullpen, signing LaTroy Hawkins and Kent Mercker.

"I feel that we have a better team this year than we had last year, and we played great last year," Sosa said. "We have a chance not only to go to the playoffs but to win the World Series."

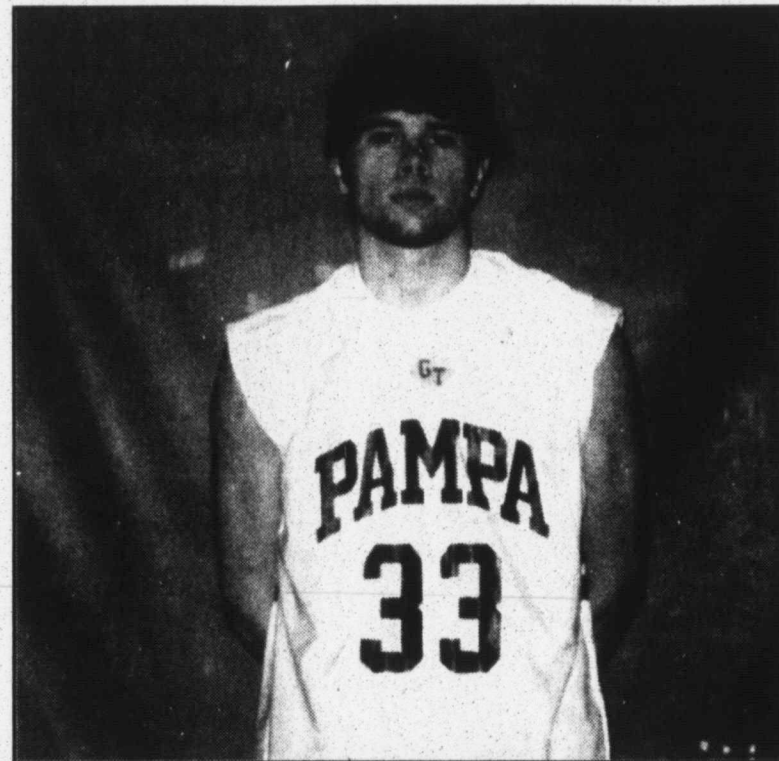
And it's the ring that matters to Sosa these days, not personal accolades.

"My goal right now is to win the World Series," he said. "I'm going to let Barry Bonds continue to (chase Hank Aaron's) record. Right now, I'm focused on coming back to the playoffs and winning everything."

Sosa said last season was one of the best experiences in his career. It didn't start out that way, though. He got beamed in April by a pitch so hard it shattered his batting helmet, and then he made his first trip to the disabled list since 1996 after having a nail removed from his right big toe.

He also was suspended seven games after cork was found in his bat June 3. Though he apologized and said it was a mistake, it tarnished his image.

Harvester Hoops Spot-light



Brandon Johnston was a junior on the Harvester basketball team this season. His parents are John and Sheri Worthington.

Mavs down Clippers for first time this season

DALLAS (AP) — After beating the Los Angeles Clippers for the first time in three meetings, the Dallas Mavericks turned their attention to a showdown with the defending champions.

"We've got to be a lot sharper against the Spurs," Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki said after Tuesday night's 116-91 win over the Clippers.

"We match up pretty well," Nowitzki said. "Tim Duncan's the MVP of the league, he makes them go. But they've also got some good young players who are playing well for them. It's always fun to play them."

The Spurs, who have lost both games with Dallas this season, visit the Mavericks on Thursday night. But first, Dallas had to take care of the Clippers. The Mavericks got 21 points from Antoine Walker, and 20 from Michael Finley.

The Clippers were upset winners in the first two meetings, including a 10-point victory in Dallas on Dec. 20. Overall, however, the Mavericks have won 18 of the last 22 matchups.

"It's nice to have a game like this every once in a while," Mavericks coach Don Nelson said. "It seems like it's been a long time since we had a game we didn't have to worry about."

Dallas got off to a fast start, converting 10 of its first 11 field goals and taking a 36-18 lead into the second quarter.

Last Saturday against Houston, the Mavericks were behind by 16 in the first quarter before rallying to win.

"We can't get that far down to good teams and expect to win," said Walker, who had 11 first-quarter points. "We came out in the right frame of mind and

answered the bell." Nowitzki had 16 points, nine rebounds and five blocks, and Antawn Jamison contributed 11 points and 10 rebounds for the Mavericks, who have won seven of nine.

Corey Maggette's 21 points and Bobby Simmons' 16 paced the Clippers, who matched their most lopsided loss of the season. Los Angeles lost its sixth of eight, making just 29 of 42 free throws.

"If you don't bring it defensively against this team, this is going to happen to you," said Clippers guard Quentin Richardson, who

went 3-for-12 from the field and scored just seven points.

Clippers forward Elton Brand also struggled, finishing with eight points.

Notes: The Mavericks had their 100th straight home sell-out. Dallas is 81-19 in those games. ... Dallas' biggest win of the season was by 28 over New Orleans on Nov. 11. ... The Clippers also lost by 25 to the Sacramento Kings on Jan. 19. ... The Mavericks are 16-0 this season when scoring 110 or more points. ... Nowitzki's five blocked shots matched a career high.

Europe falling from the elite of global golf

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Pdraig Harrington returns to the Match Play Championship as the highest-ranking European in the world. What concerns the Irishman is that he is No. 12.

That means no other European is in the top 10, the first time that's been the case since the world ranking was created in 1986. "We don't really deserve to have anyone there," Harrington said. "We're not setting the world alight at the moment. We don't have players winning majors. It's a different time now. I don't think there's any cause for concern, but at the moment, the standard has dipped."

That could change this week if Harrington manages to get through six matches at La Costa Resort to win the Accenture Match Play Championship; or if Darren Clarke (No. 13) repeats his brilliant performance from 2000, when he dusted Tiger Woods in the 36-hole final. Europe had two major champions in 1999 — Jose

Maria Olazabal at the Masters and Paul Lawrie, who made up 10 shots in the final round at Carnoustie to win a playoff in the British Open.

Both are outside the top 64 and didn't qualify for this World Golf Championship.

Harrington and Clarke are among 15 Europeans in the 64-man field at La Costa, a number that figures to be whittled down when the most fickle format in golf gets under way Wednesday.

Woods is the defending champion and has been the No. 1 seed since this tournament began in 1999. As an example of how anything goes, he has reached the finals only twice, and two years ago was knocked out in the first round by unheralded Peter O'Malley of Australia.

"It's the unpredictability of match play," Woods said. "If we had to play match play every single week, guys would retire by the age of 40 because of the emotional ups and downs."

SCOREBOARD

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Tuesday's College Basketball							
Major Scores							
By The Associated Press							
EAST							
Connecticut	71	St. John's	53				
Iona	78	Rider	63				
Pittsburgh	68	Georgetown	58				
St. Francis, NY	75	Long Island U.	66				
SOUTH							
Alabama	72	Auburn	71				
Austin Peay	88	Tennessee Tech	64				
Ball St.	79	Marshall	78				
Charleston Southern	67	N.C.-Asheville	47				
Davidson	64	Appalachian St.	63				
ETSU	84	Chattanooga	72				
Jacksonville St.	71	Samford	51				
Maryland	70	Clemson	49				
Memphis	74	Southern Miss.	56				
Morehead St.	80	E. Kentucky	71				
Seton Hall	76	Miami	66				
Virginia	74	North Carolina	72				
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Michigan	87	Michigan	69				
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EASTERN CONFERENCE							
Atlantic Division							
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Philadelphia	33	15	11	5	82	185	146
New Jersey	32	17	11	1	76	147	121
N.Y. Islanders	29	22	9	2	69	174	153
N.Y. Rangers	22	29	7	4	55	160	183
Pittsburgh	11	42	5	4	31	125	241
Northeast Division							
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Ottawa	34	16	8	5	81	208	138
Toronto	34	17	9	3	80	182	158
Boston	30	15	13	6	79	163	146
Montreal	31	25	6	2	70	162	148
Buffalo	28	27	6	1	63	161	159
Southeast Division							
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Tampa Bay	32	17	7	5	76	176	141
Florida	22	25	13	3	60	139	161
Atlanta	24	31	6	2	56	170	196
Carolina	19	27	12	3	53	118	152
Washington	19	33	8	2	48	147	191
WESTERN CONFERENCE							

Central Division							
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Detroit	35	17	9	2	81	202	147
Nashville	30	23	7	2	69	159	165
St. Louis	29	23	7	2	67	144	156
Chicago	17	32	7	5	46	139	181
Columbus	17	33	8	4	46	129	177
Northwest Division							
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
Colorado	33	15	10	4	80	182	140
Vancouver	33	19	7	4	77	182	148
Calgary	31	23	5	3	70	149	138
Edmonton	25	26	10	1	61	159	157
Minnesota	21	23	16	2	60	139	139
Pacific Division							
W	L	T	OL	Pts	GF	GA	
San Jose	30	16	11	5	76	161	132
Dallas	30	22	10	0	70	138	136
Los Angeles	24	17	14	7	69	166	162
Anaheim	21	25	9	8	59	136	164
Phoenix	20	24	15	3	58	154	180

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Monday's Games

- Florida 2, Boston 0
- Tampa Bay 6, Washington 3
- Montreal 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
- Carolina 2, Toronto 1
- Detroit 1, Edmonton 1, tie
- Anaheim 1, Phoenix 1, tie
- San Jose 4, Columbus 2
- Los Angeles 3, Nashville 0

Tuesday's Games

- Montreal 4, Ottawa 2
- Boston 0, N.Y. Islanders 0, tie
- Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1
- Calgary 2, Colorado 0
- Vancouver 4, Detroit 2

Wednesday's Games

- Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
- Chicago at Columbus, 7 p.m.
- Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
- Toronto at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
- Buffalo at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
- Los Angeles at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
- Pittsburgh at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
- Edmonton at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

- Montreal at Boston, 7 p.m.
- N.Y. Rangers at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
- Toronto at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
- Philadelphia at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
- St. Louis at Colorado, 8 p.m.
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(Courtesy photo)

To celebrate the passing of Valentine's Day, Pampa Moose Lodge hosted a dance with a roaring 1920s theme. Above: (left-right) "The dolls" — Sherry Lang, Sue Lard, Tammy Hastings, Carroll Yearwood, Mandy Cummings, Doris Dillon, Ruth Lard, Mary Peterson and Mildred Thrasher.



(Courtesy photo)

To celebrate the passing of Valentine's Day, Pampa Moose Lodge hosted a dance with a roaring 1920s theme. Above: (back row, left-right) "The guys" — Jim Jean, Archie Lard, Sherman Cowan, Frank Yearwood, J.D. Roth, Bob Cummings, Charlie Martin; (front row, l-r) Eddie Hastings, William Carroll and B.W. Lard.

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WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash A) Stallion Energy, Inc., #207 Britt, 660' from North & West line, sec. 7,A-3,H&GN, PD 13750'.

WHEELER (WILDCAT & EAST THORNDIKE) Texakoma Oil & Gas Corp., #2 Taylor '4', 467' from South & East line, Sec. 4,A-2,H&GN, PD 12400'.

Applications to Plug-Back HUTCHINSON (NORTH HUTCHINSON Granite Wash) Strat Land Exploration Co., #1 Holt, 660' from North & 467' from West line, Sec. 52,5-T,T&NO, PD 6950'.

Gas Well Completions GRAY (N.E. HOOVER Granite

Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #6 Spearman '23', Sec. 26,3,I&GN, spud 11-25-03, drlg. compl 11-26-03, tested 12-11-03, potential 5244 MCF, TD 9190', PBD 9010' — SWR #10 to commingle was approved

GRAY (N.E. HOOVER Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Continent, #8 Spearman '23', Sec. 26,3,I&GN, spud 7-25-03, drlg. compl 8-12-03, tested 10-28-03,

potential 130 MCF, TD 9190', PBD 9085' — SWR #10 approved to commingle

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WAL-LOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #12 Zybach '66', Sec. 66,M-1,H&GN, spud 12-2-03, drlg. compl 12-22-03, tested 1-29-04, potential 6093MCF, TD 11615', PBD 11547' —

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #1220 Killebrew,

Sec. 220,42,H&TC, spud 8-7-03, drlg. compl 9-9-03, tested 12-13-03, potential 242 MCF, TD 11784', PBD 10880' —

WHEELER (WEST BRITT RANCH Granite Wash A) Stallion Energy, #3014 Britt, Sec. 14,A-3,H&GN, spud 9-6-03, drlg. compl 10-24-03, tested 10-31-03 to 11-2-03, potential 5885 MCF, TD 12750', PBD 12660' —

NASA rover drills into rock in search of evidence of water

LOS ANGELES (AP) — NASA's Opportunity rover extended its arm and played robot geologist, drilling into a martian rock that has intrigued scientists back on Earth.

The six-wheeled rover used the rock-abrasion tool on its instrument-tipped arm to grind a fraction of an inch into the surface of a rock in a formation dubbed "El Capitan," project manager Richard Cook said Tuesday.

The rock's weathered surface was ground away so that the rover could examine the material underneath and photograph it in microscopic detail. Results were expected to take several days to reach Earth.

"It's Christmas Eve and all the scientists are anxious and excited with anticipation," deputy main scientist Ray Arvidson said Tuesday.

Opportunity also took a siesta, shutting down briefly to recharge its batteries. NASA scientists said the rover has been doing a lot of scientific work at night, expending the energy from its solar cells. Because Mars is beginning its winter season, the days are getting shorter and less sunlight is hitting the solar panels.

"El Capitan" has been the rover's main concern for several days. The outcrop, about the height of a street curb, rings a portion of the crater in which the rover is rolling. Previous microscopic images show fine layering in the rock and mysterious BB-sized granules.

Scientists involved in the \$820 million Mars mission are mulling several theories of how the glossy, sandblasted rock formed, including volcanic eruptions, windblown dust or sediments settling out of a body of water.

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