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# **County OKs traffic survey; no action on constable**

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

Gray County commissioners agreed Wednesday to make a written request for a traffic survey of the area including the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Price Road.

The request was made on behalf of residents of the area by Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby at commissioners' 9 a.m. meeting in the county courthouse.

New businesses in the area, including Gebo's and Fluid Compressor Control, have increased activity in the area and "created quite a traffic jam at times," Willoughby said.

The Texas Highway Department will conduct the survey, but would

not do so without a written request from commissioners, Willoughby said in a Monday afternoon interview.

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Upon conclusion of the survey, the Highway Department will submit its findings in writing to commissioners, Willoughby said.

Commissioners will leave the post of Precinct 4 constable vacant, although Curtis Broaddus had appeared before commissioners at their Feb. 15 meeting to ask for appointment to the office.

"As you know, we did have an individual elected to that office four years ago," said County Judge Richard Peet. "He ran and was elected on the premise that he'd resign and leave the office vacant."

"Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter has indicated she really doesn't need a constable," Peet said.

"I believe we are in a system where we must honor the taxpayers," Willoughby said. "If there were a need for that office to be filled, we should have an open election."

"The people I talked to said if it was to be filled, it should be by election," said Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley.

"I think the last election showed the people's choice," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

Peet asked three times if anyone wished to make a motion to fill the vacant office, but no motion was made.

"The item has died for lack of a motion," he said.

Precinct 2 Constable Chris Lockridge's 2005 racial profiling report was accepted. The report stated that Lockridge had made traffic stops involving 130 white, 20 blacks and 26 Hispanics last year. Of those, 29 whites, five blacks and four Hispanics were ticketed. Verbal warnings were given to 101 whites, 15 blacks and 22 Hispanics by Lockridge.

County Court Coordinator Sandra Martin's continuing education was recognized.

Bills totaling \$71,818.48 and salaries of \$219,653.84 were approved for payment.



### New name, new office



## **Office errors cause** for heated exchange

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

Sparks flew yet again at Wednesday morning's Gray County commissioners' meeting when the results of an internal audit report listed 21 corrections of cash receipts posting errors for the month of February.

Copies of two state reports for the fourth quarter way," said Precinct 1 of 2005 which required correction were also presented

"I take full responsibility. However these reports are entered, I am responsible, whether I or someone else enters them."

"I'm disappointed. I feel that I have entered into a term of 'gotcha' government instead of complimentary government," he said.

"I'm sorry you feel that Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "The fact is, I have watched

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The Chamber of Commerce Gold Coats and staff of Panhandle WorkSource participated in a ribbon cutting ceremony at 10 a.m. today at NBC Plaza. The agency, formerly known as Texas Workforce Center, also held an open house to mark its name change and new offices in Suite 101 at the plaza, 1224 N. Hobart. From left, front row, are Veronica Coleman, Angela DeMine, Kathy Cota and Shyla Rush, all of Panhandle WorkSource. Second row from left are Pat Vanderpool, Mary McDaniel, June Beyer and Charles Henry. Back row from left are Bob Marx, Chuck White and Jerry Foote. The Pampa office is one of eight Panhandle WorkSource offices in the area. Panhandle WorkSource recruits, screens and refers applicants for moe than 2,600 business locations in the Panhandle and fills more than 7,000 job openings each year.

by County Auditor Elaine Morris.

"All this was in the treasurer's office," Morris said when commissioners asked her where the errors originated.

Commissioners asked County Treasurer Lee Cornelison if he had a reply to the report.

"It's not an uncommon occurrence, as I've learned in visits with other treasurers around the state," he said. "Where there is better communication, there are fewer errors.

"When the monthly reports come in, there are constant changes in how those funds are broken up and dispersed. When we've asked for a transition from them to us to get us more responsibility, there has been no transition.

these mistakes for three years. I have come to you before to offer help, and for you now to turn it back on us as being on your back or punching on you is an untruth, Lee.

"We have offered to send you to schools or whatever would help," Wheeley said. "I don't know how you

could come together without an open meeting and decide should hire Scott," Cornelison said.

"I'm tired of the one-liners," said County Judge Richard Peet. "We didn't get together without an open meeting."

Cornelison's reference to hiring Scott reportedly refers to a suggestion that Scott Hahn, former county treasurer, be hired to provide

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### Porter seeks re-election to school board

#### **By DENNIS SPIES** Editor

Lee Porter, who represents Placed 5 on the Pampa Independet School District Board of Trustees, has filed for re-election.

Porter has served on the board for nine years, including two years as president.

Porter said he believes that the right to a free public education is one of the greatest rights that youth in the United States have.

youth participate and enjoy the American dream and our democracy continue," he said. "I firmly believe that the quality of education in our public school system is the direct result of the hard work of the classroom teacher."

Porter added that all of the district's assets and efforts should be focused in providing support to the teachers so that the students in Pampa can obtain the highest quality public education.

"I will continue to work with the "Only through education can our staff of the Pampa Independent School

District to develop the policies necessary to make our district an exemplary district," he said.

Porter currently chairs the facilities committee, which is engaged in developing a long rnage plan for the district's facilities.

"Our district, as well as many other districts in the Texas Panhandle, faces the challenge of maintaining aging facilities in an ever increasing need for advanced technologies," he said.

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Porter



### **Obituaries**

### Services tomorrow

AUBYN, Henrietta Mickey Saint - 2 p.m., Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home, Hays, Kan.

EDWARDS, Avis Elizabeth — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

### Henrietta Mickey Saint Aubyn, 80

Mickey Saint Aubyn, 80, of died Oct. 22, 2004. Hays, died Feb. 27, 2006, at Hospice House in Hutchinson, Kan.

2 p.m. Friday at Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home. Burial will be in Mount Allen Cemetery in Hays under the direction of Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home.

Mrs. Aubyn was born Feb. 2, 1926, at Hays, to Henry and DeEtta Shottenkirk Hauschild. She married Richard Saint Aubyn on

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Mrs. Aubyn was a speech

teacher for many years, working in various schools, Services are scheduled at and attended Lutheran Church. She belonged to Big unteer.

> Survivors include two sons, Randy of Hutchinson and Rod of Fargo, N.D.; a daughter, Vicki Escherich of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif.; three brothers, Howard Hauschild of Oakley, Kan., Virgil Hauschild of Alamota,

HAYS, Kan. - Henrietta Dec. 1, 1945, at Hays; he Kan., and Wesley Hauschild of Hays; four sisters, Marge Hauschild of San Francisco, Calif., Harriett Dupsky of Denver, Colo., Karen Freeman of Concordia, Kan., and Wanda Higgason Creek Quilter's Club in of Atlanta, Ga.; four grand-Hays and was a hospital vol- "children; and eight greatgreat-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until service time Friday at the funeral home in Hays. The family suggests memorials be to the hospice of Hays Medical Center or to Reno County Hospice House in Hutchinson.

### **Avis Elizabeth Edwards**, 97

Avis Elizabeth Edwards, She was a former schoolteacher in Miami. She was a member of Mary Ellen & Harvester

Church of Christ. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Connie Sue Edwards in 1957.

Survivors include a nephew, Guy Smith of Miami; five great-nephews; two great-nieces; and a special friend, Eunice McMillan of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, 11461 S. Western St., Amarillo, TX 79118.

-Sign the on-line regisbook ter at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

### Richard Lee Thomas 'Tom' Hohn, 56

TALIHINA, Okla. ---Richard Lee Thomas "Tom" Hohn, 56, of Talihina, died Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2006, at Talihina.

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Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Twenty-one traffic stops

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rendered in the 800 block of South Municipal Drive.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Evading arrest with a motor vehicle was reported. at the intersection of Harvester and Magnolia streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions. Three burglar alarms were

reported. Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of 18th and Banks streets and the 1300 block of Kentucky.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 800 block of West Brown, the 2400 block of Charles, the 1800 block of East Frederic and One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester; the 1800 block of Williston; and the 900 block of East 23rd.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Nelson. Telephone harassment

was reported in the police department lobby.

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reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. 28th Ave. Fuel valued at \$52.56 was taken.

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Cigarettes valued at \$3.79 were taken.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Tuesday, Feb. 28 2:40 p.m. – A 2004 Chevrolet Bluebird Bus,

driven by Ramiro Soto, 73, 318 Hazel, collided with a legally parked 1995 GM Savannah, owned by Robert R. Jones, 1120 N. Rider, in the 2400 block of Charles. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

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

Wednesday, March 1

George Thomas Reames Jr., 35, of Burlington, Okla., was arrested by the Texas Rangers for forging or altering a prescription.

George Thomas Reames Sr., 64, of Pampa was arrested by the Texas Rangers on a Wheeler County charge of forging or altering a prescription.

Michael Ray Hartzell, 37, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on two Gray County sentences out of 223rd District Court.

Jesus Maria Velasquez, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Lefors by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

LaJeanna Lynn Downs, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Francisco Sotero Cruz,

failure to comply with registration required of sex offenders.

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Christopher Shane Nolte, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for bought, concealed, or possession of stolen mail.

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

Wednesday, March 2 7:04 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to Austin Elementary School on a fire prevention pro-

gram. 2:16 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Russell and Worrell on a medical assist.

2:31 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of East Francis on a medical assist.

8:22 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

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

Wednesday, March 1 10:42 a.m. - A mobile ICU, unit responded to the 2800 block of Rosewood. No transport.

1:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Jean and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:15 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Worrell and Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### 97, of Pampa, died Feb. 28, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Miami

Cemetery at Miami under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Daily. Tralee Resale Shop, of Pampa

> Mrs. Edwards was born Jan. 22, 1909, in Oxford, Ark. She married Claud Edwards on July 2, 1948, in Pampa; he died in 1976. She and her husband formerly owned and operated a laundromat in Pampa for many years.

brother, Willie and Gabariel Hohn of Antlers, Okla.; brother, Jim and Faye Bell of Windsor, Colo.; brother, Calvin Bell of Phoenix, Mr. Hohn was born June Ariz.; sister, Rose and Mike Burnett of Buffalo Valley,

Traffic complaints were received from the intersec-

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Survivors include his mother, Ida and Jim Bell of Antlers, Okla.; son, Dennis James of Spencerville, Okla.; son, Elvis Hohn of Bochita, Okla.; son, Abraham Hohn of Bochita, Okla.; daughter, Natalie Hohn of Roseville, Calif.;

Okla.; sister, Patricia and Keith Winkler of Pampa, Texas; sister, Jan and Bill Edmond of Stockton, Calif.; and his grandmother, Leona Cheever of Cambridge, Idaho.

He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Shawn.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 4, at Rocky Point Cemetery in Moyers, Okla., with the Rev. Larry Stephens officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Talihina Funeral Home.

reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby and the 1300 block of Garland, where minor injuries were reported.

A disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Lowry.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of East Browning. A speaker and amplifier were taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,200.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather. A purse, Texas driver's license, Social Security card, birth certificate and medica-

28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for interfering with a 911 call and assault causing bodily injury.

Shane Adam Willett, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of East Harvester by PPD for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

Larry Don Coulter, 40, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Martin George, 42, of Pampa was arrested in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway by PPD for assault by threat.

Janet Powell Kimes, 58, of Booker was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for theft.

Joshua Luke Mitchell, 28, of Pampa was arrested by the Precinct 2 constable for

4:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a nursing facility in Perryton.

7:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Crane and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:22 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, March 2 12:30 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

5:10 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wilcox and transported a patient to PRMC.



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while mowing county weeds- he had a luncheon to attend at noon, so he mowed a couple of hours before attending the function. We proudly support Gary Willoughby and ask our friends to join us on March 7th.

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# Viewpoints

# Americans are either too generous or not enough

Americans can't win. We either care too much or not enough. Now, a news from release Kern Communications tells us, the National Academy of Sciences is worried we are irresponsibly generous in the upkeep of our pets.

Only the government could make a virtue a black mark

"With 63 percent – a full 69 million – of all U.S. households owning a pet and with overall U.S. growth in the pet supplies and services market weighing in at a staggering \$35.9 billion last year," a press release from Kern reads, "Americans clearly regard their pets as bona fide family members. Why, then, do most reserve the health benefits of exercise for humans, well-fed, well-cared for pets

when Fido and Felix would equally benefit from daily physical fitness?

"In fact," the news release continues, "the U.S. obesity epidemic is not exclusive to people. According to a report issued by the National Academy of Sciences, 'one out of every four dogs and cats in the western world is now obese. Like obese humans, they run a higher risk of developing diabetes, heart disease and joint and hip difficulties."

Well, as much as I enjoy and admire animals, they are not humans. What would these dear elitists from the Academy of Sciences prefer? That our pets be underfed and starving, quarry for dog catchers and fodder for unsuspecting motorists or

in loving homes?

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As frustrated as I am at the National Academy of Kern Sciences (and Communications for using this propaganda), the news release offers the following somewhat

helpful Skyla advice on maintaining Bryant healthy **News Editor** pet as prescribed by Paul Mann,

who is not, thankfully, associated with the National Academy of Sciences:

· Energy. Daily walks or play sessions are a great way of energizing lethargic and/or overweight pets, and will give them a much-needed spring in their step; New Socialization.

or

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· Temperament. High strung, hyperactive even

received as gifts and/or the

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from daily exposure to, and

playful interaction with,

both humans and other dogs;

aggressive are dogs often quite calm and relaxed after a good

day's workout. Regular exercise will keep these angst-ridden pets in a greater state of contentment; • Sleep. Want a good night's sleep? So does your pet! Daily exercise can

greatly improve the quality Fido and Felix's overnight slumber - and in

pups, adopted pets, those doing so, perhaps yours as of health benefits daily exerwell:

· Happiness. Pets that exercise daily often thrive on, and return, the love and attention they receive from humans and their furry friends during the process;

· Health. As with humans, daily exercise provides the body with a variety of health benefits, including improved metabolism and digestion, enhancement of the immune system to better ward off illness, increases in bone and muscle density and overall strength, as well as maximized cardiovascular system function - just to name a few.

· Longevity. We all want our pets to be around as long as possible, and daily exercise is one way to help assure that. The multitude

cise provides can help your dog or cat live a longer, healthier and happier life.

Mann owns a pet care "franchise" that provides a pet-sitting service.

His tips would perhaps be better received if couched as an advertisement instead of as sanctimonious advice inspired by a nosy nanny state report.

Here's a tip for Mr. Mann: Insulting a customer is not the way to gain a customer.

According to Kern, the National Academy of Sciences report is available on-line at http://nationalacademies.org.

Skyla Bryant is lifestyles editor and news editor for The Pampa News.

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### Today in History

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

Today is Thursday, March 2, the 61st day of 2006. There are 304 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 2, 1877, Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

On this date:

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

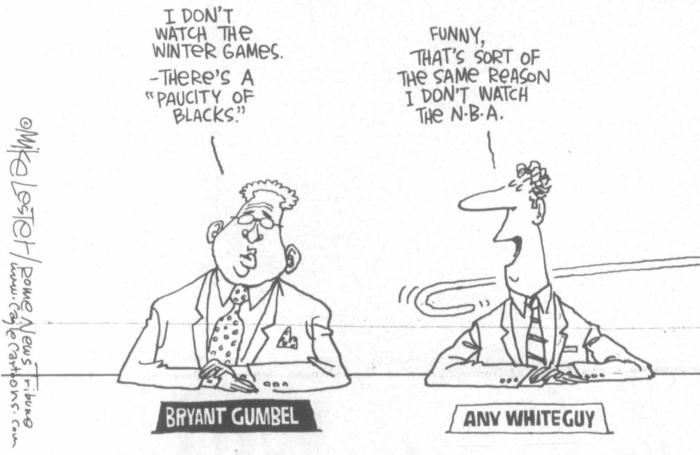
In 1836, Texas declared its independence from Mexico. In 1899, Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

'Humanitarianism needs no apology. ... Unless we ... feel it toward all men without exception, we shall have lost the chief redeeming force in human history."

In 1917, Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship. In 1923, Time magazine made its debut.

In 1939, Roman Catholic · Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected Pope; he took the name Pius XII. In 1943, the World

War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.



– Ralph Barton Perry American author and educator (1876-1957)

In 1955, the William Inge play "Bus Stop" opened at the Music Box Theatre in New York. In 1965, the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's

musical "The Sound of Music" had its world premiere at New York's Rivoli Theater.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives adopted a strict code of ethics.

Ten years ago: Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole reignited his presidential campaign with an overwhelming victory in the South Carolina Republican primary.

Five years ago: The United Nations tried in vain to persuade Afghanistan's ruling Taliban to reverse its decision to destroy a pair of giant, ancient statues of Buddha and other Buddhist relics that the regime considered idolatrous.

One year ago: The number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq reached 1,500. The woman who accused NBA star Kobe Bryant of rape settled her lawsuit against him, ending the case.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jennifer Jones is 87. Bluegrass singer-musician Doc Watson is 83. Actor John Cullum is 76. Author Tom Wolfe is 76. Former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev is 75. Actress Barbara Luna is 67.

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### Diving deeper into structure of databases

Last week, I scratched the surface of Microsoft Access. This week, we dive deeper, exploring the four major "structures" you will encounter in this exciting program: tables, forms, reports, and queries.

To get to Microsoft Access, click the Start button, then "Programs" and finally "Microsoft Access." Remember, you will only have Microsoft Access if your computer has Microsoft Professional, Office Premium, or you installed it separately.

If you followed along last week, you created a sample database for Contact Management. (If you happened to miss that column, you may read it or any of my previous columns at this newspaper's web site or at my own: http://www.EricSpellmann.c om.)

"Contact Click on Management1" (or whatever you named our sample) and hit OK. Depending on the speed of your system, you will see a small window appear (and then quickly minimize), followed by another window labeled, "Main Switchboard."

This window gives you easy access to the main functions of this sample database.

Click the first option, "Enter/View Contacts." The window that pops up is the first structure we need to talk about: the Form. Forms are simply windows that allow you to add, edit, or delete records in the database. When designing a database, you can make it easy for the data entry person by customizing the form to look and act the way they want. at the bottom (the ones we

fields if you want to prevent changes.

A form is what we call a "front end." It is the enduser's main interface into the database, shielding them from much of the complexity that lurks beneath. Enter some basic information about yourself as the first

record. Click on the page numbers at the bottom to see more. When you are ready to add another record, look at

of that Eric form You'll Spellmann see some buttons that Columnist remind you

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controls. To the left of those buttons, you will see the word, "Record." The first button looks like a bar followed by a left-pointing triangle. Clicking this button will always take you to the first record in a table.

The next button to the right allows you to view or modify the previous record. If you were working with record 12, then hitting that button would take you to record 11. Next, you'll see a blank

with a number in it. You can type a number and hit "enter" to jump directly to any record in the table. Hopefully, you've figured out the next two buttons based on the first two. The last button looks like a rightpointing triangle followed by an asterisk (star). It is the "Create New Record" button. Click it to add your sec-

ond record. Continue adding sample records until you have four or five. Using the form, play with the navigation buttons

You can even hide certain just talked about) to fully on the table labeled, "conunderstand their function. Ignore the "Calls" and "Dial" buttons for now. by clicking the X in it's upper-right-hand corner.

> The next option on the Contact Switchboard is "Enter/View Other Information." Click it if you wish. It allows you to enter data in another table that categorizes your contacts.

For now, though, click on



Reports allow you to sort and format your data into readable output.

In this particular example, only two reports exist: a contact listing and a call report. Click the first button. A sample report should pop up listing all of the contacts you entered earlier.

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that quickly minimized when we opened the Contact Management database? It should still be down in the bottom left hand corner. Open it up. You are now looking "behind the curtain" at the inner workings of this database. This window, by the way, is called the object manager.

Four main objects exist in Access: Tables, forms, reports, and queries. Click on "Tables" in the gray column on the left. You will see three buttons that allow you to create a table and four actual tables. Double-click

tacts." You are now in TABLE view. The window itself is the table. Each row When done, close the form is a record. Notice those little VCR buttons (navigation buttons) at the bottom.

It is possible to add, edit, delete, or print records in this view. While very functional, this table view is not conducive to printing or editing. Now you understand the purpose of FORMS and **REPORTS!** Get it?

Close the table window. The second item in the lefthand grey bar on the object manager is "Queries." A query is simply a question; a question that you ask of the database.

For instance, "How many of my contacts live in Texas?" or "Which contacts work for this company?"

The results of a query can be sent to a report, deleted from the database, or changed in some way. Typically, queries are sent to reports for printing.

To create a query, you must choose which fields to include and the criteria involved in filtering them.

Access is a very powerful program with features and options that can enable anyone to become a database pro.

Hopefully, these last three columns have answered some of your questions about them and given you the confidence to explore further. If you would like to learn more about Access. please check out the classes I offer on the subject at my Web site: http://www.EricSpellmann.c om

I'll see you in Cyberspace!



## **DECA students competing in Amarillo**

Seven marketing education students from Pampa High School are representing Pampa High now through Saturday during the Texas DECA State Career subjects of marketing, mer-Development Conference at chandising and managethe Amarillo Convention ment. Center in Amarillo.

ly competed in the Texas advisors took part in the DECA District 8 Career Plainview conference.

Development Conference at Plainview High School in Plainview. Students participated in curriculum-related first in their events at competitive events on the

225 Approximately The seven students recent- DECA members and their

According to Donna Crow, chapter advisor, the following students placed District 8 Conference: Michael Kane, retail mer- among about 2,200 students chandising; Kaylee Keith, from across the state to retail merchandising; Josiah West, technical sales; Jose Venegas, food marketing; Shannon Smith, fashion at a "Grand Awards merchandising promotion Session."

plan; and Jennifer Oxley and Shalea Ausbrooks, business law and ethics team decision making.

The PHS students are attend the Amarillo conference. Finalists in each event will be recognized Saturday

# Woodrow Wilson school planning full slate of events

Woodrow Wilson Elementary School will celebrate Texas Public School Week March 6-10. Planned during the week, said Wilson's Parent Liaison Debbie 6 and Wednesday, March Doss, is a book fair and 8," Doss continued, "duran open house. "Wilson Elementary cordially invites parents, family members and community to Texas Public School Week, Open House, and our Book Fair," said Doss in a press release. "You are invited to be a part of a powerful partnership with your school. Together we can make a difference. Times that you will be able to join your child for lunch is listed below and the cost of adult's lunch will be \$2.50."

Fourth grade, 12:10-12:55 p.m.; and — Fifth grade, 12:10-12:55 p.m.

"You will be able to come on Monday, March ing Family Literacy

**'Good Scout Luncheon' to celebrate Scouting** 

The Golden Spread Boy a program of positive char- our community and the peo- Council, and continuing now Scouts Council will put on acter development, a proits "Good Scout Luncheon" gram that keeps America's at 12 p.m. March 7 in the values and commitment to Pampa Chamber of God and Country strong. Commerce Banquet Room, Scouting has always reflect-200 N. Ballard. ed the expectations of the American family. I would "The Boy Scouts of America," said event chair like to personally invite you Duane Harp in a news to attend our Pampa Good release, "provides youth the Scout Luncheon. This event opportunity to participate in will celebrate Scouting in

ple that support it." the luncheon will be David Cain, manager for Cabot Corporation in Pampa. "In addition, we will be honoring," Harp said, "Mr. Bill Gething for his many years of service to the Scouting cause. Dating back to the old Adobe Walls

in the Adobe Walls District The keynote speaker for of the Golden Spread Council, Mr. Gething has helped shape the lives of many of our current community leaders through the programs of the Boy Scouts of America.' Participants must RSVP by March 6. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

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### SERIAL KILLER **Relatives of killer nurse's victims get their say**

SOMERVILLE, N.J. tims' relatives to confront (AP) — Somber relatives him in court, and about 60 of the victims of New appeared. Jersey's worst serial killer

Many were also hoping to hear Cullen explain called the former nurse why he committed the crimes, but his public defender has said that was unlikely

"He will always be known as the monster," Dolores Stasienko, 59, of Kitty Hawk, N.C., said as she held a photo of her father, Giacomino "Jack" Toto, 89, who was murdered in 2003. Stoecker's mother was killed the

Thursday's hearing was the first chance for vicsame year.

Cullen sat quietly with he has told investigators his arms folded in front of him after he was brought into the courtroom.

He has admitted to using lethal doses of medications — most often the heart medication digoxin - to kill patients. He told authorities when he was arrested in December 2003 that he killed "very sick" patients, but some of the patients were not critically ill.

He was to be sentenced later for seven murders and three attempted murders in Pennsylvania, and

he might have killed as many as 40 people altogether during a nursing career that began in 1987.

Cullen, 46, pleaded guilty as part of an unusual arrangement in which he also agreed to help investigators solve his killings, which stretched across his employment at 10 medical facilities. In exchange, the prosecutors in all seven counties where he worked agreed not to seek the death penalty.

Meal times are as follows:

Kindergarten, 10:30-11 a.m.;

- First grade, 10:50-11:20 a.m.; - Second grade,

11:10-11:40 a.m.; - Third grade, 11:40-12:10 p.m.;

Night to view and purchase books from the Book Fair in the library from 5:30-7:30 p.m.'

The open house is scheduled between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. March 9 at the school. Both teachers and school administrators will be on hand to meet and greet parents.

"We will all begin in the gym," the press release from Doss said, "where we will have you sign in and Mrs. Larkin will welcome you to Wilson. The third and fourth grade students will then sing for you. There will be a meeting shortly afterwards with Mrs. Sturgeon for fourth and fifth grade parents. You will then be able to enjoy refreshments in the cafeteria and visit your child's classrooms."

### **Caprock Canyons State Park** to reopen for regular season

QUITAQUE — After a winter without long campers, Caprock Canyons State Park will open its gates to campers again on Thursday.

Not allowing camping during the winter was one strategy used to cope with the limited budget state parks received this year. Other strategies at Caprock Canyons included limiting office hours and closing some facilities.

Beginning Thursday, though, Caprock Canyons office hours will return to normal, seven day a week operation, and all facilities will be reopened for the pub-

"We will be glad to see campers return to the park. It

has been lonely around here this winter, although we've accomplished a lot of needed maintenance," said Deanna Oberheu, park superintendent.

One thing in particular that has been accomplished is the opening of the new bison pasture and the installation of viewing scopes. The public can park at the first parking area in the park, walk a short path through the prairie, stand on the edge of the canyon overlooking the new pasture, and use the viewing scopes to watch the bison.

For more information about the park, park programs, fees, facilities, and license sales, call (806) 455-1492.

### Meredith museum to honor nature photographers

is hosting a reception from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the museum in Fritch.

clutched photographs and

"the monster" at his sen-

tencing hearing Thursday.

my mother looked like,

look into my eyes now,' Richard J. Stoecker told

Charles Cullen, who was

to be sentenced to life in

prison for 22 murders and

the attempted murders of

three others in New Jersey.

"In case he forgot what

The reception is for veteran Dick wildlife photographer Wilberforce of Canadian and Jim Guerry of Amarillo.

"Mr. Wilberforce has shown his work at the museum before; however, it has been some time ago," said Renee Cunningham, museum director.

"He is a veteran outdoor photographer whose images have graced over 125 magazine covers."

Cunningham said Wilberforce's pho-

FRITCH — The Lake Meredith tos have been featured in Ducks Aquatic & Wildlife Museum in Fritch Unlimited, the Elk Foundation's Bugle, Quail Unlimited, Wild Bird, Birder's World, Quarterhouse Journal, Wing and Shot, Wild Fowl and Gun Dog

Wilberforce says he has been fortunate enough to enjoy documenting God's creatures and the outdoor world for over half a century, and he enjoys both the challenge and the people.

"You can't ask for a more challenging or rewarding life than one working with nature and the people who respect and enjoy birds and wildlife," Wilberforce said.

Guerry has been photographing wildlife for three years now. He has photographed ranch life and many different birds including a cardinal and a green jay.

"It takes many, many hours for the right shot to come along," Guerry said. "And then a little luck to make it all work.'

"We hope folks will come out and join in the fun," Cunningham said. 'These are some wonderfully talented and great guys.'

For more information, contact the museum at (806) 857-2458.

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**By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips** 

DEAR ABBY: "Overwhelmed in Arizona" wrote that she is helping her dad care for her dying mother, and feels isolated and overwhelmed by her feelings. She said: "The doctors now say there's nothing more they can do. Basically, Mom is at home waiting to die." You recommended an American Cancer Society support group. Please invite her to explore hospice. Hospice lovingly accompanies patients, together with their families, during their final stage(s) of a terminal illness. While attending to the pain management needs of the patient, hospice also nurtures both patient and family through this difficult time, addressing all aspects (medical, nursing, social work and spiritual care) for all involved. Hospice makes dying about how you LIVE, all of you, in relationship with one another. And that very much includes those who will survive and have to come to terms with their loss. Many hospice organizations provide bereavement care and counseling to anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. By turning to hospice, "Overwhelmed" can shortly turn into "Loved and Nurtured in Arizona." --VIOLA IN SEVERNA PARK, MD.

**DEAR VIOLA:** Thank you for reminding me about hospice and the important work it does. Hospice is a service for patients who have been told by two physicians they have six months or less to live. It is paid for by Medicare, most of the time at no cost to the patient, and non-Medicare patients can receive care through private insurance. (People without insurance are usually entitled to services for free, or at a reduced rate.) It is listed in the phone book under hospice or palliative care, or log onto www.hospicenet.org, www.hospicefoundation.org. or www.caringinfo.org. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** After reading the letter from the girl who said that she and her

father were unable to talk about the mother dying of cancer, I had to write. Imagine how isolated that poor mother must feel! I have survived two rounds of cancer in spite of the fact that I was not expected to. When I told my daughter (I am divorced) that I'd had a recurrence this year, she told me she was angry with me, because I have been "trying to die on her" for most of her life! I can tell you from firsthand experience that the mother needs to hear it's all right for her to die, and that her daughter and husband love her, but will carry on and be fine. She needs to talk about the good times they have shared -- review photographs, movies, trips, etc. She needs hugs, body contact. Dying is lonely, cold and final. You feel that you have let your family down, disappointed them, and that they are terribly inconvenienced by your not being there for them. - SHIRLEY IN BRITISH **COLUMBIA** 

DEAR SHIRLEY: Thank you for an extremely informative letter. I hope that those who read it will take what you have written to heart. I often hear from people who say they don't know how to act or what to say when someone is stricken with terminal illness. A young woman who is battling cancer put the answer succinctly in a letter to me: "I may have cancer, but I'm still the same person. I want my friends to talk to me like they always have, and about the same things." As to your daughter, I think in a clumsy way she was trying to tell you she loves you. She's not mad at you for being sick. She's angry and probably frightened that the disease that has taken over your life twice is back again, and this time you may not be able to beat it. If she didn't love you, her reaction would have been indifference.

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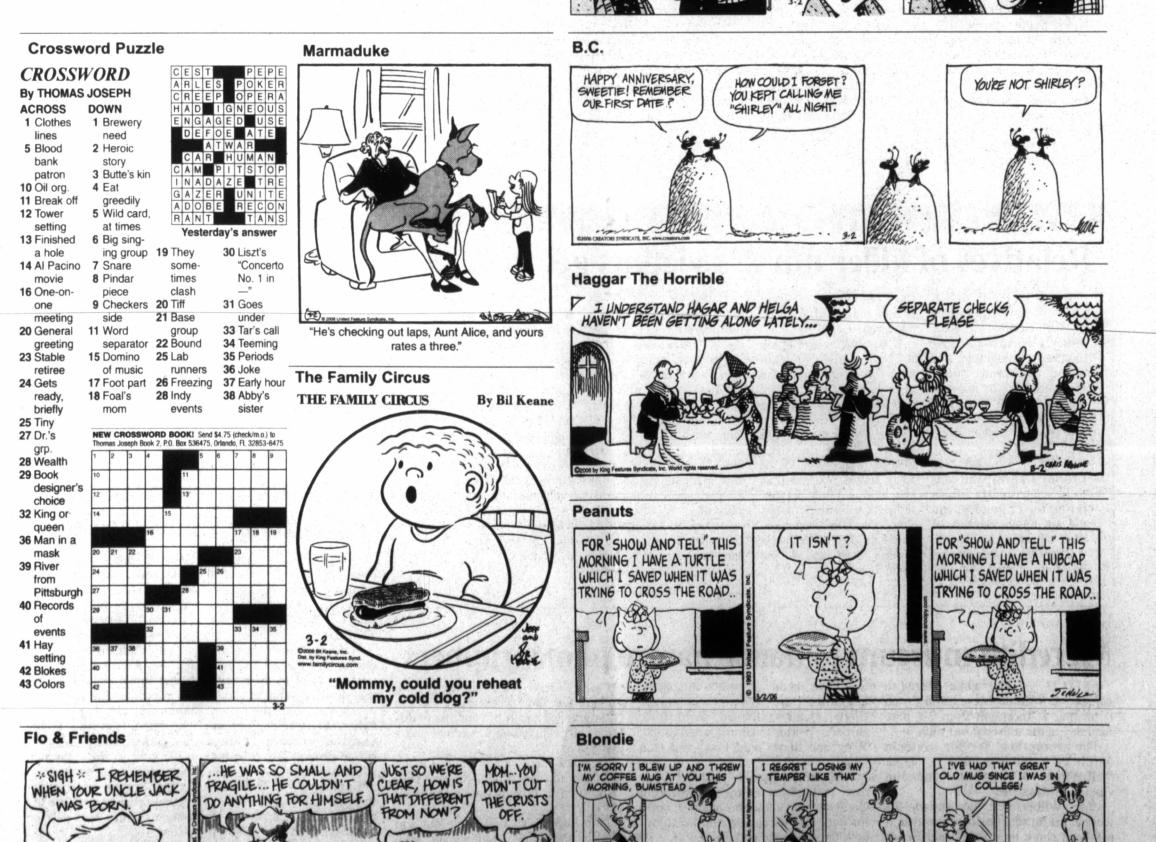
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# Sports Day

### NASCAR NONSENSE

### Stop with the shenanigans and make it official already

Honesty is the best policy. At least that's what momma used to tell me. NASCAR could use momma today.

The governing body for the ginormous stock car racing league is shopping for a place to build its hall of fame. And like the Olympics, a few cities have offered to serve as home to what will become a race fan Mecca, but only one really has the inside lane - no matter what people are saying.

> Michael J. Stevens Sports Editor



Atlanta, Daytona Beach and Charlotte, N.C. all want to serve as home for the hall, which will generate millions annually in revenue. Atlanta has no chance at all. Even I am not sure why it is even being considered. Sure, it's a big city with a healthy transient traffic flow which represents possible income, but so too do Fort Worth, Las Vegas even Fontana, Calif. Outside of 'sudden urge' stopping where tourists can be separated from their cash, I can't see NASCAR placing the hall in Atlanta. Besides, it already has soft drink giant Coke.

Daytona may have been the proving ground in NASCAR's genesis, but the 500 - and all the events leading up to it - and the Pepsi 400 (the old Firecracker 400) are about all Daytona really needs, or wants. It has enough on its tourist plate and really doesn't need the added burden a NASCAR Hall of Fame might bring.

Charlotte is the logical, obvious choice. What is silly is NASCAR chairman Bill France and those involved in this decision making process are trying to fool us into believing the Queen City is not a lock. That land has not already been surveyed and purchased. That ceremonial shovels have not already been gold plated. That they haven't sat in a board room somewhere in Charlotte, wringing their hands while giggling in anticipation of what the hall will bring. And it will.

France has denied over and over any and all reports that a deal with Charlotte is done.

Charlotte is steeped in stock car racing history. One of the most televised tracks ever is just down the road from Lowes Motor Speedway. Concord Speedway (now Concord Motor Sports Park) is still one of the fastest half mile tracks in the country. It is where men like Ralph and Dale Earnhardt cut their driving teeth. It is not unusual to find today's popular names squeezing in some extra seat time there. And let's face it, almost every big name team has a shop somewhere nearby. Roush Racing, Hendrick Motor Sports, Dale Earnhardt Inc., Robert Yates Racing, Evernham Motor Sports and others are all located within a hort drive from Charlotte, making multi-day stays a must for any race fan. Fans that already visit the area anyway. Not by circumstance...they want to be there. They plan on being there and visiting all that is NASCAR. The Hall of Fame is simply the missing jewel in the Queen City's crown. So stop with all the posturing NASCAR and make it official already. Then get the thing built so I can make my travel plans.

# **City softball leagues forming**

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

The Pampa Parks and Recreation department's 2006 Slow Pitch Softball Leagues will be forming soon. Once again, the league will consist of a Men's, Mixed, Men's Church and Mixed Church divisions. A new Unlimited Home Runs division will be added this year as well.

Entry fee (sponsor's fee) will be \$200 per team. Player's fee will be \$15 per person. Each team must have a minimum of 11 players (minimum of 12 players for mixed).

Entry deadline is 5 p.m. March 15. Rosters must be turned in and fees paid prior to deadline or team will not be scheduled.

All materials including roster, fact sheets and waiver forms are available for download at www.cityofpampa.org. Schedules will be ready after 1 p.m. March 22 in the recreation office at City Hall, room 204.

Play will begin the week of March 27. Awards will be given to the top three teams in each division.

Contact the Parks and Recreation office during regular business hours for additional information.





Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa Harvester third baseman Robbie Dixon beats a snap throw to first from the catcher in last week's game against Dalhart. Dixon and the Harvesters are off to a 6-0 start and will host Woodward Saturday afternoon starting at 1.

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# After day off, Annual MAYO **Tournament resumes today**

Organization Benefit basketball held Saturday at noon. Tournament got under way Monday in Miami.

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Fifty teams from across the Panhandle, including Pampa, are taking part in the annual week long event. Teams consist of kids in kindergarten through the sixth grade.

More than 750 volunteers are involved in this year's event which will benefit the Ted Rankin family of Miami. Funds will be used to help offset medical costs for Mr. Rankin.

In addition to the great basketball this tournament offers, there will be a silent auction Friday and Saturday with about 100 items up for bid. An

The 2007 Miami Area Youth open age free throw contest will be

Wednesday was an off day with play resuming today. The tournament will conclude Saturday.

**Results from Monday** Boys 5-6

Pampa 16, Wheeler 13 Panhandle 39, Darrouzett 9 Childress 38, Samnorwood 5 Cornerstone 26, Darrouzett 11 Canadian 46, Shamrock 6 Wheeler 23, Cornerstone 10 Panhandle 23, Sunray 16 Sunray 22, Samnorwood 2 Girls 5-6 Miami 33, Darrouzett 2

Shamrock 4, Wheeler 2 Hedley 12, Panhandle 1 Kelton 6, Shamrock 2 **Boys K-2** Miami 25, Lefors 2 Pampa 19, Panhandle 6 Miami 16, Darrouzett 2 Lefors 22, Sunray 3 Panhandle 26, Lefors 1 Darrouzett 8, Sunray 6 Miami 14, Pampa 10 Lefors 15, Miami 10 **Girls K-2** Panhandle 13, Shamrock 10 Darrouzett 13, Miami 5 Shamrock 12, Miami 9 Darrouzett 13, Panhandle 7

## Stephens, Pettit, Hervey and Ferguson shoot 57 to take Hidden Hills scramble

Here are this week's weekly scramble results as provided by Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Senior Regular Scramble Hidden Hills Golf Course Mar. 1, 2006

1st Place (57) **Roy Don Stephens** Carroll Pettit John Hervey

Dwayne Ferguson

2nd Place (58) **Jim Brashears** Gerry McCabe Waldon Haynes **Charlie Rand** 

**3rd Place** (63) **Bill Hammer Ray Covalt** Joe Mabry

**Charlie Terrell** 

4th Place (64) Harley Knutson Larry Heard Nathan Lancaster Jim Jensen Chunky Leonard

**Closest to the Pin** Roy Don Stephens (#6) Bill Hammer (#15)





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### NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# **Owners reject union proposal,** players may go on

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL and its players union were at an impasse today, leaving hundreds of players, including some big stars, in danger of getting cut.

"The situation is about as dire as dire can be," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said after the owners met for 57 minutes to endorse a recommendation by their management council executive committee to reject the union's latest proposal.

The breakdown of talks left intact, for now, a salary cap of \$94.5 million. The two sides had hoped to add \$10 million to \$15 million to the 2006 salary cap.

Without the additional room, some teams could be forced into wholesale cuts to get beneath the cap by midnight including some of the game's biggest stars, such as quarterback Steve McNair of Tennessee, who has been balking at renegotiating his contract.

And he might be only one of many as free agency starts Friday.

Without an agreement, 2006 will be the last season with a salary cap — under the current contract, 2007 is scheduled to be an uncapped year.

Owners did not seem inclined to cut into the difference of 4 percentage points between the sides. New England owner Robert Kraft had suggested that Thursday morning's meeting might be short, just enough time to rubber stamp the executive committee's decision.

That's exactly what the owners did. "The players are totally out of bounds," said Dallas owner Jerry

Jones. Most of the other owners declined comment, unusual in a league where many are eager to express their opinion.

Gene Upshaw, the executive direc-tor of the NFL Players Association, said he expected the move by the owners. He said it was unlikely that talks would resume soon, although some league officials suggested anything could happen.

But the two sides remain far apart — according to Upshaw, the union wants a little over 60 percent of the league's total revenue, the owners are offering 56.2 percent.

"I won't come down," Upshaw said Thursday. "The players know that. Only the owners can make a proposal

That is unlikely to happen.

They have to make a fundamental change in their proposal in how they are defining their expectations for the players," Tagliabue said.

Beyond the numbers is an issue that has divided the owners for two years revenue sharing among the teams.

Under the current system, some teams make far more than others in ancillary income, ranging from local radio rights to stadium naming rights and advertising. The lower-revenue teams say that forces them to commit as much as 70 percent of that money to the players while teams with more outside money contribute far less, giving the high-revenue teams more available cash for upfront bonuses to free agents.

An uncapped year in 2007 means new rules that will force teams and agents to change their plans this year and could keep a lot of teams out of the free-agent market entirely. More will have to cut players to meet the cap because they negotiated long-term deals anticipating an extension of the union contract.

A few teams do have room, notably Arizona, Cleveland and Minnesota, all relatively low spenders in the past. Washington, which has thrown money at free agents since Daniel Snyder bought the team in 1999, may be in the deepest cap trouble. "It might mean that no rookies get

signed because no one is sure of the long-term ramifications," said Tom Condon, the agent for a number of the game's top players.

The ramifications of a lower than anticipated cap were evident Wednesday, when some high-priced veterans were cut. Among them were defensive end Trevor Pryce and running back Mike Anderson of Denver, the team's leading rusher last season. Denver also cut tight end Jeb Putzier.

Buffalo, meanwhile, released defensive tackle Sam Adams and Carolina released three veterans: running back Stephen Davis, defensive tackle Brentson Buckner and kicker returner Rod Smart, "He Hate Me" of old XFL

days. Miami cut left tackle Damion McIntosh, saving \$3.8 million against the cap, and former Pro Bowl cornerback Sam Madison. The Dolphins are a prime example of a team that needs a new labor agreement: They are estimated to be about \$9 million over a \$95 million cap.

### 76ers 106, Rockets 101

HOUSTON (AP) -Even though Allen Iverson scored 40 points, the Philadelphia 76ers knew it took a team effort to rally past the Houston Rockets.

Iverson had 12 points in the fourth quarter, but he had plenty of help in Philadelphia's 106-101 on Wednesday night.

"This was a heck of a win for us," coach Maurice Cheeks said. "And it was very much a team win. Sam (Dalembert) had a big block for us in the fourth quarter, Johnny Salmons had some big baskets and Chris (Webber) was fantastic.

"Let's don't forget Allen Iverson. Allen put us in position to win. But this was still a prime example of a team effort."

Webber had 21 points and 13 rebounds for his 26th double-double of the season. Kyle Korver added 14 points, including three 3-pointers in the final period. Salmons had 10 points and four rebounds, and praised Iverson.

"He had it going again," Salmons said. "He's just one of those special players. Whatever makes a great player great, that's what he has. I don't know what it is for sure but I'm trying to get it.

"The good thing tonight is we all contributed when it was critical. When he's

dominating like that and we keep moving and getting our shots, we can beat anybody - even Detroit."

The Rockets wouldn't argue on this night.

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"Pretty much down the stretch, those guys got any shots they wanted," said Tracy McGrady, who led Houston with 25 points, including 12 in the third quarter when Houston led by as many as 11.

"Not only were they shots they wanted, but they were shots in the paint and those are pretty good shots. We didn't do a good job of preventing them from getting those shots."

Coach Jeff Gundy agreed.

"That was a very disappointing fourth quarter," he said. "The level of defense, the intensity, was not correct and the shot selection was outside-in versus inside-out.

"That's very disappointing and we deserve what we got."

A day after it was reported that Iverson was not among the players invited to U.S. national team training camp, he responded with his 12th game of 40 or more points this season. His season high was 53 at Atlanta on Dec. 23 and he is averaging 33 points, the most of his nine-year career.

### **Central Hockey League standings**

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### NORTHERN CONFERENCE

W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
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### Southeast Division

# **Baylor bounces Tech**, 77-66

WACO, Texas (AP)— Aaron Bruce turned in two very different performances Wednesday night.

After scoring only three points in the first half, he came back to score 25 in the second half as Baylor defeated Texas Tech 77-66.

"I wasn't very impressed with myself in the first half," Bruce said. "I was fortunate enough (in the second half) my teammates got me the ball. I

was seeing the gaps a lot better tonight." Bruce hit all but one of his seven 3-point attempts. Patrick Fields contributed 14 points for the Bears, while Tommy Swanson and Curtis Jerrells added 11 each.

"At the half, I felt like we played well enough to stay in the game," Texas Tech coach Bob

Wheeler Bass

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS** 

Sports Editor

scheduled a meeting to be held

Saturday night at McCains Auto Body,

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The meeting will begin at 7.

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these events. You will want to understand

yourself better and see how you are the

cause of the many events that will occur

this year. Your ability to communicate is

highlighted. Also, you will develop an

not comfortable with a situation. If you

are attached, add deeper and more mean-

ingful one-on-one time to your relation-

ship. TAURUS can be chatty.

Knight said. "I thought we were going to come back out in the second half and shoot a lot better than we did."

Texas Tech (14-15, 6-9 Big 12) scored five straight points to open the second half and take a 34-29 lead. But the Bears responded with a 17-7 run and took the lead 43-41 on Bruce's 3-pointer with 12 minutes remaining.

The Red Raiders never regained the lead and Baylor (4-11, 4-11) extended the margin to 11 points at 61-50 with 5:24 left.

Alan Voskuil's 3-pointer cut the deficit to 67-60 with just under two minutes left to play. But Baylor sank 10 consecutive free throws, six of them by Jerrells, in the final 90 seconds to clinch the win.

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA	
Laredo	35	13	6	76	198	135	
Austin	28	24	3	59	162	181	
Rio Grande Valley	25	22	5	55	163	158	
Corpus Christi	20	31	2	42	124	172	
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	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA	
Odessa	30	15	6	65	180	148	
Amarillo	25	22	3	53	161	164	
Lubbock	22	26	3	47	146	164	
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NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.

Thursday's Games No games scheduled Friday's Games **Bossier-Shreveport at Amarillo** Rio Grande Valley at Odessa Colorado at Lubbock Youngstown at Memphis Wichita at Fort Worth Laredo at Corpus Christi Oklahoma City at Tulsa

# FSU stuns No. 1 Duke

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) - ready for that type of thing," Florida State fans still haven't gotten Krzyzewski said. "We weren't going used to beating Duke.

They stormed the court twice as the Seminoles beat the top-ranked Blue Devils 79-74 on Wednesday night, the second time in three years they defeated a No. 1 Duke team.

During the first celebration, there were 1.7 seconds left on the clock and Florida State was leading by five points. The floor was cleared, a technical was assessed for the early pandemonium and both teams made two free throws before the game was officially over.

Florida State (18-8, 8-7 Atlantic Coast Conference) lost by one point in overtime at Duke (27-2, 14-1) on Feb. 4

"They get every team's best shot because they're Duke," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "It's a heavy burden for them to have to be at their best every night."

Duke coach Mike Krzyzweski had his team — except the five in the game - taken to the locker room before Al Thornton took the final free throws with 1.7 seconds left. He said he feared for the safety of his players.

"I would think that security is not

to win the basketball game, the game was basically over, so why put those kids in harm's way?"

Hamilton said Duke brings that kind of excitement wherever the Blue Devils go.

"This is uncharted waters for us," Hamilton said. "I'm sure that in the future we'll try to win games by a little larger margin."

Thornton led Florida State with 26 points, and Alexander Johnson had 22

J.J. Redick scored 30 on 10-for-28 shooting for Duke, and Shelden Williams added 20 points and 16 rebounds.

We have a very athletic team and I feel like athletic teams give Duke problems," Thornton said.

The victory was particuarly sweet for Johnson, who scored the final goahead basket over Williams with 1:06 to play.

Johnson was forced to watch the end of Florida State's 97-96 loss last month from the bench after committing a fifth foul, a technical, in the second half.

#### The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; Have: 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Money dealings could easily go awry. Perhaps you have let your pennies

slip through your fingers. Any risk taken right now could backfire. The unexpected occurs quickly. You could be playing Russian roulette financially or emotionally. Tonight: Think of an inexpensive, fun happening.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Take your time dealing with the different people and situations that knock on your door. You find that the unexpected could occur out of the blue. Your energy and magnetism play a role in your life. Tonight: As you like. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\* Knowing when to retreat could be important. Your ruler went retrograde yesterday, adding to the fun and games that come your way. You could think that someone is abnormally difficult. You

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Tonight: Enjoy an important friendship. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

tion. Also, keep a tight grasp on your wallet. Much could be changing very quickly. Know what you want, and create just that. Loosen up when dealing with someone you care about. Tonight: Plan on a late night.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ If you detach, you might have an easier time dealing with someone close. Investigate what you need to do. You might be more depressed than you realize. You might want to rethink your stand. Tonight: Take off as soon as you

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

 $\star$   $\star$   $\star$   $\star$  Work with others one at a time. You might want to rethink your decisions regarding an important issue. You might not be ready for fast changes. Be receptive to another's feedback. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* You might want to think through a decision with care. Others want to be in control. The question remains: How comfortable are you with this situation? Others make it clear what

they want; perhaps the time has come to make your needs clear. Tonight: Say yes. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might feel as if someone isn't clear about what he or she needs. Listen well to feedback that comes your way. You might be a bit surprised at what comes down your path. Don't be hard on a pal or co-worker. Tonight: You can relax now

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Your creativity comes out when faced with a problem. You are learning that a key associate or partner cannot be counted on. Learn to fill in the gaps or work more independently. Use your abilities. Tonight: Add some fun to your plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Remain anchored despite a partner or people in general. The unexpected will occur if you allow yourself to flow with your intuition. Clearly, you don't have all the answers. You will find them. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* You are full of surprises no matter what you do or with whom. You could be overwhelmed by your day-today life demands. If you listen more carefully, you will come up with a great idea that will free you up. Tonight: Happy as a cat.

**BORN TODAY** Actress Jessica Biel (1982), inventor George Pullman (1831), inventor Alexander Graham Bell (1847)

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flicting opinions. Remember - ideas can lead to a tighter project. Remain pos-

ability to detach from immediate events. Don't make assumptions. Know that itive when dealing with a changeable sitwhen you are tired of someone or a projuation. Your understanding comes forth. ect, changes will have to happen. If you are single, you will meet people with \*\*\* Stay on top of a changing situaease. You enjoy yourself nearly any-where. You will pull up stakes if you are

might be a player in this disagreement. Tonight: Happy as a cat. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Stay goal-oriented. A meeting could be the foundation of many con-

is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

### **CRYPTOQUOTE**

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RFTY PSTPRAJ Yesterday's Cryptoquote: A LIFE SPENT MAKING MISTAKES IS NOT ONLY MORE HONORABLE BUT MORE USEFUL THAN A LIFE SPENT DOING NOTHING. - GEORGE B. SHAW

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of CLARA NENSTIEL. Deceased, were issued on February 27, 2006, in Docket No. 9265 pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas, to: DONALD Z. NENSTIEL

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### Third in series of substance abuse meetings scheduled tonight

#### By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

"Drug Trends in Pampa," the third in a six-part series of meetings concerning substance abuse awareness, will be presented from 7 to 8:30 tonight in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Speakers at tonight's meeting will be Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and Pampa High School Counselor Lesley Gershmel.

The series began Feb. 2 with "We Can Make A Difference" by David Cain, site manager for Cabot Corp. The Feb. 23 meeting was presented by Derrell DeLoach, a nurse practitioner and Pampa Independent School District Board of Education member. His talk concerned physical signs and consequences of drug use.

Future meetings are scheduled for April 27 and May 4.

"Path of Destruction" on April 27 will be presented by Jenny Gomez, coordinator of the Betty Ford Center Five Star Kids Program in Dallas.

"Life After Drugs -- It Is Possible" on May 4 will present a story of recovery and how to get help.

All meetings are from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium. All are free and open to the public.

### Mortgage program aids buyers

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs has announced its Loan Star Mortgage Program designed to help borrowers overcome the two primary barriers to homeownership: lack of down payment funds and qualifying income. The new program offers eligible Texans up to eight percent of the purchase price in down payment and closing cost assistance in the form of a repayable second lien loan with as little as \$500 of their own money down. The Loan Star Mortgage Program is ideal for the homebuyer who has enough income to handle monthly mortgage payments but is having difficulties accumulating cash for the down payment or closing costs. For example, under the Loan Star Mortgage Program, a qualified buyer purchasing a \$150,000 home could receive up to \$12,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance. Additionally, many working families face challenges in obtaining down payment and closing cost assistance because their incomes slightly exceed the requirements of many assistance programs or because they are not first time homebuyers. The Loan Star Mortgage Program is available to eligible borrowers with income levels up to 115 percent of the area median income for the county where the property is located. Based on these limits, a borrower's income may range from \$60,950 to \$81,765, depending upon the county where the property is located. Offering competitive market rates, the Loan Star Mortgage Program can be used to finance the purchase of a single-family owner occupied residence or condominium. Buyers must satisfy income and home purchase price requirements. Interested homebuyers can visit www.myfirsttexashome.com to learn more about the program.

# Errors

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assistance and instruction to Cornelison temporarily, Wheeley said after the meeting.

"Some of these are not small mistakes," Peet said. "After three years, it seems to me that these errors should be minimized. We're looking at accuracy."

cy." "I came to you to help, and it's always backfired in my face," Wheeley said.

"You came and told me how brilliant you are," Cornelison said.

"I did not, Lee," Wheeley said.

"These errors need to be corrected," Peet said. "I'm not concerned with other counties."

Morris said that the monthly reports submitted by county offices to the treasurer's office were being done correctly and accurately, and the errors were not due to faults with the reports.

"If we sent the original reports to the state with the errors, we'd lose some commissions; in this case, a little under \$200," Morris said concerning the two quarterly reports included in her report.

The portion of the auditor's report listing corrections of cash receipts posting errors involved 21 errors totaling \$14,231.92.

The State Criminal Costs and Fees report for fourth quarter 2005 which was included in the auditor's report showed errors on seven of 21 lines of figures requested, for a difference of \$1,795.18 between

# Porter

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"Difficult decisions concerning renovating and/or rebuilding some of our facilities will have to the original report and the corrected one.

The Civil Fees report for fourth quarter 2005, also included in the auditor's report, showed errors on two of 13 lines of numbers for a difference of \$481.

The cover letter by Morris which accompanied the auditor's report said that Morris would be making the reports at the request of the district judges.

Lee Waters, 223rd District judge, said Wednesday afternoon that the district judges are responsible for appointing the county auditors and setting their salaries.

"The auditors are independent from the county commission and county judge," Waters said. "We're not their direct supervisors, but we are the ones responsible for the auditors."

Steven Emmert of Wheeler, 31st District judge, is the other district judge with jurisdiction in Gray County.

"We requested that they keep us as well as the county judge and commissioners informed of the errors that are being made in the treasurer's office. The recent outside audit prompted it, and I think the basically poor network of communication between the treasurer's office and auditor's office regarding these matters prompted it," Waters said.

Cornelison left the meeting after the report was discussed and an amended treasurer's report for Feb. 15 was accepted by commissioners. The report was amended because the original report was dated 2005 rather than 2006, Peet said.

sions necessary so that our facilities best serve the students of our district," he said.

Porter is self employed as an independent oil and gas producer. His wife, Janice, is a biology teacher at Pampa High School.



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be made in the near future. In addition, the Board of Trustees is seeking to develop a long range plan for all of our facilities."

In order for the plan to be effective, Porter said, it must be continually upgraded and revised.

"I believe that I have the experience and ability necessary to help develop the initial long range plan and help make the deci-

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The Porters have three children, all graduates of Pampa High School. They are sons Chris and wife Angela, Gavin and wife Kelley, and a daughter, Jai Jai. They have three grandchildren, Bradey, Emiley, and Hannah.

The Porters are members of First Methodist Church and Porter is a member of the Pampa Lions Club.

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