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## Chisum says Gov. Perry has a lot of work ahead

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

AUSTIN -- State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa said following Texas Gov. Rick Perry's State of the State speech Tuesday that the governor has a lot of work to do.

"It was a good speech," Chisum said. "He had a lot of standing ovations, but I can tell you the mood on the House floor right now is a little bit anti-governor."

Sitting in his office in the pink granite Capitol Building following the governor's speech, Chisum indicated that while some of the programs in the speech had been rumored, Perry had done a poor job of selling them.

"He laid out a lot of new programs," Chisum said. "In fact, he's talking about selling the lottery. That was kind of a shock to everybody. I had heard the rumor that he was going to do that."

But it still came as a shock, Chisum said.

In his State of the State speech in the House of Representatives chambers of the Capitol, Perry proposed selling the state lottery to a private firm for \$14 billion.

That money, he said, could be put into an endowment to fund an insurance pool for the uninsured, to fight cancer and help pay for education.

House Speaker Tom Craddick, R-Midland, who appointed Chisum to

chair the powerful House Appropriations Committee, was noncommittal after the speech.

I'm certainly in favor of cancer research, Craddick said. "I don't know whether selling the lottery is what we need to do or not."

Chisum said the endowments would put \$800 million into education.

The lottery, initially sold on the premise that it would be used to support education, now generates about \$1 billion a year for education.

"He was also going to use (proceeds from the lottery sale) to buy health insurance for people who



Chisum

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### Security gates



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa welder Preston Pairsh works on security gates which are being installed at both ends of the breezeway at Pampa Junior High School. Plans are to also install a chain link fence on the west side of the area, according to Carol Fields, executive director of business services for Pampa Independent School District. The gates and fence are to increase security at the school, and were approved by the school board. Other improvements to security at each of the elementary schools and Pampa High School are also planned, and part of the changes will be to route all visitors through the school offices, Fields said.

### School board plans to meet Friday morning

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District will hold a special school board meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the PISD Administration office, Carver Center, located at 321 W. Albert.

On the agenda are consideration and possible approval of proposals for the demolition of Sam Houston. The board will consider purchases of more than \$10,000 and possibly approve those.

Quotes for graphing calculators will also be reviewed. An engineering firm will possibly be approved to direct the Athletic Department Capital Improvement Project.

## Routine physical leads man, 21, to kidney transplant

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Kidney failure is most often attributed to elderly people or those with diabetes or other diseases, but it can happen to children or young adults who seem healthy.

There is no cure for this disease, but there are treatments such as dialysis and kidney transplant for those fortunate enough to have a matching donor.

One such recipient of a donor kidney is 21-year-old Samuel Burgess of Pampa, whose life was probably saved by a local doctor doing a routine pre-employment physical on him.



Burgess

Anytime Burgess went to see a doctor as a child and a urine specimen was taken, blood was normally present. Additional tests never found any problems or reason for concern for his parents.

"About the time I was a junior in high school, I started to feel like I had the flu all of the time," Burgess said. "I also thought it might just be allergies, so I took allergy medicine. I always told my family that I didn't feel

good, but they thought I was just making it up so I did not have to go to school or work."

In 2004, it was discovered that Burgess had high blood pressure and a doctor prescribed high blood pressure medicine. When those did not seem to work, he started seeing a cardiologist who would change his medication around and try to find some-

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### Man from Weed arrested for pot

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Maybe his address helped tip off law enforcement.

Kam Dixon King, 34, whose address is listed on Fern Lane in Weed, Calif., was stopped at about 5:58 p.m. Tuesday on Interstate 40 in Gray County on a traffic violation.

King was eastbound on the interstate near the 142 mile marker not far from McLean at the time of the stop by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers.

Troopers asked for and were given verbal consent to search the vehicle, a rented 2006 Chevrolet Impala.

In King's luggage in the trunk of the car, 14 pounds of marijuana were discovered. Estimated value of the marijuana is \$8,372.

King was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of possession of marijuana over five pounds and under 50 pounds. He remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

**NEXT DAY FORECAST**

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mostly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Cloudy

Thursday: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 46. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 42. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Patchy fog. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: A slight chance of rain and snow. Patchy fog before noon. Otherwise, cloudy, with a high near 41. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of snow or rain. Cloudy, with a low around 26. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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**Myron Pratt, 87**

AMARILLO, Texas — Myron Pratt, 87, died Feb. 5, 2007, at Amarillo. Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Fairlane Church of Christ with George Gray officiating.

Interment will be in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are by N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors in Amarillo.

Myron Pratt was born Aug. 24, 1919, in Ripley, Okla. He joined the U.S. Army in 1941 and served in World War II before being discharged in 1946.

He married Maxine Conley on Nov. 14, 1945, at Brownwood, Texas. They moved to Amarillo in 1952 from Santa Anna, Texas.

Myron worked for Pioneer Natural Gas Company from 1952 until his retirement in 1982. He was a Charter member of Fairlane Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by one brother and three sis-

ters. Immediate survivors include his wife, Maxine Pratt of Amarillo; one daughter, Myra Carlisle and husband Cary of Pampa, Texas; two sons, Max Pratt and wife Juanita of Ballinger, Texas, and Leslie Pratt and wife Pattie of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, Willie and Nancy Carlisle, Lora and Marc Hampton, Annie and Aaron Baker, Sherri and Curtis Dunsen, Mark and Shanon Pratt, Zeke and Jennifer Pratt, Dani Pratt and fiancé Chuck Hawkins, Ginta and Steven Aaron, Zane and Kelli Pratt; and 13 great-grandchildren, Ashley, Natalie and Lauren Carlisle, Colin and Lydia Hampton, Beau Baker, Caleb, Sarah and Jonathan Dunsen, Ethan, Jaxon and Collin Pratt, and Lee Glass.

MEMORIALS: Fairlane Church of Christ, 6401 Irwin Rd., Amarillo, TX 79108.

**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	4.12
Milo	6.29
Corn	7.10
Soybeans	6.20

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

QXY	46.72	+0.07
BP PLC ADR	63.60	+0.35
Cabot Corp	46.39	+0.14
Celanese	28.50	+0.65
Cabot Oil Gas	65.80	+0.48
Coca Cola	47.90	-0.15
VLO	55.80	+0.50
HAL	29.97	+0.08
TRI	49.49	-0.01
KMI	106.25	+0.09

XCEL	24.03	NC
Anadarko	42.80	+0.33
XOM	75.51	+0.37
Nat'l Oilwell	67.31	+1.63
Limited	29.01	-0.16
Williams	27.37	+0.12
MCD	44.69	-0.08
Atmos	31.60	-0.07
Pioneer Nat	40.79	-0.27
JCP	84.37	-0.33
COP	66.54	-0.10
SLB	65.36	+0.49
Tenneco	24.61	-0.42
CVX	73.95	+0.58
Wal-Mart	48.34	-0.24
OKE	43.50	+0.22
NS Grp	NA	NA
New York Gold	NA	NA
Silver	NA	NA
West Texas Crude	NA	NA

**Texas oil company settles oil for food program liabilities**

By LARRY NEUMEISTER  
 Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The nation's largest natural gas pipeline company settled its

United Nations oil-for-food program liabilities Wednesday, agreeing to pay the U.S. government \$7.7 million to resolve allegations that it dealt with companies which paid secret illegal surcharges to the former government of Iraq.

Under an agreement announced by federal prosecutors and the FBI, El Paso Corp. will forfeit \$5.48 million to the United States, which will seek to transfer the money to the Development Fund of Iraq to be paid as restitution for the benefit of the people of Iraq.

In a separate deal with the Securities and Exchange Commission, Houston-based El Paso agreed to pay an additional \$2.25 million.

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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**HECKMAN, Daniel 'Ray'** — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Goodnight Cemetery, Goodnight.  
**WEBB, Thelma** — 10 a.m., Grace Baptist Church, Pampa.

**Alice Belle Warminski Haiduk, 95**

PANHANDLE, Texas — Alice Belle Warminski Haiduk, 95, died Feb. 5, 2007, in Panhandle.

Rosary will be held at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer, and mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, 2007 at the church, with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in White Deer, under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Haiduk was born July 17, 1911, in Pe Ell, Wash. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and the Altar Society. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Martha Warminski; a son, Richard Haiduk on July 14, 2006; and a sister, Jean Wyatt on Oct. 5, 2002.

Survivors include three sons, Fabian Haiduk of Dallas and LeRoy Haiduk of White Deer; one brother, Charles Warminski of White Deer; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.



Haiduk

Memorials may be made to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, P.O. Box 427, White Deer, TX 79097; or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

**Daniel 'Ray' Heckman, 77**

CLAUDE — Daniel "Ray" Heckman, 77, died Monday, Feb. 5, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, 2007, in the Goodnight Cemetery in Goodnight with Yvonne Stephens and Sara Dean officiating.

Interment will be in Goodnight Cemetery in Goodnight. Arrangements are with Robertson Funeral Directors of Clarendon.

Mr. Heckman was born June 14, 1929, in Clarendon to George and Annie Mae Karnes Heckman. He spent

most of his earlier life working on the JA Ranch and attended Clarendon schools. He then served in the U.S. Army in Korea where he was awarded two Bronze Stars.

After discharge from the Army, he attended Clarendon College. He was employed at Pantex for 36 1/2 years before his retirement in 1994. He married Emily Taylor Kirkland on April 17, 1981, in Amarillo.

Mr. Heckman was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Debbie Heckman; a sister, Leola Gilmore; and a brother, Cecil Heckman.

Survivors include his wife, Emily Heckman of Claude; two daughters, Patricia "Pat" Arnold of Happy and Sherri Shipman and husband Emil of Happy; two stepdaughters, Vickie Bailey of Pampa, Janie Burkhalter and husband Rick of Lubbock; one son, Randy Heckman of Amarillo; two stepsons, Buster Kirkland and wife Pam of Corpus Christi, and Mike Kirkland and wife Cathy of Amarillo; a brother, Lowell Heckman of Pampa; a sister, Leola Gilmore; and nine great-grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursday at Claude. The family will receive visitors at the First United Methodist Church Family Life Center in Claude following services.

The family requests memorials be to Goodnight Cemetery Association or Claude Volunteer Fire Department.

Sign our online guest book at [www.RobertsonFuneral.com](http://www.RobertsonFuneral.com)

**Thelma Webb, 83**

Thelma Webb, 83, of Pampa, died Feb. 5, 2007, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in Grace Baptist Church with the Rev. Kyle Ohsfeldt, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Webb was born June 10, 1923, at Foster, Okla.

She had been a Pampa resident since 1959. She was in housekeeping at the Coronado Inn for over 20 years, retiring as house-keeping manager in 1981.

She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Mrs. Webb was preceded

in death by a daughter, Louise Edwards; three sisters; and four brothers.

Survivors include three sons, Kenneth Hugh Nunn and Raymond Lee Nunn, both of Pampa, and Cecil James Nunn of Skellytown; a brother,

Calvin Moon of Wenatchee, Wash.; 15 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).



Webb

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Fifteen traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Brown and Cuyler streets.

Traffic complaints were received from the 300 block of North Cuyler, the 300 block of North Ballard, and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

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

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of West Bond.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2300 block of Primrose, the 500 block of North Sumner, the 2100 block of North Sumner, 2200 block of North Nelson, the 800 block of North Somerville, the 600 block of East Browning, the 200 block of West McCullough, the 1100 block of East Francis, the intersection of Crawford and Banks streets, the 600 block of Lowry, the 500 block of Doucette, the 400 block of North Rider, the 500 block of South Gillespie, the 1900 block of East Browning, the intersection of Crawford and Banks streets, the 600 block of North Dwight, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and on two occasions at an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 900 block of South Municipal Drive.

A runaway was reported in the 2700 block of Navajo.

Warrant service was attempted on five occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

Attempts to serve were made in the 1400 block of Hamilton, the 100 block of North Nelson, the 1400 block of Charles, and the 100 block of North Nelson.

A suspicious person call was received from the 900 block of East Twiford.

Disorderly conduct was reported

in the 500 block of West Foster and the 300 block of North Perry.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight and the 500 block of North Perry.

Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 1100 block of South Wells.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of Hamilton.

Harassment was reported in the 1500 block of Williston.

Three alarms were reported.

Theft was reported at Hoagie's Deli, 1201 N. Hobart. A rug valued at \$67 was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby, the 1200 block of North Hobart, and the 3100 block of Duncan.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

**Sheriff**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

Oaty Don Scott, 31, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for simple assault.

Kam Dixon King, 34, of Weed, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of more than five pounds but under 50 pounds of marijuana.

**Fire**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

8:55 a.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway on a false alarm.

1:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart on a medical assist.

1:49 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block

of Huff on a service call.

1:57 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 800 block of South Barnes on a service call.

9:51 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of Sierra on a Dumpster fire.

**Ambulance**

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

**Tuesday, Feb. 6**

9:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

11:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 four miles west of Pampa. The call was canceled by the sheriff's office.

12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 60 four miles west of Pampa and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Correction**

In an article by Archie Cooper that appeared on the Religion page Feb. 2 titled "Pride often heralds the demise of power," it was incorrectly printed King Nebuchadnezzar threw four men in the fire. The three men in the furnace were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego.

# Kidney

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thing that would lower his blood pressure.

Burgess decided to apply for a job at Halliburton in Pampa in January 2006. Luckily for Burgess, they decided to hire him if he could pass the pre-employment physical and drug screen, and he was sent to see Dr. Craig Shaffer. A blood test was done during the physical and the results would not be known for a few days.

Shaffer cleared Burgess for hire on a temporary basis due to his high blood pressure. Burgess was studying to take the written tests to obtain his CDL driver's license and was working in the shop at Halliburton until he passed those tests. When Shaffer received the blood test results, he called Burgess and told him to come see him immediately.

Shaffer told Burgess there was a problem with his creatinine level. Creatinine, urea and uric acid are excreted in the urine after the kidneys remove excess fluid and waste from the blood. Blood tests showing very high levels of those sub-

stances can be a sign of severe or permanent kidney damage.

According to Wikipedia, the normal creatinine level for a typical man is between .7 and 1.2. Burgess had a creatinine level of 12.4, which is 10 times above the norm. Besides having high blood pressure, Burgess also had some of the other symptoms of kidney failure, such as weight loss, fatigue and a yellowish cast to his skin. Shaffer referred Burgess to Dr. Maliha, a nephrologist in Amarillo.

The day Burgess went to see Maliha, he was admitted to the hospital and started on dialysis that night. It was found that his kidneys were functioning less than 20 percent.

"I remember my mom telling me how sorry she was," Burgess said. "When she realized that I was being admitted into the hospital for dialysis because my kidneys were failing, she felt guilty for not believing me when I said I always felt bad as a child."

The doctor told him to choose which type of dialysis he wanted to go on because he would have to do that in order to stay alive. He chose continual cycling peritoneal dialysis so he could do it at home and still be able to work.

While he was in the hospital, surgery was done to insert a central line into his neck for dialysis. He had to undergo additional surgery later to take that out and insert a catheter into his stomach for him to use for dialysis at home.

Every night before Burgess went to bed, he had to hook up the dialysis machine to infuse solution into and out of his body while he slept. This process normally took about eight hours to complete.

"This type of dialysis was the best for me because I wanted to continue working and trying to have as normal a life as possible," Burgess said. "I had a girlfriend and infant son to support and needed to be able to work and earn a living."

After getting out of the hospital and settling in with his home dialysis, Burgess returned to work at Halliburton. They transferred him to dispatch, which is a desk job, since he could not lift anything more than 20 pounds.

Maliha's office referred Burgess to Lubbock for the tests to be done for a kidney transplant. He sent out information to family members to be tested to see if any of them would be a compatible donor.

His mother and only sis-

ter could not donate a kidney because they are both diabetic. Luckily, his dad and uncle were both found to be compatible, so the kidney transplant process began. The doctors decided to use his dad's kidney because he was a better match.

On Aug. 10, 2006, at the age of 21, Burgess received one of his father's kidneys at a hospital in Lubbock.

"They left my two damaged kidneys in me because taking them out would have required more extensive surgery," Burgess said. "My dad's kidney was placed down low by my hip bone. They do that to help protect it in case I get hit in the stomach or something like that."

He had to stay in the hospital one week and his father was released after three days. The surgery was

a success. Burgess had to stay in an apartment in Lubbock for two more weeks and have tests done every day to make sure he was not rejecting the kidney.

"I feel great now and I really have a lot more energy," Burgess said. "I don't have to do dialysis, have any restrictions or anything special since the transplant except take a lot of pills."

He has to take 46 pills a day to help prevent rejection. Even though he has insurance through Halliburton and Medicare, Burgess still has to pay \$1,500 a month for his medication.

Burgess feels like his life is back to normal and is working full-time at Halliburton as a cement bulk driver and averages approximately 150 hours every two weeks. He and his girlfriend Tamara are enjoy-

ing raising their young son Kaleb.

He now has to have blood work done once a month in Pampa and the doctor's office faxes the results to the transplant team in Lubbock. The kidney is expected to last approximately 25 years, so Burgess shouldn't have to worry about any problems with his kidney for a while.

"I feel very lucky that I had a donor that matched and was willing to give me one of his kidneys," Burgess said. "I also feel that getting the pre-employment physical by Dr. Shaffer probably saved my life so I'm very thankful to him for finding this problem. My family and I are very excited to just get back to living our normal life and doing the everyday things that many people take for granted."

## Morning car crash injures 3

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Three Pampa residents were taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries this morning after a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Price Road.

Lanie Ware McCall, 59, of 1111 E. Harvester, was westbound at the stop sign on Kentucky Avenue and was turning at its intersection with Price Road to head south when his 1996 Oldsmobile collided with a 2006 Kia driven by Ramona Dawn Curfman, 30, of 1049 S. Wells.

Curfman was northbound on Price Road at the time of the impact, which occurred around 8 a.m.

McCall, Curfman, and a passenger in Curfman's vehicle, Jordan Curfman, 5, were all taken by Guardian EMS Ambulance to PRMC as a result of the accident.

McCall was cited for disregarding a stop sign, according to Pampa Police Department accident reports.

### Bank deposit going to pot

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Banks are great places to leave valuables, like jewelry, birth certificates, cash — and pot.

Adrian Hilton, 26, was accused of depositing a marijuana stash in a Pizza Pit deposit bag and slipping the bundle into a night deposit box at American Bank and Trust last fall.

## Chisum

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can't afford it as well as \$250 million for cancer research," Chisum said. "Those are kind of way out there."

It appeared that there was little communication between the governor and the House leadership prior to the speech.

"He's going to do health checks on schoolchildren," Chisum said. "I guess we're going to go around and see how physically fit every child is. If we're going to check on them, I guess we're going to do something about it."

Perry talked about teacher incentive pay and financial aid.

"It's a lot of money," Chisum said. "All together, it's \$1.7 billion of new money into higher education. To me, that's a tremendous amount of money."

The governor also talked about increasing funding for state parks.

"We all agree on that," Chisum said. "That's one of our highlighted deals. We're going to do that."

Some of the proposals brought up in the governor's speech Tuesday did not appear to be well thought out.

"He started talking about \$2.5 billion tax rebate," Chisum said. "We haven't talked about the details of how you get that done. That's a big issue for us."

Another issue, Chisum said, is the money raised by the new business tax to reduce property taxes.

Chisum said that the Legislature is in the process of smoothing out some rough spots on the new business tax. It was passed under pressure of a special session last year, and Chisum has maintained since then that the new law would need some tweaking.

"The committee is looking at some of those issues that need to be addressed," Chisum said. "That part's going to work fine."

He admitted that not everybody will be happy with it, they never are. That's part of the political process.

"But at least we'll get it down to where it's reasonable," Chisum said.

He said some of the money that Pampa will never see includes \$100 million to secure the border with Mexico.

"The governor wants to

hire more people, put more boots on the ground," Chisum said. "He's got the National Guard down there, and he wants to buy some high tech surveillance equipment and create his own little border military group, I guess."

State Rep. David Swinford of Dumas, who is Perry's point man on that, will most likely be involved in the border security program.

"I'm sure he will unless he's demoted from being the border czar," Chisum said.

Chisum said border security isn't much of an issue in the Eastern Texas Panhandle.

"But the Feds are not doing a very good job," Chisum said, "and that causes us to stop and think about how we're going to fix some of this."

There is a pretty good surplus in funds this biennium, Chisum acknowledged, as opposed to the last regular session when the state was facing a deficit and had to do some scrambling.

By law, the state budget has to balance.

Chisum said a lot of that supposedly surplus money has a lot of claims against it, one of which is buy down of property taxes. The Legislature in their special session last spring voted to buy down property taxes from their \$1.50 cap per \$100 valuation using surplus funds. The property taxes were the primary funding for public schools and the Texas Supreme Court ruled the old system unconstitutional because most school systems were at the maximum rate and had no discretion on funding.

The Legislature passed a program that would lower the tax rate to a dollar from \$1.50 as part of their school funding overhaul.

"It takes \$14 billion a year to buy that tax rate down to a dollar," Chisum said. "By the time you spend that money, that surplus is going to be severely impacted."

Chisum said that with some of the programs that the governor had proposed, it would be difficult to fund everything.

"The governor wants to give back this \$2.5 billion," Chisum said. "I assume that's per year because in the budget I proposed we were \$5 billion under the revenue."

As Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, all these programs have to come through

Chisum.

"Nobody can spend money but the Legislature," Chisum said.

That could prove to be a problem for the governor.

"He won't get all of them," Chisum said of the programs outlined by the governor. "That's a given, but we'll give him consideration like the governor should have, but there's some real controversial stuff that he's got out there."

One of the biggest controversies at the moment is the program that Gov. Perry announced last week, making it mandatory for all sixth grade girls to get vaccinated for HPV, a cancer-causing virus that's transmitted sexually.

"You can't believe the controversy that's caused," Chisum said.

In his speech Tuesday, the governor defended his executive order mandating the vaccination. Perry was immediately taken to task for not bringing the program to the Legislature.

Chisum said when the governor announced that program, it was like a bombshell going off.

"It is high on everybody's list right now," Chisum said.

Chisum said the vaccination program alone would cost the State of Texas hundreds of millions of dollars. "That's not cheap," he said. "It's going to cost at least \$150 million."

He questions where that money will come from.

Chisum said the governor would have to come back to the Legislature concerning that issue since the Legislature, specifically Chisum's appropriations committee, holds the purse strings.

"There's not enough money out there to do that," Chisum said. "There are some bills already filed and working their way through the system. I don't think we're going to allow that to stand."

Chisum, however, gave the governor credit for at least considering the wide-ranging issues proposed in Tuesday's speech.

"I don't believe I can give him an 'A' on this one," Chisum said of the governor's State of the State speech, "but I guess he'd get a 'B.' At the very least, he's caused us to stop and think about some issues out there, like refunding surplus money to the taxpayers of Texas. All of us agree that we're going to figure out how to do that."

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# Viewpoints

## President Bush gets no respect, no respect at all ...

Facing a lame-duck presidency and a belligerent Democratic Congress, a desperate President Bush hired a medium to summon the only spirit who could understand him: Rodney Dangerfield.

"Here's the problem," said Dangerfield, as he loosened his tie and twisted his neck from side to side. "You got no respect, Mr. President, no respect at all."

"But Pelosi and Reid gave me gifts after my State of the Union Address."

"Pelosi and Reid are trying to soak you, Mr. President. They gave you toys to play with while you're soaking — a toaster and a radio."

"But I presented ideas that we could address in a bipartisan manner, Rodney."

"Like your health-care ideas? Sure, common-sense market incentives would broaden coverage and drive down costs. But your ideas are already dead on arrival. Democrats are out to get you, Mr. President. If you went to a prize fight, a session of Congress would break out."

"What about my energy plan, Rodney? I called for a 20 percent reduction in gasoline usage by 2017. We could achieve that by shifting to ethanol and other alternative fuels."

"But ethanol is made from corn, Mr. President. The amount you're talking about would require 30 million acres of farmland. You really think the Democratic left will allow that much soil erosion and pesticide use?"

Mr. President, if the Surgeon General were a Democrat, he'd tell you to smoke!"

"Well, how about spending, Rodney? I submitted a budget plan that goes into surplus after five years. I called on Congress to cut legislative earmarks — the line items of pork Congress slips into bills at the last minute — in half."

Rodney laughed so hard, his bulging eyes nearly popped out of his head.

"Sorry, Mr. President, but I can't imagine Democrats giving up the goodies now that they've finally got their mitts on the spending levers. The Democratic pork trough

will be so full, it'll have stretch marks. And the only way Democrats will play with you is if a hunk of tenderloin is dangling around your neck."

"But the Democrats said they'd work with me. Nancy Pelosi has been downright flirtatious with me."

"But Mr. President, she called you the other night and told you to come over, that nobody was home. You went over to see her and nobody was home."

"But the Democrats need to show legislative accomplishments if they hope to retain control of Congress in 2008. Surely they'll compromise somewhere?"

"Like the war in Iraq, Mr. President? Most Democrats voted to authorize it in 2002 when it was popular, then they beat the war horse back to power when it became unpopular. You think they're going to stop riding that horse now? Mr. President, if you swallowed a bottle of aspirin, Democrats would offer you cocktails and encourage you to get some rest."

"But so much is at stake, Rodney. We can't play politics with the war in Iraq. We need to resolve it now — or face far more severe consequences later. And there are other daunting problems here at home — Social Security, Medicare — that will only get worse the longer we wait to solve

them."

"Mr. President, what's best for the country is not as enticing to Democrats as what is bad for you. If your tie was on fire, Democrats would put it out with an axe."

"What can I do to win back the people's respect so that Congress will listen to me?"

"How should I know, Mr. President? I'm a comedian. And there's nothing funny about your presidency. Gallup says your approval rating is at 36 percent. Your Republican colleagues, worried about 2008, are jumping ship. A CBS poll says that 60 percent of the world doesn't respect you. The fact is, Mr. President, that —"

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**Tom Purcell**  
Columnist

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 7, the 38th day of 2007. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 7, 1812, author Charles Dickens was born in Portsmouth, England.

On this date:

In 1861, the general council of the Choctaw Indian nation adopted a resolution declaring allegiance with the South "in the event a permanent dissolution of the American Union takes place."

In 1904, a fire began in Baltimore that raged for about 30 hours and destroyed more than 1,500 buildings.

In 1906, Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, was born in Beijing.

In 1936, President Franklin Roosevelt authorized a flag for the office of the vice president.

In 1943, the government announced the start of shoe rationing, limiting consumers to buying three pairs per person for the remainder of the year.

In 1964, The Beatles began their first American tour as they arrived at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

In 1974, the island nation of Grenada won independence from Britain.

In 1984, space shuttle astronauts Bruce McCandless the Second and Robert L. Stewart went on the first untethered space walk.

In 1986, the Philippines held a presidential election marred by charges of fraud against the incumbent, Ferdinand E. Marcos.

In 1999, Jordan's King Hussein died of cancer at age 63; he was succeeded by his eldest son, Abdullah.

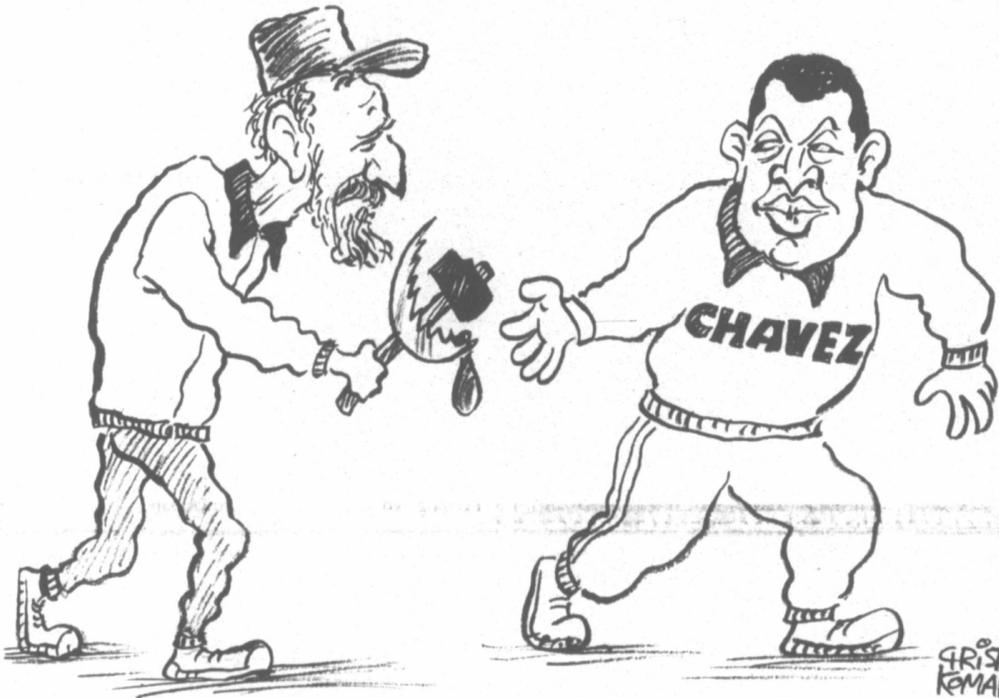
Ten years ago: The Air Force suspended all its flights in restricted training areas on the East Coast after a pair of close calls between National Guard jets and civilian airliners. Mindful of Russian President Boris Yeltsin's ailments, President Clinton agreed to shift their March summit meeting from the United States to Helsinki, Finland.

Five years ago: Former Enron chief executive Jeffrey Skilling insisted to skeptical lawmakers that he knew of nothing improper about the complex web of partnerships that brought down the company. Authorities in Oklahoma captured the last of four escaped prison inmates from Texas who'd been on the run for more than a week.

One year ago: 10,000 mourners, including four U.S. presidents, said goodbye to Coretta Scott King during a service in Lithonia, Ga.

*'The time on either side of 'now' stands fast.'*

— Maxine Kumin  
American poet



## It's time to stop human cannon fodder

There are two concepts all of us have to struggle with. One is our individuality. The other is the mass.

Individual soldiers who survive combat often come home to realize that all of the horrific and heroic actions they took don't mean anything. Vietnam, for example, is ruled by a communist government. Nobody but a historian even remembers what World War I was all about, much less the 10 million young men who died fighting it. World War II and Korea are likewise fading from public memory.

It's poignant to realize that each human being, unique in the entire universe, has at best only a short life. If left in peace, he can experience childhood, youth, middle age and finally old age. But all too often, governments come along, lying to beat the band, and per-

suaude youth to become part of the mass and fight in a war.

I saw a documentary on the Battle of the Somme recently. It was a dandy plan to subject the German trenches in World War I to a heretofore unprecedented artillery barrage. Then the lads would charge out of their trenches across no man's land. The generals thought they would punch a hole in the German lines through which the cavalry would ride and break the war wide open.

The artillery barrage, hellish as it was, didn't do the job. German machine-guns came out of their bunkers and mowed down

the young Brits. About 20,000 died on that day. Altogether, before the battle was over, British casualties would total 370,000.

Even this brief description reduces it all to the abstract.

Twenty thousand? What's that? A number. The Somme is just a place in France. One wishes one could put a face on each of the 20,000. Add a face, a name, a life story. But no, they are just part of the masses that were sacrificed in the 20th century, a portion of the nearly 200 million who died in that failed century.

I'm glad that I discouraged all my children from serving in the military, even though I had served. It is

important, I believe, to separate the natural and noble feeling of love of country from the present reality. The young people dying in Iraq are not dying to protect their country. As usual, they were lied to. They're dying for corporate profits, in which they do not share; they are dying because of some academic's harebrained belief that we can turn Iraq into a liberal democratic state; they are dying because of political opportunists in Washington.

Iraq is an artificial country created at the end of World War I by British colonialism. It has always existed because a powerful central government, wielding its authority in the most savage manner, has forced it to hold together. That is the only history Iraq has. Can any honest

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**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 28

Austin American Statesman on Texas' stance on the trouble in Darfur, Sudan:

It's not often that you see conservative and liberal lawmakers call a joint press conference to announce support for a bill.

But that's what happened last week at the Texas Capitol. It was the outrage in Darfur that brought them together.

Since 2003, the world has watched as 300,000 to 400,000 Darfur men, women and children have been slaughtered and another 2.5 million run off from their homes and villages.

The United States rightly labeled Darfur atrocities as "genocide." But the United Nations, bogged down by internal politics, has been slow to call it by its true name, and even slower to mobilize the international community to stop the slaughter. Thank goodness that Americans, from college campuses to state capitols, are mobilizing and using their dollars for a moral cause. They are pressing their universities, cities and state governments to divest holdings in companies that do business with the Sudan government.

In Texas last week, Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and Rep. Corbin Van Arsdale, R-Tomball, announced they were sponsoring a similar effort in Texas. The bipartisan legislation would require the \$23 billion Employees

Retirement System to identify companies that derive a substantial portion of their revenue from operations in Sudan or work with the ruling party. The bill would bar the pension fund from investing in about 39 companies listed as aiding state-sponsored terrorism. The legislation also would cover the \$103 billion Teacher Retirement System pension fund, though it was not in the original bill.

It isn't clear how much state funds hold in companies that fail the bill's test. That shouldn't matter. What is important is that Texas pension funds do not steer dollars to businesses that are profiting from the Darfur genocide. So far, Illinois, Maine, New Jersey,

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been out of the dating scene for a while. I was divorced nine years ago. My children are 27, 19, 16 and 17. My oldest two are married; the other two are still at home. I recently started dating a guy who is studying to become a psychiatrist, and he constantly evaluates everything I say -- including small talk about my children. How can I stop him without upsetting him over his true passion? Not every conversation has an undercurrent. Sometimes I just want to chat, but he will start asking me questions, and I think I tell him too much because he then picks apart everything I say. I try to be honest in this relationship, but I have shut up about some things because I don't need him evaluating my past relationships, how I reared my kids, etc. At my age, I really don't have that kind of couch time. We can't even have sex without him analyzing my feelings. I have been alone awhile, but isn't this a bit too much for the psyche? --

**USUALLY JOYFUL IN OKLAHOMA**

**DEAR USUALLY JOYFUL:** Your boyfriend's entry into the study of human behavior must be very recent, or he would realize how obnoxious it is when he does what he is doing. The next time he starts analyzing you, remind him that he isn't licensed to practice yet -- and tell him that sometimes a cigar is just a cigar. If someone doesn't get that message across to him, I predict that you will be only the first of many to run from this aspiring shrink.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a student who recently moved into a townhouse with three other housemates. My question concerns etiquette when giving someone a "tour." My good friend "Amy" came over, but I did not feel comfortable showing her my housemates' rooms, even though they weren't home. But Amy walked right on into their rooms anyway, even opening their closets! When we went into the kitchen, she opened every cupboard and the refrigerator, even

removing food items to get a better look. I was shocked by Amy's behavior and thought it was very inappropriate. Was I overreacting? By giving her the tour, did I invite her to inspect the entire house? In the future, I'd like to avoid this situation with other friends. What should I say? --

**INVADED IN THE NORTH**

**DEAR INVADED:** You did not overreact. Your friend Amy is both nosy and nerdy. In the future, should something like that happen, say, "Whoa! That's off-limits. My housemate(s) will have to show you their private room(s) when they're home. I can't let you go in there -- it's an invasion of their privacy." Any or all of these statements should suffice. However, if they don't -- take the person by the arm and "guide" her/him away.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm curious to know what makes men of any age sleep on couches and easy chairs in the daytime? I don't know of any women who do it. --

**MARISA C., ONTARIO, CANADA**

**DEAR MARISA:** Men nap on couches and easy chairs because they are sleepy (or perhaps bored). However, this trait is not quite gender-specific. In fact, I am sure there are also women who do it, too. You just don't happen to be acquainted with any who admit it. (ZZZZZ...)

**DEAR ABBY:** Please explain the difference between gossip, interesting conversation and expressing an opinion. --

**AVIS IN HOUSTON**

**DEAR AVIS:** Gossip is saying something unkind or embarrassing behind someone's back. Some people mistake this for "interesting conversation." However, interesting conversation usually involves discussing ideas -- not the behavior (or misbehavior) of other people. Expressing an opinion is what I have just done.

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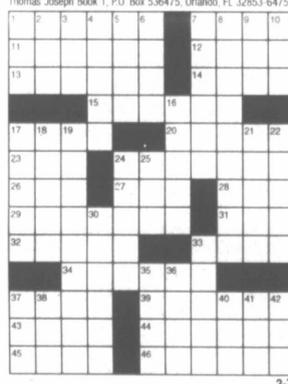
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# Sports Day

## Pampa freshman goes to state in swimming, diving

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

After doing so well at the district meet just weeks ago, the Pampa High School swim team has outdone themselves once again.

This last weekend, those who qualified for regionals, which was everybody on the team, traveled to Lubbock to compete for a place at state.

Not only did the entire team make it to regionals, but when they got there, everybody beat their personal best time.

"All of these kids swam like champions," said coach Greg Miller, "and they did a phenomenal job. I'm very proud of them."

The team, which is completely made up of freshmen and sophomores, performed well against many upper-classmen competitors, and many of the Harvesters qualified to compete in the finals.

Nicki Cole, Becca Taylor and Abby West qualified for finals in swimming, and Taylor qualified in diving as well.

Dustin Neef qualified for finals in the 50 Free, and Cole Guyer qualified in the 100 Backstroke.

With the girls, it came down to Taylor and Cole competing for a position at state in the 50 free, a faceoff that brought mixed emotions to coach Miller.

"It's a tough situation to be in," Miller said, "You're so excited that one of your girls is going to get to go to state, but at the same time, you know one of your girls isn't."

In the end, Taylor emerged as the winner, defeating Cole by merely one-tenth of a second, which is all it takes in a sport like swimming to make or break you.

Taylor won the 50 Free with a time of 26.05, followed by Cole with a time of 26.15.

While Neef and Guyer fell short in the finals, Taylor came out on top in both the 50 Free and diving, and will compete in both events at the

state meet in Austin.

"I feel kinda special," Taylor said, "but it's kinda scary too. I just tried my best like I've always been told to do, and now I'm going to state!"

Taylor, a freshman, who has been a swimmer just since the 8th grade, had been a gymnast since she was 3 years old up until last year.

"I think my experience with gymnastics helps me with my diving," Taylor said, "The two sports have a lot of the same basics, and you need the same kind of muscles and flexibility."

The state meet will take place on Feb. 16-17 at UT in Austin.



Teammates and competitors for a place at state, Nicki Cole (left) and Becca Taylor.

## Harvesters, Ladies defeated at Randall

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Brittini Rice led the Lady Harvesters with 25 points Tuesday night against the Randall Lady Raiders.

Pampa was behind after the first quarter 15-10, but outscored the Lady Raiders in the second quarter to go into halftime, 25-24.

After halftime, the Lady Harvesters fell short and were outscored 17-7 in the final quarter to finish the game 56-44.

Pampa, now 5-5 for district and 13-15 overall will face Caprock in a playoff for

the district's third playoff berth at 6 p.m. Friday at Clarendon High School.

"Friday will be a big game for us," coach Troy Fry said, "I hope that the team will play 4 quarters of tough, aggressive defense and control the game with the intensity needed to pull off a win."

The boys varsity, who also faced Randall Tuesday night, were led by Tyler Hall with 28 points, followed by Trent Harris with 13.

The Harvesters finished the first quarter with a 2 point advantage at 21-19.

Losing their lead in the second quarter, Pampa went into halftime behind 39-34.

In the third quarter, the Harvesters outscored the Raiders 22-21, but were still behind going into the fourth quarter.

Pampa was finally outscored in the fourth quarter to finish the game, 79-61, to make their current overall record 5-23 and 2-6 for district.

The Harvesters will take on Dumas at 7:30 p.m. Friday at McNeely Field House in Pampa.



Pictured here are: (back L-R) Shelby Rose, Shelby Wisdom and Rikki Beesley. (front L-R) Taylor Bell and Telissa Sealy.

## Golf girls travel to San Angelo

The Pampa High School Girls golf team traveled to San Angelo this past weekend.

They battled snow, freezing rain, frigid wind chills, and very windy conditions.

Results are as follows:

Taylor Bell- 103, 99

Telissa Sealy- 104, 107  
Shelby Wisdom- 114, 123  
Shelby Rose- 124, 120  
Rikki Beesley- 139, 121

The first score is from Friday at San Angelo Country Club.

The second score is from Saturday at Quicksand Golf

Course. The total from Friday is 445 and the total from Saturday is 447 for a two day total of 892.

The girls' next tournament is The Borger Invitational and the Boys next tournament is The Plainview Invitational.

## Boys soccer loses to Borger

The Harvester boys soccer team took on the Borger Bulldogs Tuesday night, in what ended up being a close loss for Pampa.

In the 10th minute, Caesar Marrufo assisted Adam Estrada for Pampa's first goal to start out the half with a 1-0 lead.

Borger sent in their first goal in the 35th minute, as

their second followed close behind, just 4 minutes later.

The Harvesters went into halftime, behind 2-1.

The Bulldogs scored once again in the 50th minute to put Pampa down by 2 early in the second half.

Ten minutes later, Rusty Snider scored the Harvesters' second goal, assisted by David Soto.

Time ran out before either team got a chance to score again, making the final score 3-2, Borger.

Goalkeeper Colby Copeland kept Pampa alive through the game with 8 saves.

The Harvesters will take on Canyon at 7 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Stadium.

## Hamms' comeback just what U.S. needs

By EDDIE PELLIS  
AP National Writer

It will be a while until the world finds out if Paul Hamm is the same, gold-medal gymnast last seen during his strange odyssey at the Athens Olympics.

Hamm and his brother, Morgan, declared their return to competitive gymnastics Tuesday, buoying a team that fell from second place in Athens to an unseemly 13th-place finish at last year's world championships.

"We know for a fact if we're in good shape, we can

help the team," Hamm said Wednesday. "Not just help the team improve from 13th place, but hopefully help the U.S. contend for a medal."

The Hamms are training six days a week at Ohio State as they work themselves back into competitive shape. They plan to participate in a limited number of events in 2007 while they finish school, including the U.S. championships in August in San Jose, Calif.

Morgan will get his degree in exercise science in March and plans to go to chiropractic school after the

Olympics. Paul will graduate with an accounting degree in June and plans to go to business school.

They should begin a full competitive schedule in 2008 that will culminate with the Olympics in Beijing.

"A very positive thing," USA Gymnastics president Steve Penny called the decision. "These guys know what it takes to win, and I'm confident that they would only be doing this if they felt like it was going to be positive for them and positive for USA Gymnastics."

## Yanks buy another chunk of King Arthur's court

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Columnist

Another reminder that people are the same everywhere came amid reports that fans on both sides of the Atlantic were in a panic over whether the owners of their respective football teams were serious enough about winning.

What made it one of those "the-world-is-getting-smaller" epiphanies is that while the stories were about two different versions of football — one of which is called "soccer" over here — the owners in both cases were rich Americans.

In terms of global impact, the bigger story was that George Gillett Jr., who owns the Montreal Canadiens, and Tom Hicks, who owns the Texas Rangers and the Dallas Stars, had completed their bid to gain control of Liverpool, one of the most fabled teams not just in

England but around the world.

Gaining considerably less attention was Cleveland Browns owner Randy Lerner denying reports he planned to sell his NFL team so he could lavish more of his fortune on Aston Villa, another illustrious club that competes in England's Premier League. A local television station ran promos to that effect during its Super Bowl telecast Sunday, prompting Lerner to tell a rival station, "I can definitely, positively, and categorically say that the Cleveland Browns are not up for sale."

"I adore this team," he added. "I am working feverishly to make this a better team, and you can quote me."

Liverpool fans got essentially the same pledge from their Gillett and Hicks during a news conference in their club's hometown, plus

assurances the new owners would do everything necessary to safeguard the tradition they'd inherited. That was after an offer of \$430.8 million that includes an agreement to pay off about \$89 million of club debt and pledges to build and finance a 60,000-seat stadium.

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Owner - Montreal Canadiens

"When you sit in our little country you get an unusual perspective, and probably an incorrect one, because we think our sports are pretty

popular," Gillett said.

Lerner bought Aston Villa in September for much less cash, about \$119 million, and with considerably less fanfare, in no small part because Tampa Bay Buccaneers owner Malcolm Glazer had already blazed the trail into English football by handing over \$1.47 billion in May 2005 for Manchester United, the most recognized sports brand on the planet.

Glazer was called a "leprechaun," a "know-nothing" and the "Great American Satan," and threatened with boycotts and worse. He wasn't the first foreigner to buy a Premier League team: Egyptian-born billionaire Mohammed Al Fayed, who owns Harrod's department store, also owns Fulham; and Russian oil baron Roman Abramovich bought Chelsea two years earlier, and in a spending spree that would

put George Steinbrenner to shame, bought every player the Blues needed to win consecutive league titles in 2005-06.

Glazer's purchase was greeted in Manchester the way people in New York would react if some third-rate duke or earl had crossed the pond to buy the Yankees. United, after all, won eight championships since the Premier League was formed, already boasted a sold-out stadium, a worldwide fan base upward of 50 million, and an annual balance sheet that would turn the Yankees' pinstripes green with envy.

What troubled supporters most was how a club essentially free from debt could continue winning just as it was about to become heavily leveraged just to service its debt. Two years later, however, the Red Devils are back on top of the standings and the cries of "Yankee go

home" have subsided.

Winning has dissipated most of that anger, and it doesn't hurt that both Lerner and the Gillett-Hicks partnership are much better capitalized operations than Glazer's was. That plus the fact that Lerner, unlike the fanatically private Glazer, has turned up in the stands for plenty of games and both Gillett and Hicks have promised to.

Their presence will reinforce the quaint English belief that football is still "the people's game," even though the more sophisticated fans already understand it's the Americans' deep pockets and the depth of their commitment that will determine whether they succeed.

"Owning this great franchise is special," Gillett said. "We want to add to that luster, not detract from that luster."

## Stars take come-from-behind victory over Wild

DALLAS (AP) — Rookie goalie Mike Smith stopped all 15 shots he faced after taking over for starter Marty Turco, and the Stars rallied from a two-goal deficit to beat Minnesota 4-2 on Tuesday night, snapping the Wild's three-game winning streak.

"Sometimes a team needs a little shakeup," Smith said. "It worked tonight. I hadn't played in a month. I was a little anxious at first, but I settled down. This is a big win for us. They're right behind us in the standings."

Smith hadn't played since sustaining a concussion in a game on Jan. 4. Turco hadn't missed a game since Dec. 14, but when he allowed two goals in Minnesota's first seven shots, coach Dave Tippett decided it was time to switch goalies.

"It was one of those things where we needed to change the momentum of the game," Tippett said. "I like the way our guys stuck with it after that."

Sergei Zubov scored a tiebreaking goal on the power play with 4:41 left for

the Stars. Stu Barnes added his ninth goal of the season with 3:03 left to stretch Dallas' lead to 4-2. Stephane Boucher and Mike Modano also scored for the Stars, 6-2-1 in their last nine games.

The Stars were lethargic early, but nobody hung their heads on the bench.

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— Mike Smith  
Dallas Stars Goalie

"We didn't have the kind of start we wanted, but we've been grinding all year and we stuck to our game plan," Boucher said. "We've had the tendency to come back. For us, the power play is a big key. Look at the games we've lost, we've been 0-for-6, 0-for-7 on the

power play." Antti Miettinen and Jussi Jokinen had two assists each for Dallas.

With the score tied at 2 and Minnesota's Mark Parrish in the penalty box for hooking, Zubov's shot from just inside the blue line eluded goalie Niklas Backstrom for his ninth goal of the season.

Dallas has 66 points, four better than Minnesota in the Western Conference playoff race.

Backstrom made 31 saves and Petteri Nummelin and Pascal Dupuis scored for Minnesota, which had won seven of its previous eight on the road and was wrapping up a five-game road trip.

"We didn't deserve any points," Minnesota defenseman Wes Walz said. "But even as bad as we played, we were in the game with a chance to pull a point out of here with one (penalty) kill (on Zubov's goal)."

All-Star left wing Brian Rolston was scratched for the Wild due to a stomach virus.

Rolston, who has a team-

high 25 goals and 46 points, played in Minnesota's first 54 games this season.

Also out for Minnesota was No. 1 goalie Manny Fernandez, the former Dallas backup who'll be unavailable for three more weeks because of a knee injury.

Backstrom, a 29-year-old rookie, has played well in place of Fernandez, winning his previous three starts entering Tuesday night.

Nummelin got the game's first goal at 7:27, his third. Dupuis made it 2-0 at 8:08 on a dump-in from beyond the left circle, his 10th.

Turco reacted late on Dupuis' shot, and Tippett sent Smith onto the ice.

Dallas trimmed the deficit to 2-1 at 12:02 of the first period on Boucher's 15th of the season, a shot from the slot off a behind-the-net pass from Jokinen.

Boucher missed the previous two games with a lower-body injury.

Modano's rebound, his 11th goal of the season and 496th of his career, pulled the Stars even at 2 at 12:25 of the second period.

## Bears defensive coordinator Rivera latest Cowboys head coach candidate

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Waiting two hours on a Chicago runway, Bears defensive coordinator Ron Rivera wondered if icy weather really was delaying his flight to a job interview in Dallas.

"There was a vicious rumor going around Chicago didn't want me to leave so they weren't going to let the plane go," Rivera said, laughing.

Rivera finally arrived at Cowboys headquarters around 4 p.m. Tuesday. He spoke with reporters before meeting with team owner Jerry Jones to discuss the head coaching vacancy created when Bill Parcells retired more than two weeks ago.

Rivera didn't officially become a candidate until speaking with Jones for a few minutes Monday night. However, he'd been expecting the call since Jones decided to hold the job open through Super Bowl week, when Rivera was off-limits because he was getting his team ready for the game.

"Just the fact that Mr. Jones waited until now, that bodes well for me," Rivera said.

Rivera was the ninth person Jones interviewed. Indianapolis quarterbacks coach Jim Caldwell will become No. 10 on Wednesday.

Having lost to Caldwell

and the Colts on Sunday, Rivera spent Monday stewing over it. He was glad to have had a day in between the game and the get-together with Jones.

"It gave me a chance to go through some things in my mind and have a feel for them," he said. "I had a little chance to take a quick look at the Cowboys one last time."

What did he see? "Some things that can be implemented to really help this defense," he said.

Dallas went 9-7 this past season, with a loss to Seattle in the first round of the playoffs. The Cowboys, who haven't won a playoff game since 1996, collapsed in December and January primarily because of breakdowns on defense.

Rivera, 45, played nine seasons in the NFL and has been a coach for 10, the last three as defensive coordinator of the Bears. Although he's never been a head coach, he's interviewed several times this postseason and last offseason.

A big question surrounding this opening is how legitimate a candidate he is for the top job. There's speculation that San Francisco 49ers offensive coordinator Norv Turner has it locked up, and that Jones wants Rivera as defensive coordinator.

Although that would be a lateral move, it's possible

because Rivera's contract with Chicago is expiring. He might be willing to leave a great defense to run a mediocre one for more than just the challenge — Jones likely would pay Rivera more than the Bears, who have a lot of other coaches in line for raises.

When asked his chances of becoming defensive coordinator, Rivera said: "I am here to discuss being the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys."

*'I do think you have to run the ball to be successful in this league.'*

— Ron Rivera  
Chicago Defense Coordinator

Rivera likely has an idea of what it would be like to work for Turner because he's worked alongside Turner's brother, Ron, the Bears' offensive coordinator.

Rivera knows second-hand about working for Jones, having discussed it with Chicago quarterbacks coach Wade Wilson, who had the same job in Dallas from 2000-02.

The biggest challenge Rivera might face with the Cowboys — as the coach or as defensive coordinator —

is adapting a roster built for the 3-4 scheme into his 4-3 system.

He said it's not much of an issue because Dallas frequently used a four-man front. And part of his coaching philosophy is to mold plans around players.

"I think a lot of times guys get caught up in 'this is the only thing I do' and not use the talent around them," he said. "The truth of the matter is, it's all about the players."

Rivera was a linebacker for the Bears from 1984-92, winning a championship with the '85 team that had Buddy Ryan as the defensive coordinator.

After retiring, he spent four years talking football on television, then broke into coaching with the Bears in 1997. He was linebackers coach for the Philadelphia Eagles under Jim Johnson from 1999-2003, then returned to Chicago as defensive coordinator when Lovie Smith took over.

Rivera credits Ryan, Johnson and Smith for helping form his approach to defense. The result has helped his Bears consistently rank among the league leaders in fewest yards and points allowed, and near the top in turnovers.

As for his offensive approach, it's pretty simple: "I do think you have to run the ball to be successful in this league."

## McGrady leads Rockets to victory over Grizzlies

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The Houston Rockets continue to adapt quite nicely to the absence of Yao Ming.

Tracy McGrady scored 33 points and had eight assists to lead the Houston Rockets to a 98-90 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

The key was a strong defensive effort and other players picking up for Yao, who has missed 21 games since suffering a fractured right leg against the Clippers on Dec. 23. The Rockets are 15-6.

"We're in a nice little groove offensively right now," McGrady said. "My teammates have been great in providing offense as well and opening things up, allowing me to play one-on-one and have single coverage. When we are playing that way, that's when we are at our best."

McGrady led five Rockets in double figures as Houston won for the sixth time in the last seven games.

Memphis, which has the worst record in the NBA, has lost three straight.

"It's frustrating to lose period," Memphis guard Chucky Atkins said, especially when you know you have opportunities to win.

Juan Howard scored 17 for the Rockets and Shane Battier added 14. Rafer Alston had 12 points and Luther Head contributed 11.

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 30 points and 13 rebounds. Mike Miller added 12 points, but was only 5-for-17 from the field. Lawrence Roberts finished with 10 points.

Gasol also had five blocks and five assists.

Defense was the key for the Rockets and other players stepping up and providing leadership, coach Jeff

Van Gundy said, from Dikembe Mutombo playing 37 minutes to McGrady's offense to Battier's discipline in guarding Miller. "Shane did as good a job on Mike Miller as you can do," the Houston coach said.

Miller missed all eight of his shots from beyond the arc, breaking a franchise-record 27 straight games with a 3-pointer.

Battier, whose locker was right next to Miller's during his days with the Grizzlies, said the key was "don't leave him."

"I've played against him enough to know you give him a foot and he can make you pay for it," Battier said of Miller, who had connected on 31-of-58 from outside the arc in the previous six games. "I'm glad we're done playing these guys this year because I don't know if I could chase him around for another 40 minutes."

Miller's problems were part of a 2-of-18 performance from 3-point range for Memphis, the 11 percent a season-low.

Houston, which built the lead to as many as 13 in the first half, let Memphis get within three points early in the fourth quarter.

But the Grizzlies could never get closer because they kept misfiring from the field, and Houston eventually got the lead back to 11 points with just under 3 minutes left.

"We were hanging in there," Gasol said, "even with the poor shooting. That's where we want to be. We weren't running as much, but as long as we're in the game and have a chance to win, I'm fine with it."

McGrady had 18 points in the first half to help Houston take a 54-43 lead at the break.

## Chen and Rangers agree to minor league contract

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Left-hander Bruce Chen agreed to a minor league contract Tuesday with the Texas Rangers and will go to spring training with the chance to compete for a spot in the starting rotation.

Chen was 0-7 with a 6.93 ERA in 12 starts and 28 relief appearances for Baltimore last year, but was 13-10 with a 3.83 ERA in 2005. In nine major league seasons with Atlanta, Philadelphia, the New York Mets, Cincinnati, Houston, Boston and Baltimore.

He would get a \$1.1 million, one-year contract if added to the 40-man roster

and the chance to earn performance bonuses.

Kevin Millwood, Vicente Padilla, Brandon McCarthy and Robinson Tejeda — all signed past the 2007 season — are the likely top four starters for rookie manager Ron Washington. Millwood was a 16-game winner last year, and Padilla won 15 games.

The Rangers previously agreed to a minor league deal with right-hander Jamey Wright. Kameron Loe, John Koronka and Edinson Volquez were part-time starters last season for Texas and will also be in the mix this spring.

## Some see guitar, some see phallic imagery in Prince's Super Bowl halftime performance

NEW YORK (AP) — In the sensitive post-wardrobe malfunction world, some are questioning whether a guitar was just a guitar during Prince's Super Bowl halftime show.

Prince's acclaimed performance included a guitar solo during the "Purple Rain" segment of his medley in which his shadow was projected onto a large, flowing beige sheet. As the 48-year-old rock star let rip, the silhouette cast by his figure and his guitar (shaped like the singer's symbol) had phallic connotations for some.

A number of bloggers have decried "Malfunction!" — including Sam Anderson at New York magazine's Daily Intelligencer. Daily News television critic David Bianculli called it "a rude-looking shadow show" that "looked embarrassingly

rude, crude and unfortunately placed."

CBS spokesman Dana McClintock said Tuesday that the network has received "very few" complaints on Prince's performance. CBS last aired the Super Bowl in 2004 when Janet Jackson and Justin Timberlake's "wardrobe malfunction" sparked criticism and a subsequent crackdown on broadcast decency from the Federal Communications Commission.

But this time, it was the NFL that produced the halftime show (MTV had in 2004). Spokesman Greg Aiello said the league has received no complaints.

"We respect other opinions, but it takes quite a leap of the imagination to make a controversy of his performance," Aiello said. "It's a guitar."

## A-Rod sidesteps question on opting out

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex Rodriguez sidestepped whether he plans to opt out of his record contract with the New York Yankees and become a free agent following this season.

J.D. Drew, like A-Rod a client of agent Scott Boras, used an opt-out clause to leave the Los Angeles Dodgers for a \$70 million, five-year contract with the Boston Red Sox.

Rodriguez was asked what he thought. "I didn't follow the J.D. Drew situation," Rodriguez said. "My situation and my only goal is to win a world championship, and I'm going to take it day to day. And that's about it."

Rodriguez is owed a \$23 million salary this year, including \$1 million deferred without interest until June 30, 2011, and then is due \$24 million in each of the final three seasons of his record \$252 million, 10-year contract.

Texas, which traded A-

Rod to the Yankees after the 2003 season, is partially funding the deal, paying the Yankees \$7.1 million this year, \$8.1 million in 2008, \$7.1 million in 2009 and \$6.1 million in 2010.

"I think when you put things like that in the contract seven years ago, the intent was that it would give the player a choice, knowing full well the player may not use the provision, and also understanding, too, it gives him an option to consider," Boras said in a telephone interview. "At this point in time, Alex has certainly reflected to me he's very happy in New York. We have not talked about anything like that and probably will not until the season is completed."

Boras left the impression that Rodriguez could get more than the \$72 million he is owed in the final three seasons of his deal.

"There's a class of player that has not been fitted into this new market," Boras

said. "Obviously when Alex's contract was done, the revenues of the game were around \$3 billion. Now they are around \$6 billion. The elite position player has not been really graded in this new revenue stream we've seen."

Rodriguez has gone through turbulent times with the Yankees. While he won the AL MVP award for the second time in 2005, he is 4-for-41 (.098) without an RBI in his last 12 postseason games dating to 2004.

He was dropped to eighth in the batting order for the first time in a decade as the Yankees were eliminated in Game 4 of the first round against Detroit last season.

Rodriguez doesn't see a need to speak to manager Joe Torre about being dropped that low.

"I'm an employee. If Joe says take out the garbage, I take out the garbage," he said. "There's no attitude. That's just the bottom line. I've very old school when it

comes to that. And I've never been a person that ever questions my authority. ... The first thing I've got to look at in the mirror is me."

Rodriguez is pleased with the offseason moves made by general manager Brian Cashman.

"I'm excited to play with Andy Pettitte and I'm also excited about what Brian Cashman has done, kind of gotten us a little bit younger, a little bit more athletic," Rodriguez said. "I'm also excited to see some of these young pitchers. We haven't had this type of spring, where we're actually curious about what these young pitchers are going to be all about."

He cited the example of the Tigers, who won the AL pennant behind hard-throwing pitchers Justin Verlander and Joel Zumaya.

"Without those two guys, they obviously don't get into the postseason and almost win a World Series," Rodriguez said.

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FSBO 1004 S. Nelson, 3/1 \$20,000. 806-206-2266.

**AXYDLBAAXR 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**

GOMC ZASQMVMW IA ZAAX, P

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I'VE BEEN ON A DIET FOR TWO WEEKS AND ALL I HAVE LOST IS TWO WEEKS. — TOTIE FIELDS

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**121 Trucks** 01 Dodge 2500 quad cab 4x4. White, towing pkg. 140k mi. \$8700 obo. Call aft. 5pm., 665-0989.

**122 Motorcycles** 2003 Honda 4 wheeler Recon ES. Runs good. \$3000. 806-595-0789.

### 103 Homes For Sale

## United Way



Doug Carmichael, outgoing president of Pampa United Way, steps down for incoming President Denise Daves.

## Wal-Mart, unions unit to unveil health care goal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Executives from Wal-Mart and three other major U.S. employers today joined hands with union leaders in setting a goal of providing "quality, affordable" health care for millions of workers by 2012.

Joining Wal-Mart Stores Inc. CEO Lee Scott and Service Employees International Union leader Andrew Stern at a Washington press conference were top executives from Intel Corp., AT&T Inc. and Kelly Services Inc.

The business and union leaders laid out four main goals, including universal health-care coverage for "every person in America" and raising "the value it (America) receives for every health-care dollar" spent.

"Government alone won't and can't solve this crisis," Scott said. "By following this campaign's common sense principles, we believe America can have high quality, affordable and accessible health care by 2012."

## Events calendar

• **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be 8 a.m. Saturday at The Big Texan in Amarillo. Don DeHay of Amarillo and Charolyn Gouldy of Wildorado will be featured.

• **Amarillo Museum of Art** will host a "Children's Heart Art Valentine Workshop" from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday at the museum, 2200 S. Van Buren, Amarillo. The event is open to children between 4 and 10. Participants will make Valentine cards and gifts. Refreshments will be served. The registration fee is \$15. For more information or to register, call (806) 371-5050.

• **The Presbyterian Home for Children** will host a grand-opening for the new T. Boone Pickens cottage for high school seniors from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the cottage located at 3400 S. Bowie in Amarillo.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will host an eight-hour financial workshop Monday through March 9 and again March 26-April 16. The workshop will be conducted from 6-8 Monday

evenings. The class fee is \$20. For more information, call 665-8801.

• **"Developing This Year's Marketing Plan for Feed Grains,"** a seminar for cattle producers, has been rescheduled for Monday and Tuesday at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 677-5600.

• **Pampa Book Club** will have scheduled to discuss the following books: "First Man in Rome" by Colleen McCullough, Feb. 14; "Widow in the South" By Robert Hicks, March 14; "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger, April 11; and "The Last Promise" by Richard Evans, May 9. The group meets at 10 a.m. in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

• **The deadline to enter the Christian Poets Guild poetry contest** is Feb. 14. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1638 Dogwood Lane, Ackworth, GA 30102-1820.

## Reese

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American say that 10 years from now, Iraq will be a peaceful and prosperous country with many monuments to the Americans who liberated it? No, if Iraq exists, it will exist the way it always has — with a central government wielding its power in a savage and bloody manner.

American veterans, like the veterans of other modern wars since 1945, will conclude that all they did turned out to be

meaningless.

When the enemy is in American surf, when his foot is on our soil, then we will all fight and gladly die in defense of our country. But it is time to stop supplying cannon fodder to an imperial government pursuing God-knows-what secret schemes in distant parts of the world.

Do not hand your precious one-of-a-kind children over to cynical men who will squander their lives without blinking an eye. It is a sad thing to die for another's profits.

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

## Purcell

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"I'm getting no respect, no respect at all?"

"Yes, Mr. President, not even from your dog, Barney. The way things are going for you, Barney's favorite bone is your arm."

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

## Darfur

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Connecticut, Oregon and California have passed various Sudan divestment laws, according to the Sudan Divestment Task Force in Washington, D.C. Another 25 states, including Texas, are now considering divestment initiatives.

There is a role for the City of Austin, too. It can join several other cities in passing measures prohibiting targeted Sudan investments.

Financial experts will continue to debate the success of economic sanctions in changing immoral behavior of governments, such as South Africa's under its former apartheid regime. Even so, we can use the power of the purse to make a moral statement that reverberates from Texas to Darfur.

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