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## County passes on burn ban; Fire grant funds issued

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners took no action on a possible burn ban at their 9 a.m. meeting today in the second-floor courtroom of the county courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

"I think we're in pretty good shape right now," said Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley concerning any danger of wildfires in the county.

"I agree," said Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

The last burn ban imposed by county commissioners was adopted last Dec. 15 and lifted Jan. 5.

A grant of \$28,500 from the Amarillo Area Foundation for victims of the March 12, 2006 wildfires has been received by Gray County.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, who headed a committee to disburse funds donated last year for wildfire victims, said that any wildfire victims who wished to apply for funds as fire compensation will need to submit a new application. Applications for the previous funds will not be reviewed. Wright and his committee will determine disbursement of the \$28,500.

An early voting polling place in

McLean was approved. Early voting is usually held at only one location, in the courthouse in Pampa, but commissioners agreed to allow early voting in McLean only for the May 12 election.

"They felt that if they could have early voting in McLean, they'd have a better turnout," said County Clerk Susan Winborne. "It will only be for this one election."

Winborne said commissioners' approval was required for holding early voting anywhere except at the courthouse, and that having an early voting location in McLean would not

cost the county any extra money.

Parts of Donley and Collingsworth counties are included in McLean Independent School District, which is one of four school districts in the county having a bond election May 12. The other school districts holding bond elections are Lefors, Miami and Fort Elliott.

Fort Elliott ISD will conduct its own election, while the Gray County clerk's office will conduct the Lefors ISD election and the Miami ISD election for Gray County residents

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## Street repair



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Dean Bliss, who has worked for the City of Pampa's street department for 25 years, puts together a puzzle Wednesday. He replaces the bricks that were taken off to repair a water main break this winter on Francis Street. Once the bricks are down and level, Bliss will sweep a powder into the cracks and pour water over it to make a type of mortar.

## State Legislature passes milestone

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The Texas Legislature has passed a procedural milestone of sorts, according to Pampa's state senator.

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who represents Pampa in the state Capitol, said this week that the 60th day of this session passed last Friday.

The 60th day is a key part of the 140-day legislative session. The Texas Constitution prohibits the Legislature from taking up anything without a majority to do so. Under the constitution, the 60th day is the deadline for filing bills.

From now until the end of the legislative session, it takes special permission of the leadership to file any new bills.

He said it's possible for a few more bills to get introduced, but the passage of the 60th day means that a major-

ity of the proposed legislation has been introduced.

"There are 3,977 House bills," Duncan said, "and 1,933 Senate bills."

Between now and the next 45 days, he said, the Legislature will have to hear all those bills in committee and kill them or pass them through to the other side of the Capitol Building.

The key bill is the Appropriations Bill, which sets the state's budget for the next two years.

Each session, Duncan said, the Legislature alternates which chamber will take the lead on the budget. This year, it will be generated by the House where Pampa Rep. Warren Chisum is the chairman of the House Appropriations Committee.

When House Bill 1, the budget bill, passes the House, it will be sent to the

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## Pitner: PPD had no racial profiling complaints in 2006

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

In his annual Racial Profile Report, Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said the Pampa Police Department received no racial profiling complaints or reports in 2006.

Pitner told the Pampa City Commission during their regular meeting Tuesday that the department records every traffic stop with video

cameras in the patrol cars.

"It's our policy that the video cameras run all the time on traffic stops, pedestrian stops and any citizen contact," Pitner said, "and it pays off."

He said he had a complaint Tuesday morning about a stop over the weekend and the videotape supported the officer.

"That's exactly what it's for,"

Pitner said. "It's good for the officer and the citizen."

According to police records there were 4,187 traffic stops in 2006. Some 216 involved African-Americans, four involved people of Asian descent, 3,505 involved Caucasians, 456 involved Hispanics, three involved Native Americans and three involved people of unknown ethnicity.

The state requires that traffic stops be broken down by ethnicity, Pitner said. The data is also broken down by gender.

"Each number represents a traffic stop," Pitner said.

Pitner said the data is compared to Pampa's demographics to see if anything appears to be out of line.

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## Henson, Dixon only contested race in election

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

Teresa Henson will top the ballot in the May 12 city election.

Candidates in the only contested race for the May election drew for ballot positions Wednesday.

Teresa Henson and Robert Dixon will face off for city commission in the election for Ward 3. Brad Pingel,

incumbent commissioner for Ward 1, and Mayor Lonny Robbins are running unopposed.

Henson and Dixon are fighting to replace incumbent Commissioner Lana Miller, who is not seeking reelection.

The city and school board elections are being combined, but there are no contested races for school

trustee.

Incumbent Joe Martinez refiled for Place 6 on the school board and has no opposition. Mark McVay filed for Place 7 after Greg Brown chose not to run again. McVay is unopposed.

Early voting in person will begin April 30 and end May 8. Early voting will be in Room 202 in City

Hall.

Monday, March 12, was the final date for filing, although filing as a write-in candidate ends Monday, March 19.

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Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 64. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.  
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. South-southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.  
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. South wind around 10 mph.  
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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## Mom blames infant injury on family dog

HOUSTON (AP) — A mother reported that her infant son's genitals were severed by the family dog, but doctors caring for the boy said his injuries don't appear to be dog bites, officials said.  
Harris County Child Protective Services took emergency custody of the 5-month-old on Wednesday, spokeswoman Estella Olguin said.  
"Someone did this to this baby and according to doctors it couldn't have been the way the mama says it happened," Olguin said. "As far as my career at CPS, I've never seen anything like this."

next to the family's Daschund, Olguin said.

The mother ran to a neighbor's house to ask for help and the boy was taken by ambulance to a Houston children's hospital, Olguin said. He was listed in critical condition late Wednesday.

"When the child showed up at the hospital, he had massive blood loss and was in shock," Olguin said. "He has undergone a couple of surgeries already and probably will undergo another tomorrow."

The mother lived with the child's biological father but the two were not married, Olguin said. The injured infant is their only child.

Olguin said the CPS investigation includes interviews and psychological evaluations of the parents. A hearing is set for March 26 to determine long-term custody of the child.

"This is going to affect him forever, even if he survives," Olguin said.

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## Obituaries

### Services tomorrow

**COBB, Eva Gladys Fulton** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made resulting in two arrests.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 100 block of South Wells and the 2700 block of Aspen.

Accidents were reported in the 500 block of Short, the 800 block of West Francis and at the intersection of Hobart and Francis.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 400 block of North Nelson, the 2200 block of Evergreen, the 300 block of North Wells and an undisclosed location.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 100 block of South Hobart, the 600 block of Reid, the 700 block of Roberta, the 1000 block of Duncan, the 1000 block of East Francis, the 2200 block of West Alcock, the 500 block of North Wells, the 1400 block of Williston, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 500 block of Gillespie, the 1600 block of Russell, two calls from the 1100 block of Terry, the 1800 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of Wynne, and at an undisclosed location.

Sex offender registration was reported in the 200 block of Russell.

Phone harassment was reported in the 400 block of West Brown and the 1900 block of Fir.

Agency assistance was provided in the 12000 block of East Frederic.

A police escort was provided in the 500 block of East Francis.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of North Faulkner and in the 600 block of Lowry.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of Frost.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of South Sumner, in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and in the 300 block of Tignor. The incident on Tignor resulted in one arrest.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of Lea.

Narcotics violations were reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler where less than two ounces of mari-

juana was found; in the 1100 block of Darby where less than one gram of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia were found; in the 700 block of North Sumner where drug paraphernalia was found; and in the 400 block of Oklahoma where a controlled substance and dangerous drugs were found.

Thefts were reported in the police department lobby, in the 500 block of Frost and in the 300 block of Anne. Rings valued at \$800 were stolen in the theft on Anne.

Burglary and criminal trespass of a habitation were reported in the 1600 block of Hamilton. The incident resulted in one arrest.

### Sheriff

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

#### Tuesday, March 13

Riordan Lynn Hill, 23, of Amarillo was arrested in the 1000 block of Cinderella by Pampa Police Department on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

#### Wednesday, March 14

Toby Landon Green, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD on warrants for no seat belt, failure to appear and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

William Donald Stanley, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Cuyler by PPD for possession of marijuana, public intoxication and an open container.

John David Richards, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Darby by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance less than one gram.

Bobby Ray Nunn, 40, of Seminole, Okla., was arrested by Department of Public Safety for DWI.

Angela Brown, 36, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Darby by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

John Wesley Crites, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Darby by PPD for theft under \$50.

Jose Santos Juarez, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of Gwendolyn by PPD for striking a

light fixture on highway landscape.

Allen Curry Henry, 24, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for driving with an invalid license, no driver's license and no insurance.

Alisa Been, 46, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Sidney Been, 54, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of Oklahoma by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of dangerous drugs.

#### Thursday, March 15

Eric Zamudio, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of Hamilton by PPD for criminal trespass of a habitation.

Austin Chase McCarthy, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of Tignor by PPD for public intoxication and disorderly conduct.

### Fire

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

#### Wednesday, March 14

10:21 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2700 block of Cherokee on a lifting assist.

### Ambulance

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

#### Wednesday, March 14

10:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Christine and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Sierra. No transport.

12:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

1:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Alcock and Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

## Stocks

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

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Milo	NA
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Soybeans	NA

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

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Celanese	30.47	+0.07
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Coca Cola	47.03	-0.01
VLO	60.64	-0.63
HAL	31.92	+0.09
TRI	49.25	+0.01

KML	105.72	-0.15
XCEL	23.38	+0.06
Anadarko	39.57	-0.52
XOM	70.67	-0.35
Nat'l Oilwell	73.83	-0.54
Limited	25.67	+0.23
Williams	26.81	-0.21
MCD	43.50	-0.15
Atmos	31.47	+0.11
Pioneer Nat	38.70	-0.13
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SLB	64.59	-0.34
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CVX	68.17	-0.15
Wal-Mart	45.93	+0.20
OKE	44.77	+0.21
New York Gold	642.50	
Silver	12.83	
West Texas Crude	58.16	

## New Braunfels relaxes river rules

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — The New Braunfels City Council decided to relax a slate of new rules regarding coolers, tubes and children's life jackets that were recently passed or considered for local rivers.

The council voted Wednesday to allow tubers to carry up to a 16-quart cooler — which holds 20 12-ounce cans — while floating on the Comal and Guadalupe rivers within the city limits.

The decision revised an ordinance adopted last month that limited tubers on the Comal to one six-pack-size cooler each and those on the Guadalupe to a 12-pack-size cooler.

"It's a reasonable compromise," councilman Pat Wiggins said.

New Braunfels has struggled for years over ways to control rowdiness on the rivers, which draw thousands of tourists each summer who want to relax — and imbibe — as they float down the rivers.

But the latest slate of rules divided residents and led to a petition drive that gathered enough valid signatures to force a recall election in May for councilman Ken Valentine, a supporter of the tougher rules.

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## Duncan

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Senate. "Our economy is good so our revenues are up," Duncan said, "so that gives us more money to consider in our legislation."

On the other hand, he said, they have to consider such programs as Medicaid and the Child Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, which have substantial needs.

There is also the commitment to fund the reduction in property taxes in 2008 to a cap of one dollar per \$100 valuation for maintenance and operation of the schools in Texas.

"That's a \$3 billion item," Duncan said. "Those are the kinds of items we're looking at in the big picture."

Duncan has filed several major bills, including the Jurisdiction Realignment Bill.

"Basically, what we're doing in that bill is trying to go back and realign the jurisdiction of our different courts and make sure that we're in some sort of uniformity, provide more resources to our courts and provide some sort of complex case panel to assign certain kinds of complex cases to specialty courts," Duncan said.

That would expand the jurisdiction of the Justice of the Peace courts.

He has also filed a bill that would change the way the state funds and manages the Texas Teacher Retirement System.

One bill he has been working on was passed out of committee a few days ago. It is a constitutional amendment and deals with eminent domain.

It would require the Legislature to deliberate on future eminent domain authority by governmental entities in the State of Texas.

"What has happened in the past," Duncan said, "is we create a quasi-public group to solve a problem like a base closure. We routinely have granted eminent domain authority."

Duncan said he thinks the Legislature should debate those and require a supermajority before they could grant eminent domain authority.

In the Senate, it would take 21 votes. In the House, it would take 100 votes.

"It just raises the bar," Duncan said, "and requires the Legislature to have a deliberative debate with regard to whether or not eminent domain authority is appropriate for duly created entities."

Those are part of some 80 bills that Duncan has filed this session.

Beyond those, Duncan

said there are a lot of hot issues now being debated in the Capitol building.

He said the Texas Department of Transportation is involved in a hot issue concerning proposed toll roads. A bill has been introduced that puts a moratorium on building toll roads.

"The HPV virus is certainly a hot item," Duncan said.

Gov. Rick Perry signed an executive order mandating vaccination for young girls against the Human Papillomavirus, which causes cervical cancer. Many in the Texas Legislature say the governor overstepped his authority and this week, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would rescind the mandate.

The Texas Youth Commission has consumed much of the Legislature's time and attention, he said. There are law enforcement investigations and legislative investigations into the issue.

There have been a series of complaints by inmates and former inmates in the TYC system about violence and rape in the detention centers. The Texas Senate this week took the unusual step of firing the commission that oversees the Texas Youth Detention system.

"We're finding some terrible things there," Duncan said.

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who are in the Miami ISD school district, Winborne said.

A request by Winborne to hire a temporary part-time employee to work the elections was approved by commissioners. The employee is approved for today through the month of May, and the salary will be paid out of Winborne's budget.

County Auditor Elaine Morris was named records management officer for non-elected county offices after commissioners rescinded action taken in mid-2006.

Last July, commissioners had decided to name department heads as records management officers in departments not headed by an elected official. It was later discovered that only one person could be designated

as records management officer for all non-elective offices, Morris said this morning.

"But we can designate one person per office as a liaison officer with the records management officer," she said.

Phone Bill Examiners, Inc. was approved to review the county's telephone bills for possible overcharges to the county.

"We don't pay them if they don't find anything," Morris said. "If they do find anything, it's a 50 - 50 split."

A resolution opposing proposed indigent health care legislation was passed. The proposed legislation would require that any funds remaining each year out of the budgeted amount for indigent care must be sent to the state for distribution elsewhere.

"We're supposed to keep eight percent of our operating fund available for indigent health care," said

County Judge Richard Peet. The resolution will be sent to state senators and representatives representing Gray County, Peet said.

No action was taken on a resolution concerning the crime victim's assistance program. The district attorney's office had asked that the item be deferred, Peet said.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn gave a treasurer's report, and payment of \$228,134.85 in bills and \$224,361.85 in salaries was approved.

Commissioners went into executive session after consideration of all other agenda items in order to discuss possible tax abatements for a wind energy company seeking to establish a wind farm in the newly-formed re-investment zone in the southern portion of the county. The executive session continued through press time.

## Miami ISD to meet

The Miami Independent School Board will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday to hear reports on the leave pool, an update on Shattered Dreams and the third and fifth grade TAKS results.

Teachers' contracts, a resolution on a grant for counselor and the textbook committee recommendations will be heard.

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## Subpoenas cleared for attorney purge

By LAURIE KELLMAN  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee today cleared the way for subpoenas compelling five Justice Department officials and six of the U.S. attorneys they fired to tell the story of the purge that has prompted demands for the ouster of Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

The voice vote to authorize the panel to issue subpoenas amounts to insurance against the possibility that Gonzales could retract his permission to let the aides testify voluntarily, or impose strict conditions.

The committee also postponed for a week a vote on whether to authorize subpoenas of top aides to President Bush who were involved in the eight firings, including political adviser Karl Rove, former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and deputy White House Counsel William K. Kelley.

The committee approved subpoena power over key Justice Department officials involved in the firings: Michael Elston, Kyle Sampson, Monica Goodling, Bill Mercer and Mike Battle.

Sampson, Gonzales' chief of staff, quit

this week. Elston is staff chief to Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty and Mercer is associate attorney general. Goodling is Gonzales' senior counsel and White House liaison, and Battle is the departing director of the office that oversees all 93 U.S. attorneys.

Gonzales has said he would allow the aides still at the Justice Department to testify voluntarily. It was unclear whether Sampson would agree to tell his story without a subpoena.

The panel also approved subpoena power for six of the eight U.S. attorneys fired since December. The six, all of whom testified last week under oath before the House Committee, are: Carol Lam of California, Bud Cummins of Arkansas, Paul Charlton of Arizona, John McKay of Washington state, Daniel Bogden of Nevada, and David Iglesias of New Mexico.

The subpoenas are a warning to the embattled administration to follow through on promises in recent days by Gonzales and Bush to tell the whole story of the firings, beyond the selected details that Associate Deputy Attorney General William Moschella revealed to the House panel last week.

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"Based on population studies," Pitner said, "demographics and information from the Texas Department of Public Safety on driver's license statistics, this breaks down with our local population."

The stops resulted in 263 searches with people giving consent and seven that required search warrants.

Of the 4,187 incidents, there were 141 arrests, 2,551 citations written and 1,456 warnings. No action

was taken against 39 of the 4,187, Pitner said.

A majority of the incidents involved males with 2,666 being involved in the police actions. Females that were involved with police actions accounted for 1,522 of the 4,187. Police records indicate three persons were of unidentified sexuality.

Of the total stops and investigations that resulted in arrests, 0.4 percent were of African descent, 2.6 percent were Caucasian and 0.3 percent were Hispanic.

Of the incidents resulting in citations, 3.2 percent were African-Americans, 50.2 percent were Caucasian and 7.5 percent

were Hispanic.

Pitner said this is the first year the data was compiled with a new software program. He said in years past it would take several days to compile the report. With the new software, it took him 10 minutes this year.

"That software is good stuff," Pitner said. "The software really helped a lot."

While he's required to present an annual report, the chief said his department reviews the traffic statistics quarterly. He said if they see any trends concerning race, they look into it.

"So far that hasn't been an issue," Pitner said.

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# Viewpoints

## Europe far from the template of success ...

Why do certain U.S. legislators and policymakers seek to pattern America after Europe? What is so great about the European continent that America is viewed by the aforementioned contingent as lagging? It can't be economics, because, according to economist and columnist Walter Williams, Europe is no shining example of financial rectitude or investment success.

"Government spending," Williams wrote in an article written at the close of 2006, "exceeds 50 percent of the GDP in France and Sweden and more than 45 percent in Germany and Italy, compared to U.S. federal, state and local spending of just under 36 percent. Government spending encourages people to rely on handouts rather than individual initiative, and the

higher taxes to finance the handouts reduce incentives to work, save and invest. ... U.S. per capita output in 2003 was \$39,700, almost 40 percent higher than the average of \$28,700 for European nations."

Could it be Europe's take on social issues, then? Because, according to an article by Patrick F. Fagan and Grace Smith archived at The Heritage Foundation online, Europe's answer to tough moral nail-biters isn't showing their society to be any more advanced than the rest of us.

The Fagan-Smith piece reports that the Netherlands' unconditional acceptance of homosexual marriage has eroded family structure to the point that marriage is considered outdated and ethically negligible: "According to several Dutch

social scientists, their fellow citizens 'increasingly regard marriage as no longer relevant' because they have been persuaded that 'marriage is not connected to parenthood and that marriage and cohabitation are equally valid 'lifestyle choices ...'"

**Skyla Bryant**

News Editor

France spent much of 2006 embroiled in vicious rioting, and both it and Germany are experiencing something called 'brain drain' where both are losing their brightest intellects to other nations.

If you want a socialistic America, then Europe is indeed a crowning example. For those of us who see no Utopia to be had through

government engineering, however, the thought of America fashioning itself along those lines is total anathema.

I shudder at the mere suggestion that Europe is the template for good government, and I gasp in horror at the direction a Euro-styled America would no doubt pave AWAY from personal freedom and accountability.

Why beget anything — labor or otherwise — that the government is going to control and/or appropriate? Why go into business, why save for retirement, why have children?

Sally Lieber, an assemblywoman from California,

recently proposed a measure outlawing spanking.

According to a news release from the A&M Extension Service, the assemblywoman quickly backed down due to the hue and cry of outraged parents, but the fact remains Lieber has followers enough to embolden her to attempt such a maneuver in the first place.

According to Dr. Steve Green, a child development specialist with the Extension Service, this debate has been raging in Europe for some time. Sweden, Austria and Finland have all passed laws prohibiting physical punishment of any kind between parents and their children.

"It's unclear, however, if the bans have had their desired effect of reducing physical forms of punishment or child maltreatment

rates," Green said. "In fact, I've actually seen reports that indicate the exact opposite."

Green reports that one side of the debate involves a cause and effect toward violence while the other side argues the exact opposite — that rather than teaching violence, spanking actually helps curtail and even prevent bad and violent behavior.

While I am far from an expert on the subject, I don't think it takes a child psychologist to make an effective parent. I think instead good parenting requires much love and a hearty dose of common sense, and so, by the way, does good government. American-born "America-haters" should go to Europe!



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 15, the 74th day of 2007. There are 291 days left in the year. This is Buzzard Day in Hinkley, Ohio.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 15, 44 B.C., Roman dictator Julius Caesar was assassinated by a group of nobles that included Brutus and Cassius.

On this date:

In 1493, Christopher Columbus returned to Spain, concluding his first voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1767, the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, was born in Waxhaw, S.C.

In 1820, Maine became the 23rd state.

In 1913, President Wilson held the first open presidential news conference.

In 1919, the American Legion was founded, in Paris.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied bombers again raided German-held Monte Cassino.

In 1956, the Lerner and Loewe musical play "My

*'Sometimes it's worse to win a fight than to lose.'*

— Billie Holiday  
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Fair Lady" opened on Broadway.

In 1964, actress Elizabeth Taylor married actor Richard Burton in Montreal; it was her fifth marriage, his second.

In 1975, Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis died near Paris at age 69.

In 1977, the U.S. House of Representatives began a 90-day test to determine the feasibility of showing its sessions on television.

Ten years ago: President Clinton spent a second day at Bethesda Naval Medical Center, recuperating from surgery for a partially torn knee tendon. Greek frogmen and U.S. Marines evacuated hundreds of foreigners trapped in Albania by that country's descent into anarchy.

Five years ago: A Houston jury spared Andrea Yates' life after prosecutors stopped short of demanding the death penalty for the tormented mother who'd drowned her five children in the bathtub. (Yates was sentenced to life in prison; however, she was later acquitted by reason of insanity in a retrial.)

One year ago: Saddam Hussein, testifying for the first time in his trial, called on Iraqis to stop killing each other and instead fight U.S. troops; the judge reprimanded him for making a rambling, political speech and ordered the TV cameras switched off.



## HD and DVR: The perfect satellite combo

Five years ago, my wife and I had a baby girl. (Actually, my wife did most of the work.) As with the birth of our two sons, we quickly rediscovered the lack of intellectual TV programming at 2 a.m. in the morning. I'm sorry, but if I saw another infomercial with an over-exuberant, pseudo-Australian host, I was prepared to shoot my TV.

Today, all of that wasted TV time would have been erased by our DVR. DVR is short for Digital Video Recorder. Think of it as a VCR with no tapes, or a hard drive for your TV. While they've been available for years, DVRs are just now starting to sell well. Pair it with the ability to watch High Definition (HD) TV and you've got a theater experience. But before you

rush out to pick up one of these marvels, know what's important and what's just fluff.

But, first, let's get back to DVRs. The "pause live TV" feature receives the most promotion. The way it works is simple. Let's say you're watching a program on TV.

Whenever you hit the Pause button on your DVR remote, the internal hard drive of the set top box begins to record the remainder of the show. Once you hit the play button, you start watching from where you left off WHILE it continues to record in real time. In other words, you are only a couple of minutes (or hours) behind the actual

broadcast.

And that, in a sense sums up the main advantage of a DVR: It can record and playback at the same time! Because you are recording TV digitally to a hard drive, a few other features emerge. You can now fast forward at a variety of speeds.

Some of the best DVR units even have a little "commercial skip" button that fast forwards 30 seconds every time you hit it. Unlike fast forwarding a VCR tape, the jumps are instantaneous.

The best satellite receiver on the market today is the Dish Network ViP622 DVR. I recently put it through its paces and was amazed by

the feature list and picture quality.

The 622 can store 200 hours of standard TV programming or 30 hours of HD programming. Once the hard drive gets full, it starts erasing the oldest programming to make room for the new. However, you can "protect" certain shows from automatic erasure. Other features set this unit ahead of the rest:

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**Eric Spellmann**  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 4**  
San Antonio Express-News on the influx of FCC fines raising more broadcasting questions:

Among the very few obligations broadcasters have to the nonadult audience is a Federal Communications Commission requirement to air at least three hours of educational programming on a weekly basis. The FCC defines such programming as "specifically designed to serve the educational and informational needs of children ages 16 and under."

That allows for some broad interpretation, covering programming as diverse as "VeggieTales" and "Sabrina the Animated Series."

And groups such as the Parents Television Council and the United Church of Christ have long complained that much of what the networks have passed off as educational programming is actually devoid of educational content.

So it came as a surprise when the FCC recently levied a \$24 million fine against Univision for counting "Complices al Rescate" "Friends to the Rescue" as part of its three-hour educational block. The series is a telenovela, a soap opera, that follows the adven-

tures of twin adolescent girls who were separated at birth.

It's good to see the FCC taking its educational mandate seriously. The record fine against Univision should force other broadcasters to take notice.

But given the questionable content of plenty of other allegedly educational programming, the FCC's decision to target the largest Spanish-language broadcaster in the United States and in such a large way is a bit curious.

The next largest broadcast penalty is a paltry \$3.6 million proposed indecency fine against CBS for an episode of the crime drama "Without a Trace."

FCC programming standards should be the same in any language.

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dle changing TV schedules. The 622's intelligent programming allows it to find ALL of your shows no matter when they are scheduled so you don't miss a beat. In addition, you can choose whether to record "re-runs" or not.

Overall, the Dish 622 Receiver has all of the power and function-

ality any TV fan could want. And, with access to HD content, the benefit will increase as you purchase newer HD TVs. You can find more information at Dish.com or call 1-800-333-DISH.

See you in Cyberspace!

## Al-Qaida's No. 3 man says he planned 9/11 attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — Khalid Sheikh Mohammed portrayed himself as al-Qaida's most ambitious operational planner in a confession to a U.S. military tribunal that said he planned and supported 31 terrorist attacks, topped by 9/11, that killed thousands of innocent victims since the early 1990s.

The gruesome attacks range from the suicide hijackings of Sept. 11, 2001 — which killed nearly 3,000 — to a 2002 shooting on an island off Kuwait that killed a U.S. Marine, according to an account released by the Pentagon.

Many plots, including a previously undisclosed plan to kill several former U.S. presidents, were never carried out or were foiled by international counterterrorism authorities.

"I was responsible for the 9/11 operation from A to Z," Mohammed said in a state-

ment read Saturday during a Combatant Status Review Tribunal at the U.S. deten-

material was omitted, and it wasn't possible to immediately confirm details. The

guard after his capture in March 2003, when he was photographed in a dingy white T-shirt with an over-stretched neck. He disappeared for more than three years into a secret detention system run by the CIA.

In his first public statements since his capture, his radical ideology and self-confidence came through. He expressed regret for taking the lives of children and said Islam doesn't give a "green light" to killing.

*"I was responsible for the 9/11 operation from A to Z," Mohammed said in a statement read Saturday during a Combatant Status Review Tribunal at the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Mohammed's confession was read by a member of the U.S. military who is serving as his personal representative.*

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The Pentagon released a 26-page transcript of the closed-door proceedings on Wednesday night. Some

document refers to locations for which the United States and other nations have issued terrorism warnings based on what they deemed credible threats from 1993 to the present.

Mohammed, known as KSM among government officials, was last seen hag-

### Events calendar

• **The National Museum of the Pacific War** will present its Pacific Combat Show Saturday and Sunday in Fredericksburg. This newly-revised 90-minute living history program will focus on the lives and combat efforts of participants in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. both days. The program will again be offered June 9-10, Sept. 22-23, and Nov. 10-11. Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Admission to the museum covers the show. For more information, call (830) 693-9707.

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host a reception between 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday for artists Georgetta Tempel and Mary Lynn Pruett. Deborah Summers, author of "The Canadian River: A Visual Journey," will also be on hand to sign copies of her book. An exhibit with Tempel and Pruett is currently on display in the museum's Hazlewood Gallery. The reception was initially scheduled in January but was canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The next scheduled show will be with Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, at 7:30 p.m., Monday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **Carson County Historical Commission** will hold its annual meeting at approximately 8 p.m. Monday in Carson County Square House Museum's Hazlewood Education Building in Panhandle. The meeting will be open to the public. Various reports will be discussed along with plans and programs for 2007. Committees for 2007-06 will be named as well.

• **S.T.A.R. will sponsor** "Make Parenting A Pleasure" parent training

for parents of children 6 and under on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 19-May 21 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the free training, call (806) 359-2005.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The late registration deadline** for the next nationwide ACT exam is March 23. The early registration deadline was March 9. Students who miss the early deadline will be charged an additional fee. The test will be administered April 14. To find out

more, contact your high school counselor or log onto [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) on the World Wide Web.

• **The deadline to register for father/son craft day** at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, will be Tuesday, Tom "Stretch" Bowerman will demonstrate and assist participants in making braided key chains and wrist bands from 1-3 p.m. March 24 in Hazlewood Lecture Hall. To register or for more information, call (806) 651-2258.

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: March 27 and April 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest; and March 12, Lefors Civic Center in Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

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Kay grew up in Pampa where she was raised by Katherine Helms and the late Jerry Helms. Her grandparents were the late Orval and Avis Walls. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1979.

"I graduated from Pampa College of Hairdressing in 1983," she says. "I married into a hair dressing family. Betty Talley of Miami is my mother-in-law. She's worked as a hairdresser for 50 years in Miami."

Betty retired, says Kay, in 2005. In addition, Kay has a sister-in-law who is a hair dresser in Oklahoma and has several cousins who are hair dressers. Kay's daughter, Trinidee, will begin hair dressing in the fall.

Kay has been in business for four years in Pampa, seven years in Canadian, and 12 years in Miami.

"I worked for Betty's Hair Salon in Miami for 15 years while my kids were small," Kay says. "I also worked in Canadian for seven years while my kids went to school. Then I moved to Pampa and worked at building my business at Tangles and Beauty 2000 for the last several years."

"I try to stay abreast on all the latest styles by attending hair shows and continuing education classes."

In fact, Kay has done continuing education in sanitation and color. Her total number of years in the business are 23.

"I pride myself in doing my very best," Kay says. "By making you feel important, doing exactly what you asked for, not what I want – making you happy when you leave."

To find out more or to schedule an appointment, call Kay at 664-3514.

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## Heritage Tree



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White Deer Land Museum, 112 S. Cuyler in downtown Pampa, has several leaves still available for purchase on the Heritage Tree. The Heritage Tree is a wall ornament on display at the museum with plaques in the shape of leaves. The leaves come in two sizes. Each plaque can accommodate up to four lines of engraving. "They are a wonderful way to remember a family, a parent, a spouse, a veteran, or to honor one who has passed away," Anne Davidson, curator of the museum, said. The brass leaves are placed on the tree branches at various intervals. Plaques in the shape of rocks are arranged at the base of the tree and will accommodate more lines of engraving than the leaves. "We can engrave a wedding date, a birth date, or any memory you want to preserve," Davidson said. Small leaves may be purchased for \$75 a piece and large leaves for \$150 apiece. Proceeds from the tree benefit the museum and its exhibits. "Order your remembrance now before Memorial Day," Davidson urged.

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The event is from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 27-28 in the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Commons. It is staged each spring semester.

West Texas A&M has 250 international students from more than 40 countries enrolled this semester. Half the participating countries will be showcased each day of the Expo.

The event is free and open to the public.

Students from Azerbaijan, Columbia, Indonesia, Korea, Mexico, Peru and Vietnam — just to name a

few — have expressed their desire to participate.

"The international students really enjoy the Expo. It's their day to shine on campus," Kristine Combs, director of the International Student Office, said.

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## India: Rebel attacks kill 49 police officers, police say

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Communist rebels armed with rifles, hand grenades and petrol bombs attacked a police post in the jungles of eastern India today, killing at least 49 officers, police said.

The pre-dawn attack today was the latest in a series of increasingly bold assaults by the rebels, who have been fighting for more than two decades in central and eastern India's long-impooverished hinterlands.

Equipped with rifles, hand grenades and homemade petrol bombs, the insurgents appeared to have caught the 79 officers guarding the remote post by surprise, Swarnkar said. Another 12 officers were wounded in the attack.

The post is located in the state of Chattisgarh, nearly 930 miles southeast of New Delhi.

Before fleeing with weapons stolen from the police post, the attackers scattered land mines around the area, Swarnkar said. By midday, police reinforcements had reached the post and were fanning out into the jungle to search for the attackers.

Rebel operations have become increasingly bold over the past two years — and increasingly deadly.

In March 2006, insurgents detonated land mines under four trucks carrying villagers in Chattisgarh, killing 25 people. Days later, they seized a passenger train for 12 hours in the neighboring state of Jharkhand — a well-coordinated operation that highlighted their capabilities, even if no one was killed.

Those assaults — and dozens of other attacks — have prompted Indian offi-

*More than 6,000 people — police, soldiers, and civilians — have been killed since the rebels launched their campaign from the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh more than two decades ago.*

cial to describe the rebels, know as the Naxalites for the Naxalbari region where the movement was born, as a

major internal security threat.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh went even further in an April 2006 speech, describing the insurgents as "the single biggest internal security challenge ever faced by our country."

More than 6,000 people — police, soldiers, and civilians — have been killed since the rebels launched their campaign from the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh more than two decades ago.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have enjoyed the columns you've printed about people whose names matched their professions, and wonder if you would be interested in an incident that happened to my sister. Her name is Dragony, and she works in a pharmacy located in a medical building. Her license plate reads DRAGONY. Well, someone went into the pharmacy and asked the girl at the counter, "Who is Dr. Agony?" I still laugh when I think about it. — **KATHI IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR KATHI:** Funny! Your sister's license plate reminds me of one that belongs to my neighbor, who happens to be an anesthesiologist. Her license plate reads: EPIDURL. I am still hearing from readers offering names -- and some of them are a hoot. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Years ago, I was office manager for a printing company that did work for the American Tobacco Co. in North Carolina. The purchasing agent's assistant there was a woman by the name of Flicka Ashe. Can you believe it! — **DOLORES IN SPARTANBURG, S.C.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I have sold real estate for 18 years, and no one ever forgets my name. It's ... **BETH NEWHOUSE, MAYVILLE, N.Y.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My grandma fell and broke her hip last summer and had to have surgery. Her surgeon? Dr. Mark Cutright! — **KATHY IN TENNESSEE**

**DEAR ABBY:** Shame on you! How could you forget your fellow member of the Group for Advancement of Psychiatry -- Dr. John Looney? — **FRANCES ROTON BELL, DALLAS**

**DEAR ABBY:** Here's an item that might qualify. It's from the Jan. 16 edition of our local newspaper: "Charles T. Sprinkle, 27, of Sandpoint was cited on a charge of ur-

inating in public at 11:52 p.m. in the 200 block of Main Street." — **LARRY S. IN IDAHO**

**DEAR ABBY:** Would you like more names that match? My optician was named Ralph Glance, my daughter's allergist was Dr. Eitches, and my children's dentist is Dr. Spitz. — **SUSAN K., HAYWARD, CALIF.**

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was in high school, there was a family with the last name "Braa." Guess what the mom's first name was? "Iona"! My initials are "B.S.," but this story is not. — **B.S., FARIBAULT, MINN.**

**DEAR ABBY:** When my sister and I were children, we'd play a game called "I Spy" during road trips from Georgia to Alabama. On one of them we spotted a septic tank installation and maintenance company named "Seth Poole and Sons." — **LARRY IN DOERUN, GA.**

**DEAR ABBY:** I used to work with a young woman named Linda Snow. She met and married a wonderful man. When she did, she became Mrs. Snow-White! — **A FAN, SUN CITY, ARIZ.**

**DEAR ABBY:** My salesman husband was dealing with a particularly difficult client who demanded to speak to the boss. The reply: "I'll be happy to transfer you to him. His name is Robin Hood; if he isn't in, you can speak with his secretary -- Marian!" True story, real people. — **JENNIFER IN HOUSTON**

**DEAR ABBY:** This isn't occupation-related, but I thought you might get a kick out of it anyway. I went to school with twins Esther and Lester Chester and their big brother, Chester Chester Jr. And no, I'm not kidding. — **L. LEGGETT, MAGNOLIA, MISS.**

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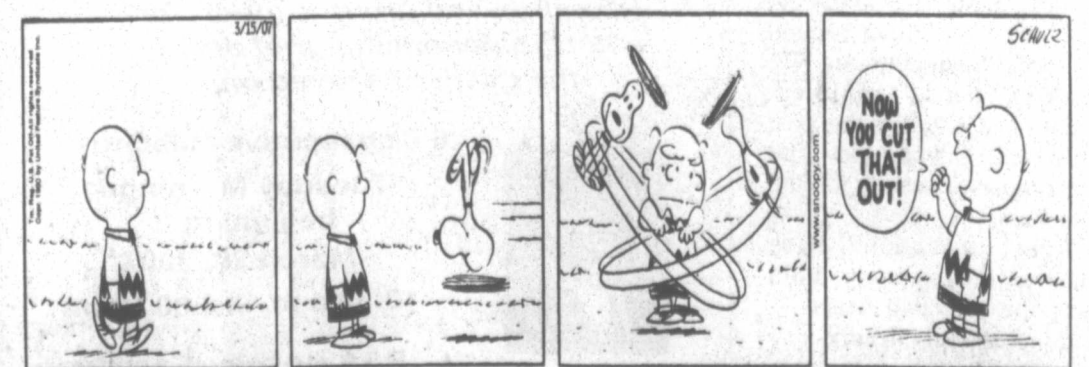
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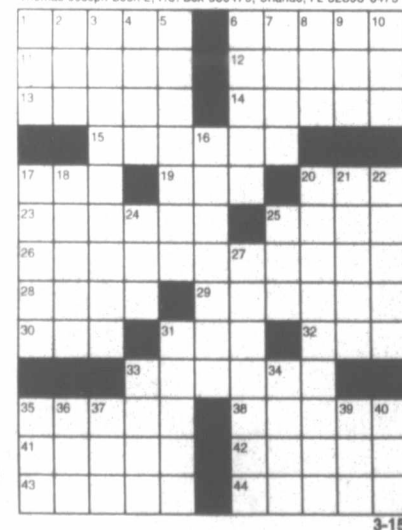
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# Sports Day

## Mavericks suffer second straight loss in double overtime

DALLAS (AP) — When the second overtime began in a game that already had plenty of thrills, Amare Stoudemire was ready to settle things.

So he went to the basket. Hard.

Between points and fouls that got Dallas Mavericks starters disqualified, Stoudemire's strong start got the Phoenix Suns going toward a 129-127 victory Wednesday night in a tense, thrilling game between the league's two best teams.

"He's a great finisher," marveled teammate Steve Nash. "That was quite a performance."

Stoudemire had 41 points and 10 rebounds, and Nash played like a two-time MVP down the stretch. He scored 10 points in the final minute

of regulation, capped by a tying 3-pointer with 2.7 seconds left. He finished with 32 points, 16 assists and eight rebounds.

Jerry Stackhouse scored 33 points, his most in three seasons with Dallas, and Dirk Nowitzki added 30 points, 16 rebounds and six assists. He had eight points and seven rebounds in the third quarter, when the Mavs turned what had been a 16-point deficit into a 15-point lead going into the fourth quarter.

Phoenix rallied by opening the fourth by making eight straight shots and 10-of-12. While that set up Nash's great finish, four missed free throws by Dallas — including two by Nowitzki — were equally important.

The Mavericks remained shaky at the start of overtime, then Jason Terry scored five points in the final 48 seconds, including a long 3 over Nash with 4.5 seconds to go that the second OT.

*"That was a big game. We aren't gonig to try to downplay it. It was disappointing not to get the win but we'll bounce back."*

— Jerry Stackhouse  
Dallas Mavericks

Stoudemire helped Phoenix take it from there, although it still took a

missed 8-footer by Nowitzki as time expired to end Dallas' 23-game home winning streak and tighten the race for the top seed in the Western Conference.

"This was a big game. We aren't going to try to downplay it," Stackhouse said. "It was a little disappointing not to get the win but we'll bounce back."

The Suns won their sixth straight and 11th in 12 games, moving them within 2 1/2 games of the Mavericks for the best record in the league.

Dallas seemed like a lock for the top spot just a few days ago, when a 17-game winning streak prompted talk of 70 wins for the season.

But now the Mavs have dropped consecutive games

for the first time since their 0-4 start. This was their first home loss since Dec. 7.

"They might not lose two more the rest of the season," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Suns have 18 games left and the Mavs have 19. The clubs meet again April 1 in Phoenix, with the Dallas leading the season series 2-1.

The top seed in the West is worth much more than bragging rights. In addition to the home-court advantage in every round, there's also a better draw; whichever team doesn't get No. 1 likely will be on course to meet the San Antonio Spurs in the second round.

No wonder both teams played as if this was more than just another game.

"That was a playoff

atmosphere," Stoudemire said. "Both teams played with high intensity. Both teams were in it until the end. We definitely wanted to win but we also want to improve."

By game's end, these weren't the same Mavericks.

Josh Howard and Erick Dampier fouled out early in the second overtime, Devin Harris was hurt in the second quarter and Devean George missed the game with an injury.

The calls that got Howard and Dampier tossed were booed loudly by a season-high crowd of 20,525. Then Nowitzki got a technical foul for arguing a non-call. Stackhouse had a bigger beef about a missed foul soon after — but didn't dare say anything.

## McGrady leads Rockets over Clippers

HOUSTON (AP) — Luther Head was never shy about taking clutch shots in college and he's still not afraid to take them in the pros.

Head hit a 3-pointer with 12.2 seconds left and Yao Ming deflected a pass and created a game-sealing steal as the Houston Rockets beat the Los Angeles Clippers 109-105 on Wednesday night.

Elton Brand scored a season-high 37 points for Los Angeles and drove for a dunk with 1:01 left that put the Clippers up 105-104.

Yao was whistled for an offensive foul barreling down the lane, but Brand missed a shot from the wing to give Houston another chance.

Tracy McGrady, who led the Rockets with 21, drew the defense to him and found Head wide open in the corner for the go-ahead 3-pointer.

Head came into the game shooting 44 percent from 3-point range in the fourth quarter and during a late timeout, Houston coach Jeff Van Gundy told Head to be ready in case McGrady got into trouble.

"Whenever your coach has confidence in you, it just puts confidence in yourself," Head said. "That's why I love playing for the guy. When he trusts you, he usually shows that he trusts you."

Head finished his college career as

Illinois' 19th leading scorer and its fourth-best 3-point shooter.

"My coach in college (Bruce Weber) said I had a lot of confidence in taking the last shot," Head said. "I don't know. I just don't get excited about much. Maybe that's the thing."

The Clippers had one more chance to tie it after Head's shot.

After a timeout, Brand tried to find Corey Maggette cutting to the basket, but Yao batted the ball to Rafer Alston, who raced down the floor and was fouled with 5.9 seconds remaining. Alston hit the free throws and finished with 20 points.

"I am very disappointed we couldn't get the win," Brand said. "We had too many turnovers late in the game."

Brand also had 10 rebounds to get his 29th double-double of the season. Chris Kaman added 16 for the Clippers, who've lost five in a row and six of their past seven.

The loss was costly — the Clippers fell out of the eighth playoff spot in the West, and are percentage points behind Golden State.

"It's satisfying to play well, but we have to get victories," Brand said. "We had opportunities and we just didn't finish. We just wanted to win this game so badly and we let it slip away. It's a tough loss."

Chuck Hayes added 16 points for

the Rockets, who've won four of their past five and 13 of their past 16 meetings with the Clippers.

The Rockets nearly blew a big advantage after building a 17-point lead in the first half.

"It went three ways," Alston said. "It started as a blowout win, then went almost to a devastating loss, and then into a nail-biting win."

The Clippers missed 10 of their first 11 shots and trailed 25-9 eight minutes into the game. The Rockets hit 9 of their first 11 shots.

Hayes, Houston's power forward, had 10 points in the first quarter, reaching double digits for the fourth time in five games.

The Clippers regrouped and shot much better in the second quarter, hitting 11 of 20 shots. Cuttino Mobley had eight points in the quarter to lead the comeback and Brand hit two free throws to cut the deficit to 57-52 by halftime.

Alston and McGrady opened the third quarter with 3-pointers to stretch the lead to 11. Both teams played a sloppy quarter from there, with wild passes and missed shots. McGrady did have one highlight-reel play, a behind-the-back assist to Hayes for a layup.

The Rockets headed into the final quarter with an 87-76 lead.

## Bucks fire Stotts, hire assistant Krystkowiak

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Milwaukee Bucks management was grading Terry Stotts on a curve because he had to handle so many key injuries this season. That still wasn't enough for him to keep his job.

The Bucks fired Stotts on Wednesday after less than two full seasons with the team. His replacement is assistant Larry Krystkowiak, who agreed to a multiyear deal and will be introduced at a news conference on Thursday.

Krystkowiak's first game as an NBA head coach comes against San Antonio

on Thursday night.

"We're excited to move ahead with Larry as our new head coach," Bucks general manager Larry Harris said.

Milwaukee is last in the Central Division at 23-41 and among the NBA's worst defensive teams.

"Terry has done the best he could in a difficult situation, especially with all of our injuries," Harris said. "I felt it was in the best interest of our organization to make the decision now and move forward, rather than wait until the end of the regular season."

## Rangers defeat Padres in 10 innings

PEORIA, Ariz. (AP) — Jake Peavy felt a little weak, and that helped him turn in his best outing of the spring.

The Padres' ace allowed one run and two hits in five innings in San Diego's 9-5 10-inning loss to the Texas Rangers on Wednesday.

"I think overall it was a pretty good day," Peavy said. "I just started to get command of everything. My arm doesn't feel real alive. I think

it's pretty typical that when you don't feel your best, you concentrate more on pitching."

Texas starter Brandon McCarthy worked out of several jams in his four innings. The projected third starter in the Rangers' rotation allowed seven baserunners but only yielded two runs, both coming on solo home runs by Jose Cruz Jr. and Adrian Gonzalez.

## Matthews homers in Angels win

By The Associated Press

Gary Matthews Jr. had one of his best games of spring training just hours after denying for the first time that he ever took human growth hormone.

Matthews went 2-for-3 with a home run in the Los Angeles Angels' 4-3 win over the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday.

Matthews, who was allegedly sent HGH in 2004

from a pharmacy that's part of a widespread steroid investigation, issued a statement before the game denying he ever took the substance.

The Angels had been pressing Matthews to explain why The Times Union of Albany, N.Y., reported he was listed as a customer of Applied Pharmacy Services in Mobile, Ala. That company is under investigation for

allegedly being part of a national steroids distribution network.

"I have never taken HGH — during the 2004 season or any other time," Matthews said in a statement. "Nobody has accused me of doing so, and no law enforcement authority has said I am a target of any investigation for doing so."

Matthews did not comment other than his statement issued by the team.

He starred on the field, leading off the bottom of the first with a single off Russ Ortiz. He stole second, but was stranded there. In the third, Matthews hit his second homer of the spring. He grounded out to end the fourth inning.

"He was relieved," manager Mike Scioscia said in Tempe, Ariz. "I think we're relieved that the release will let us start to move forward and turn the page on this."

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# Jackson has his back, but Bryant needs to keep his hands to himself

By **TIM DAHLBERG**  
AP Sports Columnist

Phil Jackson doesn't get paid \$10 million a year just to roll out the ball, map out a few plays for the triangle offense, and make sure Kobe Bryant gets to shoot anytime he wants. He's supposed to win games — and lots of them — to keep Jack Nicholson and the rest of the Hollywood crowd from sitting courtside for the Clippers instead. Lately that hasn't been easy, and even the Zen Master seems to be losing

his patience with his team of underachievers. The Lakers have dropped six straight, including an embarrassing loss (108-72) Sunday to the Dallas Mavericks that must have made even Nicholson cringe. It was the worst home loss in the 47 years the Lakers have been in Los Angeles, and at times it looked like the players were just going through the motions. So maybe there was more than just a hint of desperation in the air when Jackson went off against the NBA

the other day, accusing the league of engaging in a "witch hunt" against his superstar player. Jackson hadn't had a good couple of weeks to begin with. The Lakers are sinking close to the .500 mark, and he was so embarrassed about the loss to Dallas that he closed the locker room afterward and chewed out his players. Then he came to work on Monday and learned the NBA was penalizing Bryant for the third time in six weeks, this time for elbowing Philadelphia's Kyle

Korver in the jaw. "That's crazy. That's a venetia. They have a witch hunt going on," Jackson told the Los Angeles Times. "It's nuts. Guys riding somebody. Everybody does that in this league. It's just becoming a witch hunt now." The outburst will likely cost Jackson. He was fined \$25,000 earlier this season for criticizing officiating, and this one will surely be for even more. It should, though, be money well spent.

## Eagles, Red Raiders looking for late-season consistency

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Texas Tech beat some of the nation's top teams and made Bob Knight the winningest men's basketball coach in Division I history. Along the way, the Red Raiders also threw in a few puzzling losses. Meanwhile, Boston College undermined its solid regular season by stumbling into the NCAA tournament. That kind of inconsistency has reduced both teams to talking optimistically about starting fresh when they play Thursday in the first round of the East Regional. And it's made it hard to know exactly what to expect from them. "I think it's (true of) most teams in

college basketball today," Boston College coach Al Skinner said Wednesday. "That's what the sport is. There's enough talent throughout college basketball that those things are going to happen. It's proven night in and night out in our league. Some nights you get it going more than other nights. "I don't think it concerns anyone in the tournament right now about what's happened previously. Everyone's starting off on the same slate." Seventh-seeded Boston College (20-11) has lost five of seven, which included double-digit losses to NCAA teams North Carolina, Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech. That skid cost the

Eagles any lingering chance to catch the Tar Heels for the Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title. At least some of those struggles can be attributed to the losses of center Sean Williams and forward Akida McLain, who were dismissed from the team in January for an unspecified violation of team rules. Still, it was a frustrating way to finish for a team led by veterans Jared Dudley and Sean Marshall that has reached the NCAA tournament four straight seasons. Tenth-seeded Texas Tech (21-12) has had its ups and downs since January, starting with a 73-70 loss to lowly Baylor.

## Law's Aggies: From cellar-dweller to upstarts to favorite

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Even during the doldrums of a terrible freshman season, Acie Law IV remained confident Texas A&M would eventually become a basketball power. Of course, he figured he'd be an alum by the time the Aggies blossomed. Instead, thanks in large part to Law, Texas A&M took the fast lane to success. "I knew that this program

was headed in the right direction," the senior guard said Wednesday, "but I could never imagine that it would happen so quickly." Three years after that ugly debut season — the Aggies went 0-16 in the Big 12 — Law has become one of the nation's most dynamic point guards. He led the Aggies within a whisker of its first Big 12 regular-season championship and a

third seed in the NCAA tournament's South region. There was even some sentiment the Aggies deserved a better seed. But as the Aggies (25-6) prepare for their first-round matchup Thursday against 14th-seeded Pennsylvania (22-8), Law is thinking a lot more about the experiences of his junior year than his freshman one. After all, last year as a

## Crappie Dock Patterns

By **R.J. Abernathy**

You know the local lake that you spend all your time fishing? The one with all those houses that line the shore — the houses with all the boat docks? Those docks might be clogged with people loading and unloading boats and having all kinds of fun, but some of the best crappie fishing can be found directly below them at almost any time of year. So what is it about these docks?

It doesn't matter what part of the country you're fishing, if you've got crappie in the water, they're bound to be around these docks. Granted, crappie love certain docks more than others (wooden docks seem to hold more crappie than metal ones), but once you figure out which docks they prefer and what kinds of baits and tackle work best around this structure, there will be nothing stopping you from stocking the livewell with big slabs of crappie.

The allure of docks as they relate to crappie is that these structures provide the necessities that these tasty fish need to survive. Pilings that support docks provide food and cover along a wide range of depths. Grass shrimps, crustaceans and minnows feed on the small plankton, then crappie feed on them. The older docks have algae growing on them, which attracts baitfish, and that attracts the crappie. Most importantly, docks are best when it's sunny and hot. Clouds tend to make the cover less important and causes fish to scatter.

The bright sun penetration pushes crappie into the most shaded area under the docks, and it's not unusual for crappie to be on one side of the dock in the morning, and then on the other side later in the day.

The wooden docks just a foot or so above the water is ideal. The posts and cross-members also provide shade and protection for crappie. Deeper water, at least nearby, is another key ingredient. Shallow docks may produce during certain seasons, but deeper-water structures will hold crappie year round. Other than the spawning season, the water depth beneath or at the end of a dock should be at least 6 feet to attract crappie. Docks and piers in shallower water can be productive providing there is nearby deeper creek channels, which are travel corridors that crappie use to migrate in and out of creek arms as the seasons change.

Also, around most docks there will be sunken trees, brush, stakes and other man-made structures that have been placed in the water. Many dock owners do this to establish a holding area for crappie and also to hold a larger concentration of fish. Because crappie are so found in so many places around the country, it seems that people in different places have different ideas on what constitutes crappie tackle. For some, it's simply down-sized bass gear. But when you target crappie specifically, choose an ultra-light spinning reel and rod, like a like an Abu Garcia Cardinal 100 on a five-foot Berkley Lightning Rod. Most people prefer 4- to 8-pound test monofilament such as Trilene XL, but let things like water clarity and the structure you are fishing around determine how heavy a line to use.

The last thing you want is to lose a big crappie because it broke the line as it rubbed against the dock. Many people target crappie using live bait — namely minnows.

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**APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT.** Celanese, Ltd., P.O. Box 819005, Dallas, Texas 75381-9005, an industrial organic chemicals facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Initial Issuance of Federal Operating and Acid Rain Permit (herein referred to as) Permit No. 02899, Application No. 8802 to authorize operation of the Pampa Power Plant. The area addressed by the application is located five miles west of Pampa, Texas on Highway 60 west, 8201 Farm-Market Road 2300, in Pampa, Gray County Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on July 12, 2006. The purpose of a Federal Operating and Acid Rain Permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit

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application, statement of basis and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas, the TCEQ Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, Texas 79109-4933, and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street, Pampa, Texas. At the central and regional office, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512)239-1540. **PUBLIC COMMENT / NOTICE AND COMMENT HEARING.** Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit. A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not con-

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tain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing. **Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 and received within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.** A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted

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public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing list will also provide instructions for the public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 39 TAC Chapter 122. **MAILING LIST.** In addition to submitting public comments, a person may ask to be placed on a mailing list for this application by sending a request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Those on the mailing list will receive copies of future public notices (if any) mailed by the Chief Clerk for this application. **INFORMATION.** For additional information about this permit application or the permitting process, please contact the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance at MC-108, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087 or Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at: [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us). Si desea informacion en Espanol, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. Further information may also be obtained for Celanese LTD, by calling Mr. David Townsend at (281)474-6513. G-18 Mar. 15, 2007

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**City of McLean Ordinance No. 311 An Ordinance Amending Section VII, 7-3 of Ordinance No. 272, Requiring of Dogs and Cats Within The City of McLean, Texas: Prohibiting All Animals From Running At Large; Providing Procedures For Animal Bites and Providing For The Impounding of Animals Running At Large; Providing a Penalty for Violations Thereof and providing Special Confinement Provisions.** G-27 Mar. 15, 2007

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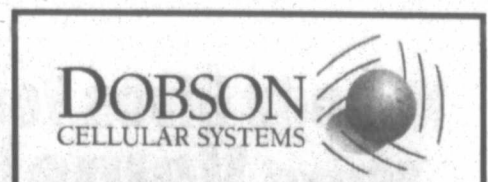
**Public Notice Junk Vehicles Declared Public Nuisance**  
Notice of Abatement Hearing on Monday, March 26, 2007 at 2:00 P.M. in the City of Pampa Municipal Court, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas 79065:  
1. Lonnie Mills-registered owner of a Green 1973 Chevrolet Caprice Classic VIN #1N39R3J288497 bearing Texas license plate JRD 685, located on the private property at 1025 Huff Road, Pampa, Texas, 79065.  
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**NU-WAY Cleaning service.** carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.  
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If interested, go to <http://www.clarendoncollege.edu> click "Employment Opportunities," download application form, along with copies of your transcripts and mail to: Ms. Darlene Spier, Assistant to the President, P.O. Box 968, Clarendon, Tx 79226  
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Apply in person or call Kim Wheeler D.O.N. 806-779-2469

**FINANCE Co.** looking to expand in the Pampa area. Need motivated individual for Assistant Manager position. No exp. necessary; willing to train. Interested applicants can mail resumes to: 307 E. Broadway, Sweetwater, TX 79556 or fax to 325-235-3814, attn: Johnny.

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Now Hiring: CDL Drivers Pre-Employment Drug testing/ DOT physical Home Daily Apply in person!  
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**FULL time & part time** catering help. Monday-Friday. Apply in person at Dixie Cafe.

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**POST OFFICE NOW HIRING.** Avg. Pay \$20/hr. or \$57K annually including Federal benefits and OT. Paid Training. Vacation, FT/PT. 1-800-584-1775 ext. 5928 USWA.

**EXP. Bookkeeper position.** Must know QuickBooks. Mail resumes to: Po Box 478, Pampa, Tx. 79066-0478

**EXPERIENCE** Roustabout hands needed. Apply at 725 S. Price Rd.

**SEMCRUDE** has openings for full time Bobtail & Transport Drivers in the Pampa and surrounding areas, must have Class A CDL with X endorsement. Excellent benefit package incl. medical, dental, vision & life ins., along with a 401K package, paid vacation, sick and holidays. Please apply at www.semgroup.com/careers or call 806-934-7505 for application.

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**SIVALLS Inc.** is looking for Lay-Out Fabricators and Welder Fabricators. Welding and drug tests req. Benefits: health ins., profit sharing, 401K, 8 paid holidays and 10 days vacation per year. 806-665-7111, Pampa.

**DOMINO'S Pizza** is now hiring. Apply in person at 1332 N. Hobart, Pampa.

**BRITKARE Home Medical** is now accepting applications for a Delivery Driver in Pampa area. Must be able to lift 150 lbs., have a clean driving record, and pass a physical & drug screening. Needs to be willing to be on call, flexible and work well with the public. No exp. necessary. Company will train. Spanish speaking a plus. Please come by our office at 912 W. Kentucky to pick up application. **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!! EOE.**

**TEXAS Rose Steakhouse** is now hiring servers, hostesses, dishwashers. Please apply in person.

**ROUTES AVAILABLE CARRIERS WANTED** Apply at PAMPA NEWS

**FULL-TIME WORK** Will hire 1 person to assist in lawncare and maintenance. Must be dependable and have a good work ethic and history. Must have own transportation. Apply in person at Memory Gardens Cemetery 23rd & Price Road Application required **NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. ONLY SERIOUS INQUIRIES.**

**21 Help Wanted**

**PART time Clerical Position.** Apply at JR's Alignment, 11824 Hwy. 60, Pampa.

**JOB OPENING-Finance Secretary:** General office and bookkeeping skills needed, Quickbooks experience preferred. Pick up an application at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd street.

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**PT helper** needed cleaning carpet. Must have valid DL, pass background check and drug test. Call 665-1976, ask for Ronnie. 1208 Bond, Pampa.

**DENTAL ASSISTANT,** primarily chairside. Part-time. Experience desirable, but not necessary. Send resume to Box 37, c/o Pampa News, Po Box 2198, Pampa, Tx. 79066

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**NEED energetic, outgoing person,** in a fast pace Doctors office. Must be able to work with people, have telephone skills, computer skills and be able to learn and sale. Please send resume to P.O. Box 953, Pampa, Texas 79066.

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**More info, contact THOMAS ANGUS 806-655-4318 or 589-497-7217 Reydon, Okla**

**69a Garage Sales**

**PRE-ESTATE Sale** 2617 Dogwood, Sat. March 17, 7-3. Some furniture, Franciscan-ware China.

**GARAGE Sale Thursday & Friday, 6p-9p.** Panels, water tanks, gates, fencing, tools, storage building, tack, walker, etc. 1414 S. Barnes

**Hop On Over To The Yellow Barn, 543 W. Brown.** We've Added New Dealers! Estate Sale Items, Porcelain Dolls, Crockware, Milk Glass, Christian Books & More!

**REDECORATING** furniture sale. Excellent condition. Sat. 8-12. 2228 Aspen.

**INSIDE Sale: Furni., Tvs, misc., elec. stove, refrig.** In White Deer, 501 Tall-ey, Fri., Sat., Sun. 9-5pm

**77 Lives/Equip.** Serviceable BLACK ANGUS BULLS FOR SALE. Breed for low to mod. birth & quick growth

**HORSE STALLS FOR RENT.** Call 665-2972 or 665-0382.

**BLACK 2 horse trailer** with tack compartment. \$950. 440-4250.

**LINEBACK Dunn** 20 year old gelding. Old rodeo horse needs loving home. \$2,000. 440-4250.

**BLACK & white paint, 4 yrs. old, gelding.** Brown & white paint, 3 yrs., stud. 440-4250.

**REGISTERED Angus 12-15 mo.** 45 bulls at \$1,150 ea. & 37 heifers at \$1,050 ea. One 2 year bull at \$1,500. Bill Helton, residence: 806-355-0509, ranch 806-248-7552.

**FSBO 2430 Evergreen.** 3/2/2/1, 2384 sq. ft. Lots of extras. 2 cov. patios. 669-1574, 806-336-9720

**7 ADORABLE PUPPIES** To give away to good homes!! Cute! Cute! Call 664-4696 or 669-3755 aft. 5pm.

**LOVING adult cat** needs new home, we must move. Black & white. 883-2634.

**FOR sale:** CKC Reg. Rottweiler puppies, 5 weeks old, fe. Desormed. Borger. 806-274-0209

**FEMALE Lhasa Apso,** older dog, spayed. Free to good home. Needs to be the only pet. 669-7284.

**FREE black Lab mix,** to good home. Call 665-2032, lv. message.

**WILL buy mattresses,** beds etc. Red Barn, 1420 S. Barnes, Sat. 10-5. Call anytime 665-2767.

**SEASONED Oak Firewood.** Delivered and stacked. 3 dr. store cooler. 779-3284, 580-564-2575.

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**MEMORY Gardens-Pampa.** Section C, Lot 45, Space #4 for sale. Call 806-433-9713.

**NUMEROUS Houses, Apts., Duplexes & Commercial properties** thru-out Pampa for rent. Call 665-1875 or 665-4274.

**69a Garage Sales TRASH & Treasure Garage Sale.** 2010 Coffee st., Fri. & Sat. 9-5pm.

**MOVING Sale:** Everything must go! Starts Thursday, March 15th. Take it off the wall, knock knock these rooms, angels, copper knock knock, dresses 3X. Must sell beautiful 4 piece bedroom suite-paid \$3,500-will take \$1,500, couch, tables. Everything must go!!! 301 S. Warren, White Deer. 883-2634 for any inquiries.

**96 Unfurn. Apts.** LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. avail. Ref., dep. req. 669-2981 or 669-4386

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**98 Unfurn. Houses**

**PICK UP rental list** from Gray Box on front porch of 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

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**3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car finished garage.** Complete renovation. Large corner lot. Excellent condition. New roof, fence, French doors, ceramic tile, laminate wood floors, carpet, storm windows, outside deck, paint inside & out, central h.c.a. Cedar closet & many other extras. Like new home. \$119,000.

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**126 Boats & Access.** PAIR of '96 Seadoos with trailer. Excellent condition, low hours. \$6,000 firm. 440-4250.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, March 16, 2007:

You have a lot going on. Frequently, you choose not to share. Your life and energy take you in a new direction. Be true to yourself, and ultimately everything will work out. You might not have the best or only ideas. Consider options more openly that surround your work and well-being. If you are single, you head in a new direction with different possibilities. Understanding takes you far. You often need to and will look at life from a different perspective. If you are single, you could easily tumble into a relationship that originally was a friendship. Beware of someone who is secretive. If you are attached, you might need some downtime with or without your sweetie. You grow in new ways. AQUARIUS understands you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** \*\*\*\*\* The unexpected, your creativity and imagination take you in a new direction. Your firm intentions touch a child or loved one who might be a bit cantankerous or difficult. Tonight: Start celebrating St. Patty's Day. **TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** \*\*\* Touch base with others. You are heading in a new direction. You take a stand, and others respond. On some level, others find you to be tight. Could you be restricting yourself or causing a personal problem? Take a good look — without bias. Tonight: A must appearance. **GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

\*\*\*\*\* Take the high road, if you can. You might not understand what someone is saying, but you will get down to basics. After that, grab a peek at where this concept could go. Look beyond the obvious. Tonight: Follow the music. **CANCER (June 21-July 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Dig in and be willing to see how you could change a personal situation for the better. Refuse to cut back or cause yourself a problem. Let someone give you input that could actually change your life. Listen. Tonight: Indulge a touch. **LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Others push hard to get what they want. Investigate and get to the bottom of a problem. Someone allows greater creativity and understanding. You might want to think before you leap. Creativity and dynamic opportunity mix. Tonight: Easy does it. **VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** \*\*\*\*\* You might want to review a situation and get down to basics. Investigate possibilities with an eye to expending some of the pent-up energy you've been carry around. Create a better rapport with co-workers. Tonight: Easy does it. **LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** \*\*\*\*\* Your creativity takes you in a new direction. You might want to attempt another approach or do something quite differently. Let your guard down and allow greater creativity to flourish. How you see a personal matter could radically change. Tonight: Add to the moment. **SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** \*\*\*\*\* Deal with a situation head-on. If you investigate a situation with greater openness, you'll come up with dynamic solutions. Someone might be extraordinarily tough or difficult. Unfortunately,

you cannot run away. Tonight: Snuggle in. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** \*\*\*\*\* You are full of life and vivacity. Understanding comes forward, and you have an important conversation. You cannot back off as far as you might like to. Investigate and understand your options. Tonight: Even if plans seem difficult, don't slam any doors. **CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** \*\*\*\*\* You might have had enough of another's interference. Your possessiveness could cause a problem where you least expect it. In the next few days, you will have a tendency to go overboard. Shore up your finances. Tonight: Happy as a cat. **AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** \*\*\*\*\* You are full of energy and high understanding. Examine your ideas with the help of others' observations. Laugh and relax. Smile and make something your own. Don't sit back or let someone else make the call. Tonight: Be a wild thing. **PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)** \*\*\*\*\* You need to understand what is going on. Investigate and be open to others' ideas. You could be overwhelmed or tired. Express full understanding. Listen to your inner voice. Fatigue could stop you. Tonight: Easy does it.

**BORN TODAY** Actor Jerry Lewis (1926), former first lady Pat Nixon (1912), former President James Madison (1751) \*\*\*

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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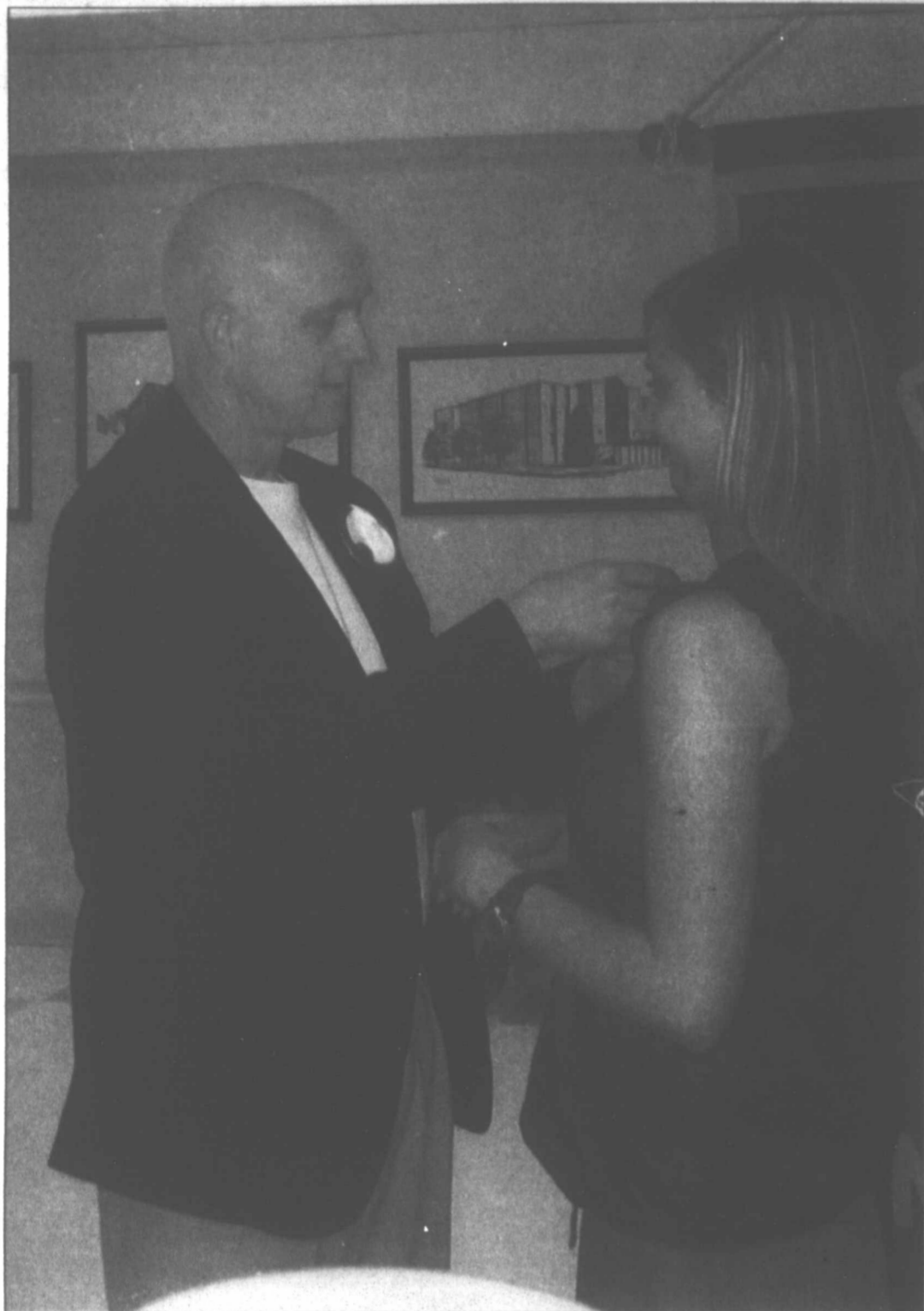
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## Sweetheart of the month



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## Israel not recognizing Hamas, Fatah unity pact

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — The rival Hamas and Fatah movements formed a long-elusive unity government today, hoping to end bloody infighting and lead the Palestinians out of yearlong international isolation. Israel immediately said, however, that it would not deal with the new government.

Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of the Islamic militant Hamas announced the final coalition agreement and platform after months of stop-and-go negotiations. It is to be approved by the Palestinian parliament on Saturday.

The coalition platform posted on Hamas and Fatah Web sites calls for continued observance of a truce with Israel but falls short of Israeli, U.S. and European requirements that the new government recognize Israel, renounce violence and accept previous peace deals.

The new government's platform includes only a vague pledge to "respect" past peace deals, falling short of explicit recognition of Israel.

It also affirms the Palestinians' right to resist and "defend themselves against any Israeli aggression."

While many in the West consider "resistance" to be a code word for violent attacks, Palestinians have a wide variety of definitions that can encompass anything from armed attacks to street protests.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said his government will boycott the coalition government and encourage other countries to do the same because its program falls short of the international conditions for acceptance that include recognition of the Jewish state.

"Unfortunately the new Palestinian government seems to have said no to the three benchmarks of the

international community," Regev said. "Accordingly, Israel will not deal with this new government and we hope the international community will stand firmly by its own principles and refuse to deal with a government that says no to peace and no to reconciliation."

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Israeli official

Western countries have said they will wait for the new government to take office before deciding whether to lift economic sanctions against the Palestinian government.

Haniyeh said the Palestinians have received encouraging signals from Europe.

"No doubt, there is a different position by the American administration and the Israelis," he said, adding that the new government would do its best to bring about an end to the boycott and "maintain relations with all the international community."

Haniyeh said he hoped the new government will "launch a new era" for the Palestinians.

Nabil Abu Rdeneh, a senior aide to moderate President Mahmoud Abbas of Fatah, said the new coalition opens the way for a resumption of Israeli-

Palestinian peace talks.

"This is the right moment to move toward the peace process," he told reporters. "If it (the international community) is serious, if it is looking toward stability in the Middle East, this is the right moment to go ahead" by implementing the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan.

Another Abbas aide, Nimr Hamad, said the new government represents all Palestinians.

"When Israel says it doesn't want to deal with it, it means it does not want to deal with the Palestinians," he said.

Haniyeh presented the Cabinet lineup today — nine ministers from Hamas and six from Fatah — to Abbas, who accepted it.

Haniyeh and Abbas agreed to the power-sharing deal last month in Saudi Arabia, but had spent the past few weeks ironing out the final details.

### THE BIG APPLE

## Motive unknown in NYC shootout

NEW YORK (AP) — A gunman with a fake beard and carrying 100 rounds of ammunition fatally shot a pizzeria employee and two unarmed volunteer police officers in a trendy Manhattan neighborhood before other officers shot him to death, the mayor said today.

Authorities were still investigating why David Gavin, 32, went into a Greenwich Village pizzeria around 9 p.m. Wednesday, asked for a menu and then shot an employee 15 times in the back before fleeing, Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

Nicholas Todd Pekearo and Eugene Marshalik, two of the city's nearly 4,500 auxiliary police officers, responded to the shooting and approached Gavin, who crossed the street and fired at them. Auxiliary officers are civilian volunteers who wear uniforms, are unarmed and help patrol streets.

Gavin then exchanged gunfire with uniformed officers, the mayor said. Several uniformed officers suffered minor

injuries.

Authorities recovered the 9mm semiautomatic pistol Gavin fired, plus a .380-caliber semiautomatic handgun in a bag with the ammunition, Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said. Gavin shot at least 23 rounds.

"He appeared to be ready to take even more lives," Kelly said.

A worker in a nearby restaurant, Nikola Simic, said he saw police officers swarm toward the middle of the street where the auxiliary officers were slain.

"Then we heard a shooting that was like a good five minutes," Simic said.

Police identified the employee as Alfredo Romaro, 35.

Pekearo, 28, was a writer with a book scheduled to be published soon, the mayor said. Marshalik, 19, a student at nearby New York University, had immigrated from Russia, Bloomberg said. The mayor said Marshalik hoped eventually to join the police force.

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