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**By KERRI SMITH** 

Staff Writer

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al firm Parkhill, Smith and Cooper

spoke to the board regarding a pro-

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He said that five companies had

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Jay Edwards from the architectur-

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## Western Builders chosen as construction manager

Tuesday afternoon, which included Pampa Independent School some school board members, he rec-Board, in a special meeting Tuesday ommended approving that company night, approved Western Builders of from Amarillo as the construction Amarillo as the construction managmanager at risk.

Board member Lee Porter, who was on the committee, said they could put this back out for bids again, but he felt this company was a great choice for the projects coming up in Pampa.

"This contract is very fair and reasonable and Western Builders have a great reputation for doing good jobs," Porter said. "Western Builders has done jobs for the Canyon and Amarillo school districts as well as Texas Tech and West Texas A&M

with an evaluation committee and the quality of their work speaks for itself. I also like the fact of hiring a company in the Panhandle that is used to working with local subcontractors."

> After discussion regarding this matter, the board voted and approved Western Builders as the construction manager at risk.

> Pampa High Head Football Coach Andy Cavalier and Athletic Director Stuart Smith gave a presentation regarding a long range athletic facil-

"We feel that now is the time to ride the wave of national publicity and exposure from the Dateline television show to positively impact Pampa's economy," Cavalier said.

"Our goal is to have a turf covered field and updated stadium to be used by a diverse cross-section of organizations."

Cavalier said that currently the high school football field is only used about 40 times a year for home football games, minimal band practices and graduation ceremonies. He would like for the field to be used for those events and many others. Suggestions included neutral site games for other towns, playoff games, Optimist games and tournaments, band competitions and unlimited practices, soccer games and tournaments, track meets and com-

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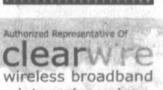


## **Boll weevil** board vote deadline is April 9

AUSTIN - Cotton producers in the Northern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until April 9 to officially place their names into nomination. The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed cotton in 2006 are set to decide in a May 8 referendum whether a boll weevil eradication program should continue in the Northern Rolling Plains Zone. Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have at least seven years experience as a cotton grower may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a biographical information sheet. In addition, the signatures of at least 10 other eligible cotton growers in the zone must support the nomination.







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Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

Carolyn Kessel, right in photo at left, enjoyed giving out 50 blankets at Community Day Care last week thanks to donations from several local organizations. Kaylee Broadbent holds her new blanket tightly. At right, Josie Shook, left, and Mikaela Stidham are all smiles after receiving their free blankets from Carolyn Kessel last week.

## Free blankets bring smiles to children

#### By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Carolyn Kessel was saddened recently while watching television shows about children living without the basic necessities that most people take for granted, such as proper shelter, coats and blankets.

She started thinking about how she and others could help the children of Pampa and she came up with an idea to collect and distribute blankets to those in need.

Kessel came up with an affordable plan that many people could contribute to. It is called the "Pampa Project." She figured out that a yard and a half of fleece material was just the right size for a child's blanket.

"I went to some stores in Pampa and found the cheapest place to purchase fleece material is at Wal-Mart," Kessel said. "Anyone can go in and pick out some cute fleece and ask for 1 1/2 yards. This should only cost between \$7 and \$10. That's all they

have to do and there is no sewing involved because this type of material does not ravel."

These blankets can then be dropped off at Kessel's home at 2357 Beech and she will do the rest of the work. She squares up the material and then rolls it up and ties it with a bow. This is how she presents the blankets to children in need or organizations needing blankets for kids, such as day

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Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711 or fax the form

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## Animal ID system databases to be deployed soon

#### **By DAVID BOWSER** Staff Writer

KANSAS CITY, Missouri -- The National Animal Identification System has a new wrinkle.

The voluntary program, according to Neil Hammerschmidt, coordinator of the National Animal Identification System for the veterinary service of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, is to enable anioutbreaks in livestock, including cattle, sheep, goats, horses, swine, poultry and various farm-raised wildlife. The goal is to be able to trace an animal involved in an outbreak back to its home of origin within 48 hours.

The National Animal Identification System is comprised of three basic components -- premis-

mal health officials to trace disease es identification, animal identification and a tracking system.

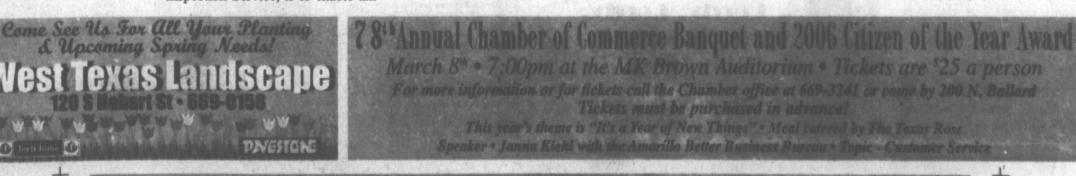
As animals move around the country, their movements would be reported using the individual Animal Identification Number (AIN) and Premises Identification Number (PIN) through an Animal Trace Processing System (ATPS).

Some species such as swine and

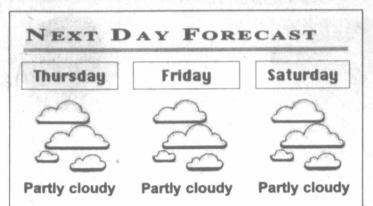
poultry would be reported in groups. While registration for Premises Identification continues and Animal Identification Numbers are available, the Animal Tracking Databases (ATD) are scheduled to be deployed later this month.

These databases are private busi-

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Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. Northnorthwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 40. South-southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming northnortheast.

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### **Obituaries**

#### Services tomorrow.

BLACKWELL, Jerry R. - 1 p.m., Grace Calvary Chapel, Amarillo.

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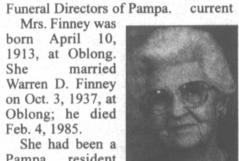
AMARILLO — Jerry R. ed school Blackwell, 65, died March 4, 2007. Services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Thursday in Grace Calvary Chapel with Scott Davey, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Rowe Cemetery at Hedley under the direction of Cox-Lagrone Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Mr. Blackwell was born moved to Amarillo Blackwell May 2, 1941, at Carmen, Okla., to Jerry William and Blackwell worked in the Amarillo; two sons, Jay R. Alma Blackwell. He attend-

Ellen Tuanette Finney, 93, of Pampa, died March 5, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Pulliam She

Funeral Home Chapel in Warren D. Finney Oblong, Ill., with the family on Oct. 3, 1937, at receiving friends at the home Friday funeral evening. Arrangements are under Pampa resident

the direction of Pulliam since 1954. She Funeral Home in Oblong. was a former Local arrangements are member of the under the direction of Seeds Chapel Methodist Amarillo and Alan Finney of Carmichael-Whatley Church in Oblong and was a Perryton; a daughter, Phyllis



Finney

business, most recently acting as general manager of Amarillo Litho. He enjoyed fishing, cooking and playing dominoes. Survivors include his wife, Judie, of Amarillo;

daughter, Danielle Devenney of

printing and office supply Blackwell of Alliance, Neb.,

#### **Ellen Tuanette Finney, 93**

Jerry R. Blackwell, 65

member of the Highland Baptist Church and the Sunday Esther School Class in Pampa. Finney Mrs. was preceded in death by a brother, Mervin Bailey in

> Survivors include two sons, Ronald Finney of

and Jack Allen Blackwell of Enid, Okla.; a brother, Clifford Blackwell of Hood River, Ore.; a sister, Christine Kershman of Lubbock; and six grandchildren.

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The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home in Amarillo and requests memorials be to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch or to Amarillo Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Velasquez of Amarillo; two sisters. Leta Albert of Indianapolis, Ind., and Mildred Armstrong of Greenwood, Ind.; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two greatgreat-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Heart American the Association, 6605 I-40 West, Suite A-6 Amarillo, TX 79106

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

#### Student kills self in HS band hall

GREENVILLE, Texas (AP) — A Greenville High School student died today after apparently shooting himself in front of fellow students in the school band hall, police said.

According to a story in the online edition of the Greenville Herald-Banner, witnesses said the student entered the hall about 7:20 a.m. today and shot himself in front of several students.

Police officials have

## **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.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Sierra and on two occasions from the intersection of Rham and Sumner streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill, the 1200 block of East Kingsmill, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 2100

member and unlawful restraint were reported in the 700 block of North Frost. Injuries requiring medical attention were reported in connection with the incident.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North West. A wallet and contents were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$25.

Theft was reported at Aaron's, 211 W. 30th. A laptop computer, big screen television and computer desk were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$3,571.

North Russell. A bicycle of unknown value ger in Eakin's vehicle, was reported as hav-

Starkweather. No injuries were reported. Alonzo was cited for no proof of financial responsibility and turning improperly by cutting corner to left. Lindsey was cited for no proof of financial responsibility. Monday, March 5

9:13 p.m. - A 1993 Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Shirlynn Melina Foshee, 23, of 501 N. Wynne, and a 2003 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Brady James Eakin, 17, of 2612 Comanche Trail, collided at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Duncan Street. Riley Theft was reported in the 1200 block of Woodruff, 14, of 2222 N. Williston, a passen-

1994.

referred all requests for comment to the Greenville Independent School District. District spokesman Brad Press told the Herald-Banner that the school was in lockdown while the investigation continues. A call from The Associated Press wasn't immediately returned.

No other details nor the student's identity were available Wednesday.

Greenville is a city of about 26,000 residents about 45 miles northeast of Dallas. Greenville High School has an enrollment of about 5,200 students.

Information from: Greenville Herald-Banner, http://www.heraldbanner.co m

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block of North Nelson, the 900 block of Gordon, the 800 block of Locust, the 900 block of Cinderella and the 1400 block of East Browning.

A welfare check was made in the 800 block of Locust.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported in the police

department lobby. Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, including in the 300 block of North Perry, where an arrest was made for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Somerville and Cook streets, the 800 block of North Somerville, the 800 block of North Wells, the 100 block of West Louisiana and the intersection of Francis and Lowry streets.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the police department lobby, the 800 block of North Gray and the 800 block of Locust.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

A bomb threat was reported at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell. Criminal trespass was reported in the

police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2200 block of Lea and the intersection of Alcock and Dwight streets, where the incident was verbal only and no injuries were reported.

A simple assault and domestic violence were reported in the 1800 block of Hamilton. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner. The incident was verbal only, and no injuries were reported.

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was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby and the 400 block of Doyle.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, March 6

Damon Lynn Cox, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of South Barnes by Pampa Police Department for failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Emalia Martinez Luna, 59, of Pampa turned herself in to GCSO for theft of property over \$50 and under \$500.

Joe Frank Robinson Jr., 53, of Kerrick was arrested in the 300 block of East Tuke by PPD for aggravated assault against a public servant.

Judy Janea Hawkins, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the Lefors City Marshal for aggregated theft by check over \$20 and under \$500.

#### Wednesday, March 7

Mark Allen Haynes, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Perry by for assault causing PPD bodily injury/enhanced, unlawful restraint and possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Sunday, March 4

5:44 p.m. - A 1985 GMC pickup, driven by Victoria Hernandez Alonzo, 46, of 1210 S. Finley, and a 1986 Toyota pickup, driven by Aaron Justin Lindsey, 35, of 734 E. Murphy, collided in the 100 block of North

ing a possible injury but was not transported by ambulance. Foshee was cited for failure to yield right of way while turning right at a red light.

#### Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following incidents for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, March 4

1:05 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire in the 2200 block of North Price Road. Firefighters got the small fire under control and made sure the hot spots were extinguished before they left the area.

#### **Tuesday**, March 6

9:41 a.m. - Four units and nine personnel responded to a bomb scare at the courthouse in the 200 block of North Russell.

4:01 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of Farley on a medical assist.

7:06 p.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 300 block of North Hobart on an electric smell investigation. A fan overheating from lint buildup was the cause.

8:51 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Faulkner on a medical assist.

#### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Monday, March 5

3:24 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Craven. No transport.

8:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Holly and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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munity events such as concerts and keynote speakers.

"We want to be able to bring in events and people from all over the area," Cavalier said. "This would not only be great for our school, but would be great for Pampa's economy by bringing in revenue from hotels, restaurants and retail stores."

The proposal he suggests is a community partnership program. Individuals and businesses could make monetary donations or gifts to the school district to be used for an upgrade to artificial turf. Tax dollars would not be used. Cavalier asked for the board's suggestions, comments and recommendations regarding this

#### proposal.

All of the board members applauded the time and effort that Cavalier and Smith had put into this presentation and long range plan for a facility to help not only high school football, but soccer, track, band and other commuorganizations. The board nity approved to begin the long range athletic facility plans.

Since Sam Houston Elementary is about to be demolished, the board discussed the disposition of the land on which it sits. The board can either donate the land, which is approximately 3-5 acres, or sell the land once the demolition is complete. City Manager John Horst had relayed a message to Haenisch that the Department of Public Safety would be interested in the land for a new facility in Pampa if the land would be donated. The board decided to put off these discussions Million in the

until the demolition is further along.

Board member Dana Terry presented a list of names to be considered as committee members for an educational foundation that she is forming. She said not all of those people had been contacted by her yet, but she wanted to make sure the board was in agreement on the list before she finalized it. The board voted and approved the list as presented.

Superintendent Barry Haenisch recognized and presented certificates to the PISD special education diagnosticians. Those who were recognized were Executive Director Debbie Robertson; Connie Nicklas, high school; Susan Furgason, junior high; Martha Steele, Lamar and Travis; Kandy Hanna, Austin and Wilson; and Jeanna Miller, Pampa Learning Center and Lefors ISD.

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cares, Good Samiritan, Tralee Crisis Center, CASA, The Bridge and others.

"I want for all children in Pampa to have something to snuggle up with and keep them warm while they are sleeping," Kessel said. "It may be the only possession some of these children have and they should be able to use them as a comforter and friend."

Kessel has received financial donations from some local organizations already. Altrusa, Kiwanas and Every Man's Bible Class have given money to Kessel that she has used to purchase more than 50 blankets so far. She is planning on speaking to as many organizations that she can to help promote her cause and hopes to get a lot of people involved in giving back to the children of the community.

"If people want to help they can either drop off the blankets or donate money," Kessel said. "I think it would

be great to have young kids pick out the material, have it cut and then they can drop off the blanket to my house. This is a hands-on way to show kids that it is important to help others who are not as fortunate."

To help Kessel with her "Pampa Project," drop off blankets at her home at 2357 Beech or call her at 669-2150. She would also like for people to call and let her know of any children who may be in need of a blanket and she will try to make sure they receive one.

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nesses that contract with producers to hold electronic information on livestock.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service would contact the Animal Tracking Databases in the event of an outbreak of a contagious animal disease. In theory, the Animal Tracking Databases would be able to tell where a particular animal has been and what other premises might have been exposed or be the origin of the disease outbreak.

The system, however, is voluntary and while some 366,000 premises have been registered, Hammerschmidt admitted that is only 25 percent of the premises they need. The system has not received a lot of support among ranchers because of the costs and paperwork involved.

In addition to the Animal Tracking Databases, Hammerschmidt unveiled at a meeting here this week the establishment of Animal Devices Distribution Databases (ADDD).

In a nightmare of acronyms, the National Animal Identification System officials explained that while the Animal Tracking Databases would track animals from where they were born to where they were slaughtered, the Animal Devices Distribution Databases would track the ear tags or electronic buttons from manufacturer to the producer who inserts them into his animals' ears.

The Animal Devices Distribution Databases were to be rolled out April 1, but Hammerschmidt said it would probably be later in the summer before

the rules were complete that could establish the databases, which like the Animal Tracking Databases would be privately owned.

Unlike the Animal Tracking Databases, in which those involved in buying and selling livestock would report the movement of animals from one premises to another using the animal identification numbers, the Animal Devices Distribution Databases is being set up to primarily trace the numbered ear tags or electronic devices from a manufacturing plant through a distributor to the rancher who would use it on his livestock.

While the Animal Devices Distribution Databases would not directly involve producers, the information reported would include the premise number of the person buying the tags and the number of the tags.



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## taken in burglary

Firearms

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

Several firearms were taken from a rural Gray County home during a recent burglary which occurred sometime between Feb. 28 and Monday.

Estimated value of the firearms is \$1,600, according to Gray County Sheriff's Office Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

Forcible entry was made to the home and outbuildings at 11717 County Road D, but no estimate of the cost of the damage was available. No one was home at the time of the incident.

"The investigation is continuing," Hoard said.

No arrests have yet been made in connection with the incident.

#### **Blood drive** March 21 at M.K. Brown

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host a blood drive from 1 to 5 p.m. March 21 at M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

Every donor will receive a T-shirt and a stress basketball.

In addition, they will be entered into a drawing to win a 42" flat screen television. The drawing will be held March 31.

To schedule an appointment, call 1-877-574-8800.

All blood types are needed, blood center officials said.

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to (800) 835-2981. The nomination must be received on or before April 9.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at (512) 936-2450.

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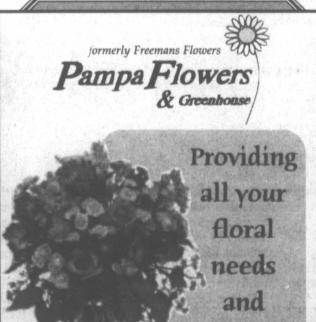
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# Viewpoints

## Making sense: An inconvenient fraud

global warming and its leading apostle Al Gore is just more of the political left's habit of talking the talk but never walking the walk.

Gore has proven time and again to be a complete hypocrite. He preaches the need to eliminate man-made pollution. On his Web site advising people to fight global warming by discovering what their so-called carbon footprint is, he says, "You may be surprised by how much CO2 you are emitting each year," and advises that you should "calculate your personal impact and learn how you can take action to reduce or even eliminate your emissions of carbon dioxide."

Mr. Gore, however, does

This whole thing with not practice what he preaches. He wants you to curb your lifestyle drastically, but on the record he's doing everything he doesn't want you to do, and doing it extravagantly.

Consider his house in Tennessee. According to The Tennessee Center for Policy Research, Nashville Electric Services records obtained by the Center show the Gores in 2006 averaged a monthly electricity bill of \$1,359 for using 18,414 kilowatt-hours, and \$1,461 per month for gas using 16,200 kilowatt-hours in 2005.

Over the past two years, the gas and electric bills for his 20-room mansion and pool house devoured nearly 221,000 kilowatt-hours in 2006, more than 20 times the

national average of 10,656 kilowatt-hours.

Nashville Gas Co. billed the family during the same period an average of \$536 a month for the main house and \$544 for the pool house in 2006, and \$640 for the main house

and \$525 Michael for the pool house in Reagan 2005. That averages Columnist out to be \$29,268 in and

electric bills for the Gores in 2006, \$31,512 in 2005. "If this were any other person with \$30,000-a-year in utility bills, I wouldn't care," says Drew Johnson, the center's 27-year-old president. "But he tells other

people how to live and he's not following his own rules."

with Compare this President Bush's practices as a homeowner.

According to a story in the April 29, 2001, Chicago Tribune, "Bush loves ecoloat gy

feet deep in the ground

home," the president's house is a model of ecological purity. "The

4,000square-foot house is a model of environmental rectitude," wrote freelance reporter Rob Sullivan. "Geothermal heat pumps located in a central closet circulate water through pipes buried 300

where the temperature is a constant 67 degrees; the water heats the house in the winter and cools it in the summer. Systems such as the one in this 'eco-friendly' dwelling use about 25 percent of the electricity that traditional heating and cooling systems utilize.

'A 25,000-gallon underground cistern collects rainwater gathered from roof runs; wastewater from sinks, toilets and showers goes into underground purifying tanks and is also funneled into the cistern. The water from the cistern is used to irrigate the landscaping surrounding the four-bedroom home. Plants and flowers native to the high prairie area blend the structure into the surrounding ecosystem.'

Gore talks the talk, the president walks the walk.

Gore and his leftist buddies pat themselves on the back and tell us what they think we ought to be doing, but they are not going to follow the rules they lay down for us.

Al Gore excuses his own excesses by saying he is buying "carbon credits," to offset his massive use of electric power and jet planes.

Buying "carbon credits" allows him to pollute to his heart's content, because he's adopted a "carbon neutral" life whereby any emissions for which he is personally responsible are allegedly offset by buying "green credits" such as parcels of forests that eat up CO2.

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## Today in History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 7, the 66th day of 2007. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

On this date:

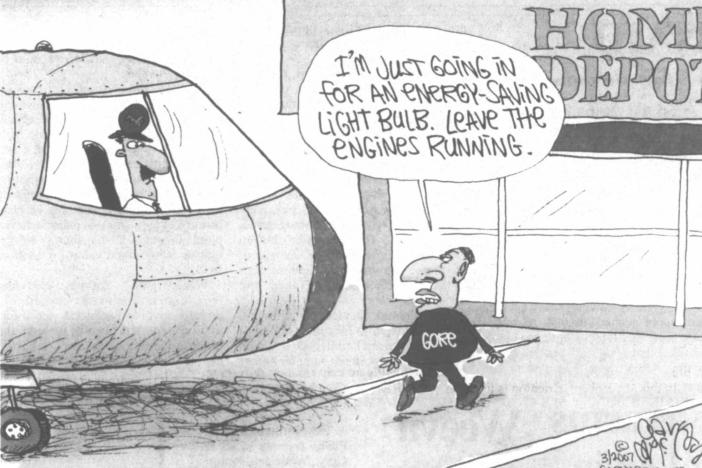
In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

'If you're not feeling good about you, what you're wearing outside doesn't mean a thing."

— Leontyne Price American opera

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone. In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution. In 1926, the first suctrans-Atlantic cessful radio-telephone conversa-



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In 1936, Adolf Hitler

the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged but still usable Ludendorff Bridge.

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In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

In 1994, the Supreme Court ruled that a parody that pokes fun at an original work can be considered "fair use" that doesn't require permission from the copyright holder.

Ten years ago: After a week of embarrassing disclosures about White House fundraising, President Clinton told a news conference, "I'm not sure, frankly" whether he'd also made calls for campaign cash. But he insisted that nothing had undercut his pledge to have the highest ethical standards ever

Five years ago: The House passed 417-3 a bill cutting taxes and extending unemployment benefits. By a razor-thin margin, voters in Ireland rejected a government plan to further toughen the country's already strict anti-abortion laws.

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## **Michael Crichton no slouching intellect**

Michael Crichton, whom most people probably know as the author of "Jurassic Park" and the creator of the television series "ER," is no dummy or hack writer, although he's used the theme of Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein" a number of times (good-intentioned science produces a monster).

He's probably one of the smartest guys in America today, and he's been raising issues that are far more important than the legal circus surrounding the death of a glamorous tramp or the problems of Britney Spears.

Crichton graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School. He was a postdoctoral fellow at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies. His books have been translated into 36 lan-

#### Texas Thoughts.

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

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

#### Feb. 26

Austin American-Statesman on the human-chimp connection:

Observers of chimpanzees keep finding chimp behavior that mirrors human behavior.

We have learned, for instance, that they fight, use crude tools, eat meat and like naps.

Now comes an article in the journal Current Biology that tells us chimps make spears from branches and attack defenseless, nocturnal bush babies in their lairs. A scientist reported observing that firsthand, then watching as the female chimp dismembered the tiny

guages. Thirteen films have been made from them. He has also received a Technical Achievement Academy Award for his pioneering work in using computer programs in film production. His knowl-

edge of computers Charley exten-Reese sive. Н 1 S Columnist

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al warming, emphasizing the pseudoscience involved and the hype, riled the world, although his conclusions often have been misstated. He thinks global warming is occurring, and he predicts a rise of 0.8 degrees Celsius during the next century. In other words, he doesn't buy all the catastrophic predictions that have even filtered down to my 7-year-old

by leaves.

family.

creature and ate the meat, accompanied

biologists call it an astonishing discov-

ery. Chimps are the closest genetic

cousins to humans, so the observation

that they make and use a weapon brings

them that much closer to the human

Before Dr. Jane Goodall alerted the

world to true chimpanzee behavior

from her lifelong studies in Africa,

most folks thought chimpanzees were

peaceful creatures. Post-Goodall, we

know they can be vicious and brutal,

Groups of chimps have been cap-

tured on film hunting down monkeys

and killing them for food. Chimps eat

other animals as a source of protein,

but peaceful and empathetic as well.

We call that steak and salad, but the

grandson, who casually informed me that New York would soon be underwater. Crichton scoffs at computer modeling, which he says is not supported by the data.

Charlie Rose, the best interviewer

that

on television, recently showed dismay Crichton would stand

alone against the great consensus. Thinkers have been doing that for millennia. There was once a great consensus that scurvy was an infectious disease, despite years of reports by sea captains that crew members recovered as soon as they were able to eat fresh fruits and vegetables. The history of science and medicine in particular is a history of the consensus being shattered by individual thinkers. Doctors, for example, no longer bleed patients, a practice that probably killed many of those in their care.

At any rate, Crichton is concerned about two problems. One is the politicizing of science. Another is the commercialization of university research. The old idea that new scientific knowledge should be shared with the world is giving way to a desire to patent it and make money from it. In fact, as the old gangsters knew so well, the world is all about money.

As anyone familiar with fund-raising can tell you, pending catastrophes and crises sell; reason doesn't. Climatologists who said, "There is some gradual warming, but we don't know for sure what will happen in

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just as most humans do. A group of chimps has also been videotaped killing another chimp, and Goodall wrote of a four-year war between rival chimpanzee colonies.

What's new about the spear-making chimps is the use of a weapon, which had not been previously observed. And it was mainly females who used the spears, which they sharpened with their teeth. Males apparently prefer the jungle version of a professional wrestling smackdown, where they chase down the monkeys, swing them by the tail and bash their heads against rocks or trees

It's not all "law of the jungle" with chimps, though. Scientists have

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Angela Hicks, from left, Cindy Loughmiller, Becky Poland, Mary Sturgeon, Francene Owens, Rosemary Schiffmann and Angie Hoover, members of the "Boa Babes," hammed it up recently for students at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School during a TAKS Assembly. Not pictured: Lisa Gibson.

## Winning lotto tickets sold in New Jersey, Georgia

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — At least two people woke up today on their way to becoming millionaires. midmorning before he knows for sure. The other nine states involved in the lottery struck out, said Mardele Cohen

Someone bought a winning ticket for the record \$370 million Mega Millions jackpot in Dalton, Ga., and another winning ticket was purchased in Woodbine, N.J., lottery representatives in the two states said early today.

There could be more winners, too — California's results were slowed early today by the high volume of sales. California Lottery spokesman Rob McAndrews said it would likely be

midmorning before he knows for sure. The other nine states involved in the lottery struck out, said Mardele Cohen, spokeswoman for the Ohio Lottery, which compiles all the states' information. tion. tion.

The winning numbers: 16-22-29-39-42, with the Mega Ball 20.

The odds of hitting it: about 1 in 176 million.

Georgia Lottery Corp. spokesman J.B. Landroche said one winning ticket was sold at Favorite Market in Dalton. New Jersey Lottery officials said another was sold at Camp Park Liquors in Woodbine, in Cape May County at the state's southern tip.

"It's the most wonderful thing," said Camp Park Liquors manager Fern Gandy. "We have so many wonderful customers here. I'm just glad it was one of them."

Tuesday night's drawing was held in New York's Times Square in ABC's television studio rather than Atlanta after brisk sales pushed what had been an estimated \$355 million jackpot estimate to a record \$370 million.

Reese

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the future, so we'd like some money for further study" would get few grants.

I've heard people talk about Hillary Clinton's fund-raising ability, but I guarantee you that Republicans will raise tons of money to "stop Hillary" as if she were the Medusa or a female version of the Antichrist. Hype and exaggeration seem to have infected every aspect of American life.

In this atmosphere, Crichton is like Ayn Rand's fictional ideal man of reason. Look at the data. Apply reason. Make sure the data is correct. Even I, a techno semiilliterate, know that computer modeling is simply a fancy straight-line projection. Unfortunately, life is more about circles and cycles than straight lines. Global warming is taking on the aspect of a religious belief rather than science. No matter what happens – hot or cold, wet or dry – it's blamed on global warming. And, like the Darwinians, the global-warming folks treat dissenters as if they were evil heretics.

May I suggest that you go to Crichton's official Web site and read the text of several of his speeches? I think you will find the intelligent conversation refreshing.

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

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He doesn't do solar, he doesn't use wind power, he doesn't change his lifestyle or go bio-diesel, he doesn't do any of the things he insists the rest of us must do to save the planet from being barbecued – he just buys carbon credits and goes on his merry way spewing pollution in all directions.

This is so outrageously asinine on its



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## Chimp

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observed tender behavior among them, empathy with other chimps and even, according the Guardian of London, a sort of primitive morality. And though chimps don't swim well and don't like water much, they have been seen cavorting in pools of water after a rain. So we can assume we share the allure of hot tubs with them.

Still, it's the violence that most fascinates scientific observers of chimpanzee behavior. Chimps, like humans, hunt and kill. They can be vicious, even murderous, just as humans can be. With chimp behavior so similar to our own, can it be long before scientists observe one chimp stabbing another with a spear?

Scientists believe that chimp behavior offers insight into human nature. If so, the violence inherent in the chimp world is not a good sign.

If chimps are hard-wired for violence, are humans hard-wired for war? Are violence and war an ineradicable aspect of human nature? Simply by wielding a sharpened stick, the chimpanzees have given us big questions to ponder. face; it alone should awaken the American people to the fact that they are being had by Mr. Gore and his fellow global warming fanatics. Instead of getting an Oscar, he should have been laughed off the stage.

-Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network. Where Caring And Living Meet From rehabilitation to long-term care, our compassionate, competent

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#### Events calendar

• The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., March 21, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• The next Cowboy Poetry breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo.

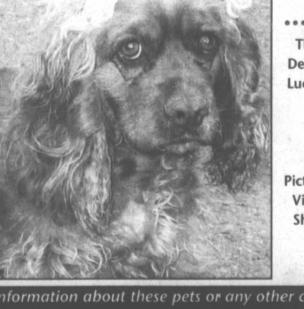
• The deadline to enter New Jersey Rainbow Poets religious poetry contest is Saturday. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 103 N. Wood Ave., #70, Linden, NJ 07036.

• The Comprehensive Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: March 27, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest; and monday, Lefors Civic Center in Lefors. 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.

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

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fiance's brother, "Nate," is going through a separation from his wife of 11 years, "Joanne." Everyone on Nate's side of the family is giving him all the support they can, but they are still very close to his wife. They realize he is an emotional cripple, prone to fits of rage and depression. In order to save his marriage, Nate agreed to therapy and has been going regularly in the hope of saving the children from the experience of a messy divorce. Abby, Nate talks about having a "dark side" and often talks about doing physical harm to his wife. He admits that he has not mentioned these feelings to his therapist, which means he is wasting his time there. I would never forgive myself if something should happen to Joanne. Should I contact her and let her know? She already knows about his potential for violence. Or should I tell his therapist? I do not think their marriage is going to be saved, and when it's finally resolved is the time I fear the most. Any suggestions? -- LOST IN OHIO

**DEAR LOST:** It appears Nate is not in therapy because he realizes he needs it, but rather to manipulate his wife into continuing an unhappy, potentially violent marriage. It is important that you inform Joanne that Nate has been talking about causing her physical harm and that he is not cooperating fully with his therapist. That way, she can take steps to protect herself -- including discussing it with her attorney and/or the police.

**DEAR ABBY:** My wife of eight years, "Gwen," told me she had been raped by our brother-in-law before we were married. I have an extremely tough time at family gatherings because of this. Gwen continues on as if nothing ever happened. Gwen refuses to talk about this to anyone. She says she told her parents about it at the time; however, they refused to believe her.

She has now been diagnosed as bipolar and has severe depression. I need to know if there is anything I can do to help her. Gwen has been seeing a counselor, whom I speak to also. Should I bring it up during a session? I know this has severely hurt my wife over the years. Please advise. - WOR-RIED ABOUT MY WIFE IN TEXAS

**DEAR WORRIED:** Because your in-laws did not believe their daughter when she went to them about the rape, in a sense, your wife was raped twice. That kind of trauma, when suppressed, can resurface later in the form of depression and other problems. If Gwen has not already done so, her therapist should definitely be informed. To do so could hasten her healing.

**DEAR ABBY:** How do you tell the difference between someone with a gambling problem and someone who is trying to become a poker champion? The person is my husband, and I'd like to support his dream of being a champion. I have never been around gamblers, and I am not sure where the line is drawn. – QUEEN OF HEARTS IN ALBUQUERQUE

**DEAR QUEEN OF HEARTS:** Many men and women enjoy gambling as a form of entertainment, and some can (and do) make a living at it. However, for some people gambling can become an addiction. These compulsive gamblers are unable to overcome the impulse to keep on trying, lose more money than they can afford to spend, and sacrifice their lifestyle and their family's future as their futile attempts drive them deeper and deeper into debt. These people need professional help and/or a 12step program to overcome their addiction.

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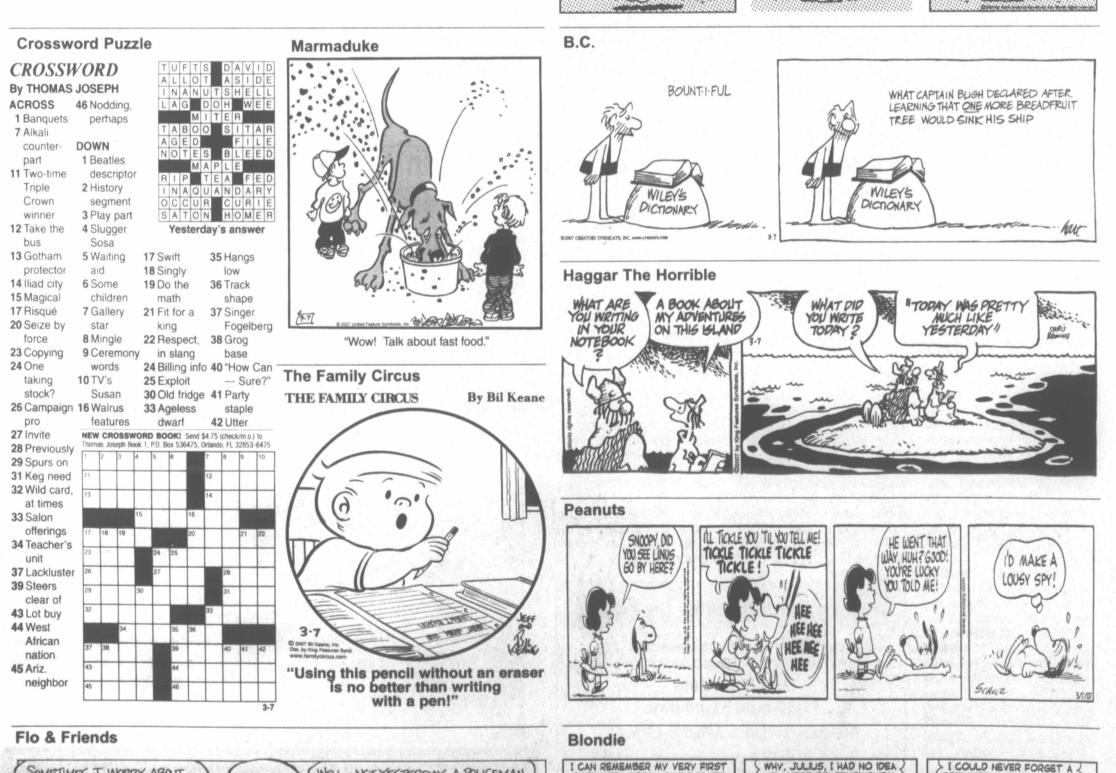
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# Sports Day

## Golf competitors



Courtesy photo The Pampa High School Golf team participated in the Midland Invitational Golf Tournament March 2nd and 3rd. Friday the weather was fair and sunny. Saturday, however, the girls encountered harsh winds and frigid temperatures. The scores are following with Friday and Saturday shown respectively. From left, Julie Schuneman, 138, 144; Shelby Rose, 103, 111; Shelby Wisdom, 102, 102; Taylor Bell, 93, 102; and Rikki Beesley, 124, 124.

## **PHS Tennis competes in Mansfield tourney**

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Mansfield Timberview "All Predators Tournament" this weekend.

The tournament consisted of two draws, the maroon division and the white division, each consisting of even players. There were #1 and #2 players entered into each draw.

The last match of the tournament matched the players who got the same place in each draw against each other to determine the true place. In clarifying, the 5th place from the Maroon Division played the 5th place from the White Division to receive True 5th place. Pampa only had one team advance through the first round into the main draw of play. "We have to learn to put a huge emphasis on the first match of the day so that we can remain in the main draw," Coach Emily Laurence said . "Alyssa Hoelting and Jack Ware were able to accomplish this so they finished the highest of any of our players. I was proud of the way they fought to win this weekend." Pampa also had the doubles team of Anna Julian and Katie OfNeal fight back after their first loss in order to win consolation of their draw. "Anna and Katie are continuing to improve and I was proud of their finish in this tournament, Laurence said. Pampa next competes on Thursday in the Altus Tournament. The JV will also compete on Friday and Saturday in the Dumas Small Schools Tournament. 10-4

(Grand Prairie) 8-10 Def. Ellen Nguyen (Mansfield

Timberview) 10-5 Def. Summer Ladd (Alvarado) 10-6

White Division Krissa Whittley - True 10th Place Lost to Kelsi Burnett (Sherman) 4-6,

3-6 Def. Summer Ladd (Alvarado) 10-8 Lost to Courtney Clark (Weatherford) 4-10 Def. Stephanie Xaynaphone (Grand Prairie) 10-4

**Girls Doubles** 

Lost to Morris/Blaylock (The Colony) 2-10

Lost to Bloyed/Hemphill (Grand Prairie) 2-10

Lost to Vu/Wood (Mansfield Timberview) 1-10

Def. Le/Nguyen (Mansfield Summit) 10-5

#### White Division

Garrett Couts/Myles Foreman - True 13th Place

Lost to Cotogno/Hayford (Mansfield High) 5-10 Def. Goss/Williams (Mansfield

## **Tech nips UNLV 7-6**

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) forced a groundout and struck out the final batter to stifle a UNLV rally and preserve a 7-6 Texas Tech win on Tuesday.

The Red Raiders (13-5) built up a lead with consistent scoring through the game. Chris Hall went 3-for-3,

scoring in the third and driv-Reliever Collin Auten ing in a run in the fourth. Matt Smith added three RBIs for Texas Tech, including a two-run double in the third.

> Trailing 4-0 in the fifth, UNLV (8-12) cut the deficit in half on an RBI single by Keith Smith and then a runscoring groundout by Chris Bonnell



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#### **Girls Singles Maroon Division**

Megan Barnett - True 11th Place Lost to Fort Worth Country Day 3-10 Lost to Stephanie Xaynaphone **Maroon Division** 

Rachel Lee/Ashley Hernandez - True 13th Place Lost to Henry/Ritter (Hillcrest) 7-10 Lost to Loe/Boothe (Sherman) 9-11

Def. Pilcher/Bell (Sherman) 10-8 White Division Anna Julian/Katie O'Neal - 9th

Place (won consolation) Lost to Fort Worth Country Day 2 - 10

Def. Trinity 10-3 Def. Ta/Le (Arlington Seguin) 10-3 Lost to Loe/Boothe (Sherman) 9-11

#### **Boys Singles**

**Maroon Division** Tyler Morris - 13th Place Lost to Josh Palomo (Flower Mound) 0-10

Lost to Fort Worth Country Day 2-10 Def. Blake Weaver (Weatherford)

Lost to Fort Worth Country Day 5-10

#### **Boys Doubles Maroon Division** Bryce Hendricks/Ryan Conner -

True 12th Place

Timberview) 10-5

10-7

Def. Back/Orana (Ranchview) 10-0 Def. Shah/Holland (R.L. Turner)

#### **Mixed Doubles Maroon Division**

Alyssa Hoelting/Jack Ware - True 7th Place

Def. Fort Worth Country Day 10-2 Lost to Hillcrest 1-6, 3-6 Lost to Osborn/Egantee (Alvarado)

8-10 Def. Asantewaa/Whitaker (Mansfield Timberview) 10-1

Def. Trinity 10-5

#### White Division

Haley Acker/Kevin Frels - True 10th Place Vazauskas/Shrawer Lost to

(Weatherford) 7-10 Def. Quinones/Do (Grand Prairie) 10-4

Lost to Rahm/Taylor (R.L. Turner) 8-10

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## **Optimist registration** stands at 197 so far

Two-day totals for registration for Pampa Optimist Baseball/Softball 2007 stand at 197, according to Kevin Davis, Optimist Baseball Commissioner.

our players registered so we can figure out how many teams we will have and how many coaches we need to recruit," Davis said. need in the neighborhood of 150.

Sign-ups will continue today and tomorrow from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Optimist Club. Playing fees are \$40 for T-ball and pitching machine leagues,

\$60 for the Babe Ruth League and \$50 for all other leagues. Scholarships are available. The T-ball league and

the boys' pitching "We need to get all of machines league continue to lead the way with 53 and 36 players registered. Girls' softball has 45 players signed up.

The 9-10 Cal Ripken "We will probably League has 23 players in the fold while the 11-12 Cal Ripken League and the Babe Ruth League have 19 and 17.

> The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.



## Undefeated champs



Courtesy photo

The Raiders 2nd grade basketball team won 1st place in the Mayo Tournament in Miami last weekend, once again going undefeated. Pictured here are, back row from left, Coach Roy Lott, Jacob Gething, Kyndan Lott, Hadley Fields, Kutter Gill and Coach Kacy Bivens. Front row from left, Heath Bivens, Tre Shewmake, Holt Bivens and Jared Lake.

## Nike unveils fitted uniforms for elite basketball schools

four elite basketball universities will be hitting the court this week with distinctly different Nike uniforms that showcase their upper bodies — and a little less leg.

Nike unveiled the new line of basketball uniforms Tuesday. They are being introduced for the University of Florida, Ohio State University, University of Arizona and Syracuse University. The shoe and apparel giant plans to start introducing personalized uniforms to all its NCAA-Nike partner schools beginning next fall.

The new look is decidedly different. The jerseys are tighter and the shorts are longer and baggier. And players have an option of "personalizing" their look with aerodynamic underlayer tops and leggings.

Nike says the look creates a "dramatic new silhouette" and responds to player requests.

"Our guys are really excited and fired up to wear them," said Richard Paige, a spokesman for the University of Arizona team. "Nike really went above and beyond, as least as it relates to our guys, to make sure their input was taken very seriously."

The form-fitting jerseys and the baggier shorts are made of a lightweight breathable material, Nike said. Beneath the shorts and

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Players from jerseys, players will have of a choice of wearing long, short-sleeve or sleeveless Nike compression tops and padded compression shorts and leggings. The sleek shape of the underlayer resembles the design of Nike's competitor, Under Armour.

Nike said players had told the company they were looking for ways to personalize their look, which some college players already do with tops under their jerseys.

Nike says the padded compression shorts provide support for hamstrings, hips and calves. It is the first time the company has provided a padded base layer for basketball.

The company's last major overhaul for basketball uniforms came in the 1990s for the University of Michigan. A group of freshman players there known as the "Fab Five" headed to the NCAA Tournament final with baggy shorts, black shoes and short socks an unusual look at the time that was quickly adopted.

The new tailored look will be debuted this week by Arizona, Ohio State and Syracuse at their respective conference tournaments. The University of Florida wore theirs, minus the underlayers which weren't ready yet, at a Feb. 27 game against Tennessee.

Mays clinch playoff postseason spot with 16th straight win

#### By The Associated Press

With nearly six weeks left on the NBA schedule, the Dallas Mavericks already are in the playoffs

Their 16th consecutive win and 23rd straight at home, a 102-89 decision over New Jersey on Tuesday night, clinched a postseason berth after just 60 games. Dallas has won 51 of them.

"We don't talk about the streak. We're just trying to get better," guard Devin Harris said. "We want teams to react to what we're doing, and we're always trying to push the ball.'

The Nets pushed Dallas for the play. three quarters, but then the Mavs

turned up the defense and New Jersey went more than 6 minutes without scoring, missing nine straight shots.

"My assistant called me today and said, 'Let's go for No. 16.' My kids are excited about it. But that's the only time we talk about it," coach Avery Johnson said. "Like (Jerry) Stackhouse says, our fans are more excited about it than we are.

One fan, an elderly woman who was run over by Jason Terry as he tried to save a ball from going out of bounds, was rewarded with a kiss from the Dallas guard after

"I saw that she was dazed. I

wanted to give her a kiss to wake her up," said Terry, who scored 24 points. "A little kiss never hurts anyone."

Elsewhere Tuesday, it was: Minnesota 117, the Los Angeles Lakers 110 in double overtime; Sacramento 102, Indiana 98; San Antonio 99, Portland 94; Seattle 100, New York 99; Denver 106, New Orleans 91; and Washington 129, Toronto 109.

Dirk Nowitzki had 22 points and 11 rebounds for Dallas, and Erick Dampier had 12 points and 14 boards. The Mays are 15-1 when Dampier has at least 10 points.

T-wolves 117, Lakers 107, 2

At Minneapolis, Timberwolves center Mark Blount hit three straight 3-pointers in the final 2:20 of regulation and Minnesota overcame 40 points from Kobe Bryant. Kings 102, Pacers 98

The Kings won their first game since star Ron Artest's domestic violence arrest. Artest was arrested Monday after a woman inside his home called 911 and said she had been assaulted.

#### Spurs 99, Trail Blazers 94

Tim Duncan had 24 points and the Spurs hit five 3-pointers in a row to overtake host Portland for their 10th straight victory. SuperSonics 100, Knicks 99

At New York, Rashard Lewis made the go-ahead 3-pointer, and the SuperSonics beat the Knicks when Stephon Marbury missed a free throw with 0.9 seconds left. Nuggets 106, Hornets 91

At Denver, Allen Iverson scored 25 points and Carmelo Anthony, a soon-to-be father, added 21 for the Nuggets. Nene finished with 15 points and 14 rebounds.

Wizards 129, Raptors 109 At Washington, Gilbert Arenas scored 25 points in his best shooting game since December. Arenas broke out of a slump by making nine of 13 field goals, including five 3-pointers.

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Porter lands with Dolphins, Newberry heads for Oakland

By The Associated Press

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ed itself, I made it known that I Wednesday by \$1.75 million. wanted to play across the Bay for Curry signed a five-year deal that the Raiders, as I have a ton of could be worth up to \$20 million respect for Al Davis and this organand includes \$5 million in guaranization," Newberry said. "I'm very teed money. excited about what coach (Lane) In other moves Tuesday: -Tampa Bay signed offensive Kiffin has got going and I am excited to be reunited with some people tackle Luke Petitgout, released by the New York Giants after starting that I have worked with in the 106 games for them since being past." drafted in the first round in 1999. Newberry, who turns 31 this month, has played center, tackle -Kansas City signed linebacker and guard in the past and could be Napoleon Harris, who played two used in any of those spots with years in Minnesota after being traded there by Oakland in the deal for Oakland. Randy Moss. The Raiders also cleared up -The Chicago Bears and New salary cap room by restructuring the contracts of running back York Jets finalized their trade for running back Thomas Jones. He LaMont Jordan and receiver Ronald Curry. The new deal with joins the Jets and gives Cedric Benson a clear shot at Chicago's Jordan reduces the \$4.75 million "When this opportunity present- roster bonus he was due on starting job.

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Joey Porter opposite Jason Taylor in Miami's pass rush is a pretty potent combination.

Cam Cameron, the Dolphins' new coach, certainly likes that pairing. His team gave Porter, released by Pittsburgh last week, a fiveyear, \$32 million contract with \$20 million guaranteed, according to a person with knowledge of the discussion who requested anonymity because Porter had not yet passed his physical.

Defensive end Taylor was the league's top defensive player in 2006. Now he'll have the playmaking, albeit inconsistent, Porter helping from outside linebacker, along with two other additions, linemen Kevin Carter and Dan Wilkinson.

Porter's 60 sacks rank fourth in

Another linebacker from the AFC North, Brian Simmons, left Cincinnati for New Orleans on Tuesday. He was the 17th overall pick in the 1998 draft.

Oakland agreed with two-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman Jeremy Newberry on a \$1.5 million, one-year contract. Newberry, a Pro Bowler in 2001-02 with San Francisco, spent all of last season on injured reserve with the 49ers with a damaged left knee. He has played in only 11 games the past three seasons because of various injuries.

But the Raiders are counting on him to help an offensive line that allowed a league-worst 72 sacks last season.

New England linebacker Tully Banta-Cain, the fifth free agent it has signed since the signing period began last Friday.

-Baltimore re-signed running back Musa Smith, who has been injured during most of his four seasons with the Ravens.

-Carolina released backup quarterback Chris Weinke, a former Heisman Trophy winner. Weinke struggled when he replaced injured starter Jake Delhomme in three games late last season, throwing two touchdown passes and four interceptions. He had a passer rating of only 67.4.

-New England re-signed Larry Izzo, who has been to the Pro Bowl three times as a special teams play-

#### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 8, 2007

Often this year, you might be surprised by the variety of your reactions to different situations. You also might not be sure what needs to happen or why something does happen. You could discover there is another perspective. Think positively and be willing to learn and grow in new ways. Irritability will mark your actions if you aren't connected to your feelings. Use that knowledge as a guide point. If you are single, you head in a new direction and meet a new type of person. How nice for you. If you are attached, relationships can sometimes be volatile if you aren't in touch with your feelings. Be clear about your vulnerabilities with your significant other. SCORPIO points to adventure.

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

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\* You move, and others respond. Knowing when to stop is a sixth sense, and one to tap into. There is much more going on than you realize. You also get a lot of the fundamentals. A friend might be wild and centered. Instincts ride high. Tonight: Say "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Others head in another direction, but one that is tenable. Listen to friends or one specific friend who always has surprising news. Evaluate and think before you make a decision. You are more positive than you realize. Tonight: Determine what you want. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* You might want to think

before you decide to take action. Realize what needs to happen. Listen to your inner voice with someone you frequently put on a pedestal. Actions speak louder than words. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ How you view a situation could change radically if you allow it to. Think in terms of gains or growth. Creativity puts an interesting spin on a touchy matter. Relate on an intimate, one-on-one level. Tonight: Weekend fever could begin

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You are happy-go-lucky and full of energy. Others might feel uneasy with this happiness or positive attitude that sometimes emanates, rain or shine. Perhaps consider keying down and being slightly more subtle. Tonight: Anchor in. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★★ Speak your mind. Jump over situations rather than get tangled up in others' issues. You will be happier as a result, as will others. Your energy could easily be misplaced if you aren't careful. Tonight: Out and about. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* You might want to think twice before you act on a situation involving security, emotional well-being and finances. You might be right-on, but there could be an innate risk that you aren't seeing. Ask someone you respect to be a sounding board. Tonight: Balance the budget.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* You might want to see life from a more animated and happy point of view. Just because someone challenges you doesn't mean he or she is right --- or wrong. Absorb the information rather than question his or her attitude. Tonight:

A little passivity goes a long way. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  $\star \star \star$  Know when to turn around and say "enough" or "no." You will appreciate the end results, as will others. You know what is functional and works. Listen to your inner voice rather than get involved in a volatile situation. Tonight: Get some extra sleep

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  $\star \star \star \star$  Others cheer you on. Just be careful dealing with someone who might be pushing you to spend more than you want to. This action could be a problem ultimately. Can someone care about you and act like this? Tonight: Easy does it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* You might decide to attempt to relate to someone on another level. Don't be surprised if your heartfelt attempt plunges into failure. You might be hurt, but keep your chin up - this reaction could be a passage to where you want to go. Tonight: Out late. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* You might want to relate to someone you cherish in a more direct manner. If you are holding back feelings, you might not be allowing the normal give-and-take of a situation. Be clear with your choices. Tonight: Talk. Express yourself.

BORN TODAY Model Kathy Ireland (1963), actor Freddie Prinze Jr. (1976), actress Lynn Redgrave (1943) \*\*\*

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## Matsuzaka shows stuff

By The Associated Press Daisuke Matsuzaka breezed through his first outing of the year against major leaguers, and Freddy Sanchez and Mike Piazza got

banged-up at spring training. Baseball's most famous rookie, Matsuzaka allowed two hits in three scoreless innings and struck out three Tuesday for the Boston Red Sox in a 14-6 rout of the Florida Marlins at Jupiter, Fla.

"My readiness for the season is difficult to judge from the outside," Matsuzaka said through a translator. "I'm probably 40 to 50 percent there."

Before a sellout crowd of 8,044, including some who began lining up for tickets at 5 a.m., Matsuzaka threw a fastball that topped out at a brisk 151 — that's kilometers per hour, as measured by Japanese TV. It translates to 94 mph.

"He's definitely got the ability to be a dominant pitcher," Florida's Dan Uggla said. "He's got the stuff, he's got the command. He has done it in Japan, and there's no reason he couldn't do it here."

Florida learned right-hander Josh Johnson has an irritated ulnar nerve that likely will force him to miss at least the first two months of the season. Johnson said his arm first hurt while he was lobbing a ball Jan. 19.

"If it was real bad, I'd probably be out for four months," he said. "It's good to know exactly what it is."

At Bradenton, Fla., Sanchez sprained a ligament in his right knee and left the Pittsburgh Pirates' 11-10, 10-inning loss to the Philadelphia Phillies.

The NL batting champion was injured when Philadelphia's Rod Barajas slid into his knee as he was turning a double play at second base in the fourth inning. A test showed a mild sprain of the medial collateral ligament.

"As of right now, it just feels like a bruise or something like that," Sanchez said. "It's nothing big."

Sanchez, who hit .344 last season, is day to day. He didn't complain about the slide. Barajas thought Sanchez didn't do enough to get out of his way.

"I'm taught to go hard to second to break up two, and that's what I did," Barajas said. "I didn't come up high, and my spikes weren't up. I slid the way I've always been taught. Unfortunately, he didn't get out of the way."

At Phoenix, Piazza was hit just above his left elbow by a pitch from Kansas City's Brian Bannister, and the designated hitter came out of Oakland's 3-2 loss in 10 innings.

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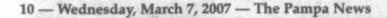


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