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City discusses rezoning, cleaning up Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins said the city commission would hold a special meeting to decide a rezoning request. Mayor Robbins told those at a public hearing Tuesday afternoon that he wanted to meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission, who had previously denied the zoning request.

Only three people, in addition to Richard Morris, director public works for the city, testified during the public hearing Tuesday, two

ministers and the man wanting the zoning change in order to build a storage facility. Ian and Martha Mackay are requesting that about five acres of God's Plateau Subdivision at 23rd Ave. and Price Road be rezoned to commercial for storage units. It is now zoned for single-family homes. Robbins said the commission would not make a decision Tuesday.

"We want every one who is here for and against this particular subject to stand and say what you want to say," Robbins said at the

He said the commission wanted all the information laid out before they made a decision.Doug Hixson, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, spoke against the change in zoning. He said he had no problem with the storage units, but he feared what else might go in along Price Road if the zoning were changed to commercial.

Charles Lowry, pastor of the CrossPointe Church, asked several questions of the commission, but did not appear to be opposed to the

Ian Mackay, who also owns storage units in Borger and Amarillo, said he had spoken with Lowry and with Wells Street Church of Christ that owns neighboring property and had over city utility bills. The firm come their objections. Mackay told the commission that he felt he had overcome their fears; however, he said that Cornerstone Baptist Church had refused to talk

The city commission is expected to meeting in special session Monday with the Planning and Zoning

Commission to render a

decision. In other business, the city commission approved a contract with the Amarillo law firm of Perdue, Brandon, Fielder and Mott to collect already contracts with the city to collect municipal court fees. The commission also approved on first reading an ordinance providing a 30 percent fee to dray cost of collecting delinquent fines, fees and other debts for the

city. The 30 percent fee See CITY, Page 3

Drug, cash seizure made on interstate

By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

Texas Department of Public Safety arrested three people and seized cocaine and cash during a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate 40.

According to a press release issued by DPS, troopers pulled over a 2007 Toyota Sienna that was traveling eastbound on I-40 one mile east of McLean for a traffic

During the stop, a DPS K-9 alerted on the vehicle and three pounds of cocaine along with \$8,000 cash was found hidden inside a suitcase. The cocaine has an estimated value of \$75,000.

Arrested and booked into Gray County Jail were Tiffany Cassandra Drayton, 22; Sivan L. Doctor, 22; and Jockey Meyers, 50, all of Charleston, S.C.

Investigators believe this load originated in Fresno, Calif., and was headed for Charleston, S.C.

School musical



Pampa News Photo by SEAN SMITH

Austin Elementary first grade students recently presented the musical "Stone Soup," which was adapted from the children's book "Fax Tale Soup." Other Austin students and parents enjoyed watching the musical production.

HGTV

Woman restoring home

FALLS, Texas (AP) — For Shelbi Baker, her Aunt Sissy's house on Austin Street was always a touchstone.

She spent the happiest parts of her childhood here, shadowing her Uncle Dewey Jones as he puttered around the garage, playing with neighborhood kids, keeping company with her aunt in the big old

two-story home. Without children of their own, the couple doted on little Shelbi Whisnant.

In the low moments of her adult life, she returned here. Baker admits even after her aunt locked the house up and moved, when she didn't know where else to turn she would come and

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South Texas fish under warning

falo and lognose gar from the Arroyo Colorado in Cameron and Hidalgo counties should not be eaten amid concerns of elevated chemicals and mercury in the fish, state health officials said

Those fish should also not be consumed if they were pulled from Llano Grande Lake or the main floodway

AUSTIN (AP) - Smallmouth buf- upstream from the Port of Harlingen.

The Texas Department of State Health Services issued the advisory after discovering elevated levels of chemicals created from the breakdown of pesticides and coolants and lubri-

On the Net: http://www.dshs.state.tx:us/

Postal rates will increase in May, forever stamp an option

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The cost of mailing items via the U.S. Post Office will increase on May 12, according to the agency's web site.

A first-class mail stamp will go up from 41 cents to 42 cents. Forever stamps, introduced approximately a year ago, which are already in the customer's possession will be valued at the new rate of 42 cents, even though they were bought at the old rate of 41 cents. Forever stamps bought on or after May 12 will cost 42 cents

Postcards will also cost an additional penny beginning May 12. The current rate of 26 cents will rise to 27 cents.

Other increases include the cost of mailing a twoounce first-class mail letter, which will increase from 58 cents to 59 cents. and certified mail which will rise from \$2.65 to \$2.70.

Prices which are scheduled to increase May 12 are those for first-class mail, standard mail, periodicals, package services and special services.



Forever Stamp

New prices for Express Mail, Priority Mail, Select Parcel and International Mail will be announced in March, according to the USPS web site.

Five billion Forever stamps are available in stock to meet increased demand before the price change, according to the web site. A 62-cent stamp will also be available shortly after May 12 for one-ounce non-machineable first-class mail letters, such as square greeting cards.

First-class stamps which have the numerals "41" on their face will require the addition of a one-cent stamp beginning May 12 for providing adequate postage to

mail a first-class letter. USPS last increased postal rates on May 14, 2007. Between that date and Jan. 8, 2006, the price was 39 cents. From June 30, 2002 to Jan. 8, 2006 the rate for a first-class stamp was 37 cents, and this period represented the longest amount of time in the past 10 years during which postal rates did not change.





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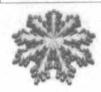
NEXT DAY FORECAST

Thursday

Friday

Saturday







Partly cloudy

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 46. Wind chill values between 30 and 38 early. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

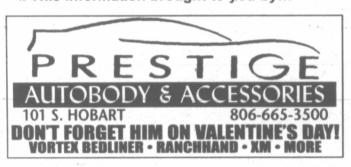
Thursday Night: A chance of rain before 8 p.m., then a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Wind chill values between 9 and 14. North wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37. North-northeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 22. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31.

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Head of sect accused of bigamy

CLYDE, Texas (AP) — The founder of the House County Jail, with bail set at of Yahweh religious sect \$10 million. remained jailed Wednesday on four counts of bigamy, more than one spouse at the officials said.

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being held at the Taylor

Bigamy involves having same time. Additional Yisrayl Hawkins was information about the charges was not immediately available.

Hawkins, who founded the sect in 1980 after leaving the Abilene Police Department, was arrested in Callahan County on Tuesday afternoon.

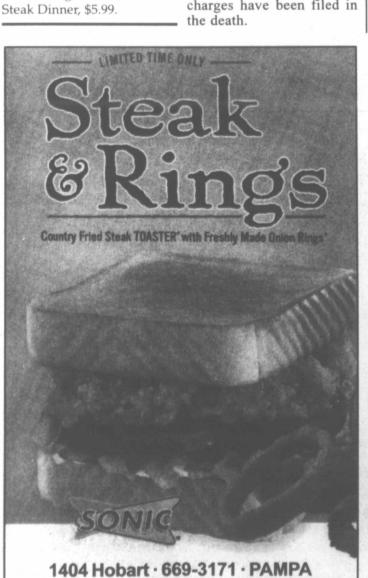
It was unclear if Hawkins had an attorney. A message could not be left at the House of Yaweh's office in Abilene on BALLOONS FOR Fun for Wednesday morning.

The House of Yahweh is an Old Testament-based group with a 50-acre com-DON'T FORGET to get pound near Clyde.

Several hundred of its followers changed their last names to Hawkins in honor of its founder. Hawkins changed his name from Bill to Yisrayl in

FOUND SIBERIAN Hus-Police have investigated key, at 18th & Nelson, in members of the group before.

In July 2006, Abilene GOOD SAM, 309 N. police investigated the Ward, 25th Anniversary death of a 1-month-old boy. Open House, Feb. 14th, The infant's death and bur-11am.-1pm. Reception at St. ial had not been reported to authorities and an autopsy indicated the child died of VALENTINES SPECIAL @ malnourishment and trau-Pak-A-Burger. Chicken Fried matic asphyxiation. No charges have been filed in





Cemetery & Mausoleum of Pampa 23rd St and Price Rd www.memory-gardens.tripod.com

Obituaries

Richard H. 'Dick' Crossman, 76

TUCSON, "Dick" Richard H. Crossman, 76, died Feb. 1, 2008, at Tucson Memorial. Services are planned at a later date in Oceanside, Calif.

graduated from Pampa High

School. He also attended Military Wentworth Academy in Missouri.

1988. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and lived in Mr. Crossman was born Oceanside, Calif., from 1960 July 1, 1931, at Pampa and until moving to Tucson in

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul' Crossman, Sr. and Hazel Mr. Crossman , retired Hawkins Crossman; a brothfrom Sony Corporation in er, Paul Crossman, Jr. in 1967; and a sister, Jan Crossman in 1939.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie Crossman, of the home in Tucson; a son,

Kirk Crossman Oceanside; a daughter, Kim Collier and husband Scott of Oceanside; a brother, David Crossman of Pampa; and grandchildren, five Chanelle, Monique, Chandler, Jordan and Matthew of Oceanside.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Sixteen traffic stops were made. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of North Roberta, the 400 block of North Somerville, the 1800 block of North Price Road, the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 700 block of Denver, the 100 block of South Wynne, the 600 block of Twiford, and the intersection of Starkweather and Yeager streets.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Civil matters were reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 800 block of Locust.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of South Faulkner and the intersection of Craven and Cuyler streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of Mora. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan and the 400

block of North Roberta.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of North Frost.

Criminal mischief was reported at La Pasadita Restaurant, 521 W. Brown. A front glass door was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is

Public intoxication was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes. One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. An estimated \$200 was reported missing from a cash drawer at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Forgery was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of North Roberta.

Sheriff

Taken from a purse were a driver's license, Social Security cards, keys, a Lone Star card and \$190 in cash.

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

Tuesday, Feb. 12 Sivan Lavester Doctor, 22, of Charleston, S.C., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety

for possession of a controlled sub-

Rory Patrick Mills, 27, of San Francisco, Calif., was arrested by

DPS for possession of marijuana. Tiffany C. Drayton, 22, of Charleston, S.C., was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance.

Jockey Myers, 50, of Rodgeville, S.C., was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 Bryan Christopher Humphrey, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Cuyler by Pampa Police Department manufacture/delivery of a controlled

substance. Nicole Sharee Ramey, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Cuyler by PPD for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

Hugh Jackson Parman, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Cuyler by PPD for manufacture/delivery of a controlled sub-

Jacob Wayne Jenkins, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of South Cuyler by PPD for manufacture/delivery of a controlled substance.

Texas Today

Clinton kicks off Texas ads later. campaigning

EL PASO (AP) — Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton made the first strike in suddenly important Texas Hispanic strongholds with a stop in the largest border city in the delegate rich state.

Standing before a shouting crowd of about 12,000 in El Paso Tuesday night, Clinton said she planned to barnstorm the state that she hopes will give her the decisive edge in her run for the White House.

She will continue making the rounds in Texas on Wednesday, a day after losing the so-called Potomac primaries in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia to Barack Obama. She was scheduled to spend Wednesday morning in McAllen before afternoon events in Robstown, outside Corpus Christi, and San Antonio.

Obama plans to campaign here later this month and began television advertising on Monday in English and will add Spanish-language

The Illinois senator told San Antonio television station KENS that he was planning to campaign hard in Texas, but first he has to spend time in Wisconsin, which also holds its primary this week.

Total announces \$2.2 billion expansion of Texas refinery

HOUSTON (AP) — Energy giant Total SA is planning a \$2.2 billion expansion of its refinery in Port Arthur,

Up to 2,200 people will be working on the project that is set for commissioning in 2011, the petrochemical company based in France said Tuesday.

The company said the project is in addition to expansions of a refinery in France announced in 2006 and new construction at refineries in Great Britain and Germany as Total adjusts its refining base to market demand.

Additional details of the Texas project were to be announced at a news conference Wednesday in Port

ic city commission strong dry spring winds Arthur, which is about 90 Roger Clemens told Yankees

Arthur refinery include construction of a 50,000-barrel-aday coker, which converts crude oil to petroleum prod-

It also plans to build a desulfurization unit and a vacuum distillation unit, which allows for distillation at lower pressures and temperatures.

The additions will expand heavy and sour crude oil processing, adding 3 million tons per year of low sulfur automotive diesel fuel to the refinery's production and raise total output for all products from the refinery to about 12 million tons, Total said.

Total, the world's fourthlargest oil and gas company, is the leading refiner-marketer in Europe. It has 7,500 employees in

the U.S. at 74 sites in 29 states. APNewsBreak: Pettitte

tells Congress Clemens revealed HGH use

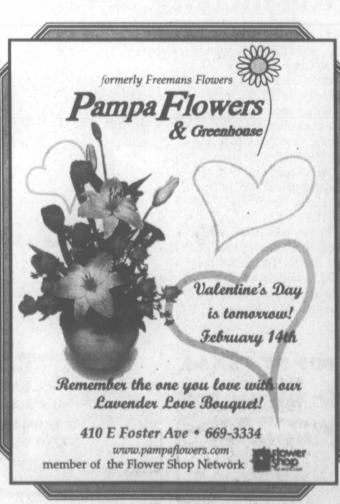
WASHINGTON (AP)

miles east of Houston. teammate Andy Pettitte near-Total's plans for the Port ly 10 years ago that he used human growth hormone, Pettitte said in a sworn affidavit to Congress.

Pettitte disclosed the conversation to the congressional committee holding Wednesday's hearing on drug use in baseball, a person familiar with the affidavit told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity Tuesday because the document had not been made pub-

According to the person familiar with the affidavit, who said it was signed Friday night, Pettitte also said Clemens backtracked when the subject of HGH came up again in conversation in 2005, before the same House committee held the first hearing on steroids in baseball.

Pettitte said in the affidavit that he asked Clemens in 2005 what he would do if asked about performanceenhancing substances, given his admission years earlier.







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Traffic Stops

by Chief Trevlyn Pitner

What Should You do if a Police Officer Officers: Stops You While You are Driving?

Yield to the right and stop your vehicle as far away from the moving lane of traffic

as possible and turn on your emergency flashers.

Stay in your vehicle and, if it is dark outside, turn on your interior light. If you remain inside your vehicle, you will not subject yourself to the dangers of traffic.

Attempt to stay relaxed. Keep your hands in plain view, preferably holding the top of the steering wheel. Wait to obtain your driver's license and proof of insurance until the officer

requests this information. Pampa Police Officers will introduce themselves and explain the reason why you were stopped.

Reasons Drivers are Stopped by Police

Traffic violations are the most common reason a driver is stopped. Texas laws governing driving privileges consist of 479

pages. It is not uncommon for a driver to be in violation of a traffic law and not know it. Some examples of traffic violations are: speeding, failure to stop at a traffic signal or stop sign, failure to use a turn signal, driver not wearing a seat belt, driver not having a child properly restrained and inspection or registration sticker expired.

The Pampa Police Department has the primary responsibility of public safety of citizens which includes

educating the public and enforcing the laws, among many other duties. If you are ever stopped by the police or

involved in a collision, remember the job



Couple steals airline tickets

Southwest Airlines employee and her husband pleaded guilty Tuesday to wire fraud, acknowledging they stole more than 5,000 plane tickets and sold them to friends, co-workers and other acquain-

Ex-Southwest employee Althea Jackson and her husband, former Bexar County court bailiff James Jackson, have sentencing dates scheduled for May 8, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Western District of Texas. They each face up to 20 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines but under the plea agreement will likely receive between two years and 2 1/2 years in prison and a reduced fine, said their defense attorney, Jay Norton.

With her guilty plea, Althea Jackson acknowledged acquiring about 5,600 courtesy airline tickets when she worked

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former at Southwest from January 2001 to September 2005, U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton said. The courtesy tickets are normally given to inconvenienced passengers and vendors or to passengers who assist flight crews, such as by providing medical assistance to someone who gets sick during a flight.

> The Jacksons then sold the tickets below market value, with many of the tickets going to "friends, relatives, acquaintances and James Jackson's coworkers at the Bexar County Justice Center," Sutton said.

Prosecutors said the defendants sold them for cash from March 2000 to January 2003. Prosecutors estimate the scam was worth about as much as \$1.8 million, a figure disputed by Norton.

The Jacksons were indicted in June

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would go to pay the law

firm. "That way," said Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, sitting in for an ill City Manager John Horst, "the offender would pay the fee rather than the

city." The commission approved an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of \$2.1 million in certificates of obligation to finance infrastructure repair, primarily aging water mains and sewer sys-

tem. The city commission ordered an election for May 10 for city commissioners in Wards 2 and 4, Bill Allison and Neil during the devastating Fulton, respectively, and a Constitutional Amendment freezing ad valorem taxes on residential homesteads of the disabled or 65 years or older.

commission approved a bid of \$200 by Brandon Young for tax found was \$77,827.54,

\$300 by Robert Mack for budgeting process. tax delinquent property at 219 Gillespie, a bid of \$100 from Harold Chester for tax delinquent property at 822 Malone and a bid of \$100 by Chester for tax delinquent property at 826 Malone.

Chief Pitner

At the urging of Shane Stokes, community relations director for the city, the commission approved a resolution for an interlocal purchasing agreement with Region VIII Education Service Center. The city is already a party to several such agreements.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell spoke to the commission about buying a Ford F550 Brush Truck as strong dry spring winds pick up. The fire department's existing brush fire truck was pretty well used 2006 prairie fires that raged across the panhandle and needs replacing.

Powell, who had talked to the commission about a new brush truck during budget talks last year, said the particular truck she'd

delinquent property at almost \$30,000 less than 1215 S. Clark, a bid of she'd estimated during the

Pitner made the police department's annual racial profiling report to the commission. After going through the numbers for the last five years, Pitner said there did not appear to be any problems.

Mayor Robbins asked the commission to consider for future discussion the possibility of a Pampa Clean-Up project, using volunteer church groups and civic organizations and water conservation.

With Lake Meredith dropping to record low levels daily, Robbins said he wanted citizens to be aware of the need for water conservation.

He also said he would like to see a Clean Pampa

Pitner said old tires are a articular problem

"We all know how frustrating it's been to keep our city clean," Robbins said.

He said the citizens of the Pampa need to take ownership of the city.

'The city does not have the manpower to do it," Robbins said.

Toddler dies from drug overdose

CLEBURNE, Texas (AP) - Cleburne police are trying to determine how a baby ingested cocaine that later

killed him. Sgt. Amy Knoll said Tuesday the Jan. 5 death of 14-month-old J.C. Luna of Cleburne has been ruled a drug overdose.

No charges have been filed.

Police say the infant was hospitalized Oct. 11 when he started having trouble breathing, about 20 minutes after his mother left him

with a baby sitter. The child eventually was placed on life support, and later moved to hospice care, where he died.

Cleburne police interviewed Luna's family. Knoll says a search of the boy's residence and the baby sitter's home found no evidence of drugs.

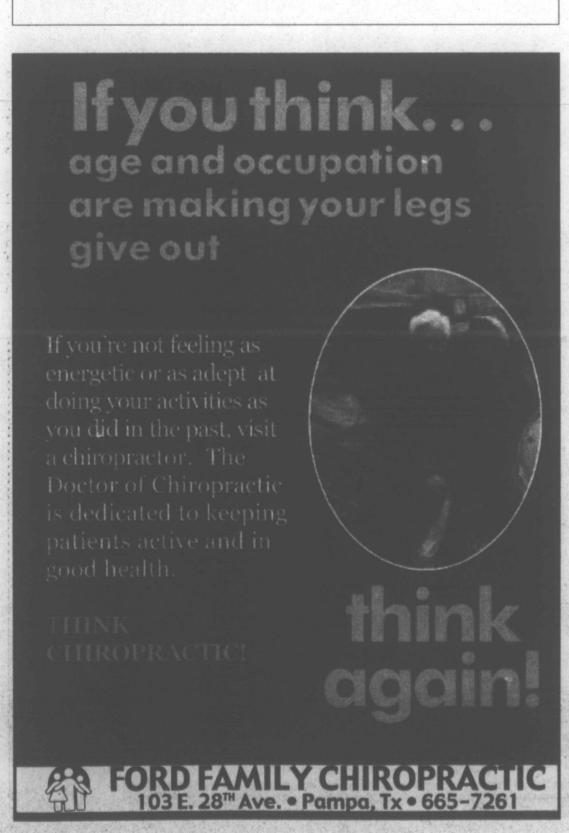
NYC police carry out fake terror risk

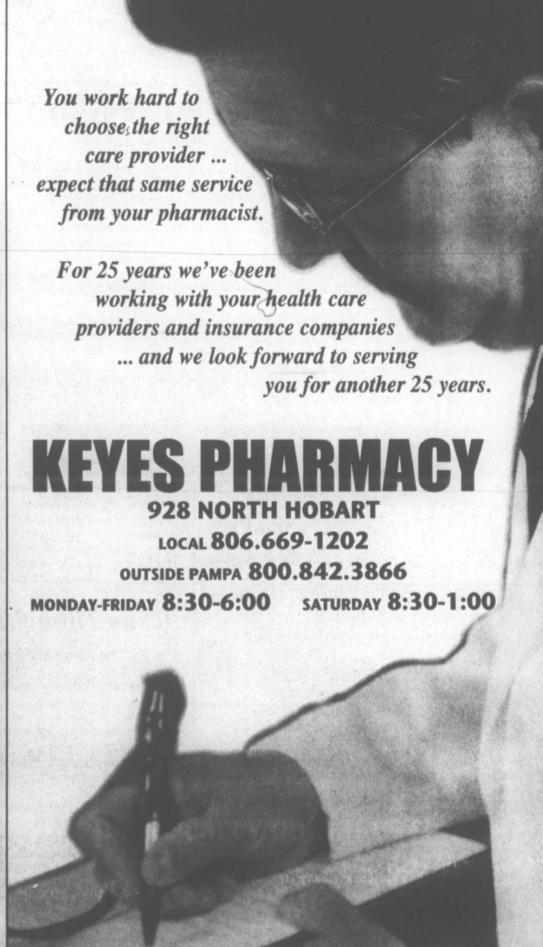
NEW YORK (AP) - A New York City police video shows how easily potentially deadly chlorine can be bought on the Internet and used as a tool of terror.

The Associated Press has obtained the video ahead of a security briefing Wednesday detailing Operation Green Cloud. Investigators set up a fake company that bought 300 pounds of chlorine and had it delivered to Brooklyn with little hassle or

Investigators say the operation proves there are few barriers to buying liquid chlorine and using it as a deadly gas by exposing

New York City hasn't experienced a specific terror threat involving chemicals, but police recently put more emphasis on screening shipments of chlorine after learning it's now favored in homemade bombs in





Viewpoints

Wooing the modern male on Valentine's Day

been pummeling me with questions on how to woo the modern male.

Dear Tom, My boyfriend's hair treatment, skin conditioner, perfume bottles and other toiletries take up so much room in my bathroom I have no place to put my stuff, and he doesn't even live here. What should I do?

Dear No Space, You're You wouldn't want his "guyliner" to get all runny.

Dear Tom, It's not as though I expect my boyfriend to open the door

With Valentine's Day for me, and he never does, think? upon us, female readers have but whatever happened to chivalry?

- Disappointed

Dear Disappointed, Chivalry is a concept that dates back to medieval times, when men lived by codes of honor, virtue and sacrifice. Chivalry demanded that men be gracious, gentle and respectful toward women. Chivalry is all about selflessness and romantic your love, whereas boyfriend is all about selfishness and self-love.

Dear Tom, I'm not a prude, nor do I think we should return to the rigid ways of the past, but sometimes I think it would be nice to court and date the way men and women did in the old movies. What do you

- Dreamer Dear Dreamer, Unfortunately, that's not possible. For 30 years or more, we've pretended such differences don't exist. And it is only when the two truly opposite

Tom

Purcell

Columnist

forces called man and woman collide that sparks will fly and romance will occur.

Dear Tom, I met a new fellow who proudly defines himself as a sensitive newage male. What exactly is

 Wondering Dear Wondering, This is the kind of fellow who is so

in touch with his emotions and needs he doesn't notice anybody else's - especially yours. If he drinks a beer for instance, it will be an exotic brand from some remote part of the planet. He won't drink from a mug, either, but a

> wine glass. baby showers yes, men are invited to those now he'll misty.

Dear Tom, Call me a nut, but I saw a John Wayne movie the other day and I would love to meet a man as stoic, confident, modest and manly as he was. Where can I find such a fellow?

— Digging the Duke

out shirts and hair goop at the mall.

Dear Curious, Valentine put the love of young couples ahead of his own life and married them anyway. He was imprisoned and then killed. Such selflessness and sacrifice is what Valentine's Day is really

No Space going to have to get a new apartment with "her-her" bathrooms. Be sure there's plenty of light, so your fellow can see what he's doing.

Dear Digging the Duke, The good news is, there are still plenty of such men around. The bad news is, they're old. The older generations produced an abundance of simple men who spent their time building a about. country and providing for Dear their families, not picking

Dear Tom, I read on the HistoryChannel.com that one of the theories about St. Valentine is that he was a priest who was killed for defying a Roman emperor. Do you know that story? - Curious

Emperor Claudius II felt that single men made better soldiers than married men, so he outlawed marriage. St.

Tom, Valentine's Day just around the corner, I'm very sad. My boyfriend never cleans our place, never cooks, never does the laundry. He never takes me out and never buys me flowers. He guit his job and I pay all the bills. Do you think he'll propose to me this Valentine's Day?

— Waiting Dear Waiting, Surely you know the answer to your question. By the way, do you

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2008. There are 322 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 13, 1935, a jury in Flemington, N.J., found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of the son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. (Hauptmann was later executed.)

On this date: In 1542, the fifth wife of England's King Henry VIII,

In 1795, the University of North Carolina became the first U.S. state university to admit students with the arrival of

⁴An explanation of cause is not a justification by reason."

> C.S. Lewis English author (1898-1963)

Catherine Howard, was executed for adultery.

Hinton James, who was the only student on campus for two weeks.

In 1914, the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, known as ASCAP, was founded in New York.

In 1920, the League of Nations recognized the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied planes began bombing the German city

of Dresden.

In 1945, the Soviets captured Budapest, Hungary, from the

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb, in the Sahara Desert. In 1980, the 13th Winter Olympics opened in Lake Placid,

In 1984, Konstantin Chernenko was chosen to be general

secretary of the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, succeeding the late Yuri Andropov. In 1988, the 15th winter Olympics opened in Calgary, Alberta, Canada

Ten years ago: Dr. David Satcher was sworn in as surgeon general during an Oval Office ceremony. The United Auto Workers reached a tentative contract agreement with Caterpillar Inc. (Union members rejected the agreement, which was revised and later ratified, ending a bitter, 6 1/2year dispute.)

Five years ago: Clara Harris, who'd run down her cheating husband with her Mercedes after catching him with his mistress, was convicted by a Houston jury of murder despite her claim that she'd hit him accidentally while in a heartsick daze. (Harris was sentenced to 20 years in prison.) An investigative panel found that superheated air almost certainly seeped through a breach in space shuttle Columbia's left wing and possibly its wheel compartment during the craft's fiery descent, resulting in the deaths of all seven astronauts.



Freedom can be harsh, slavery comfortable

a little guiz just to check our basic premises to make sure we are thinking clearly.

Question: Are we willing to give up Medicare and Medicaid? These are forms of socialized medicine, and in theory, we conservatives are opposed to socialism.

Question: Are we willing to give up Social Security, another socialistic program?

Question: Are we in favor of abolishing public education? We often disguise the truth by using the word 'public" when what we are talking about is the state meaning, of course, govern-

When we drive on government roads to drop our children off at government schools where they study a curriculum government using government-approved textbooks, we are hardly practicing laissez faire.

Let us conservatives take Freedom in early America nity cooperation where developed the bad habit of meant you were on your

> If you wanted your children educated, then you taught them, hired a private tutor, apprenticed them or paid

them attend a pri-Charley vate school. Reese If you got sick Columnist injured,

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ical care you could find, if any, you had to pay for. When you got too old to work, you lived either at the mercy of family or on your savings. If you and your family were attacked, you had to defend yourselves.

Freedom can be harsh, and those harsh conditions led to large families (men had to grow their own laborers) and eventually commu-

neighbors helped each other. eventually evolved into gov- It is easy to forget that there ernment. Rather than all of is nothing free in this world. us working to build a road, we'd in effect contract that

governfor ment, example.

Thus, we can see that reality not nearly as neat and

as simple as ideology. We are still trying to do exactly what our ancestors did - survive and leave something for our children. If we thought of all government services as survival mechanisms, then we might more clearly distinguish between those that are necessary and those that really aren't needed. We are in trouble as a

nation precisely because we

asking the government at That community cooperation every level to do too much. We also have learned to tolerate government inefficientask out to cy and extravagance as well as corruption. Those bad habits are derived from the fact that with the Industrial Revolution, we became a nation with a large proletariat (people who work for others) and a diminishing number of people who independently operate their own business or farm.

Slavery, one can argue, has not been abolished, but has merely changed its form. Wage slaves and debt slaves are still slaves in the sense that their freedom of choice is greatly restricted by the necessity to keep paychecks coming and bill collectors

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

n Feb. 3 Austin American-Statesman on bottled water:

If there is anything more ubiquitous in American culture than cell phones, its bottled water. Not only is it convenient, its also a

highly profitable industry. Recent developments, however, indicate that just because water comes in a bottle doesnt make it any safer or better than what comes out of your tap. In addition, most of those bottles wind up

in a landfill.

bottled water industry - a project called Austins Drinking Water.

The venture was short-lived. The

concept of bottling municipal tap water made very little sense. The city would pump water from its treatment plants into tanker trucks, drive it to Dallas for bottling, then bring it back to Austin to sell to consumers and to hand out at city events.

Bottled water is marketed as being safer and healthier than tap water. Health-conscious Austinites are a logical target for water bottlers. Nonetheless, the water utilitys attempt to crack into that market didnt take. At a loss of \$2.90 per 24-bottle case of Austins Drinking Water, the city could-Taking note of the marketing poten- nt justify the money spent on the projtial in 2003, Austin took a stab at the ect. Customers did not want to pay \$6 a

case for something they could get cheaper in their homes. Austinites preferred their bottled water come from natural springs or have labels like PepsiCo.s Aquafina that read "Pure water. Perfect taste."

For those who followed the life and death of Austins Drinking Water, the project would portend what came next. Last July, Aquafina added its dirty little secret to the labels of the top-selling bottled water: The "pure" water is glorified, purified tap water. Shortly after this revelation, Coca-Cola admitted that its Dasani was municipal water,

Before paying \$1.25 for that clear plastic bottle, consumers should con-

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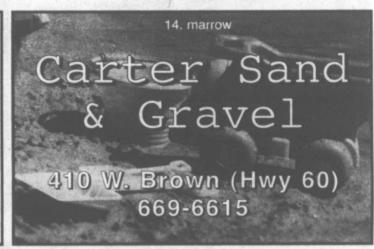
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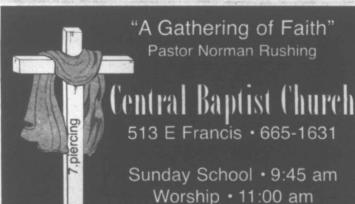


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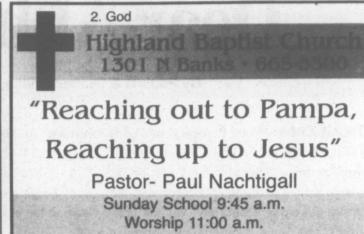
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Uno becomes first Beagle to win show

NEW YORK (AP) — America has a new Snoop doggie.

Barking and baying up a storm, Uno lived up to his name Tuesday night by becoming the first beagle to win best in show at the Westminster Kennel Club.

The nation's new top dog was clearly the fan favorite, and drew a standing ovation from the sold-out crowd at Madison Square Garden when he was picked.

Uno got right into the act, jumping up on handler Aaron Wilkerson and confirming his other title: noisiest in show. Years from now, he'll be known for the "ah-roo" heard 'round the ring.

The only dog consistently listed among America's most popular breeds for nearly 100 years, a beagle had never won in the 100 times Westminster picked a winner. That changed when judge J. Donald Jones pointed to this nearly 3-year-old package of personality,

Good ol' Snoopy, a

champion at last. Uno was numero uno, beating out two perfect poodles, a top Sealyham sleek terrier, a Weimaraner, a lively Australian shepherd and a sprightly Akita.

"We knew he was going to be No. 1," Wilkerson said.

More than 169 breeds and varieties were represented at the 132nd Westminster Kennel Club event, and the competition brought 2,627

Barks echoed around Madison Square Garden as the crowd cheered its favorites, among them a Neapolitan mastiff that lumbered around the ring, a Chihuahua that spun in circles and a miniature pinscher that plucked a piece of food off the green carpet without missing a beat.

Formally known as K-Run's Park Me in First, Uno came into this competition with 32 best in show ribbons overall. Yet he was surely an underdog - make that an Underdog — because no beagle had even won the hound group since 1939.

But Uno fixed that, breezing in the 15-inch breed judging on Monday morning and taking his group several hours later. So while other dogs tried to reach the final ring Tuesday, Uno spent the day going on a brisk walk around Manhattan and taking a nap underneath his warm, fuzzy blanket.

But when it came time to show, Uno was as precocious and precious as

With fans calling out his name and clapping, he soaked in the cheers as he walked around the ring. And when he made his final stop in front of Jones, Uno went to town, baying over and over.

Even when he returned to sidelines as other dogs were judged, Uno kept going. Quite a win it was for Eddie Dziuk of Columbia, Mo., and the other three co-owners.

Lottery winner surprised when cashing in ticket

BAD AXE, Mich. (AP) — Donald Ertman got a little agitated when he found out he'd have to make the 150mile trip to Lansing to collect his lottery winnings. All that for \$150, he complained.

store that sold Ertman the \$1

Mega Millions ticket set him the Bad Axe Party Store & straight: It was worth not \$150, but a cool quarter of a million.

"I didn't believe him not at first," Ertman told The Bay City Times.

The 71-year-old laid-off Then the owner of the factory worker bought the ticket in late December at

BP Gas Station, and walked around with it for six days without realizing it was worth \$250,000.

He must have written down the numbers wrong when he saw them on TV, he

Ertman was speechless is not a lot," she said.

when store owner Eli Kabban told him what he really had, and his wife, Rosalie "Penny" Ertman, broke down in tears of joy when she learned the news.

"We're the typical poor senior citizens, and our income from Social Security

Woman uses ax to get in house

- Accidentally locked out of her home and stuck in the bitter cold, Geraldine "Gerry" Palmer took matters into her own hands.

An ax, to be more specif-

Palmer, who turns 90 this weekend, said a sliding glass door locked behind her Saturday after she went outside to rearrange some things that had gotten wet on

DURANGO, Colo. (AP) the patio. Snow had formed a pile about 7 feet high between her and the yard, so she had no escape.

So Palmer picked up an old ax she had once used to chop wood and broke into her own home.

"I had to bang the glass four times with the ax before it broke," she said.

After smashing the glass in the sliding patio door, she reached inside and unlock it.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I recently moved to Ohio, I left behind a group of dear friends. One of them, "Cheryl," and I talk on the phone almost every night. Everyone in this group got along beautifully. We had great times and have fabulous memories of growing up together. Ten years ago, while I was away at college, the group had a falling out having to do with Cheryl. It was silly and childish -- it was over a "boy." It was soon forgotten and apologies were offered. But Cheryl held a grudge and refused to speak to any of the others. Abby, more than a decade has passed. We're all married now, with kids and jobs. I love Cheryl dearly, but she refuses to reconcile. She's extremely sensitive, and the mere mention of the subject starts her whining about the "mistreatment" she endured. So even though I'm far away, once again, I must listen to her constant complaint that she has no friends except me. She's upset that I moved away. I'm tired of splitting my time between her and the rest of my friends when I return for a visit. How can I convince Cheryl that there is a group of girls who miss her terribly and just need her to grow up enough to forgive and forget? --TORN IN DAYTON, OHIO

DEAR TORN: Young girls can be very cruel. It would be interesting to know the details of what this group of "friends" did to Cheryl when they turned on her, because whatever they did left her unable to trust any of them again. If they really "miss her terribly," then they should be the ones telling her so -- not you. Because her neediness and self-pity have become more than you care to handle, before you are turned off completely, you should let Cheryl know that you no longer want to discuss "ancient history." And because you appear to be her only friend -- and a long-distance one at that -- you'd be doing her a favor to suggest that she get counseling to help her move beyond the past.

DEAR ABBY: I have met a man, "Alvin," who is the love of my life. He is divorced; I have never been married. Alvin has a 16year-old daughter whom he adores, and she does not approve of our relationship. We want to be married, but he says it has to be OK with his daughter. If Alvin really loved me, would he let her stand in the way of our happiness? -- WAITING FOR APPROVAL, CHARLOTTE, N.C.

DEAR WAITING: He might -- if he felt guilty enough about the breakup of his marriage to her mother. My question to you is, do you love Alvin enough to postpone any wedding plans until his daughter approves, or is out on her own -- whichever comes sooner?

DEAR ABBY: I have something I would like to know just for the sake of curiosity. When my mother became pregnant with me, she was married -- but not to the man who impregnated her. Does this make me a bastard? I am not going to be devastated if the answer is yes -- I just want to know for the knowing. - AM I OR AM I NOT, COSHOCTON, OHIO

DEAR ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT: The answer to your question is no. Because you were born within the bonds of wedlock, you are as legitimate as the next person. P.S.: The term "bastard" went out of style at least two decades ago. A better term would be "love child."

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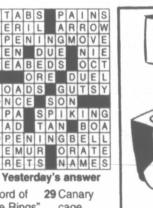
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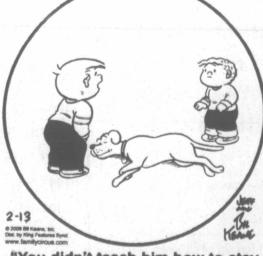
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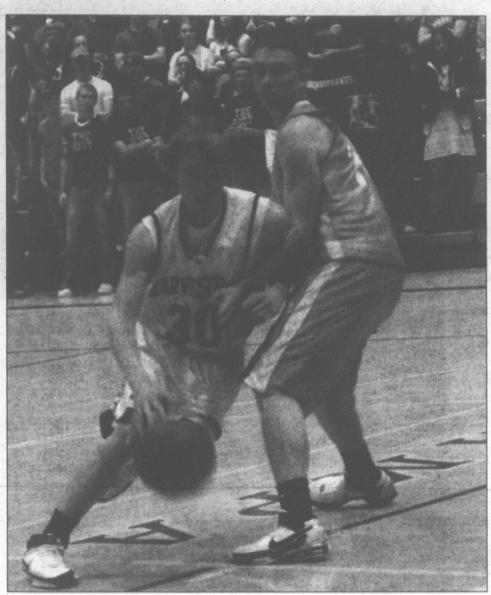


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Pampa News Photo by KATHERINE FLANARY Hayden Skinner makes his move to score in Tuesday night's game.

Varsity comes close to win

By Katherine Flanary **Sports Editor**

In their last games of the season, both the JV and Varsity boys basketball teams played well, despite losing to Caprock.

The JV boys won their tipoff, and at the half were behind, 43-21.

boys were 50-40, Caprock. After a good game, the final score was 63-54.

The Varsity boys started out well, putting 9 points on the board with 4:45 to go in the first period.

At the half, Pampa was ahead, 33-31. The Hustlin' Harvesters stayed ahead for with 18 points.

At the end of the third, the the score at the end of the third period, 47-44.

The final score for the Varsity boys was 69-66, Caprock.

The high scorer for the JV team was Travis Hagerman, with 9 points. Alex Clendening was the high scorer for the varsity team,

Bryant, Gasol help Lakers beat Bobcats

The Los Angeles Lakers it 100-93, and Bryant put the have become an even more dangerous team with Pau Gasol. Just ask Kobe Bryant.

"Adding Pau to the mix," Bryant said, "we have something that has to be dealt with."

The Charlotte Bobcats were the latest to find that out as Bryant scored 31 points and Gasol 26 in the Lakers' 106-97 victory Monday night.

It wasn't an entirely pretty performance for the Lakers, who improved to 6-2 on their nine-game trip — and 4-1 since acquiring Gasol. They allowed the Bobcats to cut a 13-point deficit to 89-86 midway through the fourth quarter.

Then Bryant went to work. His jumper with 4:30 left made it 96-90. His no-look pass to Lamar Odom for a dunk made

Lakers ahead by 11 with two free throws with 1:07 left.

Bryant had his third straight game of 30 or more points, and Gasol had his second-highest scoring game since joining Los Angeles, hitting nine of 11 shots and eight of 12 free throws despite a cold that had Gasol coughing in the locker room after the game.

"Yesterday, he didn't have a good game," coach Phil Jackson said of Gasol's 12point performance in a win at Miami on Sunday. "Today was the mark of a good player to come back and double your effort and have a good game. He's not feeling the greatest now either, so that's a good game for him."

In other NBA games Monday

night, it was: Cleveland 118, Orlando 111; Golden State 120, Washington 117; Philadelphia 84, Dallas 76; San Antonio 93, Toronto 88; the Los Angeles Clippers 96, Milwaukee 89; and Houston 95, Portland 83.

Raymond Felton scored 29 points and Nazr Mohammed added 22 points and 11 rebounds for the Bobcats, whose seven-game losing streak matches the longest of their disappointing season.

"I thought the guys from the beginning of the game played hard," said Charlotte coach Sam Vincent, who has questioned his team's effort twice in the past month. "Mistakes were made, but I thought the intensity was there."

Bryant hit his first five shots, three of them 3-pointers.

Optimist Club update

Monday night marked the half way point for the 5th and 6th grade division of Optimist Boys Basketball with two games on the schedule for that age group.

However, the 3rd and 4th grade age group would get the action started in the early game. Cade Engle dropped in 18 points to lead the Great Plains Abstract & Title Buckeyes over the Celanese Red Raiders by a score of 40 it out for sole possession of had 2 and Korbin Ramirez Celtics were led by Justin place with a record of 4-0.

from his teammates as the Wilson brothers, Solon and Grayson each had 8 points. Landon Taylor had 2 points. Colin Massak played a very tough game for the Red ble and scoring the Raiders only two points of the game.

to 2. Engle got a lot of help 2nd place in the 7pm game. The Sonics led by Cager Osborne's 5 points pulled out a 2 point win over the Garret Mulligan added 4 and Mavericks by a score of 11 to 9 in a very close game. Josh Hernandez had 4 points and Josh Miner added 2 Raiders causing lots of trou- points for the Sonics. The Mayericks were led by Point Guard Brandon Stokes with The Alvey Law Mavericks 4 points, Jonathan Stevens and the NBC Sonics battled and Dayton Hernandez each

added 1 point for the Clifton Mavericks.The Supply Pistons got one in the win column with at 21 to 19 8 points, Calvin Webb and Cyler Clifton each had 4 points, Austin Snapp and Alec Hendrick rounded out the scoring for the Pistons with 2 points each. The

Velasquez and Ceygan Jamison with 4 points each. The two team leaders got a lot of help from the rest of victory over the Celtics in the team as Braxton Maul, the late game. The Pistons J.T. Skinner, Blayne Troxell, were led by Roy Nelson with J.C.Allen and John Cryer each got on the board with 2 points.

At the halfway point of the season for the 5th and 6th grade age group, the Willis Oilfield Nuggets are in 1st The NBC Sonics fall in at number 2 with a record of 3-1, the Alvey Law Mavericks hold down third place with a record of 2-2, the Clifton Supply Pistons are in 4th with a record of 1-3 and the Celtics round out the league in 5th place with a record of 0-4. Game's continue on Thursday night with 6 more games scheduled for the week.

nens pressed by

Roger Clemens struggled to McNamee, Clemens ramfind the right words under bled and stumbled during his questioning during a con- early remarks on Capitol hearing Hill. gressional Wednesday and denied new against him by former teammate and close friend Andy Pettitte.

Using words like "misremembered" and mispronouncing the last name of steroids or HGH," Clemens

Clemens' reputation and accounts of drug use made legacy were on the line, and there was the possibility that criminal charges could follow after the seven-time Cy Young winner testified.

"I have never taken

WASHINGTON (AP) — his chief accuser, Brian said, his voice rising. "No matter what we discuss here today, I am never going to

have my name restored." It seemed clear nearly from the start that the com-Clemens with kid gloves, despite all the face-to-face sitdowns he did with representatives in recent days sometimes posing for photos not look at each other. with or signing autographs

for staff members.

Clemens and McNamee were separated by one seat in the same wood-paneled room where Mark McGwire and Rafael Palmeiro once mittee would not treat saw their careers tarnished. Clemens briefly stared at McNamee during his accuser's opening statement; for the most part, they did

Members of Congress

immediately questioned the credibility of both Clemens and McNamee.

Committee chairman Henry Waxman pointed out inconsistencies in Clemens' comments. Rep. Dan Burton repeatedly read remarks McNamee had made, and each time the former trainer was forced to admit they were untrue.

"This is really disgusting.

You're here as a sworn witness. You're here to tell the truth," the Indiana Republican said. "You're here under oath, and yet we have lie after lie after lie after lie, of where you've told this committee and the people of this country that Roger Clemens did things - I don't know what to believe."

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Weather instruments planned for Gulf rigs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Detailed weather and ocean measuring instruments will be mounted on seven oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Shell Oil Company said Wednesday.

The instruments will be part of the Integrated Ocean Observing System studying hurricanes and other weather and collecting data for coastal resource management, NOAA said.

While oil and gas platforms in the northern Gulf are required to collect and transmit certain weather and ocean data, the new instruments will increase the amount of information avail-

Shell will buy and install the equipment and NOAA will handle the data. Installation of the equipment will start this spring and is expected to be completed next year.

Changes planned for the platforms:

—Upgrade weather sta-

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hypocrisy have become the norm.

State of the Union address that members of the House and

Senate would stand and applaud, like a bunch of Roman

sandal-kissers, while the little emperor who has come

close to ruining this country mouthed bromides, platitudes

and lies. It seems in Washington, at least, dishonesty and

tial candidates: Which one of them is most likely to pull

us out of the hole George W. Bush has put us in? That will

involve extracting us from two wars and balancing the

federal budget. We can't even begin to pay off the trillions

of dollars in federal debt until those two things are done.

ism or liberal or conservative. It is competence and hon-

esty. We should have heard enough of this nonsense about

our greatness and our being the most powerful nation on

Earth. We need to hear practical solutions to real prob-

lems, or we won't be either great or powerful for very

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando,

Thus, the question before us is not socialism or capital-

There is only one question to be asked of the presiden-

Reese

tions on four platforms to include direct transmission of data to geostationary satellites, add emergency power ensuring an uninterrupted stream of information even if the platform is evac-

-Upgrade ocean wave and current instruments on Shell's "Auger" platform to include satellite transmission and emergency power sup-

-Ocean heat measurements will be collected from Shell's "Brutus" platform to better study the role of water temperature at different depths in hurricane intensity.

-Collect and share weather information from two new continental locations off Louisiana that are currently not monitored.

-Install high frequency radar transmitters on a platform off the Texas coast. This system will be able to calculate the speed and direction of the surface current — vital information for weather forecasting and analysis.

satisfied. The federal gov-

ernment, by its irresponsible fiscal policy, has made us

and our descendants debt

I was disgusted during the

SCHOOLS

Wimberley school district decides to make payment

WIMBERLEY, Texas solidate the district if it (AP) — A Central Texas school district will not carry out its threat to defy the state's school finance law and withhold a payment due this week.

The Wimberley school board voted 6-1 Tuesday to make a share-thewealth payment required of districts deemed property-rich under the state's funding formula.

The district will make the minimum first payment of \$349,422 on \$2.4 million it owes under the so-called Robin Hood school finance law, which takes money from districts with higher property values and supplements those with lower values. The deadline to pay is

The vote came four months after trustees said they couldn't afford the payment and should be required to make it. Last week, Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott threatened to condidn't pay.

"We weren't willing to gamble our district," board member Dave Williams said before a crowd of about 200 students, parents, retirees and other residents.

Wimberley's financial problems arose from a combination of factors. Among them was a slower than expected increase in enrollment, causing the district to owe the state about \$1 million more than it otherwise would have had to pay.

Property values have risen as more people move to Wimberley. But many of the newcomers are retirees without school-age children. As a result, enrollment has not increased enough to bring more money to the dis-

Wimberley also owes the state a penalty for buying out the contract of a former superintendent.

Winner



Pampa News Photo by REDONN WOODS Betty King, center, was the winner of the recent Heard-Jones drawing for a digital picture key chain. Pictured with King are employees Ruth

Bowers and Ada Westbrook.

Water

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sider the costs - financial and environmental. On average, Austin residents pay \$3 for every 1,000 gallons of water they use in their homes. PO'

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If these same residents were to purchase another 1,000 gallons of bottled water, they would need to pay

To get their recommended 64 ounces a day, Americans bought more than four billion gallons of bottled water last year. The demand for water also created a disposal problem. According to estimates from the Container Recycling Institute, only 23 percent of plastic beverage bottles are recycled.

Though bottled water may still be more convenient than tap water, it likely isnt as clean. Tap water in Austin is regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which combined have more stringent regulations than those of the Food and Drug Administration, the only government-funded quality control of bottled

Tap water is also tested more frequently than bottled water. At City of Austin treatment facilities, tap water is tested several times a day at different locations around the city. Several companies in Austin, such as AMD and Samsung, chose to build here, in part, because of the high quality of the citys water, which is used in some of their processes.

"We always meet and exceed EPA standards," says Austin Water Utility spokesman Kevin Buchman.

Cheers. URL: http://www.statesman.com

Purcell

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have any sisters? Dear Tom, I'm dying

for romance of any kind. Since we women can't count on men to be genuinely romantic any-

more, can't we step it up? What's wrong with us holding the door open for a man on a date? Why can't we pick up the tab?

Progressive

Dear Progressive, Sounds good to me! Why don't you pick me up around 8 p.m.?

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

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Happy Valentine's Day from The Pampa News

Home

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sit on the steps just to have a good cry.

Baker may not have known exactly what she was getting into the day she promised her aunt she would restore the house to its glory days but the four-year journey has shaped her life.

A crew from HGTV is filming the home for its "If Walls Could Talk" series to tell the final chapter of a story that started long before Baker was born.

Built in 1915, the American

complete story of three families: the Burnettes who weathered the Depression running a bakery from its back door and taking in boarders; the Joneses, former tenants and friends who in 1967 bought the house with its contents and Baker, who found herself among its many treasures.

Stylists will talk about the wonderful architecture, built in the oil boom and saved from the fate of too many old houses. Experts will tell Baker what some of her antiques and collectibles are worth, marveling at the rich provenance of photographs and mementos that go with them.

But no one can estimate what it has meant to Baker to become the custodian of all this history, a legacy she unearthed from layers of her aunt's restless collecting. It is her

heart and hearth, the place she can always call home.

For Fern and Dewey Jones, the American Foursquare house on Austin Street was their honeymoon

Fern was already a boarder of Clyde and Pearl Burnette's in the 1940s when she and Dewey married; enlisted in the Army, he returned to duty almost immediate-

The Burnettes had no children of their own and treated Fern like a daughter. Listening to the radio in the evenings for news from the bat-tlefields of WWII, Fern and Pearl, a native of England, grew particu-

larly close. Clyde was a baker by trade and in 1927, he and Pearl built a large workroom onto the house and opened Burnett's bakery. Fern

picked up hours in the bakery and when the war ended, Dewey returned to Austin Street.

The couples remained close and when Mrs. Burnette died, the Joneses bought the house with all Burnettes' memories. Scrapbooks filled with photographs, handsome furniture, Pearl's 1868 dress china carefully shipped from England. It all flowed seamlessly into Fern and Dewey's lives.

The Joneses were a fun loving and happy couple despite never having had children of their own. Dewey worked for Wichtex Machinery and was a faithful Shriner; Fern took a job with Sears & Robuck that lasted for 42 years. They were in middle-aged when little Shelbi came along and made a bright spot in their lives.

Fern became "Aunt Sissy" and the two went everywhere together. She loved to show Shelbi off down at Sears and dress her up in the latest styles. Fern reveled in every one of Shelbi's childhood accomplishments.

That bond carried through their lives and when it became evident Fern could no longer care for herself, Shelbi stepped up and with her help, Fern was able to stay in her Iowa Park home until 2007, when it was time for hospice care.

Walking easily from room to room, it's difficult to imagine what the Austin Street house looked like in 2004 when Shelbi began fulfilling her commitment to her elderly

"You couldn't get into lots of rooms. There were pathways downstairs but upstairs, even the pathways were filled in," said Baker with a wry smile. "She just kept everything. Literally, everything

Baker lovingly but honestly describes her late aunt as a hoarder, a trait that grew worse as Fern Jones aged. Eventually the house on Austin Street became so full of Fern's lifetime collections, she shut it up and moved to another house in Iowa Park.

Determined to bring her Aunt Sissy back to her restored home at least once before she died, Baker began to excavate room by room, carefully clearing one space out only to use it for a sorting area for the next.

Knick-knacks, gimcracks, garage sale finds and tons of the flotsam of everyday life filled Dumpster after Dumpster. Still, with each layer would emerge another amazing discovery; seven sets of china, antiques, collectibles, her aunt's incredible fashions and a complete photographic history of both the Burnette and Jones fami-

There was a 1936 Buick in the garage, completely untouched for at least the past 50 years.

Things like this kept Baker going when she thought she couldn't. It was only when she dug down to her own childhood memories, the parts of it her Aunt Sissy had never thrown away that she truly understood her mission.

"I was kind of headstrong when? was little so when I misbehaved, Aunt Sissy would take away one of my toys. Like my Airplane Barbie or a game," she said, walking. through the empty bedroom she, occupied as a little girl. "She would put them away and kind of forget where they were so I found everything. I found my best childhood; memories in here.

With the help of her son Miles Matrauga, by Christmas of 2006 Shelbi had managed to clear enough of the house to bring her Aunt Sissy for a visit. The 90-yearold squawked with glee as they carried her wheelchair up the front steps and into the genteel parlor where she and the Burnettes waited out the war, where she and Dewey loved each other and made a good-

Fern died a few months later. Now Shelbi and her husband. Dan, have made 1306 Austin theirown honeymoon cottage. Work continues; Shelbi's painting another upstairs bedroom and there is: still a day room and the bakery to clear but it's a comfortable, cozy-

Original light fixtures hang throughout the house, beautifully crafted woodwork remains intact. The rooms are almost entirely furnished with antiques found in the house. A cat purrs by the gas fire-

"She had told me several times Ishould just sell it, it was too much work," said Baker of her late aunt, looking wistfully at a scrapbook. But think what I would have missed if I had."

Foursquare house still holds the HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Feb.

> This year's emphasis will be on your personal and domestic life. It becomes clear that you need a stable and secure base. You will see where strengthening and enforcement might be necessary. Investments in real estate are also highlighted. Familial and domestic relationships in general might come under scrutiny. Be honest with yourself about what isn't working, as difficult as that might be. Willingly let go of what cannot be fixed. If you are single, scrutinize someone carefully. Make decisions only once you really get to know a person. If you are attached, the two of you might want to add to your home, or perhaps buy a home. A move could happen if you don't own property. TAURUS can be an

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Choose your words, carefully. What happens with a touch of diplomacy might amaze you. Fatigue could be overwhelming. Consider calling it an early workday or opting for an easier pace. Listen to your body. Tonight: Fun and

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Don't push yourself. If you're feeling pressured financially or are about to invest, check out various alternatives. You might find that an investment is slow to develop. Your libido and creativity seem off. Don't take on any major projects! Tonight: Fun doesn't need to

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**★ Listen carefully to what is being shared. Take action on facts rather than theories. Others see you as an excellent leader. Don't allow a sense of heaviness or fatigue to mar the solution of a problem. Tonight: Say yes to living. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** Think before you do or say anything. Your attitude could impact your words. Be aware that often your gestures and expressions betray your real thoughts. Someone might be getting mixed messages. Tonight: Curl up with a

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You might want to veer off course or do something different. Weigh the ramifications. Brainstorm away but stay in tune with limits. Don't overspend

or go overboard. Communication pops. Tonight: Where your friends are. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ** Take a stand if you must. In some

sense you feel as if you have lost a beat or turned a situation around. Someone might push you very hard. You also don't need to take on more hassles or pressure. Let go and relax. Tonight: A must appear-LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** ★ Eye the long term. Decide that there is no such word as "no," and then look again at a problem. Know that there is a solution and continue to seek it out. Don't allow innate negativity to get to you. You know what works. Tonight: Opt for something different. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Work with a key partner or associate. You don't always need to agree. You do need to understand where the other is coming from. In the midst of a discussion, you might get negative, or an associate does. Tonight: Know when to

let bygones be bygones. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Others dominate despite your

strong personality. Pretend you are in charge when sorting through others' ideas and actions. You might see a situation quite differently as a result. Gaining a perspective soars in importance. Tonight: So many choices!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ** Easy — you don't need to finish a project today. In fact, taking your time might be helpful, as you could see a problem with some time and detachment. Schedule a doctor's appointment or decide to exercise a little! Tonight:

Choose something relaxing. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Keeping it together might take a lot more than you think. Your playfulness buds, and you might have difficulty reining yourself in. A partner or associate might have an issue with your carefree and fun nature. Tonight: Start the week-

end early

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ** Stay anchored, knowing what you want and expect. Don't worry about the moment. Look to the long term. Find positive ways to express your frustration and anger. Communication sizzles, forcing you to think. Tonight: Happy at

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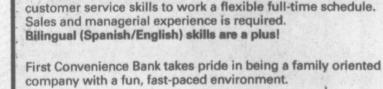
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