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Vehicle title transfer delays may cause fines

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A new law concerning transfer of vehicle titles could be costly for those who don't get their title and registration transferred within 20 work days from date of purchase.

House Bill 0481, which went into effect Jan. 1, states that a \$25 late transfer penalty will be assessed if the transfer is applied for between 21 and 31 work days after the date of sale on sales from one individual to another. Another \$25 will be added for each 30 calendar days when transferred on or after the 32nd work day after the date of sale.

Military personnel have up to 60 work days to transfer before a late penalty is assessed. A penalty of \$25 will be added to the cost of the transfer beginning with the 61st work day after date of sale. Another \$25 will be added when each additional 30th calendar day passes.

Exemptions to the late fees for transfer of title and registration

include passenger cars, light trucks, motorcycles and travel trailers that are 25 or more years old; new vehicles; vehicles bought from a state or federal government agency; and off-highway motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles.

Transfer notification forms are available at the county tax assessor-collector's office on the first floor of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell. The forms ask for name and address of seller, title number, vehicle make, plate number, vehicle identification number, year model, body style, buyer's name and address, date vehicle delivered, signature of seller and date signed.

Another new law, House Bill 310, concerns license plates.

Individuals who are not vehicle dealers may keep their metal license plates if they sell a vehicle, and these plates may be placed on another vehicle which the seller owns.

"They must have a receipt to prove that the plates are in their name," said Gray County Tax



Courtesy image

"Lone Star Texas" was the winning license plate chosen by online voters in a recent poll conducted by the Texas Department of Transportation to choose a new plate. The new design will appear on plates issued in 2009 and will feature seven characters rather than the six-character letter-number combinations now used on Texas tags.

Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead. "It costs \$5. They can transfer the plates to another like vehicle with proof of ownership of the vehicle and the tags." Tags which are on a car or light- See TAGS, Page 3

Campaigning



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

Former President Bill Clinton campaigning for his wife Hillary in Amarillo Saturday before the March 4 Texas primaries.

Pampa finances look good

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

"It was quite good," said Pampa Finance Director Robin Bailey.

That was how Bailey described the sales tax receipts and hotel-motel tax receipts for Pampa this month.

The February check for sales taxes was \$575,135.96. Of that, \$143,783.99 went to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, leaving the City of Pampa with \$431,351.97.

Bailey said the city had budgeted \$366,301.22, so the revenues coming into the city coffers from the sale tax was 17.76 percent over budget.

For the first five months of the fiscal year, Pampa has collected \$1,649,759.36, well above the \$1,365,935.87 they had

expected and budgeted.

That puts the city ahead of their budget by \$283,823.49, Bailey said, over budget by 20.78 percent.

For the same period last year, the city had collected only \$1,507,677.12. They are ahead of last year by \$142,082.24, or 9.42 percent. Projecting the same rate for the rest of the fiscal year, the city could end up with a \$691,930.15 surplus.

The city also received their first payment of hotel-motel taxes this month. At \$89,955.38, it is more than 46 percent of the budgeted \$195,000 for the fiscal year with eight months left in the year.

For 2006-2007, the city had budgeted \$150,000, but had collected \$287,000, Bailey said. The numbers bode well for Pampa's future, she said.

PGWCD may have to ground cloud seeding planes

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

AMARILLO -- The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations is expected to make a decision in March, as to whether they will allow the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District to continue to fly their cloud seeding planes or clip their wings.

Jonathan Steinberg, counsel for the state agency, said comments from a recent public hearing concerning the PGWCD's weather modification program will be summarized and presented to the agency's weather modification committee, who in turn will make a recommendation to the agency's executive director. Steinberg said the agency's meeting on March 6, can be viewed over the internet.

Following a presentation with facts and figures recently here by Jennifer Wright, the PGWCD's meteorologist, and C.E. Williams,

the PGWCD general manager, 14 people, many from outside the water conservation district, stood to oppose the weather modification program.

Their figures showed slightly more average rainfall during the April to September cloud seeding season except for July and August. The seasonal average for the six-month period in the panhandle is 15.18 inches, while the target in the district averaged 16.42 inches.

Most of those opposed cited anecdotal evidence, some of weather modification programs in other districts, in their opposition. The objections generally revolved around the 15-mile buffer zone that lies beyond the district boundaries, and the speakers said they didn't care what PGWCD did within its district boundaries, but they didn't want the district's planes flying over their counties.

Steinberg and George Bomar, a

meteorologist with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations, said the district can fly their plane anywhere they want, but the agency can restrict them as to where they may seed clouds.

David Ford of Moore County presented the hearing with a resolution from the Moore County Commissioners Court calling for a cessation of flights over and near Moore County. He also presented three petitions, one with 152 names, one with 63 names and one with 206 names, calling for a halt to the flights over Moore County.

Ronnie Gordon, Hartley County Judge, presented a similar resolution from his commissioners court.

Rank Cogdell of Briscoe County presented the agency with a resolution form his county commission and 259 names on a petition calling for the weather modification program to stop.

As charges were made of purport-

ed violations by PGWCD of over flights, Steinberg said the agency had never received any complaints. He said those complaints need to be filed with the Texas Department Licensing and Regulations.

"I operate in six of the seven counties in the Panhandle Groundwater District," said Jay O'Brien, an Amarillo rancher.




He said he had submitted a petition to the PGWCD signed by landowners who hold 75 percent of the landmass in the district calling for the cessation of the program, but it had been ignored.

Tom Bivins, an Amarillo rancher, said he was adamantly opposed to the weather modification program.

Mary Garner Grice of Randall County said the program ought to stop because it put more emissions in the atmosphere.

Ford said there was overwhelming feeding against the program by those who came to the meeting.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Rain chance

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 25 and 35 early. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. South wind around 10 mph becoming east northeast.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 34. East northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: A slight chance of freezing rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 22. East wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Thursday: A chance of freezing rain before 11am, then a chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 42. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Thursday Night: A chance of freezing rain or rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 30. East wind around 5 mph becoming south southwest. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

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Boy seeking treasure finds live grenade

PACE, Fla. (AP) — An 8-year-old boy and his friend found a live, World War II-era hand grenade while searching for buried treasure with a metal detector.

Sidney Mathis and his friend had found nails, bolts and a toy car by sweeping the detector over a field near their home Thursday. But it was their other find that alarmed Sidney's father, Chris Mathis.

He arrived home Thursday to find the boys about to put the grenade into a bucket of water.

Chris Mathis grabbed the grenade and dangled it outside the window of his sport utility vehicle as he drove away from the apartment complex.

Mathis had second thoughts.

"I hit a bump and that's about the time I realized moving the grenade wasn't the brightest thing to do," he said.

Two members of an Air Force explosives unit from nearby Hurlburt Field in the Florida Panhandle took the grenade and destroyed it Friday morning.

Rare penny collection sells for \$10.7 million

LONG BEACH, Calif. (AP) — A penny saved is not necessarily just a penny earned: One man's collection of rare American cents has turned into a \$10.7 million auction windfall.

The collection of 301 cents featured some of the rarest and earliest examples of the American penny, including a cent that was minted for two weeks in 1793 but was abandoned because Congress thought Lady Liberty looked frightened.

That coin and a 1794 cent with tiny stars added to prevent counterfeiters each raised hundreds of thousands of dollars, according to the Dallas-based auction house Heritage Auction Galleries, which held the sale in Long Beach on Friday night.

Heritage Auction presi-

dent Greg Rohan said the auction was the biggest ever for a penny collection, with hundreds of bidders vying for the coins. Presale estimates valued the collection at about \$7 million.

"It was a fabulous night," Rohan said. "Every major coin collector of American cents was either there in person, bidding online or on the telephone."

The coins came from the collection of Burbank resident Walter J. Husak, the owner of an aerospace-part manufacturing company. Husak became interested in collecting at age 13, while visiting his grandparents who paid him in old coins for helping with chores.

There were 168 successful bidders, and the auction gallery got 15 percent of the total.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MOORE, Shirley McNellis — 2 p.m. United Methodist Church, White Deer.

Shirley McNellis Moore, 85

AMARILLO, Texas — Shirley McNellis Moore, 85, of Amarillo, died Feb. 17, 2008, in Amarillo. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tues., Feb. 19, 2008, at the United Methodist Church in White Deer, with Rev. John Westman, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Moore was born March 20, 1922, in Ardmore, Okla. She married Virgil Moore on Oct. 30, 1941, in Las Vegas, Nev. He preceded her in death in 1994. She had been a resident of White Deer for 50

years before moving to Amarillo in 1993. She was a former member of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

Shirley was a sustaining member of the Republican National Committee and served as a voting delegate for Carson County at two state conventions in the 1970's and 1980's. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in White Deer. She was a dedicated wife and mother and loved to cook. In the 1950's and 1960's, Shirley

designed and made costumes for Jeanne Willingham's Beaux Arts Dance Studio and Linda Germany School of Dance.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ricky Moore; a daughter, Juanna Jo Moore; a grandson, Michael Moore; 10 brothers and sisters; and her parents, John T. and Lillie McNellis.

Survivors include a daughter, Linda Germany and husband Mike of White Deer; two granddaughters, Jennifer Reasoner

of Amarillo and Marlo Hendrick of White Deer; three grandsons, Keith Germany of White Deer, Brian Germany of Phoenix, Ariz., and Nick Moore of Bryan; 15 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Memorials can be sent to the United Methodist Church of White Deer, P.O. Box 835, White Deer, Texas 79097, or White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 315 S. Main, White Deer, Texas 79097.

—Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Moore

Anna Jo Weidler, 87

MIDLAND, Texas — Anna Jo Weidler, 87, of Midland, died Feb. 14, 2008, at Midland. Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Wed., Feb. 20, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of the First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will follow at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Weidler was born May 15, 1920, in

Williamstown, Mo. She came to Pampa in 1939 and married Harold Weidler on Sept. 4, 1948, in Miami. He preceded her in death in 1992.

Anna was a member of the Highland General Hospital Auxiliary in Pampa, a co-leader of the Girl Scouts and a former member of the First Christian Church of Pampa.

She moved to Amarillo in 1993 where she was a mem-

ber of the First Christian Church, and then moved to Midland in 2002.

Survivors include one son, Ronald C. Weidler of Plano; one daughter, Deborah L. Sharp and husband Jimmy of Midland; three brothers, Robert T. Smith of Pampa, Carroll Smith of Topeka, Kan., and Harold Smith of Kansas City, Kan.; four grandchildren, Sandahl

Weidler of Texas, Matthew Sharp of Brownwood, Angela Jenkins of Rankin, and Jeremy Sharp of Midland; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Smith and Milton Smith; and a sister, Juanita Menn.

MEMORIALS: Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Weidler

Nellie Ruth Bruner Wray, 89

SOUTHLAKE, Texas — Nellie Ruth Bruner Wray, 89, of Southlake, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Nellie Ruth Bruner Wray, cherished mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, passed peacefully into the hands of God and into the arms of her beloved husband, Gene, on Feb. 15, 2008, at Irving, Texas.

Nell was born April 21, 1918, in Texola, Okla., to Joseph David and Cora Ethel Harris Bruner. Two brothers, Thurman and Gilbert, and a sister, Margaret, also grew up in Texola where their father managed the Williams and Powell Cotton Gin.

At the age of nine, Nell was baptized in a nearby river after a revival conversion. She was a 1936 graduate of Texola High School, and she married Marvin Eugene Wray in 1939. The young couple settled in Borger where their only child, Billy Gene Wray, was born. The family moved to Pampa in 1952.

Nell was a trusted bookkeeper for Drs. Cox and Alexander, Joe Hawkins Appliances, and M. D. Snider Trucking. After retiring, she traveled with friends throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe. She was a longtime

member of First Baptist Church and was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

In 1999, Nell joined her son and his family in Southlake, Texas. "Nana," as she was lovingly called by her grandchildren, treasured every moment with family and friends. "Well done thou good and faithful servant. Enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Matthew 25:21.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gene, in 1979.

Nell will be remembered

by her son, Billy Gene Wray and wife Alice; grandson Mark and wife Amy and their son, Jacoby; granddaughter Dana and her husband Darren and their two children, Kaleb and Bailee; a brother-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, and precious friends.

Memorials can be sent to the First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 621, Pampa, Texas 79066-0621.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wed. at the funeral home.

—Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Wray

Emergency Services

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

Saturday, Feb. 16
 Ashley Amanda Medley, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by Pampa Police Department for theft of property and issuing a bad check.

Austin Doss Bruner, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to signal.

Monday, Feb. 18
 Brandon Lynn Mahon, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for displaying expired registration.

Joe Reyes Solis, 42, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by PPD for public intoxication.

Pampa PD
 Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Feb. 15
 Sixteen traffic stops were made.
 Traffic complaints were

received from the 1100 block of Juniper and the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the intersection of Atchison and Cuyler streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1400 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of Cinderella, the 1300 block of Coffee, on two occasions in the 700 block of Murphy, the 700 block of West Wilks, the intersection of Barnes and Frederic streets, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1100 block of Siroco, the 400 block of North Faulkner, the 1000 block of Clark, the 1300 block of North Starkweather and the 700 block of North Zimmers.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of West Brown.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of Barrett, the 200 block of East Brown and the 900 block of East Albert.

Arrests were made in connection with the incidents in the 200 block of East Brown and the 900 block of East Albert.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of Juniper.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Doucette, the 100 block of East Craven and the 2300 block of Alcock.

Criminal mischief was reported at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. Graffiti was sprayed on a southwest wall.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of Duncan. Graffiti was sprayed under the Duncan Street and Central Park bridge. Estimated cost of

damage is \$200.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Lowry.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Gray. The victim could not determine whether anything was missing. The interior of the vehicle was set on fire.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner.

Saturday, Feb. 16
 Twenty-two traffic stops were made. Arrests were made in connection with stops at the intersection of Thut and Gray streets, the intersection of Gwendolen and Nelson streets, the 800 block of South Hobart and the 1000 block of Yeager.

Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of East Kingsmill and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 500 block of Lefors. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

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ENVIRONMENTAL

Stormy weather helps disperse fuel spill in Gulf

HOUSTON (AP) — Stormy weather has helped break up and evaporate diesel fuel that spilled near a marine sanctuary in the Gulf of Mexico early Saturday after a supply ship ran into a drilling rig, the U.S. Coast Guard said.

The spill happened as an offshore supply ship, the Grady Fagan, hit the offshore drilling rig Ocean Star as the vessel was preparing to unload supplies.

An unknown amount of diesel fuel spilled from a tank on the ship, said Coast Guard spokesman Adam Wine. The fuel tank held 9,000 gallons. The drilling rig sustained no damage.

The owner of the supply ship has hired Marine Spill Response Corp., an independent spill response company, to help with the cleanup.

But crews remained on standby Saturday afternoon because there wasn't anything to clean up. Stormy weather moving through southeast Texas

has caused strong Gulf waves that helped disperse the diesel fuel, Wine said.

"The wave action has broken it up," he said. "Diesel fuel is a light-weight fuel and a lot of the hydrocarbons will evaporate off. It's not as good as being able to clean it all up. But it's better than having a slick out there."

A Coast Guard jet crew has detected no visible pollution or sheen from a fuel spill in the water, Wine said.

The spill happened about 140 miles southeast of Galveston and about 30 miles south of the Flower Gardens Banks National Marine Sanctuary, an environmentally sensitive area.

The supply ship's crew has plugged holes and transferred diesel fuel from the damaged tank.

The ship is on its way back to Galveston and is expected to arrive by Saturday evening, Wine said.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

Student abducted in Reno was strangled by serial rapist who remains at large

RENO, Nev. (AP) — A 19-year-old college student missing since she was abducted nearly a month ago was strangled by a serial rapist who has attacked at least two other women and may strike again, Reno police said Saturday.

An autopsy confirmed that a dead woman found Friday in a brush-covered field near a business park was Brianna Denison and that she died of strangulation, Reno Deputy Police Chief Jim Johns said.

Her body had been in the field for more than a week about 8 miles from the house where she last was seen early Jan. 20 at the edge of the University of Nevada, Reno, he said.

"I would say this is a serial rapist," Johns said at a news conference. "We have two, probably three (cases) linked through DNA."

"The totality of the information in this case leads us to believe it is a sexually motivated crime," he said. "I'm worried this guy is still out there, and I'm worried somebody else is going to get hurt."

Campus officers will do all they can to support investigators "in hunting this animal down and bringing him to justice," said university Police Chief Adam Garcia.

Heavy snowfall over the past few weeks may have delayed the discovery of her body, police said.

Denison was abducted by

a suspected rapist that police have linked by DNA to a string of attacks near the Reno campus. A student at Santa Barbara City College in California, she was visiting her hometown over winter break and was last seen sleeping on a couch at a friend's rental house just off campus.

DNA evidence links Denison's kidnapping to two other attacks on women near the university late last year, police said, and an earlier campus attack also could be related.

In that earlier incident, the attacker brazenly raped a woman at gunpoint in a garage where campus police park their cruisers.

Based on partial descriptions from previous victims, police have described the suspect as a white male between ages 28 and 40 and at least 5 feet 6, with a long face and brown hair. He was believed to have no accent or regional dialect.

The killer's familiarity with the city suggests he likely lives in Reno, Johns said, adding that he believes the "chances are very good" they will catch him.

"It could be tomorrow, next month, next year. We are going to find this suspect," he told reporters.

The killer probably lives near the campus just north of the downtown casino district or on the city's nearby northwest side,

Johns said, and he may work closer to the city's southeast side, where the body was found.

"Somewhere in our community there is a wife, a mom, a girlfriend, a sister who recognizes this suspect. Likely he looks like somebody you would least suspect, but that is the person who is responsible for this crime," he said.

Publicity of the manhunt may cause the rapist to stop attacking, but "our absolute fear is he may re-offend," Johns said.

Denison's disappearance generated an outpouring of support from the community. Hundreds of volunteers aided in daily searches in and around Reno, and electronic casino marquees fea-

ured her photograph.

One of the "Bring Bri Back" fliers with her photo and information about a suspect and suspect vehicle was tacked to a telephone pole on the corner of the field where her body was found about noon on Friday.

Bridgette Denison, Brianna's mother, issued a statement on behalf of the family Saturday thanking police and the community for their help in the search for her daughter.

"On March 29, 1988, Bridgette and Jeffrey Denison were given the incredible gift of their daughter Brianna. On January 20, 2008, she became the daughter of our entire community," she said in the statement.

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Tags

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duty pickup must be used on another car or light-duty pickup. Truck tags must be placed on another truck, motorcycle tags must go on another motorcycle, and trailer tags must be used on another trailer.

The registration period remaining on the current tags shall continue with the vehicle being sold and does not transfer with the plates.

If the seller does not wish to transfer the plates to another like vehicle, the tags must be disposed of properly. One acceptable method of dispos-

ing of metal license plates is to spray black spray paint across the numbers and letters of the plate and then place the plates in a Dumpster.

The State of Texas requires both front and back license plates, and the plates must be replaced every seven years.

The current license plates issued to persons who do not buy specialty plates were introduced in 2000. They are the first plates to use three colors -- blue, red and black. They feature a horseman at bottom center with oil derricks at right and the Space Shuttle the upper left-hand corner, across from a crescent moon in a star-filled sky.

The Texas Department of Transportation recently conducted an online poll of which license plate Texans would prefer to be the general-issue plate. There were five choices, including the current plate

described above.

The winner, with 456,685 votes, was dubbed "Lone Star Texas" and features a splash of red and blue with a white star in the upper left-hand corner, superimposed over a blue sky with clouds above a Texas landscape.

Second place with 295,057 votes went to "Natural Texas," which shows a field of bluebonnets. The remaining choices in order of finish were "Traditional Texas," 162,217 votes; "New Texas," with 127,035 votes; and "My Texas," the current general issue plates, with 114,662 votes.

The new design will appear on plates issued in 2009. Also new that year will be a seventh character, needed because the state is about to run out of possible number and letter combinations using six characters, according to TxDOT.

Record

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Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1300 block of Garland, the 1900 block of Lynn, on two occasions in the 900 block of East Browning and on two occasions in the 1000 block of Fisher.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of Murphy, the 500 block of Yeager and the 100 block of West 30th.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East Foster and the 300 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 400 block of Jupiter and the 1100 block of North Christine.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Miami. A windowpane valued at \$50 was broken out at a residence.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

Three alarms were reported.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Yeager.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Seven traffic stops were made.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1200 block of North Russell.

A traffic complaint was received from the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of Willow, the 400 block of Jupiter and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1000 block of South Barnes.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Crawford Street and Neel Road.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of North Naida.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of North Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of

North Hobart and the 1100 block of South Christy.

Criminal mischief was reported at DJ Investments, 1201 N. Hobart. A window valued at \$300 was broken, approximately \$150 damage was done to a truck and an estimated \$50 damage was done by painting graffiti.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner, the police department lobby and the 300 block of Miami.

A terroristic threat and criminal mischief were reported in the 1200 block of North Russell. The threat was made by telephone.

Information on a domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident, which was verbal only.

A verbal domestic disturbance and assault by threat were reported in the 1300 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

Assault was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported at McDonald's Restaurant, 1201 N. Hobart. A donation

box was taken.

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Four traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Cuyler and Browning streets and the 900 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A prowler was reported in the 1600 block of Holly.


An arrest was made in connection with a follow-up investigation at the intersection of Beryl and Henry streets.

One alarm was reported.

Burglary of a building was reported at Sisters Spudnuts, 800 W. Foster. A window valued at \$300 was broken and a cash register valued at \$500, along with electronics valued at \$60, were taken.

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Viewpoints

A 1877 Valentine's Day love letter that was never finished

Must have been around Valentine's Day in 1877 when a young man named Donaho took pen in hand to write a love letter to his sweetheart in Dallas.

"Dear Darling," he began, off to an affectionate start. "Tis with pleasure that I seat my self on the Banks of Llano River a Beautiful stream Rippling its way through the Western firmament and on each side O'far as the eye Can behold is Mountains and prairies which vast herds of Buffalo roam. the lean Cyote Can be seen skulking around and all is lovely to the eye of one sad Boy."

Clearly, Donaho couldn't claim to be the world's best speller and he apparently missed class the day they talked about capitalization, comma usage and run-on sentences, but as spring set-

tled on Texas, he obviously had an eye for nature's beauty. He also had an eye for beautiful women, which was why he was "one sad Boy."

No less longingly than Romeo for Juliet, Donaho pined for his lovely Anna in far away North Texas.

"Could Anna But know the sad and shocking feelings that exist in my bosom," Donaho went on, "When I think of my Anna. Yes the Rose the day star of my life I am winding my way through this barren Country to Mexico for my idea is to be a Western Warrior."

Did Donaho intend to join the Cavalry or saddle up with the Texas Rangers? Obviously, he knew the days ahead would be dangerous.

"We may never see each other again," he lamented, "but live with hope. My desire is that we shall both

pass the short but treacherous hours away willing and well. Darling to dream of you by night and sigh for you by day."

Then, serenaded by the river, he really lets it flow: "What a luxury for me it would be to behold your illustrious imige [image].

Yes Anna your eyes burn Liquid fire so flaming to my heart that [it] is ir re sistible."

(Ladies, if you need to catch your breath and fan yourselves, please pause here before continuing.)

Poor Donaho felt so lonely, so much longing for his darling Anna. The road seemingly stretched on and on.

"As I travel along the Western horizon I seldom meet any one except the old hunter who is as grave as the Wind," he despaired in his awful solitude. "My only companion is three young men. we have a lonsime [lonesome] Time of it."

Finally, Donaho cut to the chase. In this case, he and his pals figured as the objects of a literal chase. He had not signed up as a "Western Warrior" to protect the frontier while wearing the blue uniform of a horse soldier or a lawman's white hat.

In truth, Donaho rode the Owl Hoot Trail as an outlaw, having recently robbed the stagecoach between Austin

and Fredericksburg. Now he was on the lam.

But like many young man, Donaho had hope for the future, a desire to make a good living at his chosen vocation and a comfortable home for the girl he wanted to marry and spend the rest of his life with.

"We inhabit the Western Country and will Continue until we get Rich which I most emphatically [emphatically] think we will and when we do I am Coming Back to dallas," he wrote. (Clearly, this was before the city earned its Big D status.)

"Wait for me Anna for I am solid with you. God is my witness I do love you. I am held to no Locality. Bound to no personal object except yourself. Yes wait for me and I will make you a jenerous [generous] husband."

Alas, Anna never received the letter. But she did learn of its contents when the Galveston News gleefully published it for all to enjoy after a Gillespie County ranging company captured Donaho and his fellow robbers. When they went through his things, the rangers found his unfinished love letter and cheerfully leaked it to the press.

The missive from the sad, bad Donaho caught the attention of readers in Texas and across the nation. Even the serious-minded New York Times considered Donaho's letter interesting enough to merit inclusion in its pages, publishing it on March 11, 1877.

The newspaper concluded: "The young man will have to serve five or ten

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Mike Cox
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2008. There are 317 days left in the year. This is Presidents Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the U.S. for the first time.

On this date:

In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as the provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz.

In 1960, the eighth Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.

In 1967, American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer died in Princeton, N.J., at age 62.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968. (Those convictions were later reversed).

In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden "flight" above the Mojave Desert.

In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

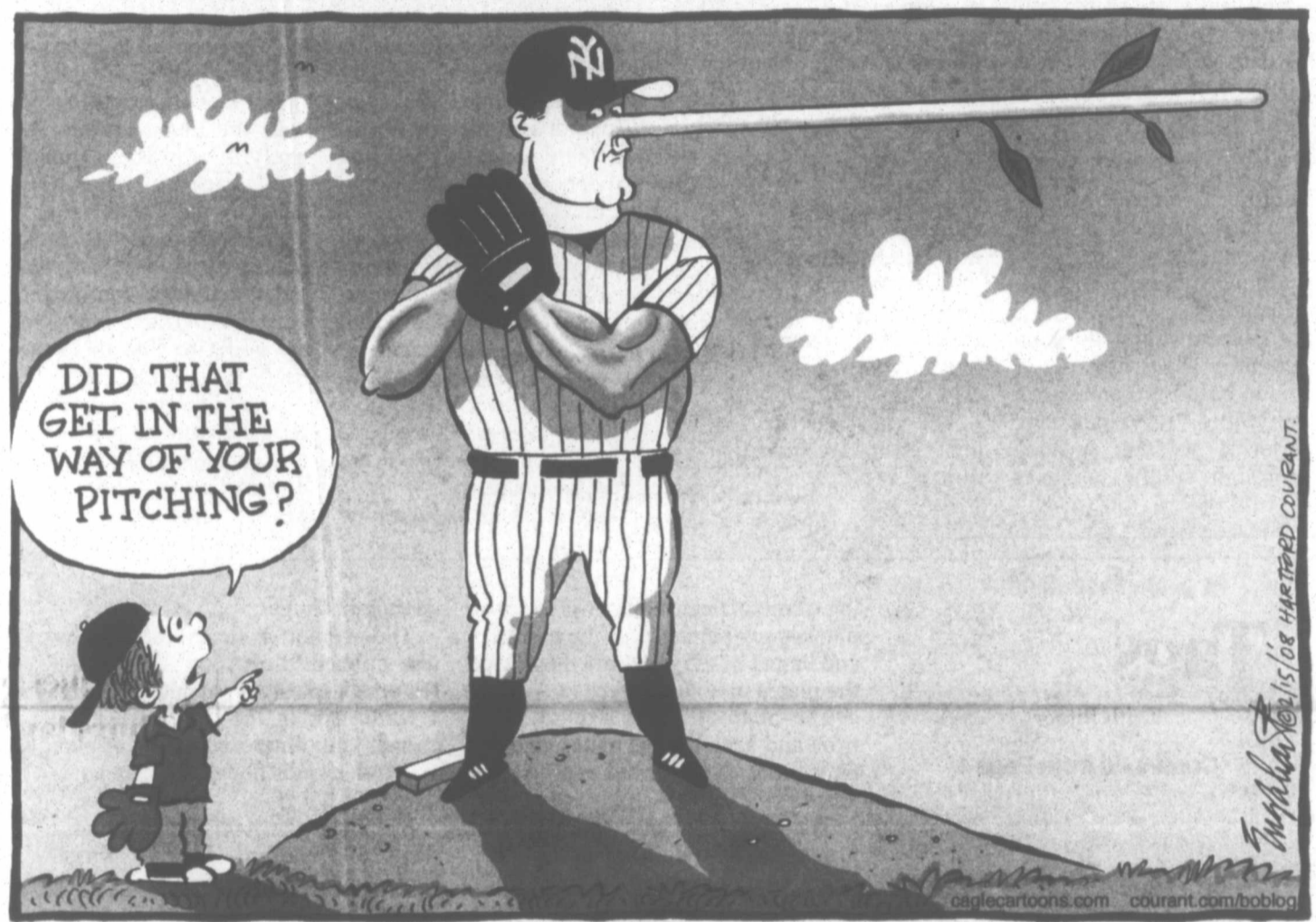
In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

Ten years ago: President Clinton's foreign policy team encountered jeers during a town meeting at The Ohio State University while trying to defend the administration's threat to bomb Iraq into compliance with U.N. weapons edicts. Sportscaster Harry Caray died in Rancho Mirage, Calif., at age 83.

Five years ago: Declaring that America's security should not be dictated by protesters, President Bush said he would not be swayed from compelling Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to disarm. An arson attack on two South Korean subway trains in the city of Daegu claimed 198 lives. (The arsonist was sentenced to life in prison.) Country singer Johnny Paycheck died in Nashville, Tenn., at age 64.

'Opinion is that exercise of the human will which helps us to make a decision without information.'

— John Erskine
American author and educator (1879-1951)



Don't take electoral system for granted

To state the obvious, voting is the process by which we choose our leaders. What may not be so obvious is that the only alternative to ballots is to choose leaders with bullets. None of us wants that.

Therefore, we all have to put aside our particular complaints about the current system of political campaigning and vote anyway. I have friends who say they are no longer going to vote for the lesser of two evils and will stay home. That's a choice, but in my opinion it isn't a good one.

We are going to be governed, and if we don't participate, then others will decide the question to suit themselves. An Israeli poet once said that modern man has to learn to distinguish between degrees of evil. "Evil" is too strong a word to apply to our presidential candidates. I don't think any one of them is evil. But there are degrees of competence and degrees

of agreement with our own political beliefs.

What would be the difference between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton? Between either of them and Mike Huckabee or John McCain? That's the question we have to answer with the election.

I believe any of them will be an improvement over George W. Bush. I think that when the twin towers were wrecked, the presidency of Bush was wrecked along with them. He seemed to have become obsessed with being a wartime president despite the fact that we are not at war in any historical or legal sense of that word. We were attacked by a gang of criminal terrorists, and they got lucky and drew a lot of blood. But not one of all

the sovereign states on the planet had attacked us or even threatened to attack us.

We had a gang of terrorists to go after, a task best handled by intelligence and special operations forces. Bush instead chose to make conventional war against two sovereign states, and here we are five years later still bogged down in both countries.

American blood loss may have been reduced temporarily, but the treasury is still hemorrhaging. Right now, the greatest danger we face is economic.

I believe the real reason we attacked Iraq was to put us in a position to sit on its oil. The oil reserves are second only to Saudi Arabia's, and some geologists believe they are even larger than the

Saudi reserves.

Regardless of what politicians say to the public, all but the most stupid know that we cannot become independent of foreign oil supplies. It's impossible. We use too much and import too much. At the same time, the appetite for oil is increasing as China and India, to cite just two examples, expand their economies. Oil, despite price hikes, remains the cheapest form of energy available. It will eventually run out, but until it does, nations will compete for it. It remains the most valuable prize.

Trying to substitute ethanol is a mistake. It takes more energy to make the ethanol than the stuff produces. Worse, it's already driving up the price of food, which in some parts of world will mean famine. Remember, people starve

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Feb. 11

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on the tolerance of free expression:

Out of Afghanistan comes another sickening reminder, thanks to a free and independent press, of one basic difference between primitive and advanced civilizations: tolerance of free expression.

A court in the Balkh province in northern Afghanistan recently gave the death sentence to a 23-year-old journalism student, Sayed Parwez Kaambaksh, for blasphemy in connection with distributing to his fellow students an article off the Internet that

questioned Islam's view of women's rights.

Kaambaksh was tried behind closed doors and without representation, according to Reporters Without Borders, a nonprofit international advocate of press freedoms.

The group has appealed to President Hamid Karzai to drop the case against Kaambaksh. They, and other intelligent human beings, grieve over such outrages against the intellect.

Media organizations say judges appeared to be going after Kaambaksh's well-known journalist brother, Yaqub Ebrahimi, author of the downloaded article and other articles that have exposed abuses by provincial authorities, including a practice involving teenage boys who dressed as girls

and entertained male guests at authorities' parties.

Kaambaksh's case has been appealed and has drawn international concern among many free-press organizations.

The New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists, using a strict confirmation process, reported this month that at least 65 journalists were killed worldwide last year in the course of their work -- the highest total since 1994, when conflicts in Bosnia, Algeria and Rwanda left 66 journalists dead.

Most of the 679 killed since 1992 were print reporters (31.2 percent), CPJ said. Most were killed because of war (33 percent), politics (25.2 percent), corruption (20.5 percent) or human

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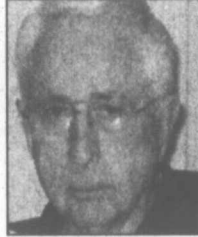
Letter from the desk of the executive director

Although February is our shortest month of the year, it is a very important month for several reasons. There are two special days you definitely do not want to forget.

First, there Valentine's Day and then the most important of all, Feb. 21st, the date of our annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce banquet. It is a night to dress up, join your fellow Pampans for a night out, have a great meal and other festivities.

You do not have to be a Chamber Member to attend, but for planning purposes please purchase your tickets in advance. Tickets are available at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard, and will be sold from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon., Feb.18 through Thurs., Feb. 21.

Richard "Buzz" David, President & CEO of the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation, will be our featured speaker. He will be speaking about successful partnerships between Amarillo and certain Panhandle cities which have yielded new industries such as the new cheese plant near Dalhart.



Because of our close ties and common goals to help or increase our business climate, it is important to work together to leverage our opportunities. He will be here to represent Amarillo and to tell us how we can partner with them in such endeavors.

Our theme for this year's banquet is "PASSIONATE ABOUT PAMPA." Personally speaking, I see this passion for Pampa exemplified everyday.

Many of our Chamber members volunteer time after time, day after day to help not only with Chamber activities, but also many other Pampa community activities.

Our entire Pampa community, including our citizens, our city and county leaders, business leaders and school personnel seem to be "on a roll" and are excited and proud to live in Pampa. They love the history of the area, the friendly people and merchants, and love to live here.

With this passion and excitement, we are gaining momentum and most importantly are definitely seeing a transformation from the "can't do" to "can do" attitudes.

Just five months ago, I personally received a complaint from a local company saying that they were told very bluntly, "you can't do that in Pampa." They were so upset that one of their representatives told me they would do everything they could do to move their company out of Pampa.

I took them to talk with some of our "passionate about Pampa" people who assured them that "it could be done." Now, these same company representatives are, in turn, "passionate about Pampa" and have recently volunteered to help the Chamber and this community in any way they could.

This is what being excited and passionate about our community, our jobs, and our lives is all about. It is contagious! Have you noticed that being around someone who has a positive attitude and a smile will make you feel good and excited too? Whereas, being around someone who constantly has a negative attitude will make you feel bad?

I am fortunate to live in Pampa and I am thankful for the progressive, friendly and "passionate about Pampa" people who live here. If you are not one of these people, I invite you to drop by the Chamber Office or talk to one of our Board members.

I believe we can convince you that you too can be "passionate about Pampa" and enjoy living here even more.

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- March 30 - Musical "Mary Did you Know" at Calvary Baptist
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- April 6 - Friends of the Library Nutcracker Raffle
- Some time in April - Walk for Life
- May 3 - American Red Cross Golf Tournament
- May 10 & 11 - Pampa Partnership Golf Tournament
- June 14 & 15 - Burnin' the Bricks
- June 28 - Las Pampas Koi and Water Garden Annual Pond Tour

Happy

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm an 18-year-old girl. Romantic relationships have never meant much to me. It's fun to have someone to go to art galleries and coffee shops with, and to make out with in my car, but I don't have a need to tie myself down. I have had a lot of nice "flings" during high school, but it was high school, and it's time to move on. My best friend of 11 years, "Mick," happens to be a boy. We decided in middle school that our relationship would be strictly platonic. Last night, Mick kissed me and told me he is in love with me. I don't feel the same. I'm not physically attracted to him. I tried to be nice and told Mick it would ruin our friendship, but he disagrees. With any other guy, rejection is easy. But this is my best friend. Mick has low self-esteem when it comes to girls. If I say I'm not attracted to him, it'll hurt his feelings. I feel stuck and angry. I told Mick the truth about how I felt a long time ago. Do I have to be mean to get my point across? Here's how I honestly feel: I love hanging out with him, but I find him repulsive-looking, and if he kisses me again he's getting slapped. I've never been mad at him before. Can you please help me? — "ASHLEY" IN CLEVELAND

DEAR "ASHLEY": According to the letters I have received from men, most would prefer to be told the truth rather than be left hoping and dangling. You and Mick have different objectives. He wants romance; you want only friendship. It's time for you both to widen your circle of friends. It isn't necessary to tell Mick that he's "repulsive" or that the next time he makes a move on you, you'll deck him. However, the sooner you tell him plainly that you consider him your best friend — but nothing more — and the "chemistry" isn't there for you, the better off you'll both be. Believe me, it's a lot kinder than stringing him along for company.

DEAR ABBY: Please let me know the appropriate way to inform my family and friends that my wedding has been canceled. How many details do I have to provide? What if my fiance, who is a publicist, has posted a lengthy and one-sided account of what has happened? — **FORMER BRIDE-TO-BE**

DEAR FORMER BRIDE-TO-BE: You do not have to provide any painful details to anyone. Write a short note to your family and friends. All you need to say is "Dear (), This is to inform you that 'John's' and my wedding has been canceled. Condolences are not in order — it was by mutual consent. Love, ()" If your former fiance has actually had the bad taste to post an account of why the wedding is off, I cannot stress emphatically enough that he's no gentleman, and you're lucky to be rid of him. Do not sink to his level.

DEAR ABBY: There seems to be an awful lot of women exposing themselves on the Internet in graphic sexual fashion. My wife says that men degrade themselves by looking at them. My question to you is, what is more degrading? Looking at them, or women exposing themselves? — **WONDERING IN PUYALLUP, WASH.**

DEAR WONDERING: For a woman to post graphic sexual images for people she doesn't know to view strikes me as more degrading because it indicates that she thinks she has little else to offer. However, for a married man to view those images could also be considered degrading — and threatening — to his wife. Many women have written to me because their husbands spend more time looking at porn on the Internet than having a sex life in their own bedroom. In other words, the practice became an addiction.

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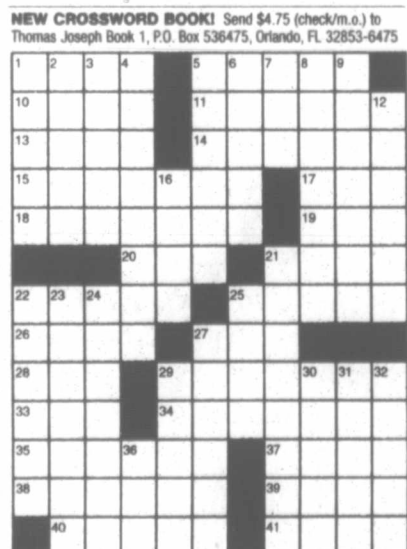
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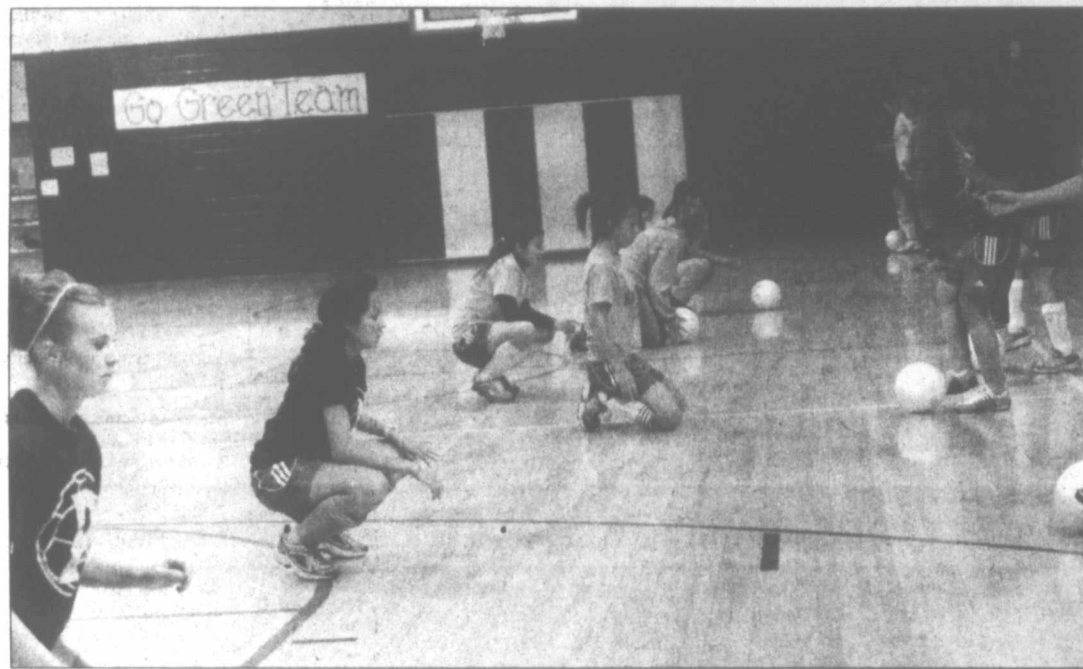
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Soccer Practice



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The Lady Harvesters soccer team practiced Friday in the middle school gym due to inclement weather.

Brister, Lady Buffs Dominate Zias 78-57

CANYON, Texas — Despite having played only one game at the First United Bank Center since mid-January, the West Texas A&M women's basketball team has not lost any of its home court magic as the No. 17 Lady Buffs defeated Eastern New Mexico, 78-57, on Saturday for their 42nd consecutive home victory.

With the victory, the Lady Buffs remain in first place in the Lone Star Conference South with a 9-1 record in the league to go along with their 19-4 overall mark this season. Eastern New Mexico, meanwhile, sees its overall record fall to 4-19 and 1-9 in LSC South action.

Junior All-American Emily Brister was her usual outstanding self on the court against the Zias, contributing a game-high in points (23), rebounds (8) and steals (5). The Amarillo, Texas, native finished 7-of-15

shooting on the night and made 9-of-10 attempts from the free throw line.

Joining Brister in double figure scoring on the night were junior Jamie Dreiling, who tallied four points and pulled down four boards, and sophomore Holly Isaacs, who was 3-of-4 from beyond the three-point arc for 11 points. Additionally, freshman Megan McLain scored 10 points on 3-of-9 shooting from the floor — including two baskets from the long range — and 2-of-4 shooting from the charity stripe.

The Lady Buffs hit the ground running in the contest, as junior Jamie Dreiling nailed a three-pointer on the game's opening possession. The WT defense also started the game with the same intensity of the team's offense, forcing six ENMU turnovers before the first media time out to take a commanding 16-2 lead.

For the game, the Lady Buff defense was spectacular in forcing 27 turnovers from the Zias leading to 25 points on the offensive end. In its last three games, WT has forced an incredible 89 turnovers.

After weathering the initial WT surge, the Zias battled back to claim eight of the games next 10 points to get within six points, 18-12, with 11:42 minutes to play. The visitor momentum would not last long as the Lady Buffs countered with a 9-0 run and took a 27-12 lead with 8:37 to play on a long distance shot from freshman Joni Unruh.

OPTIMIST CLUB UPDATE

Optimist Club basketball back in action with six games

The Pampa Optimist Club Boys Basketball League was back in action on Thursday and Friday night with 6 games on the schedule. The early game on Thursday night saw Nathan Furgason explode for 22 points to help the Roden Oilfield Aggies defeat the Embridge Longhorns 28 to 24. Chase Cree, Chase Brown and Brock Duncan also got on the board for the Aggies with 2 points each. Leading the way for the Longhorns was Cory Chidester with 14 points, Matthew Wheeler tossed in 6 and Barrak Reeves finished with 4 points.

In the 7pm game on Thursday the Alvey Law Mavericks defeated the Celtics by a score of 30 to 8. Brandon Stokes and Johnathon Stevens poured in 10 points each to lead the way for the Mavericks. Korbin Ramirez had 4 points and Dayton Hernandez, Dylan Zawicki and Nicholas Wells each contributed 2 points for the Mavericks. The Celtics had a good team effort as John Cryer, Ceygan Jamison, Marcus Jernigan and Blayne Troxell each had 2

points. Damon Walker's 18 points was too much for the Sonics to overcome as the Willis Oilfield Nuggets defeated the NBC Sonics by a score of 28 to 17. The combination of Hunter Hughes, Dayton Tipton, Alex Marrufo, Jacob Brown and Nathan Sprinkle contributed 2 points each to the Nugget's cause. The Sonics were led in the paint by Ethan Hunt with 6 points, Josh Miner had 5, Josh Hernandez tossed in 4 and Cager Osborne rounded out the scoring for the Sonics with 2 points.

Josh DeLoach scored 14 points in the early game Friday night as his Fenton Motor-Cowboys defeated the Celanese Red Raiders 19 to 7. Carson Eubank and Zach Beedy had the only other points of the night for the Cowboys with 2 points each. The Raiders were led by Colin Massak with 4 points, Cody Beyer had 2 and Cason Troxell had 1 to round out the Raiders on the scoreboard.

The 7pm game on Friday night was very close with the Embridge Longhorns pulling out a tight victory over the K.C. Enterprise

Irish by a score of 29 to 24. The Chidester brother combination of Cory (13 points) and Bryce (10 points) led the way for the Longhorns. Also getting of the board for the Longhorns were Barrack Reeves with 4 points and Tyler Devuyt with 2 points.

In the late game Friday night Landon Taylor posted up for 17 big points and Cade Engle added 14 points and 9 assists to lead the Great Plains Abstract & Title Buckeyes over the Roden Oilfield Aggies by a score of 43 to 11. Also scoring for the Buckeyes were Solon Wilson, Greyson Wilson and Jordan Green with 4 points each. The Aggies were led by their hard working point guard Nathan Furgason with 5 points. Brock Duncan had 3 points, Michael Mechelay had 2 and Chase Brown rounded out the scoring for the Aggies with 1 point.

The season will pick up its pace this week with 12 games on the schedule starting Monday February 18th, and ending Friday February 22nd.

Buff's Down Eastern New Mexico 72-58

CANYON, Texas — The Buffs clinched their ticket to the 2008 Lone Star Conference Championship in Bartlesville, Okla., on Saturday night as the West Texas A&M men's basketball team defeated Eastern New Mexico, 72-58, in front of 1,981 fans at the First United Bank Center.

With the victory, the Buffs improve their overall mark this season to 18-6, including an 8-1 mark in LSC South Division action. The Greyhounds, meanwhile, fall to 6-18 this season and 0-9 in league play.

Senior Chris Hinz put together a solid night's work, finishing the contest with a season-high 20 points on 8-of-11 shooting. Classmate Pierre Barlow was also a sparkplug for the Buffs in the contest, finishing with career-high 15 points and

providing high-energy play through out the affair.

The Buffs got off to a cold shooting start in the game, missing their first six shots of the ball game and falling behind 6-0 before Barlow broke the ice with a long distance basket at the 14:32 mark.

Barlow then gave the Buffs their first lead of the night, 8-6, but the Greyhounds quickly regained the advantage on back-to-back baskets from Kendall Clark and Matt Churchman.

A slick pass from Robert Lee found Chris Hinz alone on the low block for an uncontested layup, knotting the game at 10-10 with 10:03 to play. The score sparked a 6-0 run for the Buffs which left them ahead 14-10 with 8:38 to play.

Lee, who produced 30 points in Wednesday's road victory over Midwestern State, tallied 16 points, including 12 during

the second half of play.

The Greyhounds were able to counter with two quick baskets but Tyler Cooper put the Buffs back in front with a three-pointer at the 7:53 mark. The half remained tight, with WT remaining on top and getting a running jumper from Robert Lee in the waning seconds of the period to head into the intermission leading 24-21.

The Buffs retook the floor in the second half with more vigor, starting the period on an 8-4 run and taking a seven-point lead on an old-fashioned three-point play by Hinz at the 17:45 mark.

Justin Redman-Trotter's jumper with 13:11 to play cut the WT lead to only one at 39-38 and the Greyhounds were able to again cut their deficit to just a single point against at 41-40 with 11:18 to play. The visitors from Portales, N.M., took their first lead since the 8:02 mark of the second half when Clark scored to make it 42-41 in favor of ENMU.

Lee was able to put the Buffs back on top as he made both free throws of a one-and-one opportunity with 9:07 left on the clock. The Fort Worth, Texas, native continued the momentum swing for WT as he tallied the next points of the ball game on a three-pointer with 8:06 to play.

The Buffs stretched their lead to double-digits, 58-47, with 4:13 remaining as Pierre Barlow scored fast break lay-ups on back-to-back possessions; he was fouled on the second lay-up and converted the three-point play to put the Buffs ahead by 11.

Another fast break lay-up by Barlow pushed WT's lead to 14 with just 47 seconds on the clock as the Buffs went on to collect their 18th win of the season.

The Buffs are back in action on Wednesday when they continue their current four-game home stand as they host Texas A&M-Kingsville in an 8 p.m. contest.

Eaton leads Oklahoma State to victory

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Oklahoma State broke a more than two-year road losing streak where it all began.

Byron Eaton had 17 points, including two free throws with 9 seconds left, to lead the Cowboys to a 59-54 victory over No. 16 Texas A&M on Saturday, breaking a 19-game skid away from home. The win broke a 16-game conference road losing streak for the Cowboys (13-12, 4-7 Big 12) and snapped a five-game winning streak for the Aggies (20-5, 6-4).

The first loss in this skid was a 46-44 defeat by A&M on Feb. 11, 2006. The Cowboys had-

n't won on the road since a 63-61 win at Kansas State on Feb. 4 of that year.

"I'm happy for our guys and really proud for them," said Oklahoma State coach Sean Sutton, who notched his first road win as head coach Saturday. "I know that they were tired and our fans were tired of this losing streak on the road. It's a big burden to finally get behind us."

Dominique Kirk made one of two free throws to bring Texas A&M within 55-53 with just more than a minute to play.

Derrick Roland stole the ball from Eaton with less than a minute to play and Donald Sloan looked like he was on the way to an easy layup

before Terrel Harris came from behind for the block.

"Terrel came out of nowhere," Marcus Dove said. "That was a great play, basically he saved the game for us."

Obi Muonelo made two free throws after the Aggies were forced to foul to make it 57-53 with 16 seconds left.

Sloan made the second of two free throws with 11 seconds left to cut Oklahoma State's lead to 57-54, before Eaton ensured the win with his free throws.

Oklahoma State overcame a three-point deficit with an 8-4 run, fueled by five points by Eaton, to go up 53-50 with about five minutes left.

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Saturday's Cryptoquote: THE GREATEST MISTAKE YOU CAN MAKE IN LIFE IS TO BE CONTINUALLY FEARING YOU WILL MAKE ONE. — ELBERT HUBBARD

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2008.

This year, zero in on what you want. Frequently tap into your goals and desires and revise them as necessary. You could achieve your aspiration, only to discover that you really don't want it at all. In truth, you will be changing a lot in the next year, and your choices will reflect this transformation. New friends are likely to enter your life. You could encounter a problem with difficult communication or mixed messages. Confirm meetings. If your feelings are hurt, check out what the other party really meant. If you are single, someone special could head in your direction. A friendship could be significant in the forming of this bond. If you are attached, remain nurturing or become even more sensitive to your sweetie. Mutuality could flow. Avoid blaming. LEO works well with you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Communication is mixed at best. You might have difficulty explaining where you are coming from. Center yourself and use your instincts and unusual creativity. A boss or higher-up might be making some unusual demands. Tonight: Let go and relax.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You enter a period in which you focus on your goals and friends. If you have been considering some changes, the time will be the next few weeks. Learn to understand where others are coming from. Walk in their footsteps. Tonight: Head on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ Speak your mind, but don't forget the power of diplomacy. So much runs by you that you might have a problem keeping the abundance of information classified. If you are running late, make a phone call. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Consider what extravagance and overindulgence really cost you. You might opt to be more self-disciplined as a result. Those around you appear to be changing right in front of you. Rather than react, try walking in their shoes. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ Emphasize key relationships. Let others know how much you appreciate their efforts. Make it a point to clear up a disagreement, even if it means saying you are sorry. Be more nurturing. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Confusing signals compiled with your own questioning causes you to be insecure. Double-check meetings, information and any statements that might feel off. A new love interest has potential, or possibly a child transforms before your very eyes. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Though an element of confusion surrounds friends and loved ones, you'll get where you want to be. Indulge someone who might be having a difficult time. Your resourcefulness starts to peak. Tonight: Where people are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Others naturally respect you and your choices. As a result, you are often in a position of leadership. Allow more creativity to flow into your communication.

Others become highly responsive. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★★ If you're feeling as if you are in a whirlwind, step back and detach. A more remote perspective will provide understanding and ingenuity. An investment might cost much more than you originally anticipated. Tonight: Where your mind can wander.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A partnership gains in importance, be it professional or personal. Dig up as much information as possible about an investment. You could find that it might not be to your liking. Keep talks open. Tonight: With that special person in your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★★ Others seem bound and determined to pull you into their life. Why not? You might enjoy some diversity. How you view your world soon will be in the process of transformation. Allow someone else to take the lead. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Dive into your must-do's. You will want to be free and clear soon enough. Energy starts building and will continue for a while. You are in the position of zeroing in on a long-term goal or desire. Tonight: Get some exercise.

BORN TODAY

Astronomer Nicolaus Copernicus (1473), Prince Andrew of Britain (1960), actor Lee Marvin (1924)

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At least eight dead when car plows into street-racing crowd

ACCOKEEK, Md. (AP) — A car plowed into a group of street-racing fans obscured by a cloud of tire smoke on a highway Saturday, killing eight people and scattering bodies in the early morning darkness.

At least five others were injured in the gruesome wreck along a flat, isolated stretch of highway about 20 miles south of Washington known for illegal races.

About 50 people were gathered before dawn along Route 210 as two cars spun their wheels, kicked up smoke and sped off, said Prince George's County police Cpl. Clinton Copeland.

Fans had spilled onto the smoky, dark road to watch the cars drive away when a white Ford Crown Victoria unexpectedly came up from behind and smashed into them.

"There were just bodies everywhere; it was horrible," said Crystal Gaines, 27, of Indian Head, whose father was killed.

Police interviewed the Crown Victoria driver, but no charges were pending, Copeland said. Authorities were looking for the drivers of the two cars involved in the race.

The combination of the smoke and the dark morning likely meant the unsuspecting driver could not see the crowd, police said. A tractor-trailer that came by shortly afterward may also have struck someone on the roadside as it tried to avoid the crash scene, according to investigators.

The Crown Victoria, which had a crumpled hood and a partially collapsed roof, ended up down an embankment with one of the victims lodged inside.

Bodies covered by white sheets lay in the road and on the shoulder across a 50-foot stretch of the road later Saturday morning before they were removed by the medical examiner.

Shoes were strewn about in the grass, and a pair of dark skid marks scarred the

highway. "It's probably one of the worst scenes I've seen," Copeland said. "This is a situation that could have been avoided, and it's a very tragic situation."

About 50 people were watching the race, Gaines said, and she saw the Crown Victoria approach without its lights on. She grabbed her daughter, pulling the girl to safety. But her father, William Gaines Sr., 61, had a broken leg, and was not able to get away in time. Afterward, she found his body on the road.

"He wasn't breathing; he wasn't moving," Gaines said. "His body was in pieces."

Her brother, William Gaines Jr., was also there. The car came through so fast that "it just ripped people apart," he said.

"I didn't even see the car. All I heard was stuff breaking," he said.

Police could not confirm whether the car that struck the crowd had its lights on.

The victims' ages ranged from their 20s to 60s, police said. Seven people were pronounced dead at the scene, and an eighth died later at a hospital. Police said a body found in the car was one of the spectators and not a passenger, as they had previously assumed.

Route 210 is a thoroughfare with two lanes in each direction and few traffic lights along the stretch where the accident occurred. The road is flanked by some businesses but has little traffic in the early morning, Copeland said. The speed limit is 55 miles per hour.

John Courtney said his brother, Mark, 33, of St. Mary's County, also was among the dead. He identified his brother from a digital image police had taken.

"He liked going to the race track, watching races," Courtney said. "It's going to take a toll on my family for a long time."

Marion Neal feared her 42-year-old brother was

among the dead and was awaiting images from the police.

"It's a tragedy," she said. "I don't like racing, but that was his hobby."

Police said that street races are not uncommon on the stretch of road, but that most occur in the summer and involve motorcycles. But relatives said some of

the victims often went to see races held late at night on isolated stretches of road.

"It's a problem," said Denee Hines, whose mother owns a hair salon only a few hundred feet from the site of the accident. "Everyone knows about it, but I've never heard of it getting this bad."

Carpenters fans try to stop home demolition

DOWNEY, Calif. (AP) — Owners of The Carpenters' former home aren't feeling on top of the world about the legions of fans who keep stopping by to pay tribute.

The five-bedroom tract house, where siblings Karen and Richard Carpenter lived and penned some of their greatest hits, was featured on the cover of their 1973 hit album "Now & Then." It was also where an anorexic Karen Carpenter collapsed in 1983 before dying.

Owners Manuel and Blanca Melendez Parra have apparently grown weary of the parade of fans paying homage.

The couple have submitted plans to officials in Downey, a city about 15

miles south of downtown Los Angeles, to raze the 39-year-old main house, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday. The Parras have already torn down an adjoining house and have begun construction on a larger home.

The proposal to level the rest of the residence has angered fans.

"This house is our version of Graceland," said Carpenters aficionado Jon Konjoyan. "When they photographed the 'Now & Then' cover here in 1973, the house was instantly immortalized."

The 57-year-old musician and promoter is heading a campaign to save the original home from the wrecker's

ball. Some fans have proposed that Downey officials declare the house a historic landmark.

The entire Carpenter family lived in the main house. The adjoining section was used as an office, rehearsal studio and recreation room.

The Carpenters' parents lived in the residence until Harold Carpenter's death in 1988 and Agnes Carpenter's in 1996.

Richard Carpenter sold the house a year later.

After the Parras bought the house, Jessica Parra, said that at first her parents invited fans into the home and gave away items left by Richard Carpenter.

"In the beginning, we let everybody in. But honestly,

it became horrible, not only for us but for the neighborhood," Parra said. "People peek in windows and take pictures. They leave flowers on the front porch."

Downey officials said that they received plans for a new residence, but that no demolition permit has been issued.

Konjoyan is holding out hope. He wants the home to be bought and rehabilitated. If that is not possible, he wants the structure to be moved.

"They were such a huge American act in the '70s," Konjoyan said of the duo. "So many people loved them."

Astrodome may be hotel

HOUSTON (AP) — Harris County officials continue to discuss whether they should pursue plans to convert the Astrodome, once known as the Eighth Wonder of the World, into a hotel.

According to a report by a consulting firm hired by a company looking to transform the first domed stadium into a 1,300-room convention hotel, the facility could net nearly \$50 million annually four years after opening.

A consulting firm hired by the county, Convention Sports & Leisure, found the study conformed with analyses of financial prospects for large hotels.

The studies were given to Commissioners Court as it prepares to discuss next week whether the county should continue pursuing the hotel plan.

The Astrodome, which opened in 1965,

was long home to baseball's Astros, the NFL's Oilers and the Houston Livestock Show.

The Astros now play in Minute Maid Park. The Houston Texans and the livestock show have a new home at Reliant Stadium, built next to the Astrodome.

Thousands of Hurricane Katrina evacuees from New Orleans used the Astrodome as shelter two years ago.

County Judge Ed Emmett wants to know if Astrodome Redevelopment Co., working on the hotel plan, can secure financing for the \$450 million project.

Astrodome Redevelopment president Scott Hanson has told the county the company had a letter of intent from a bank saying it would lend \$360 million for the project, but that agreement expired in October.

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years in the Penitentiary before he can lay his fortune

at the feet of gentle Anna and claim her hand."

Whether Anna waited for her love struck swain to get out of the joint is not known. If she didn't, a fellow capable of piling it on

that thick probably found himself another "day star" with eyes of liquid fire. Who knows? She might even have kept him on the straight and narrow.

Reese

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not because there isn't any food but because the food becomes too expensive for them to buy.
So, to return to the election, we should all realize that whomever we choose

as president will be confronted with a big stack of very difficult problems to solve on his or her first day in office. It's going to require a person who is intelligent, a sound thinker and humble enough to ask for advice. It will require a person with sound judgment in choosing which people he or she will want as advisers.

In my opinion, we cannot afford a person who is stubborn or so egotistical as to think he or she already knows the answers to all the questions. That's the kind of person who created the problems we face today.
—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Rights

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rights abuse (13.1 percent) — most often in Iraq (125 killed), Algeria (60), Russia (47) or Colombia (40).
Last year, 32 journalists

were killed in Iraq, CPJ said, making that country the deadliest in the world for the media. In neighboring Afghanistan, 16 journalists were killed in 2007, only three more than in Mexico.
Killing journalists and executing those who question authority is like shooting out the lights. That's a common occurrence, as we see in the statistics above, among less-developed coun-

tries, and it makes no sense to thinking people.
"Speech is civilization itself," Thomas Mann wrote in The Magic Mountain. No speech, no civilization.
We hope that this idea crosses Karzai's mind, and that he intervenes in the ridiculous case against Kaambaksh.
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