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Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation will discuss hiring an executive director Thursday morn-

selecting an executive director will be one of the items

They will also consider an ethics policy, selecting legal counsel, insurance, renting office space and contracting with the city for interim

The board of directors will also see a PowerPoint presentation by Pat Vanderpool, the new executive director of Commission approved the



Andrea Long and her son Braley, 4, benefited from Long's mother's Red Cross CPR training when Braley was a week old. The infant, the grandson of local Red Cross Executive Director Jana Gregory, stopped breathing at Gregory's house. She began performing CPR immediately on the boy until emergency medical staff took over.

Courtesy photo

CPR class could be lifesaver

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A free cardio-pulmonary resuscitation class is scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m. Saturday (March 11) at the office of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross, 108 N. Russell.

The class is part of the Pampa office's observance of Red Cross Month, said Jana Gregory, executive director. This year marks the American Red Cross' 125th anniversary.

Gregory knows firsthand how CPR training can mean the difference between life and death for someone.

When her 4-year-old grandson, Braley Frank Long, stopped breathing at the age of one week, Gregory and her family were having dinner at the time at Gregory's home. She was holding the baby when he stopped breathing.

Gregory performed CPR on the infant as

-911 was called. She continued until the newborn reached the hospital.

"Everything turned out OK, but if I had not had the knowledge to react in a positive way, it might not have turned out that way," Gregory said.

The Red Cross also offers classes in first aid, using an automated external defibrillator, and in preparing for and responding to a disaster.

"I am a strong believer in learning the skills that Red Cross teaches so that a life can be saved. I also believe that having the skills is so important even if you are never required to use them," Gregory said.

Together we can save a life in your family or the community," she said.

Persons wishing to sign up for the March 11 CPR class, or to obtain more information on Red Cross services and classes, may call 669-7121.

Drug survey results: students use fewer drugs, more tobacco

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Results of a 2005 survey which were provided at a substance abuse awareness meeting Thursday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium that show Pampa Independent School District students use more tobacco and slightly less illegal drugs

statewide. The 2005 Texas A&M Texas School Survey of Drug and Alcohol Use was discussed by Pampa High School Counselor Lesley Gershmel at "Drug Trends In Pampa," the third in a sixpart series on substance

than their counterparts

"Overall, the general use

of tobacco products among Pampa ISD students was somewhat higher than that reported by their counterparts statewide," the survey

Survey results are as follows, with statewide percentages shown in parenthe-

· 67 percent reported that cigarettes are somewhat or very easy to get (60 percent)

· 13 percent said most or all close friends smoke (12 percent)

 52 percent indicated that smokeless tobacco products are somewhat or very easy to get (40 percent)

• 46 percent of Pampa stu-See SURVEY, Page 10

Just Ducky



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A lone duck swims across Recreation Park Lake Monday in the bright sunshine and unseasonably warm temperatures. Despite weekend rains, the water level in the lake is still down, but more rain is forecast for later in the week.

Executive director on agenda for PEDC to consider

By DAVID BOWSER

Developing a job descrip-

tion and procedures for Chamber in City Hall.

on the economic development corporation's meeting at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Pampa City Commission administrative support.

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economic development corporation's \$26,878.75 three month budget and advanced them a line of credit of \$30,000 at the last commission meeting.



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Photo contest deadline nears

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Local shutterbugs have until 5 p.m. March 16 to enter snapshots in this year's Pampa News photo contest.

The winner of the contest will have their photo published on the cover of the photo section of the newspaper's annual Pride special edition. The winner will also receive

\$50 in Pampa Bucks. Other submitted photos judged to be the best entries will be included inside the photo section. The Pride special edition is scheduled to be distributed with the March 31 issue of The Pampa News.

Eligible entries are those by amateur photographers of Pampa people in Pampa. The

photos may show people working, playing, relaxing or celebrating a special occasion. Photos of animals or scenery with no people in them will not be considered.

Entries may be prints or digital images burned on a compact disc as jpegs. They may be mailed or brought to the newspaper office. Photos submitted on a CD should be of the contest entry only.

Each person in each photo should be identified by name, along with a brief description of what they are doing in the photo and the date and place the photograph was taken. If a person other than the person entering the

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Storm spotter class scheduled Thursday

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department will host a storm spotter program from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday at Hoover VFD Station 2, at Price Road and Highway

"This is for all persons interested in storm watching and identifying the weather," said HVFD Chief

Joe Millican.

A warning coordinator and meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Amarillo will be guest speaker.

The program is open to the public, including rural residents of Gray and Roberts counties.

For more information, call 669-8297.





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Obituaries

Cloyd Hon, 72

Cloyd Hon, 72, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2006, at Cornerstone Baptist Church with Doug Hixson, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hon was born Sept. 21, 1933, in Mount Vernon, Texas. He graduated from Aspermont High School in Aspermont, Texas. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Korean Hon Conflict.

He married Reba F. Bible on July 13, 1957, in Lamesa. He retired from National Oilwell in 1995 after 35 years of service.

He was a deacon at Hobart Baptist Church and at Cornerstone Baptist Church. He taught Sunday School at Hobart Baptist Church for 15 years. He was preceded in death by his father, Franklin Hon, and his mother, Mattie Patterson.

The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. George Smith, Dr. Giang Nguyen, John Hartin and all the ICU nurses and surgical staff. Also, special thanks to Jim

and Nancy Fox, their former pastor and wife, the Vista Care Hospice, and the Cornerstone Baptist Church family.

Survivors include his wife, Reba F. Hon of the home; two daughters, Cynthia Diane Weeaks and husband Chris of San Angelo and Theresa Lynn Bruce and husband Tommy of Midland: one son. Shaun Kevin Hon and wife Jenni of Pampa; one sister, Martha Lou Roberts of Abilene; his stepmother, Merleta Hon of Aspermont; five grandchildren, Misty Fritz and husband Michael of Las Cruces, N.M., Amber Smith and husband

Chad and Tiffany Bruce, all of San Angelo, and Kera Bruce and Try Hon, both of Pampa; and one great-grandson, Tyeson Smith of San Angelo.

The family requests memorials be to Cornerstone Baptist Church Building Fund, 1304 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family will be at 8476 Rabbit Lane east of Pampa from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, for visitation.

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

Champ Owner Hughes, 78 Champ Owner Hughes, 78, died Saturday, March 4, 2006, in Amarillo

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Progressive Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Davis, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hughes was born July 6, 1927, in Fairfax, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He married Rosa Lee Shackelfoot on May 21, 1946, in Oklahoma. She preceded him in death on June 14, 2000.

He retired from Cabot Corp. as a maintenance supervisor after many years of service.

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Survivors include two daughters, Linda K. Ford of Pampa and Fannie R. Smith of Glenn Heights; three sons, Terry Hughes and Don Hughes, both of Pampa, and Champ Hughes Jr. of Borger; one sister, Earnestine Duncan of Amarillo; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a sister, Janetta Bowers.

The family requests memorials be to Progressive Baptist Church, 836 S. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

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Eva Lena Webb, 85

AMARILLO - Eva Lena Webb, 85, of Amarillo, died Sunday, March 5, 2006.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 7, 2006, in the Chapel of Memories at Memorial Park Funeral Home with Pastor Larry Gill of Merkel, Texas, and Dan Bouchelle of Central Church of Christ officiating. Burial will follow at Memorial Park Funeral Home Cemetery.

Mrs. Webb was born June 7, 1920, in Major County, Okla, to the late Mr. & Mrs. Lester Stricker. She grew up in Major County. She married Verner C. Webb in Sayre, Okla. on Aug. 19, 1942. They lived on the Webb ranch in Gray County for 55 years. Mrs. Webb was a homemaker, 4-H leader and worked on the ranch with her hus-

band. She also held a position at One-Hour Martinizing performing clothing alterations. In 1995 they moved to Amarillo. She attended Central Church of Christ.

Mrs. Webb was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

Survivors include her husband, Verner; one daughter, Elaine Wynn of Amarillo; one brother, Everett Stricker of Great Bend, Kan.; four sisters, Dortha Sparks of Raymore, Mo., and Esther Staley, Mary Ellen Campbell and Joyce Rexroat, all of Ringwood, Okla., and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to the High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-9990.

Services tomorrow

HON, Cloyd S. — 10 a.m., Cornerstone Baptist Church, Pampa. HUGHES, Champ Owner - 2 p.m., Progressive Baptist Church, Pampa.

Forgery was reported in

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the 300 block of Duncan.

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Both incidents were verbal

only; no injuries were

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Assault was reported in

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Theft under \$50 was

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Hobart. Steaks valued at \$46

were taken. An arrest was

made in connection with the

police department lobby. A

cell phone valued at \$150

was lost or stolen at an

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Gray County Sheriff's

Monday, March 6

Alan William Broadbent,

43, of Pampa was arrested

by GCSO on a civil charge

of failure to appear - motion

Pampa was arrested in the

700 block of North Hobart

Department for aggravated

assault with a deadly

Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart

by PPD for theft over \$500

and under \$1,500, and theft under \$50 with a previous

Thalamus Pshard Malone, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Gordon by

PPD for no driver's license and no liability insurance.

Tuesday, March 7

Mark Loyd Bresee, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the

300 block of North Dwight

by PPD for no driver's

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Thirteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least two arrests.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and the intersection of Ballard and Francis streets.

Animal complaints were received from the 200 block of North Faulkner and the 2300 block of Primrose.

A runaway was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Public intoxication was reported in the police department lobby.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in the 1100 block of West Wilks. An arrest was made in connection with the inci-

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2800 block of Charles and the 1200 block of East Foster.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 700 block of

North Hobart. One person was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with the incident. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill and the 700 block of North Russell.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from an unreported location.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was

high as 30 mph. reported in the 2400 block of

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Fire

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

Monday, March 7 9:22 a.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Varnon on a medical assist.

10:11 a.m. - Two units and four personnel responded to the 900 block of South Osborne on a tree fire.

7:48 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of Tignor on an odor investigation.

10:17 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Ballard and Francis on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

Monday, March 6 8:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900

block of North Sumner and transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 9:22 a.m. - A mobile ICU

unit responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported one to PRMC.

9:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported one to PRMC.

11:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Birch in Skellytown and transported one to PRMC.

1:26 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported one to PRMC.

2:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported one to the 1200 block of Bond.

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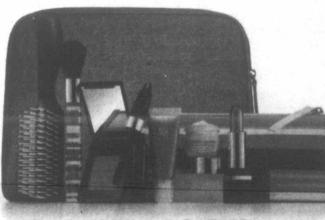
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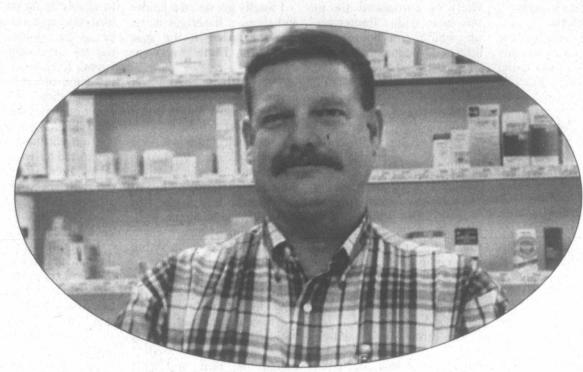


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BUSINESS REVIEW



Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

DENNIS ROARK, RPH

larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local

pharmacy since 1988. The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

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Customers at Pharmacy B&B

receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with

A small town pharmacy offers services a any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs.

> "If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them.'

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

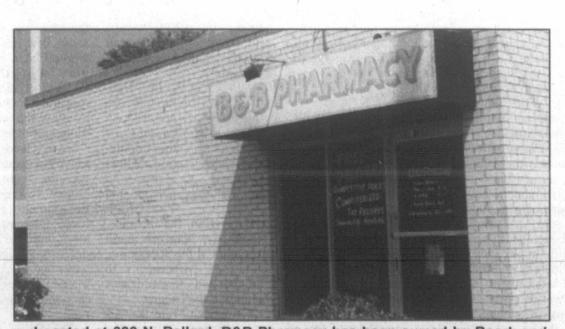
"We want to provide our customers with their needs,' said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans

B&B also provides free prescription deliv-

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed

on Sundays and holidays. B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-



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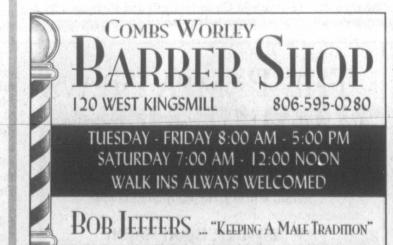


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Viewpoints

The creatures that we touch, touch us

some of the animals I have met in the course of my work, and events associated with those introductions.

I'd like to share a couple more critter tails . . . er, tales. Some years back, when I

was taking a break from newspaper work, I had a job in which I would have to go to the homes of people who often didn't exactly welcome me with open arms.

Some of these people would try all sorts of things to avoid me.

One lady deserves a special prize for inspiration and, perhaps, desperation.

I had been trying unsuccessfully to catch her at home. I didn't give up even after several tries, and finally was able to talk to her by phone at her place of work. She reluctantly set up a day and time when I could come to her home.

Now, remember, I had been to her home several times already. On none of those occasions did I see or hear a dog anywhere on the

On the day and time of the appointment, however, I pulled up to her front gate only to see a full-grown front yard, chained to a metal stake anchored in the I had made a friend. ground.

I sized up the situation, and decided to see if this toothy, muscular animal was friend or foe.

I got out of the car and took a step or two toward the outcome. front gate. The Rottweiler stood up,

never taking its eyes off me. I gauged the length of the chain attached to the Rottweiler's collar. It looked to be just about long enough to allow the dog to reach the

I stepped slowly toward the gate, employing all the nonverbal cues I could remember to show the dog I was not a threat.

The Rottweiler met me at

I spoke softly to the dog and watched its response. I could see the stub of its tail wagging.

I carefully opened the gate and stepped inside the yard, still talking. The dog was delighted. entire Its hindquarters was now wagging a welcome.

I risked finger amputation Rottweiler sitting in her by reaching out to pet the dog. The dog was overjoyed.

> I looked up to see the woman observing all this from a window. Her facial expression told me she had expected a

She met **Powers** me at her Staff Writer front door and conced-

Marilyn

ed defeat, allowing me inside.

different

Obviously, she had borrowed the Rottweiler from someone in the hope that it would scare me away. But not all Rottweilers are vicious, and she picked the wrong one to borrow.

That dog was a lot happier the gate, one of us on either to see me that day than the woman was.

Another of my jobs while on break from newspaper work was with my husband at our shop.

Birds had a bad habit of flying in through the overhead door of our machine shop when we had the door open in warm weather. Sometimes, they had trouble finding their way back out.

We had covered the inside walls of corrugated tin in one room with a framework on which fiberboard was attached to make smooth, more attractive surfaces and also help insulate the room.

One day, young bird flew in and eventually disappeared between the corrugated

fiberboard. We had not yet finished off the room with a drop ceiling or other way to seal off the space, so there was an opening around the top of the walls between the wood and tin surfaces.

The room was an add-on to a Quonset hut, and had a sloping roof that created a taller wall on one side. The fiberboard we had erected was the same height on all four sides, however, so one side still had quite a space between the top of the fiberboard and the roof. This was the side where the bird was trapped.

We waited a day or so, but the bird could still be heard

between the two walls, trying unsuccessfully to get out.

I finally got up on a ladder and shone a flashlight down into the space at the spot where the flutterings were loudest.

The bird was perched on part of the framework, further than arm's length down from the top.

I attached a dip net to a broom stick and worked it down into the space where the bird was trapped. I hoped to snare the bird in the net, pull the net out of the wall, and free the bird.

All I succeeded in doing was to prompt the bird to move higher up on the framework. At least it was now closer to me.

I took the dip net off the broom stick, reached back down into the space with it toward the bird, and tried again to snag it in the net.

I was moving slowly and carefully so as not to injure the bird or make it move lower and further away.

Imagine my surprise and delight when the little bird hopped onto my index finger, which was stretched out atop the length of the net handle.

Still holding the flashlight in my other hand, I managed to slowly bring my net- and bird-holding hand up and out of the space without dislodging my newfound feathered friend. Even when I brought my hand out into the open, the bird didn't fly away but remained perched on my hand, blinking at me.

It might have been too exhausted to fly or too blinded by light after its stay in the dark space or too weak after so many hours without food or water. Or it might have just decided to trust me.

I slowly and carefully descended the ladder, and the bird remained on my index finger all the way. My husband waited at the bottom and carefully scooped the bird into his cupped hands.

He took the bird outside and gently released it on the ground. The first thing it did was make straight for a rain puddle left from a recent shower.

After a long, long drink, the bird flew to the nearest tree and began to sing.

That was the best thankyou note I have ever gotten.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, March 7, the 66th day of 2006. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History

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

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

In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in

'Caveat actor. (Let the doer beware.)'

— Latin proverb

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican

border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone

conversation took place, between New York and London. In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the

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

Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the

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

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

Ten years ago: Three U.S. servicemen were convicted in the rape of a 12-year-old Okinawan girl and sentenced by a Japanese court to six and a half to seven years in prison.

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Democracy equals tyranny by majority

annoyances are references to the United States as a democracy and the suggestion that Iraq should become a democracy. The word "democracy" appears in neither of our founding documents - the Declaration of Independence nor the U.S. Constitution.

Our nation's founders had disdain for democracy and rule. James Madison, in Federalist Paper No. 10, said in a pure democracy, "there is nothing to check the inducement to sacrifice the weaker party or the obnoxious individual." During the 1787 Constitutional Convention, Edmund Randolph said that "in tracing these evils to their origin every man had found it in the turbulence and follies of democracy."

John Adams said, "Remember, democracy never lasts long. It soon wastes, exhausts, and murders itself. There was never a democracy yet that did not commit suicide."

Chief Justice John Marshall added, "Between a balanced republic and a democracy, the difference is like that between order and

The founders knew that a

High up on my list of democracy would lead to the power. In other words, same kind of tyranny suffered under King George III. Their vision for us was a republic.

But let's Walter cut to Iraq a n d Williams President Bush's call Columnist for it to become a democracy.

I can't think of a worse place to have a democracy majority rule. Iraq needs a republic like that envisioned by our founders - decentralized and limited government power.

In a republican form of government, there is rule of law. All citizens, including government officials, are accountable to the same laws. Government intervenes in civil society to protect its citizens against force and fraud but does not intervene in the cases of peaceable, voluntary exchange.

Democracy, what the Bush administration calls for, is different. In a democracy, the majority rules either directly or through its elected representatives. The law is whatever the government determines it to be. Laws aren't necessarily based upon reason but

democracy is just another form of tyranny – tyranny of the majority.

In Iraq,

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Arabs are

percent and



Turkomen and Assyrian the balance. Religiously, Shia are about 60 percent of the population, Sunni 35 percent with Christian and other religions making up the balance.

If a majority-rule democracy emerges, given the longstanding hate and distrust among ethnic/religious groups, it's a recipe for conflict. The reason is quite simple. Majority rule is a zerosum game with winners and losers, with winners having the power to impose their wills on the minority. Conflict emerges when the minority resists.

The ideal political model for Iraq is Switzerland's cantonal system. Historically, Switzerland, unlike most European countries, was made up of several different major ethnic groups -Germans, French, Italians and Rhaeto-Romansch. Over

the centuries, conflicts have arisen between these groups, who differ in language, reli-(Catholic gion Protestant) and culture. The resolution to the conflict was to allow the warring groups to govern themselves.

Switzerland has 26 cantons. The cantons are divided into about 3,000 communes. Switzerland's federal government controls only those interests common to all cantons - national defense, foreign policy, railways and the like. All other matters are controlled by the individual cantons and communes.

The Swiss cantonal system enables people of different ethnicity, language, culture and religion to live at peace with one another. As such, Switzerland's political system is well suited to an ethnically and religiously divided country such as Iraq.

By the way, for President Bush and others who insist on calling our country a democracy, should we change our pledge of allegiance to say "to the democracy, for which it stands," and should we rename "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" to "The Battle Hymn of the Democracy?"

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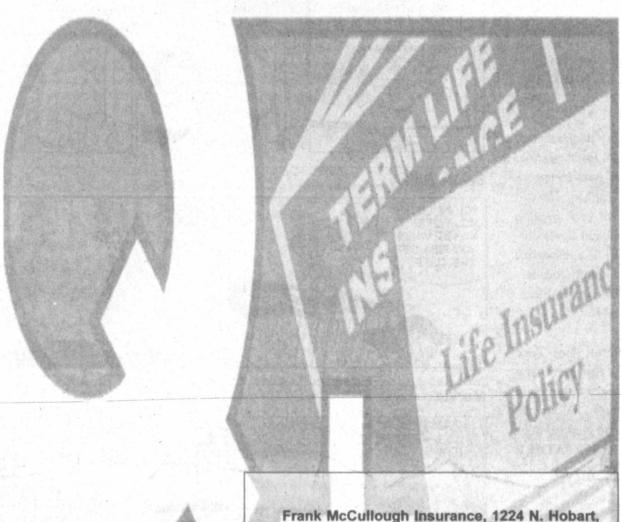
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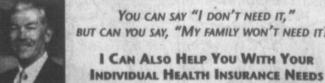
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Dear Abby...

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answer to "Julie in Spring, Texas," who asked you when parents should stop using baby talk with their children. I disagree with you. She said her son had just turned 3! He is still a baby. Many children are still in diapers at that age. Let the mother enjoy her young son while she still has the time. -- LINDA T., CLEARWATER, FLA.

DEAR LINDA T.: Intelligent minds may disagree. But according to the mail I received regarding that letter, you are in the minority. I stand by my reply. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My advice as a pediatrician is to stop baby talk the day the baby is born -- that is to say, never start! Babies learn at a surprisingly early age to assimilate what they hear into their later speech patterns; they learn to "talk" what they hear, and "baby talk" is not the language we want them to use. Yes, talk softly, talk sweetly, sing to your baby -- but use the words of proper language. - LEE BERNSTEIN, (DEPLOYED) M.D., LAS VEGAS, NEV.

DEAR ABBY: As a retired public school speech therapist, allow me to respond to "Julie's" question. Language development is one of the most important aspects of a child's life. A child begins to acquire language almost as soon as he starts hearing it. Vocabulary is not the only component of speech. Inflection, tone, grammar, etc. contribute to a person's ability to communicate effectively. Talking "baby talk" to an infant can delay the process of language development. Vocabulary should be age-appropriate but still within acceptable speech patterns. -- LILLIAN A., N. MIAMI **BEACH**

DEAR ABBY: When our daughter was OF FOUR IN MINNESOTA born, my husband and I agreed there would be no baby talk. When my maternity leave was over and we put her in day care, I asked the providers not to use baby talk

DEAR ABBY: I am writing regarding your with her. I wanted her to grasp how words sounded and use them correctly. She turned 3 last month, and can use the words "decide" and "separate" correctly. She knew her ABCs by 18 months and can count to 10 in English and Spanish, and on to 20 only in English. She is very articulate, and most people think she is at least 5. Please urge that mother to use "big boy/girl" words with her child. It will help her child to articulate what he/she wants to say, and everyone will understand what the child is trying to communicate. --JEANNE J., CRESTVIEW, FLA.

> DEAR ABBY: Research has shown that children who are spoken to as "adults," using complete sentences, not only learn faster, but have a better comprehension of the English language than children whose parents use baby talk. Studies have also shown that children who are read to, even before birth, also develop more rapidly. -JUSTIN F., AMERICAN MILITARY

> DEAR ABBY: Because my dad and stepmother used baby talk with my 8-year-old brother for so long, he is now in speech therapy to learn proper English. He still uses phrases like "Me love you" because they thought it was "cute" and never corrected him. Using baby talk is a disservice to a child. Speaking to children correctly helps them become credible later in life. -JULIA IN OGDEN, UTAH

> DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine once retorted to a woman in a restaurant who asked her if she always spoke to her child like he was a rocket scientist, "Of course! How else can I expect him to grow up to be one?" - PLAIN-SPEAKING FATHER

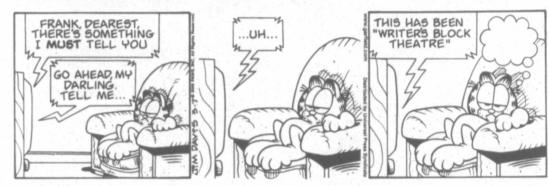
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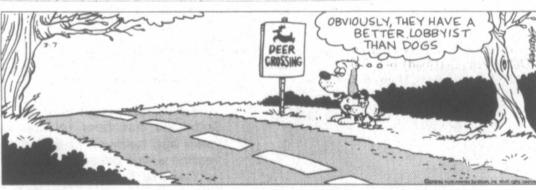
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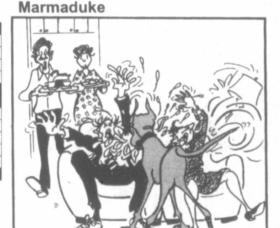


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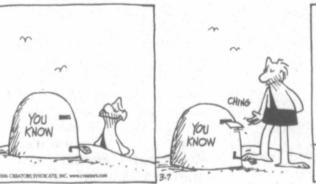
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Sports Day

Pampa tennis: PD tournament | Lil' champs strengthens team, Altus next

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Palo Duro Tournament Friday and Saturday which included teams from Altus, Caprock, Carlsbad, Clovis, Hereford, Dumas, Palo Duro, Hobbs, Lubbock High, Odessa, San Angelo Lakeview, Randall, Plainview, Lubbock Monterey and Pampa.

DIVIDIN!

Individual trophies were given along with a team trophy, a girl's team trophy and a boy's team trophy.

The Pampa girls team barely missed out on the tournament title by finishing second behind Lubbock High. The boys team finished in eighth place.

Coach Emily Laurence said afterward, "It was a great tournament for our girls. We really should have finished in first place but a little bit of misfortune kept us out of the team title." She continued, "I was especially proud of Myca Vinson who won the singles title. She breezed through the first fur rounds and then won a hard fought final."

Laurence added praise for the boys' team and its top 10 finish. "I was very proud of my boys for finishing eighth despite not having a full team. We got zero points out of two of the divisions and still managed to finish eighth!'

Coach Laurence says her team is still developing, and the PD Tournament only makes them stronger. "We made huge strides this weekend," said Laurence. "We are going to be making some changes in our lineup that will hopefully make us more competitive at district."

Pampa next competes in a one-day tournament in Altus Thursday. Laurence looks forward to a strong performance from her team and hints the Harvesters main challenge may come in the form of Edmond North High School.

Results from Palo Duro

Girls Singles Myca Vinson-1st place Def. Nelson (Hobbs) 6-0, 6-2 Def. Weaver (Monterey) 6-0, 6-0 Def. Jordan (Lubbock High) 6-1, 6-3 Def. Allen (Carlsbad) 6-1, 7-5 Def. Ceja (Lubbock High) 6-4, 4-6, 6-4 Ashlee Lucus- 5th place Def. Goodwin (Oddessa) 6-2, 6-2

Def. Rodriguez (Hereford) 6-0, 6-0

Lost to Ceja (Lu. High) 6-3, 3-6, (6-10) Def. Yarbrough (Caprock) 6-2, 6-2 Def. Jordan (Lub. High) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3

Boys Singles Michael Foreman-11th place Def. Whittington (Clovis) 6-0, 6-2 Lost to Pennell (Hobbs) 5-7, 3-6 Def. Garcia (Lub. High) 1-6, 6-2, 6-1 Lost to Bullard (Hereford) 2-6, 4-6 Def. Suvenrenath (L-view) 6-2, 2-6, 7-5 Michael Foreman- 24th place Lost to Bryson (Odessa) 0-6, 2-6 Def. Booth (Dumas) 6-1, 6-1 Lost to Rodriguez (Carlsbad) 1-6, 3-6 Lost to Collins (Lub. High) 4-6, 2-6 Lost to Puente (Lub. High) 0-6, 7-5, (0-10)

Girls Doubles Tanna Stowers/Haley Acker-17th place Lost to Daly/McKenna (Carls.) 4-6, 3-6 Def. Huckaby/Walker (Altus) 6-0, 6-0 Def. Shea/Owings (Randall) 6-4, 6-3 Def. Fuentes/Payne (Hereford) 6-3, 6-0 Def. Farmer/Patterson (Pampa) 6-2, 6-1 Kourtney Farmer/Maegan Patterson-

18th place Lost to Madrid/Madrid (Carlsbad) 2-6, 7-6 (7-4), (7-10)

Def. Rogers/de la Cruz (Here.) 7-5, 6-3 Def. Soas/Murdock (Hobbs) 6-0, 6-3 Def. Clark/Detiveaux (Oddessa) 6-3, 6-3 Lost to Stowers/Acker (Pampa) 2-6, 1-6 **Boys Doubles**

Tyler Morris/Kevin Frels- 23rd place Lost to Heinrich/Cockrell (Carlsbad) 0-6,

Def. Shields/Jesko (Hereford) 6-3, 4-6, (10-3)

Lost to DeShazo/Vincent (Dumas) 5-7,

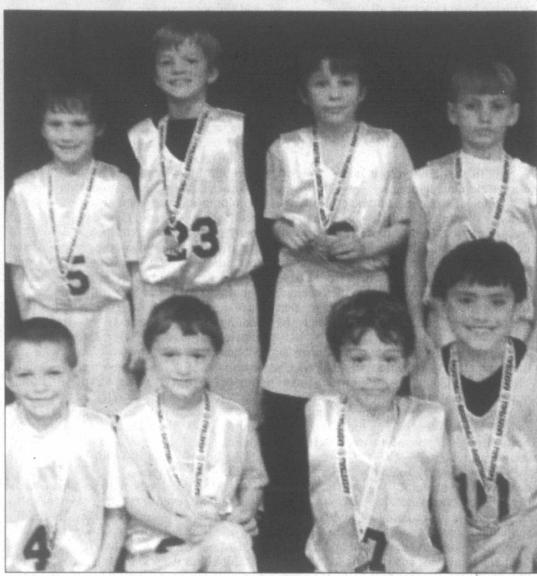
Lost to Olsen/Anthony (Plainview) Def. Stovall/Villarreal (Altus) 6-3, 6-0

Mixed Doubles Deschna Afram/Jack Ware- 21st place Lost to Cockrell/Bendixsen (Carlsbad)

Def. Madrell/Marquez (Hereford) 6-4, 5-Lost to Walters/Mitchell (Odessa) 3-6, 1-

Def. Branch/Staunbaugh (Plainview) 6-

Def. Henry/Baldwin (Hobbs) 6-1, 6-4



The Pampa Big Green K-2 boys basketball team took the Consolation Championship of last week's MAYO Tournament in Miami, going 3-1 in the process. The team will compete in the Fort Elliott Tournament this weekend. Pictured are (L-R), front row- Hadley Thompson, Brandon Sieck, Clay Baten and Adam Zuniga. Back row- Bryce Chidester, Josh DeLoach, Cory Chidester and Kyle Sander.

Tennis to use instant replay

MIAMI (AP) — The ATP and WTA Tours have decided to use instant replay starting with the Nasdaq-100 Open in Key Biscayne, Fla., in two weeks, officials said. This year's U.S. Open will be the first Grand Slam event to review disputed calls electronically.

Players will be permitted two challenges per set, and a third if there's a tiebreaker. Calls upheld will count against a player's allotment.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Pampa goes 3-1 at Hereford JV Tournament

Pampa faced Caprock in the first game of the Hereford to complete the finals of the losers bracket. The Harvester JV Tournament Thursday morning. Pampa trailed 6-1 after five innings, but scratched for three runs in the top of the 6th and added one more run in the seventh before falling 6-5 to the Longhorns. Jeremy Maxwell took the loss, giving up five runs in 2 1/3 innings of relief. Maxwell struck out three, walked one and gave up six hits. Starter Heath Skinner gave up only one run in two innings while striking

Pampa went on to face Dumas later in the day. Behind a solid pitching performance by Dakota Gowin, the Harvesters would get their first win of the season, a 4-3 final over the Demons. Gowin pitched a complete game allowing three runs on six hits. Gowin struck out six and

walked four Demons. Pampa would travel back to Hereford for a meeting with the Plainview Bulldogs Friday morning. Blake Sieck got the nod on the mound and was stung for three runs in the top of the first on a three run shot by the Bulldog clean-up hitter. The Harvesters answered in the bottom of the first with a six run second inning to put Pampa on top 6-3. The Harvesters would add two more runs in the fourth and a four run fifth inning would be enough to even the season record at 2-2 with a 13-9 win. Sieck pitched four-plus innings giving up seven runs on seven hits while striking out five with only two free passes. Dakota Gowin ripped a grand slam in the game.

The win set up a meeting with Borger Saturday morning

bats were up early and rocked Borger for five runs in the first innings including a two-run double by Josh Mulkey. Pampa added six runs in the fourth topped off by back to back home runs.

Leading 11-2 in the fifth, Sieck bunted his way on by pushing the ball past the Borger pitcher. Sieck then stole second base on the first pitch and third base on the second pitch before Brody Russell drove him in with a RBI single to right. The 10 runs after five innings rule was in effect and the Harvesters finished the Hereford Tournament with three consecutive wins bringing the season mark to 3-2.

Colden Fortenberry collected the win going four innings. The 'Dogs' were able to collect two runs on two hits. Fortenberry struck out six and walked three. Jeremy Busse pitched the last frame for the Harvesters, facing three batters before John Luke Covalt grabbed a line drive at second and a quick throw to first ended the inning with a 4-3 double play. Pampa is scheduled to face Perryton Saturday at Harvester Field. First pitch is at 1 p.m.

Hereford JV Tournament Game Results

Game 1 Pampa 5 Caprock 6 Game 2 Pampa 4 Dumas 3 Game 3 Pampa 13 Plainview 9 Game 4 Pampa 12 Borger 2

Armstrong's lawyer wants charges dropped

ROME (AP) — Lance sports fraud and malprac-Armstrong's lawyer asked a court Tuesday to drop charges in a defamation lawsuit against the seventime Tour de France champion.

Italian cyclist Filippo Simeoni brought the suit against Armstrong following an April 2003 report in the French newspaper Le Monde.

Neither Armstrong nor Simeoni was at the court in Latina, near Rome. A judge will decide April 13 if a trial will go forward.

In the report, Armstrong contended that Simeoni had agreed to testify against doctor Michele Ferrari in exchange for a lesser penalty if the Italian rider was accused of doping by the sport's governing body.

Ferrari received a suspended jail sentence for a year in October 2004 for tice. Ferrari once advised Armstrong, but the star cyclist cut ties with him after the doctor was convicted.

Armstrong's lawyer, Enrico Nan, said charges should be dropped because a foreigner should not be held responsible in Italy for comments made to a French newspaper "even if the Internet can be read anywhere."

Armstrong already has been cleared in a Lucca court of another case brought against him by Simeoni. In that case, Simeoni had accused Armstrong of threatening him after the American chased down Simeoni during a breakaway early in the 2004 Tour de France and reportedly threatened the Italian for testifying about doping in Ferrari's trial.

MLB teams to sell supliments

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Major league baseball teams will start selling approved supplements to players in an effort to prevent positive drug tests.

Management and the players' association are having NSF International, a company based in Ann Arbor, Mich., certify that products are clean. Once a supplement is certified, teams will buy the products and make them available for resale to players in the 30 major league clubhouses.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Mayor Anthony A. Williams signed the lease for a new Washington Nationals' ballpark, a day after Major League Baseball signed the deal. The lease calls for a ballpark to be built along the

Anacostia River, south of the Capitol, but limits city spending on the project to \$611 million. The Nationals will continue to play at RFK Stadium until the new stadium opens. The lease calls for the ball-

park to be ready for the 2008 season. SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) - Kirk Rueter retired, ending a 13-year major league career during which he became the winningest left-handed pitcher in San Francisco Giants

JV tennis edged out by Bulldogs

The Pampa JV tennis team competed against Borger in a dual match at home Feb 27, with Borger barely defeating the Harvesters, 11-10.

Coach Emily Laurence said, "We came out very slowly in doubles which put us behind 6-2 which is a hard deficit to overcome." She continued, "The kids played well in singles and did a good job to almost beat Borger in the end. It showed the team that we really need to work on our doubles play and become more aggressive."

The JV team next competes in Dumas' Small School/JV

tournament Friday and Satruday.

Results:

- 1. Anna Julian lost to Dusti Wolfe 5-8
- 2. Katie O'Neal def. Chelsea Cooke 8-5
- 3. Krissa Whittley def. Kathryn Watts 9-7 4. Claire Boyd lost to Jessica Stark 5-8 5. Megan Barnett def. Kaci Newton 8-2

- 6. Jacee Villareal def. Maribel Munoz 8-2
- 7. Rachel Lee def. Allison Grider 9-7
- 8. Ashley Hernandez lost to Denisse Vega 8-6 9. Brenna Albracht lost to Hannah Klaus 9-8 (11-9)
- 10. Lauren Couts def. Brianna Brame 8-4
- 11. Shelby Needham def. Shelby McCarty 9-8 (7-5) 12. Olivia Chairez lost to Thomas Hastings 8-1
- Ashley Hernandez def. Clay Armstrong 8-3 Doubles
- 1. Julian/O'Neal lost to Hebert/Henderson 8-6
- 2. Whittley/Barnett lost to Hodge/Oglesby 8-2 3. Boyd/Villareal def. Hastings/Armstrong 8-3
- 4. Lee/Couts lost to Watts/Stark 8-4
- 5. Albracht/Hernandez lost to Munoz/Wolfe 8-2 6. Needham/Chairez lost to Cooke/Newton 8-4
- Whittley/Barnett def. Klaus/Brame 8-5 Julian/O'Neal lost to Hodge/Oglesby 9-8

Owners to decide whether to approve labor proposal dies after suffering stroke

sion of the NFL's labor agreement is now up to the owners. That's exactly what the players have been expecting all along.

The owners began meeting Tuesday at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport to vote whether to accept the latest proposal given them by the NFL Players Association. But to make it financially acceptable, they will have to agree first among themselves on expanded revenue sharing, just what Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, has been saying in more than a year's worth of

Still, this is the first time it has come up during these negotiations.

"I think it's playing out exactly like we thought it would," said Kevin Mawae, the New York Jets' union representative until he was cut Sunday by the Jets. "We said as a union that in order for free agency to go off without a hitch, the owners would have to figure out how to divide up the revenue. It's not necessarily the percentage that we're asking but how they spread the wealth."

There was an early note of optimism as the executive committee of the NFL's Management Council — the owners' committee that deals with labor issues — began bargaining. It came from an unlikely source: Dallas owner Jerry Jones, who has been strongly opposed to additional revenue sharing.

"We want to play football," Jones said as he entered the meeting. "We have an obligation to everyone, particularly our fans.

"My gut is we're going to come up with something, but it's still up in the air. It's going to be long and drawn out and fough."

The contract doesn't run out for another two years, though this will be the last one with a salary cap. Without an agreement, there will be no cap next year, allowing teams to spend as much as they want. But there also will be no minimum figure for

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — The exten- expenditures, which could lead to the kind of imbalance with high-revenue and lowrevenue teams as in such sports as baseball and European soccer.

> Low-revenue teams such as Buffalo, Cincinnati and Indianapolis say high-revenue teams - Dallas, Washington and Philadelphia, for instance — should contribute proportionately to the player pool because they can earn far more in non-football income such as advertising and local radio rights. Those high-revenue teams might contribute only 10 percent of their outside money compared with 50 percent or more for low-revenue teams.

Mawae, who said he is looking forward to joining another team when oft-delayed free agency begins Thursday, is one of many players who could be out of work if the owners turn down the proposal and leave the salary cap for 2006 at \$94.5 million. If they approve the proposal, the cap could be as much as \$10 million higher.

A number of endangered veterans have redone their contracts, as linebacker Derrick Brooks did with Tampa Bay on Monday, ensuring he will stay with the team where he has starred for 11 seasons. But Isaac Bruce, a star for the St. Louis Rams for a decade, was released and so was 37-year-old Junior Seau, who has been injured most of the last two seasons with

The union's request is for 60 percent of total league revenues.

On Monday, Jones reiterated that he is opposed to revenue sharing. But he also sounded like a man who knows he might end up in the minority.

"I'm not happy with the proposal. I didn't think that we would be entertaining the kinds of propositions that we got from the players. I'm not happy with it at all," he said. "As you well know, I don't think anyone particularly cares how happy I am."

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - Kirby Puckett spring training as a special instructor in didn't need much time to make a big impact. Those who felt it, near and far, can only wish he had stayed around longer.

The bubbly Hall of Famer with the boyish enthusiasm for baseball, who led the Minnesota Twins to two World Series titles before his career was cut short by glaucoma, died Monday after a stroke. He was 45.

"He was revered throughout the country and will be remembered wherever the game is played," commissioner Bud Selig said. "Kirby was taken from us much too soon and too quickly.'

Indeed, Puckett was the second-youngest person to die having already been enshrined at Cooperstown, Hall of Fame spokesman Jeff Idelson said. Only Lou Gehrig, at 37, was younger.

Stricken early Sunday at his Arizona home, Puckett died at St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in

Phoenix, where friends and family had gathered. Puckett, who was divorced, is survived by his children, Catherine and Kirby Jr. He was engaged to be married to Jodi Olson this summer.

Funeral arrangements were pending.

Puckett's post-retirement weight gain over the past decade concerned friends and family, who were saddened but not shocked by his

"It's a tough thing to see a guy go through something like that and come to this extent," former teammate Kent Hrbek said.

Puckett led the Twins to championships in 1987 and 1991 after breaking into the majors in 1984. With a career batting average of .318, six Gold Gloves and 10 All-Star game appearances, Puckett woke up one morning during spring training in 1996 and never played again because of blindness in his right eye.

"That's what really hurt him bad, when he was forced out of the game," Hrbek said. "I don't know if he ever recovered from it."

A makeshift memorial began to form Monday night outside the Metrodome, with a handful of bouquets, caps and candles laid on the sidewalk. "I grew up in centerfield yelling down on him. It's just not right," said fan Daniel Boche, who knelt down to pay his respects. "He was my idol growing

"It's tough to take," Twins general manager Terry Ryan said from the team's spring training camp in Fort Myers, Fla. "He had some faults, we knew that, but when all was said and done he would treat you as well as he would anyone else, no matter who you

Though he steadfastly refused to speak pessimistically about the premature end to his career, Puckett's personal life began to deteriorate after that.

Shortly after his induction to Cooperstown, then-wife Tonya accused him of threatening to kill her during an argument — he denied it — and described to police a history of violence and infidelity. In 2003, he was cleared of all charges from an alleged sexual assault of a woman at a suburban Twin Cities restaurant and kept a low profile after the trial, eventually moving to Arizona. He stopped coming to

2002.

Puckett was elected to the Hall of Fame on his first try in 2001, and his plaque praised his "ever-present smile and infectious exuberance.'

He spent his entire career with Minnesota.

"I wore one uniform in my career and I'm proud to say that," Puckett once said. "As a kid growing up in Chicago, people thought I'd never do anything. I've always tried to play the game the right way. I thought I did pretty good with the talent that I have.'

Puckett's signature performance came in Game 6 of the 1991 World Series against Atlanta. After claiming he would lead the Twins to victory that night at the Metrodome, he made a leaping catch against the fence and then hit a game-end-

ing homer in the 11th inning to force a seventh game.

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next The Minnesota's Jack Morris went all 10 innings to outlast John Smoltz for a 1-0 win, Minnesota's second championship in five years.

"If we had to lose and if one person basically was the reason - you never want to lose - but you didn't mind it being Kirby Puckett. When he made the catch and when he hit the home run you could tell the whole thing had turned," Smoltz said.

"His name just seemed to be synonymous with being a superstar," the Braves pitcher added. "It's not supposed to happen like this.'

Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk echoed Smoltz's sentiment.

"There was no player I enjoyed playing against more than Kirby. He brought such joy to the game. He elevated the play of everyone around him," Fisk said in a statement to the Hall.

Puckett's birth date was frequently listed as March 14, 1961, but recent research by the Hall of Fame indicated he was born a vear earlier.

The youngest of nine children born into poverty in a Chicago housing project, Puckett was drafted by the Twins in 1982 and became a regular just two years later. He got four hits in his first major league start and finished with 2,304 in only 12 sea-

Though his power numbers, 207 home runs and 1,085 RBIs, weren't exceptional, Puckett won an AL batting title in 1989 and was considered one of the best all-around players of his era. His esteem and enthusiasm for the game factored into his Hall of Fame election as much as his statistics and championship rings.

He made his mark on baseball's biggest stage, leading heavy underdog Minnesota to a seven-game victory over St. Louis in 1987 and then doing the same against Atlanta in one of the most thrilling Series in

"There are a lot of great players in this game, but only one Kirby," pitcher Rick Aguilera said when Puckett announced his retirement. "It was his character that meant more to his teammates. He brought a great feeling to the clubhouse, the plane, every-

SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Pampa rocks at Region 16 basketball tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa Special Olympics traveled to marillo over the weekend to participate in the Region 16 Basketball Tournament. Friday night found the local media from Amarillo taking on some of the Area Special Olympians, including three players from Pampa - Ashley Abbe, Kendrick Carey and Nick Collins.

More than 350 athletes from Area 16 and Area 17 took part in the tournament.

Team Results

*Team Lead-Up

1st place Pampa Go-Getters* 1st place Pampa Gold Rush Pampa Warriors 1st place Pampa Storms 4th place

Individual Recognition

Chase Cook and Mindy Hervey both took home the gold medals in Individual

Team Rosters

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Robinson and Carolyn Bradley. Pampa Gold Rush- Cody Bowers, Lisa

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Pampa Storms- Ashley Abbe, Amanda Childress (Wheeler), Amy Hammer, Denise James (Wheeler), Shawn King, Jeremy Loner, JoAnn Morehart, Taisey Phillips, Kasey and Kinsey Smith (Panhandle) and Amee Street. Coaches were Cathy and Leslie Jones and Ron Sinyard.

Pampa Warriors- Liberty Bloxom, Nick Collins (Shamrock), Bobby Garcia, Eric Knott, Mark McMinn, Jeret Moore (Wheeler), Kevin Reece and Randy Swires. Coaches were David Swires and John

A fun filled weekend of playing lots of basketball, dancing and spending two nights in Amarillo and winning the gold made this a weekend for all to remember.

Coordinators of Special Olympics in Pampa are Shannon Loter (schools) and Cindy Cooper.

Big 12 men's basketball All Conference Team

(AP) —The 2006 All-Big 12 men's bas- Houston ketball awards, as selected by the league's head coaches:

FIRST TEAM

Richard Roby, Colorado, g, so. 6-6, 195, San Bernardino, Calif. Brandon Rush, Kansas, g, fr., 6-6, 202,

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P.J. Tucker, Texas, f, jr., 6-5, 225, Raleigh, N.C. Jarrius Jackson, Texas Tech, g, jr., 6-1,

185, Monroe, La.

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Brandon Rush, Kansas.

Bill Self, Kansas.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Even injuries can't slow Suns and Heat

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Dwyane Wade, there's no slowing down the Suns or Heat.

Phoenix and Miami kept rolling despite injuries to their All-Star guards on Monday night. The Suns extended the league's longest win streak to 11 games, while the Heat have won nine in a row.

Both teams have opened 8 1/2-game leads in their divisions — and if key injuries can't stop them, what can?

Nash left the Suns' 101-88 victory over the New Orleans Hornets after he sprained his right ankle with 2:54 left in the third quarter. Phoenix then turned to backup Leandro Barbosa, who scored 10 of his 15 points in the fourth quarter.

"He was awesome," Suns coach Mike D'Antoni said. "He hit some major shots coming down the stretch and controlled the game. He played really well."

With Wade out for the second straight game with a sprained wrist, the Heat used a huge game from Shaquille O'Neal to beat the Charlotte Bobcats 106-105. O'Neal scored 35 points on his 34th birthday including all of Miami's points in overtime - and grabbed 12 rebounds.

"He's had some pretty ... good games," Miami coach Pat Riley said. "He's playing extremely well, we're winning and he's stepping up."

In other games, it was Sacramento 109, New Jersey 84; Utah 90, Orlando 85; Denver 115, Memphis 101; and San Antonio 103, the Los Angeles Lakers 96. O'Neal scored on all four of his attempts

(AP) — Even without Steve Nash and in overtime — three were dunks — and had three rebounds to finally put away the Bobcats. His layup with 42 seconds left gave Miami a 106-104 lead, its first time on top since 2-0.

> 'In overtime, I told the guys, 'Just bring it to me," O'Neal said. "We were messing around the whole game, so I just told the guys to keep coming to me. And they did." Gerald Wallace led Charlotte with 25

Bobcats had no answer for O'Neal. "He is their superstar, he is their go-to man," Wallace said. "When they needed a win, they went to him. He pulled it out for them and did what he had to do to get this team a win."

points, 15 rebounds and six steals, but the

The Suns went to Barbosa and Boris Diaw after Nash was hurt. Barbosa made two 3-pointers in the fourth quarter, when the Suns outscored the Hornets 30-9, and Diaw finished with 20 points and 12 rebounds.

"LB hit those two huge 3s and Boris was a rebounding machine," Nash said. "I think (the Hornets) also got kind of cold from the floor and we kind of hit our stride at the

Nash said he thought at first that he would be able to return and still believed that when he got to the locker room. After the game, he had the ankle wrapped and struggled at first to get his right shoe on.

"I think it's day to day," Nash said. "I'm not very experienced at ankle sprains. I think we'll know a lot more tomorrow. I don't think it's horrible.'

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 8, 2006

Your ability to reinvent yourself stars as a major trait this year. It might be important to not lose your core, or else you might find yourself not knowing who you are. Creativity is a gift that allows you to sleuth your way through any problem or issue you encounter. The planets provide you with that present this year. Emotionally, you'll make the right choices if you allow yourself to relax. If you are single, many would like to be your sweetie. Pick and choose with care. If you are attached, your relationship could take on a very romantic tone. You seem to have the fuel to rekindle the fire. CANCER adores 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) *** Pull back and count on your ability to come from a solid point of view. For a long time, reactions haven't made sense; however, that is about to

change. Be open to understanding and a more reciprocal relationship. Tonight: Happy at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Share more of your feelings and discuss what you need. Direct your energy in a more positive manner. Realize that what others want might not be what you want. Think carefully. New insights head your way. Tonight: Talk up

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

** Expenses count no matter what you do. You could find that an unanticipated demand hits you hard. Recognize that much happens quickly. You could be dealing with a situation before you realize it. Tonight: The unexpected works. CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Your personality helps others

see a situation or issue in a different

light. Your innate creativity also makes a

big difference in the outcome of events. Be willing to seek out answers and not get stuck. Your resourcefulness makes a difference. Tonight: Try for something LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** Read between the lines, and you'll gain a brand-new perspective. Sometimes you don't realize what a

remarkable difference you can make. Loosen up when dealing with a partner. You cannot always be right, though it might be nice. Tonight: Say yes. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Others surprise you with their reactions, but at the same time, you are heading in the direction you want. Think

you want, working with various ups and downs. Tonight: Where the gang is. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You need to move ahead and get your life under control. Your ability to work with situations puts a new slant on your actions, perhaps actually causing you to rethink your approach. You are dynamic. Tonight: In touch with your

positively: think change. Zero in on what

feelings - finally. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** How you handle a situation could change as a result of events and decisions. You might want to rethink your plans or follow your emotional sixth sense. You know where you are going and what works for you. Tonight:

Relax to music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

greater feedback

**** You might be surprised if you let others run the show. Issues might not turn out the way you would like. If you are so vested in the outcome, then plan to run alone and not defer to others. The

your way. Your determination to get the job done or your errands completed

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

the moment. **BORN TODAY** Triplet singers Bob, Clint and Dave

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

*** Work with another more closely. You might want to make an adjustment so that you and others would be more connected. A change in your personal life might be surprising but well worth it. Tonight: Allow someone close to have

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

outcome might be a lot better. Tonight: AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** You might want to stay focused on what you must do rather than what you want to do. Surprises greet you along

defines your day. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

**** You might surprise someone, as you might be filled with so much energy and creativity. You will like what comes up if you just relax with the moment. Your imagination carries you far and long. Let it loose. Tonight: Relish

Moffatt (1984), model Kathy Ireland (1963), actor Freddie Prinze Jr. (1976)

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dents reported general tobacco use at least once during lifetime (39 percent)

• 43 percent of Pampa students reported smoking cigarettes at least once during lifetime (38 percent)

• 20 percent of Pampa students reported smoking cigarettes the past month (16 per-

• 8 percent reported smoking cigarettes on a daily basis (4 percent)

• 18 percent of 11th graders reported daily cigarette use (7 percent)

• 7 percent of 8th graders reported daily cigarette use (1 percent)

"Overall, Pampa ISD students were drinking alcohol at rates similar to those reported by their peers statewide," the study stated. PISD alcohol survey

results were: • 70 percent said alcohol was somewhat easy or very

easy to obtain (68 percent) • 33 percent said they get alcohol "from friends" (29 percent)

• 13 percent of Pampa students reported that their parents neither approve nor disapprove of drinking (10 percent)

• 66 percent of Pampa students reported consuming alcohol at least once during their lifetime (68 percent)

• 41 percent of 7th graders reported drinking alcohol at least once in their lifetime (51 percent)

• 34 percent reported using alcohol in the past month (33 percent)

• 13 percent of 7th graders reported using alcohol in the past month (17 percent)

• 45 percent of 11th graders reported using alcohol in the past month (42 percent)

• 38 percent reported "binge drinking" at least once during their lifetime (32 percent)

22 percent usually drink

five or more beers (15 per-

• 9 percent reported attending at least one class during the past school year while "drunk" (10 percent)

• 16 percent of 9th through 12th graders said they had driven a car after having a "good bit to drink" at least once during the past year (14

· 24 percent of 11th graders reported driving under the influence (17 per-

"Overall, the use of illicit drugs, and of marijuana in particular, among Pampa ISD secondary students was slightly lower than that reported by their counterparts statewide," according to the survey.

Survey results for PISD students were:

• 39 percent of Pampa students said marijuana was somewhat or very easy to obtain (44 percent)

• 10 percent of Pampa students reported most or all of their close friends smoke marijuana (17 percent)

• 27 percent of Pampa students reported smoking marijuana at least once in their lifetime (30 percent)

· 41 percent of 11th graders reported using marijuana at least once in their lifetime (42 percent)

• 3 percent of 7th graders reported having used marijuana in the past month (4 percent)

• 16 percent of 11th graders reported using marijuana within the past month (18 percent) • 4 percent of Pampa stu-

dents reported they had used powdered cocaine (6 per-• 4 percent of Pampa stu-

dents reported they had used uppers (6 percent) · 2 percent of Pampa stu-

dents reported they had used crack (2 percent)

• 13 percent of 10th graders reported they had attended at least one class while "stoned" (14 percent)

• 17 percent of Pampa stu-

dents reported inhalants at least once during their lifetime (17 percent)

• 26 percent of 9th graders reported using inhalants at least once in their lifetime (18 percent)

Other characteristics of Pampa ISD students noted in the survey included:

· Students living in "other" family situations were nearly two times more likely to have used an inhalant or smoked marijuana and over two times more likely to have used powdered cocaine, a hallucinogen, an upper, a downer and/or ecstasy than were those students living in homes with two parents.

• 78 percent of Pampa students said they would seek help from their friends for a drug problem (74 percent)

· 27 percent of Pampa students said they would seek help from a school counselor for a drug problem (32 per-

The 2005 survey did not include specific information on methamphetamine use, but an upcoming 2006 survey will include meth information, Gershmel said.

"I believe prescription drug abuse is a huge problem right now. It's not included on the 2005 survey," she said.

Gershmel spoke along with Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and Genesis House Executive Director Sharon Braddock at the March 2 meeting, the third of six in a series of drug abuse awareness meetings.

The next meetings are "Community Role," March 23; "Path of Destruction." April 27; and "Life After Drugs -- It Is Possible," May

All meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Room of Brown Civic M.K. Auditorium and are free and open to the public. Refreshments are provided.

For more information, call 669-4800, extension 124.

Illegals estimated at 12 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of illegal immigrants in the United States has grown to as high as 12 million, according to a new estimate released Tuesday as the Senate considers legislation aimed at tightening America's borders.

The Pew Hispanic Center report estimated that undocumented workers fill one out of every four agricultural jobs, 17 percent of all office and house cleaning positions, 14 percent of construction jobs, and 12 percent of those who work in food preparation.

The report found that the pace of illegal immigration is increasing, despite government efforts to crack down.

"It's been very hard to find any effect from border security," said Jeffrey Passel, a senior research associate at the nonpartisan Pew Hispanic Center and the author of the

Except one: Mexicans who make it to the United States illegally are staying longer,

perhaps because it is getting harder and more expensive to move back and forth across the border, Passel said.

"The security has done more to keep people from going back to Mexico than it has to keep them from coming in," Passel said in an interview.

It is difficult to accurately measure the number of illegal immigrants in the United States, but most public agencies and private groups had settled on a figure of about 11 million.

The Pew Hispanic Center used Census Bureau data to estimate that the United States had 11.1 million illegal immigrants in March 2005. The center used monthly population estimates to project a current illegal population of 11.5 million to 12 million.

The report estimates that 850,000 illegal immigrants have arrived in United States each year since 2000.

Contest

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photos in the contest is in any of the photos, a signed release from each of those persons granting permission to publish their likeness must also accompany the

photos.

Photos that do not include the required information and releases will not be considered in the contest.

Entrants are not limited as to the number of photos they may submit. Each entry must include the entrant's name, address, telephone number and, if applicable, e-mail address

in order for their photos to be included in the contest.

The winner will be notified by March 25.

Entries may be mailed to "Pampa Portraits" Contest, The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198. Entries may also be brought to the newspaper's offices at 403 W. Atchison

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

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Readers of my newspaper, The Flyspeck Flyer, told me they really enjoyed this news article!

However, I never would have known about the news if the insects of Bugton hadn't sent a press release to the editor of my paper.

The editor iked this ston and sent me out to get more information and write the



What's a Press Release?

A press release lets news editors know key information about an important or interesting event happening in your school, neighborhood or community

A press release lets the editor know the main facts:

MARCH 6 - 10, 2006 IS NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION WEEK



Ever wonder how reporters find out about news stories? Ace

Flyspeck Flyer reporter Nellie Fly explains some of the ways.

THE FLYSPECH FLYER FLEA LEAPS TO V

BUGTON - The Annual Bugton Jumping Competition was held yesterday at Swampy Shores Arena. Once again. Festus Flea out-jumped all insect contestants and set a new long distance record.

Festus is unbeatable.' said secondplace finisher Edwina J. Grasshopper. 'I'm not sure anyone in the

world can jump as many of

his own body lengths as Festus can. Flea jumped an amazing 13

body. He leaped entirely out of the stadium and onto the back of a passing greyhound. Officials said he did not return for the awards ceremony following the competition. The competition was not

times the length of his own

without some controversy. Katy Pillar transformed into a butterfly during her initial jump and was disqualified, which bugged a lot of the 50,000 fans

This is the 33rd year of the competition, which attracts insects from distant meadows. Contestants leap on a yardstick to measure their distance, and are scored based on their size.

Press Release Paragraph

Many press releases are written in paragraph

form. Read this one and complete the form

The Fleaburgh Players will present a

performance of "Cats" on May 8 at the Sardine

Can Theatre in Bugton. Tickets are 1¢ each for

adult bugs, maggots under one hour old admitted

free. This show is a fundraiser for Anthill

General Hospital, and all proceeds will be used

for the new drone bee center. Tickets can be

purchased on the web near Tracewell Pond.

All of the

Odds and Ends

Your job is to place the numbers 1-15 on the boxes. The odd thing is that you can't put any number directly above, below, to the right, to the left of or diagonally next to a consecutive number.

even numbers are in place. Can you place the odd numbers where they belong? sduare.

goes in the center HIVT: The number Standards Link: Math Reasoning: Use strateg to solve problems.



Check your answer at: www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

Double, Word Double

Find the words in the puzzle, WHO then in this week's Kid Scoop WHAT stories and activities. WHEN SENILTUCEX WHERE CLVUCSUEWR **YARDSTICK EXCLUSIVE** ROTIDESNHE VICTORY HSMNSAIEEP RELEASE VOEWEUEWRA **PRESS** CHWLHNLSEP FRONT WPEYROTCIV **CUTLINES** COMIC FRONTAHWXW **EDITOR**

KCITSDRAYE Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identica words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

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Cutting Cutlines

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The one- or two-sentence explanatory information under a picture is called a cutline. Cut out pictures from today's newspaper. Trim off the cutlines, but keep and scramble them. Then have someone try to pair up the photos with their correct cutlines. Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Students understand the organization of newspapers.

Read the Newspaper

We want to know! What parts do you like the best? How do you feel when you read the newspaper? When do you like to read the newspaper?

Send your press release to the editor of this newspaper. Be sure to include your name and contact information

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY **BUILDERS** This week's word: **EDITOR** The noun editor is a

person whose job it is to read, select and correct materials for publication in a newspaper.

The editor looked through the press releases to find an idea for a newspaper article.

Try to use the word editor in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family

inches, which is more than 200 Who What When Where Why How Press Release Puzzler

Read Nellie's news article above and then circle the

press release that belongs with it. Read carefully! Press Release "A" Who: Bugton Insects What: 33rd Annual Bugton Jumping Competition When: March 3, 2006 Where: Swampy Shores Arena

the best jumper

How: By jumping on a dog

Press Release "B" Who: Bugton Insects What: 33rd Annual Bugton Jumping Competition When: March 1, 2006 Where: Swampy Shores Arena Why: To determine which bug is Why: To determine which bug is the best jumper How: By jumping on a yardsti

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Students identify who, what, when, where, why and how in expository narratives Comic Confusion

Someone cut up this comic strip and mixed up the story. Can you put it back in the right order? He found a anana in my did you get a





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