

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. Wind chill values between 23 and 32 early. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 47. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. West-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.
 Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Pampa man found guilty of assaulting peace officer

By **KERRI SMITH**
 Staff Writer

A 27-year-old Pampa man was found guilty of resisting arrest and assault on a public servant in district court Wednesday. The Gray County Sheriff's Office took Albano Badillo to the county jail to begin serving his sentence after the trial ended.

According to Assistant District Attorney Franklin McDonough who tried the case, Albano Badillo of Pampa was charged with three felony counts of assault on a public servant.

"On June 24, 2005, Badillo caused bodily injuries to Pampa Police Sergeant Alvin Johnson, Pampa Police Officer Tobie Bias and Gray County Sheriff Deputy Scott LaRue while they were attempting to arrest Badillo," McDonough said. "The jury brought back three guilty verdicts, but two were on lesser offenses of resisting arrest."

In the cases of Johnson and LaRue, the jury found

Badillo guilty of resisting arrest, which is a class A misdemeanor, and sentenced him to 180 days in the county jail on each case. He is to serve these sentences concurrently.

In the case of Officer Bias, the jury found Badillo guilty of assault on a public servant, which is a third-degree felony, and sentenced him to five years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, but this was probated for five years.

"I'm not sure why the jury decided to probate the sentence of assault, but it might have been to give Badillo a second chance," McDonough said. "He will spend 180 days in the county jail and then be placed on five years probation. If at any time during the five year probation period he violates parole, he will be arrested and sent to the prison for five years."

Badillo was also fined \$5,000, which included an \$80 restitution fee which will be paid to Officer Bias for a pair of broken eyeglasses.

Obituaries

Delbert Johnson, 82

Delbert Johnson, 82, of Pampa, died pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. March 1, 2007, at Pampa. Services are

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Eleven traffic stops were made.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 500 block of Starkweather and the 2500 block of Fir.

A police escort was provided in the 200 block of West.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1100 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of Huff, the 900 block of Wilcox, the 900 block of East Frederic, the 1100 block of Neel, the 800 block of Municipal, the 500 block of South Ballard, the intersection of 23rd and Chestnut, the intersection of Francis and West, the 2100 block of Lynn, the 1000

block of Twiford, the 100 block of North Sumner, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 300 block of Canadian, the 2500 block of Dogwood and the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1900 block of West Kentucky.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of Anne and the 300 block of Warren.

911 hang-ups were reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner and an undisclosed location.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of East Foster.

One alarm was reported. Harassment was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

A missing person was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Duncan and the 1500 block of Williston where eight storm windows and eight miniblinds were damaged worth an estimated value of \$600.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of Russell.

Public intoxication was reported in the 2000 block of Duncan.

Two gas drive-offs were reported in the 300 block of North Hobart worth a total estimated value of \$43.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period end-

ing at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Feb. 28

2:06 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of South Barnes on a carbon monoxide check.

6:52 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Seneca on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Feb. 28

6:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Seneca. No transport.

8 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Rockwall County DA accused of diverting funds to personal account

ROCKWALL, Texas (AP) — The Rockwall County district attorney faces a felony charge of abuse of official capacity for allegedly diverting nearly \$68,000 of taxpayer money into his personal

checking account. Investigators accuse Criminal District Attorney Galen Ray Sumrow, 57, of using the money to pay expenses such as child support, utilities and credit card bills before fully repaying the money after a year, according to a criminal complaint.

Neither Sumrow nor his two attorneys could be reached for comment Wednesday. Sumrow is still on the job, which he has held

for two decades.

The case will be presented to a grand jury, said Gregg Cox, director of the public integrity unit for the district attorney's office in Travis County, where the charges were filed.

"There are various mechanisms in the law for removing someone from office," Cox said. "Until something like that happens, he is still the DA and he is still in office." According to the com-

plaint, Sumrow told investigators the state comptroller's office made a mistake in 2003 and 2004 by making three deposits into his personal account. But authorities say in the complaint that the form authorizing the deposits was signed by "G.R. Sumrow." The form included the name of the state fund that provides money for expenses and salaries in district attorneys' offices, the complaint says.

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prompted by a proposal by CPV Wind Ventures of Massachusetts to place wind energy generators in Gray and Donley counties.

The wind energy company's targeted area is along an area east of Highway 70. Nineteen generators would be placed in Gray County, with another 38 in Donley County.

The re-investment zone would consist of approximately 1,219.09 acres situat-

ed in Section 66, Block HD, I.D. Shaw Survey; Sections 15 and 16, Block E, D & P Survey; and Section 16, Rockwall County School Land. The zone, located on the Trew Ranch, would be named the Trew Ranch Wind Farm Re-Investment Zone.

Dale Cummings, a consultant for the wind energy company, attended this morning's meeting.

"On behalf of the CPV Wind Ventures, I would like to ask you to formally adopt the re-investment zone," Cummings said during the meeting.

Commissioners began

their session at 9 a.m. today at the courthouse with other agenda items.

A tax bid of \$800 from Veronica Borunda for tax-delinquent property at 546 Reid was accepted. The property, a vacant lot, has an appraised value of \$1,000, said County Judge Richard Peet.

Commissioners approved a motion to allow the timely payment of utility bills without the payments having to be approved beforehand by commissioners. The action was prompted after a delay in the mail resulted in the imminent disconnection of electrical service to the courthouse, and required an overnight mailing of a check to pay the bill.

The affected bills would be for water, electricity and natural gas service.

County Court Coordinator Sandra Martin was recognized for completing 14 hours of continuing education at a court assistance training conference.

Bills of \$48,642.63 and salaries of \$232,141.41 were approved for payment.

Stocks

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

Wheat	4.47
Milo	6.83
Corn	7.61
Soybeans	6.54

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

OXY	46.26	+0.14
BP PLC ADR	60.73	-0.81
Cabot Corp	44.28	-0.39
Celanese	28.10	-0.48
Cabot Oil Gas	66.42	-1.27
Coca Cola	46.80	+0.12
VLO	56.79	-0.75
HAL	30.60	-0.32
TRF	48.94	-0.11

KMI	105.80	+0.04
XCEL	23.41	-0.22
Anadarko	40.11	-0.18
XOM	71.42	-0.26
Nat'l Oilwell	68.58	-1.06
Limited	26.59	-1.07
Williams	26.44	-0.53
MCD	43.20	-0.49
Atmos	31.20	-0.26
Pioneer Nat'l	37.88	-0.61
JCP	79.53	-1.48
COP	64.70	-0.62
SLB	63.00	+0.20
Tenneco	24.00	-0.30
CVX	66.82	-1.70
Wal-Mart	47.77	-0.54
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Silver	14.24	
West Texas Crude	61.75	

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an earlier meeting, White had estimated the signs could be built for \$125,000 to \$150,000.

The \$36,000 would include \$6,000 of insurance money the city received when a truck hit the existing Welcome to Pampa sign several years ago and \$5,000 of excess funds that the Rotary raised to build the Super Playground. The remaining \$25,000 will come from general revenue.

The money won't be transferred until a final plan has been completed.

In other business, the commission approved an \$800 bid by Veronica Borunda for tax delinquent property at

546 Reid.

The commission also ordered the city election for mayor and city commissioners for Ward 1 and Ward 3 be held on May 12.

Incumbent Ward 1 Commissioner Brad Pingel and Mayor Lonny Robbins have each filed for reelection. Ward 3 Commissioner Lana Miller is not running because she moved outside Ward 3.

While the commission is elected at-large, anybody in the city can vote for all of the candidates, the commissioners must live within the wards they represent.

Teresa Henson has filed for the Ward 3 position.

March 12 is the deadline for filing, according to Pampa City Manager John Horst.

The election will be held in conjunction with the Pampa Independent School District board of trustee elections.

Housing

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Commission Wednesday that today is the deadline for the application for government assistance in building Hampton Village, low to moderate income single family homes on Alcock.

"We feel very strongly that the application will be accepted," Collins said.

Last year, Collins had proposed an apartment complex, but he told commissioners Wednesday that he thought single-family homes would be more appropriate for Pampa.

"It will take a little more land," Collins told the commissioners, "but it will be better."

He said plans now call for construction to begin in the first quarter of 2008 with a move-in date a year later, the first quarter of 2009.

Safety

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most of the impact.

"After the age of one, a child weighing 20 to 40 pounds can be placed in a forward-facing seat. Kids weighing more than 40 pounds can lawfully sit in a booster seat with either a five-point harness or a seat belt. The harness should fit snug on the child and the retainer clip should be at armpit level. This should keep the child from flying out of the harness in the event of a crash."

Director of DPS Col. Thomas Davis Jr. said that parents need to remember the law sets forth minimum safety standards and that experts recommend most children need to continue in booster seats until they reach 4 feet 9 inches tall.

The law also requires the safety seats be used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Gray-Soria said parents should stay away from after-market products they can place in or on the safety seat. She said the seats are crash tested the way they are packaged and anything extra added to the seat may make it unsafe.

"Many parents buy the baby headrests for their infants so their heads do not

flop around in the seat," Gray-Soria said. "I understand the need to keep your baby comfortable, but parents should use receiving blankets rolled up like sausages and placed around the baby's neck. If that is done, then during a crash the blankets will come out and not injure the child further. An after-market headrest that is attached to the seat might hurt the child in a crash."

If your child is old enough to sit in the seat and use a regular seat belt, according to the DPS, there are a few tests you can do to make sure they will fit correctly and comfortably. Have the child sit on the vehicle seat, all the way back with their back straight against the seat back and buckle the lap and shoulder belt over them.

Do their legs bend naturally at the knees over the edge of the seat? Does the lap portion of the belt fit over the top of their thighs? Does the shoulder portion of the belt fit across the center of their chest? If you can answer no to any of these questions, then your child may be better protected in a booster seat.

All reports say that the best way to get your children used to buckling in and not fussing about it is to be a good model for them. Kids imitate what they see their parents and other adults do, so you can set a good exam-

ple by always buckling up. And remember, it is the law.

One suggestion given by most experts say that children should ride in the back seat of the car until the age of 13 to be better protected in the event of a crash. Also, it is recommended to buy a new car seat. If you are buying a used seat, make sure you know the history of that seat because it could be damaged. The average length of time a seat should be used is five to six years. Sitting in the cold and hot car all of the time can damage the plastic and structural integrity of the seat.

Parents wanting to have their child safety seat checked by a child passenger safety technician to make sure it is installed correctly, can call and set up an appointment with Gray-Soria at the Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033. Her office is located in the Gray County Annex at 12125 E. Frederic, which is on Highway 60 out by the rodeo grounds.

"It is best to bring the car that the seat will be used in the most," Gray-Soria said. "Also bring the child and their height and weight so I can make sure they are in the correct seat and it is installed and used properly. This service is free of charge to any Pampa resident."

School

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"This year's theme, One Texas - One Vision - All Children, exemplifies our mission," Haenisch said. "Texas public schools accept every child and as educators it is our mission to provide all students with the highest quality of instruction to help them become well-rounded successful people."

Texas Public Schools Week was established in 1950 by the Masonic Lodges of Texas to recognize contributions made by the state's free system of education. The event grows each year and continues to be a meaningful way to showcase the many educational opportunities given to millions of students attending Texas public schools.

A list of events for next week can be obtained from the event calendar on the Pampa ISD Web site, www.pampaisd.net.

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Viewpoints

Special edition keepsake for area residents

Please read through the following list of local establishments and pick out the ones you recognize. They include NBC Bank, Top O Texas Oilfield Supply, and First Baptist Church. Now the question is what do these local establishments have in common? They are all part of The Pampa News 2007 Progress edition. This edition is published annually and is normally completed the last week of March. It is a time for Gray County as a

community and all of its residents to review our progress as citizens, cities and a county. This is one of the important roles we play as your community newspaper, bringing our community progress into focus. This year will be no exception. On March 30, 2007, we will publish "Pampa Progress," more than 50 pages of stories, pictures, and insights from community leaders about important aspects of our life

here in Gray County. We want to share thoughts from our leaders in the health care, education, recreation, and business industries. We will include a historical section to describe how Pampa has grown and changed over the years. We will discuss current industry trends and the impact of the

Sean Smith
Publisher

Pampa Development Corporation. We will include stories on our education system and how it is evolving in a rapidly changing environment. We are also including a section for our community to participate in, a photo contest. Send us your best photo and show us how you see Pampa.



We are working hard on this edition and it is not like an ordinary newspaper. This is our most difficult, creative and most read edition. It is very difficult work and is done in addition to the regular daily newspaper. This is a time for our editorial department, advertising department, pressroom, and our composition department to produce their very best work for this community. In the meantime, you still have time to send in pictures

or purchase advertising space and join local establishments like Culberson-Stowers, Trinity Fellowship, and St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School in promoting "Pampa Progress." This edition will be a great section to read, a great section to advertise in, and a keepsake for residents of Gray County. Please mark your calendar and be sure to get your copy on March 30, 2007.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, March 1, the 60th day of 2007. There are 305 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 1, 1932, Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh, was kidnapped from the family home near Hopewell, N.J. (Remains identified as those of the child were found the following May.)

On this date:

In 1781, the Continental Congress declared the Articles of Confederation to be in force, following ratification by Maryland.

In 1790, Congress authorized the first U.S. Census.

In 1864, Rebecca Lee Crumpler became the first black woman to receive an American medical degree, from the New England Female Medical College in Boston.

In 1867, Nebraska became the 37th state.

In 1872, Congress authorized creation of Yellowstone National Park.

In 1945, President Roosevelt, back from the Yalta Conference, proclaimed the meeting a success as he addressed a joint session of Congress.

In 1954, Puerto Rican nationalists opened fire from the gallery of the U.S. House of Representatives, wounding five congressmen.

In 1961, President Kennedy established the Peace Corps.

In 1967, U.S. Rep. Adam Clayton Powell of New York, accused of misconduct, was denied his seat in the 90th Congress. (The Supreme Court ruled in 1969 that Powell had to be seated.)

In 1981, Irish Republican Army member Bobby Sands began a hunger strike at the Maze Prison in Northern Ireland; he died 65 days later.

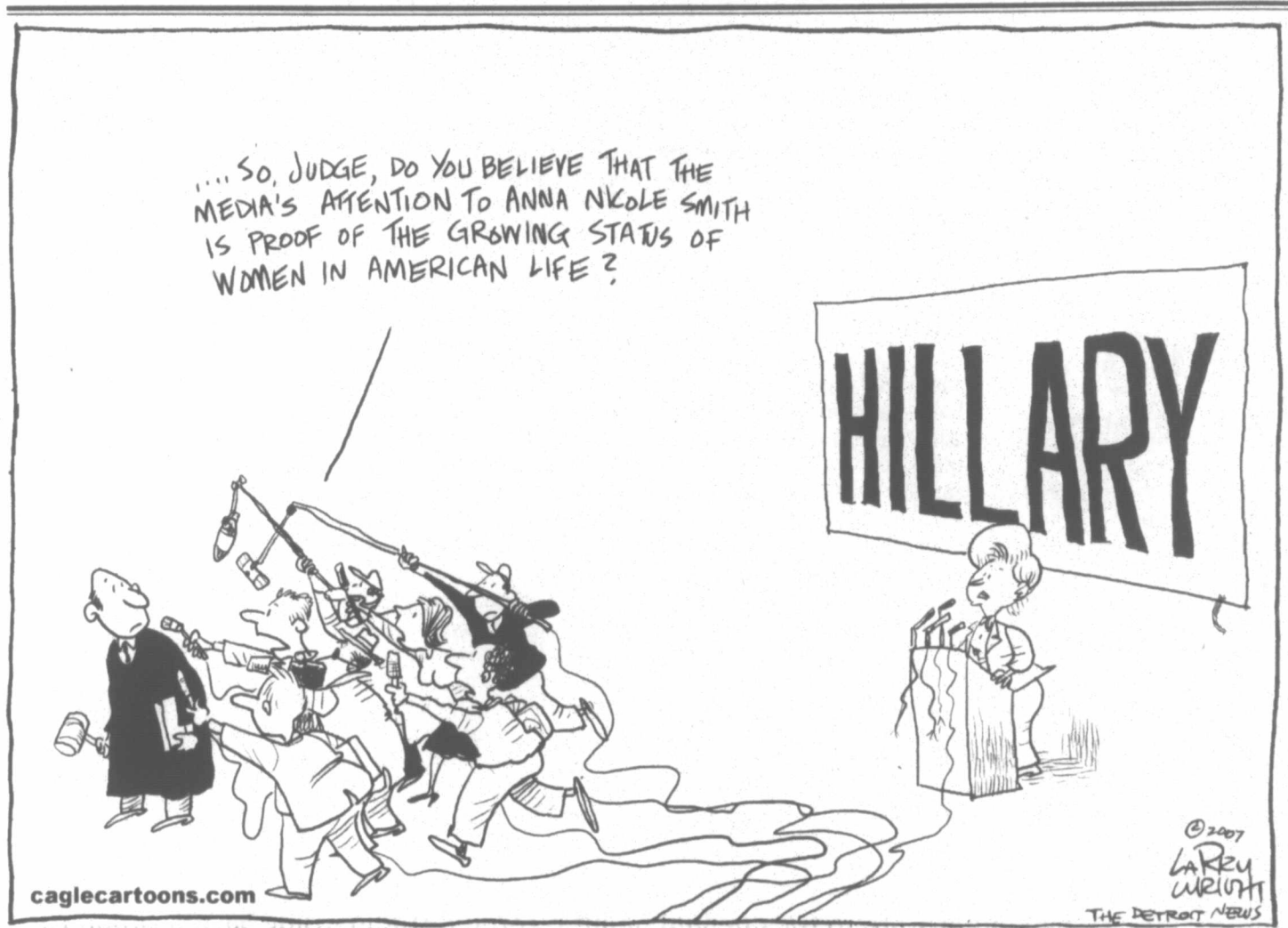
Ten years ago: Severe storms hit Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, and spawned tornadoes in Arkansas blamed for two dozen deaths. Rescue teams fought snow, high winds and wild dogs as they tried to bring help to an earthquake-devastated region in northwest Iran, where the death toll was estimated at 3,000.

Five years ago: Space shuttle Columbia blasted into orbit on a mission to renovate the Hubble Space Telescope. NASA said its Mars Odyssey spacecraft had found evidence that vast regions of Mars may abound in water. Under pressure from prosecutors, the Archdiocese of Boston agreed to turn over the names of people allegedly molested by priests. Grand American series driver Jeff Clinton was killed during practice in a crash at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Clary is 81. Singer Harry Belafonte is 80. Former U.S. Solicitor General Robert H. Bork is 80. Actor Robert Conrad is 72. Rock singer Mike D'Abo (Manfred Mann) is 63. Former Sen. John Breaux, D-La., is 63. Rock singer Roger Daltrey is 63. Actor Dirk Benedict is 62. Actor Alan Thicke is 60. Actor-director Ron Howard is 53. Actress Catherine Bach is 53. Country singer Janis Gill (AKA Janis Oliver Cummins) (Sweethearts of the Rodeo) is 53. Actor Tim Daly is 51. Singer-musician Jon Carroll is 50. Rock musician Bill Leen is 45. Actor Russell Wong is 44. Actor John David Cullum is 41.

'No man ever made a great speech on a mean subject.'

— Attributed to Eugene V. Debs
American socialist leader (1855-1926)



Software really worth mentioning ...

Every day, software writers send me evaluation editions of their latest programs. Of course, their hope is that I will give them a favorable review in my column. Many times, I will put their software through its paces, but not mention the results in my columns. The reason is simple: I don't want to waste your time and mine by telling you about bad software. The only products you see mentioned here are the ones that rise above the pack both in functionality and value. Such is the case today.

The following four utilities are programs I consider critical. The first three are completely FREE and the last is well-worth the money.

AVG Anti-Virus System

Whenever I encounter a computer without anti-virus software, I cringe. After all, if you have e-mail, chances are, you receive a virus-loaded message at least once a week. Without proper protection, your system might as well have a large sign posted above it: "Infect me.

Format my hard drive. Make me write bad checks."

The reason some people choose not to install this critical software is simple — dollars. After all, Norton and McAfee's products are not cheap. Add to that a yearly subscription fee for maintenance you've got a permanent line-item for your budget.

The folks at Grisoft realize everyone is not made of money, so they came up with the AVG Free Edition Anti-virus system. If you are an individual or work for a non-commercial organization, you may download their software free-of-charge. What makes this deal really great is the FREE lifetime updates. As with Norton Antivirus, the AVG product will automatically update its virus list on a regular basis, making sure your system is ready to fend off the most current digital scourges.

Download your free copy at <http://free.grisoft.com>.

SpyBot and Ad-Aware

While German politics may be incredibly confusing, their software writers are some of the best in the world. As an example, check out Spybot

(<http://www.spybot.info>) or Ad-Aware (<http://www.ad-aware.com>). These programs are easily considered the leaders in spyware removal.

"What is spyware?" you ask. Whenever you visit some Web sites, small files ("cookies" in many cases) are placed on your system. These cookies can then be accessed by that site in the future to note when you return. Some spyware consists of actual program code. By installing certain software, many times you'll also, unintentionally, install a little hitchhiker spyware program.

Both Spybot and Ad-

Aware will scan your entire system, looking for these nasty creatures and then list them for easy deletion. Usually, when I install one of these programs on a computer for the first time, they find "hundreds" of spyware apps. Try it. I think you will be surprised at the number of "hidden" programs running on your system. By clearing them out, you will also see a marked performance boost.

Diskeeper Home Edition

A while back, I wrote a review on Executive Software's Diskeeper. Well, they've come out with a new version entitled, "Diskeeper Home Edition." (<http://www.diskeeper.com>) You'll remember, Diskeeper is a "defrag" replacement. And in case you don't remember the logic behind "defragging," let me use the company's own words:

"Fragmentation occurs when you save files to your hard drive. There isn't enough room on the hard disk to store the file in one program.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Feb. 18

San Antonio Express-News on the state increasing mental health funds:

Funding for mental health has never been at an adequate level in this state, leaving many who suffer mental illness and their families with limited access to services.

A look at the funding levels in other states shows just how disproportionate the allocation of funds for mental health is across the country.

Texas has the dubious distinction of being 47th in the country in terms of per capita funding for mental health.

Examining how the money is distributed across the state, the numbers only

get worse for Bexar County.

Texas provides \$39.02 in per capita funding for mental health; other states spend \$77 to \$90 per capita.

In Texas, mental health funds are distributed through 40 mental health authorities.

The Bexar County authority gets only \$11.56 per capita, placing it 36th on the state list.

Being at the top of the list is no great consolation; the best-funded mental health authority in the state receives only \$27.13 per capita. The agency at the bottom of the list gets \$8.29.

That's pathetic.

One would think that state lawmakers would have realized by now that low funding at one end doesn't make the problem go away. It only makes taking care of the problem through

alternate routes more expensive.

State and jail statistics reflect that many of the mentally ill are ending up in the criminal justice system, where beds are more expensive.

This doesn't make sense, even for a tough-on-crime state like Texas.

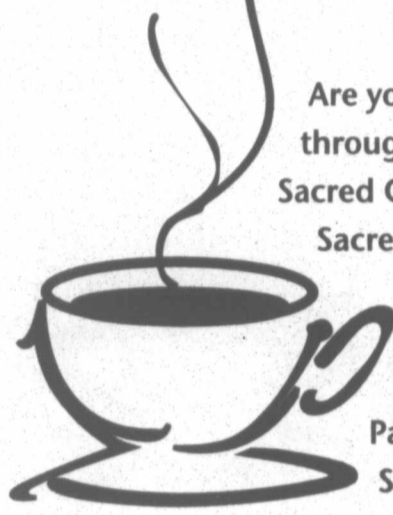
Going into this legislative session, all state agencies were asked to reduce their budget proposals by 10 percent of their current levels.

The mentally ill cannot afford a further state reduction in the service level; on the contrary, they could use a lot more help.

State lawmakers would be wise to realize that if they don't provide the funding now, they will have to pay more later.

BUSINESS REVIEW

Sacred Grounds Coffee Studio



Are you one of those folks who just has to have their cup of coffee to make it through the day? If it's no ordinary cup of java you're after, why not check out Sacred Grounds Coffee Studio at 2145 B. North Hobart?

Sacred Grounds has 45 different flavors of coffee. It is a full-service coffee shop with a drive-thru window, PLUS a commercial production and recording studio as well.

Sacred Grounds is family owned and operated. Owners Brad and Pamela Mathis opened the studio in May 2006.

Sacred Grounds provides a comfortable seating environment. In addition to its assortment of coffees, the menu includes low-fat, sugar-free drinks, Italian sodas, fruit smoothies, muffins and cinnamon rolls.

Pamela is there Monday through Saturday, ensuring consistency of product.

"My goal," Pamela said, "is to offer you an excellent cup of coffee, tea or espresso based drink in a relaxed no-pressure environment."

Brad and Pamela have always enjoyed coffee but became passionate about the rich brew after a trip to Italy seven years ago. They "tortured" their poor family and friends, they said, while honing the art of pulling espresso.

Pamela grew up in Lorenzo, Texas, outside of Lubbock, and attended Texas Tech University. She worked for the university for six years prior to moving to Pampa in 2005. She was also office manager for Digital Base Productions.

Brad grew up in Pampa and has been a lifelong Pampa resident. With many years singing and playing guitar in various bands, he performs now with Fencewalker.

"With all Brad's musical knowledge is the desire to do more," Pamela said, "so be looking forward to the opening of our recording studio inside Sacred Grounds!"

Brad is employed as manager of Tarpley Music here in Pampa. He attended the Hank Thompson School of Country Music in Claremore, Okla.

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Mother's Day Out



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The 3-year-old Mother's Day Out Class at First Christian Church recently participated in a "pajama day." Above: Miss Amy McDowell, Miss Rachel Mize, Hunter, Moses, Kendall, Ciara, Ashley, Kaiden, Jaden Stephen, Kasey, Ethan, Drake, Drew and Macy.

Software

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Clarendon College theatre department to stage play

CLARENDON — Clarendon College Theatre Department is preparing to open a three-act comedy production called "Who's On First" by Jack Sharkey, produced with special arrangement with Samuel French March 2-4. Performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. March 2 and 3 and at 2:30 p.m. March 4 in Harned Sister Fine Arts Center Auditorium in Clarendon.

The cast includes Andrew Sater of Groom, Katie Washington of Childress, Carrie Thompson of McLean and Mark Edgerton of Childress.

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, and free to all Clarendon College Board of Regents, Administration, Faculty, Staff, CC Students and High School Theatre groups.

Take a husband, wife, lover and friend, add a strange lamp, a gun and a rubber chicken plus a party that begins at 8 p.m., then again at 8 p.m. and then again at 8 p.m. and you have this nightmare comedy.

Four people find themselves reliving one horrible hour over and over as themselves, as Japanese, as British aristocrats, as gangsters, and almost anything else you can think of.

Camille is giving the party. Don shows up in a jealous funk about his wife, Alice, whom he suspects of seeing another man. When Alice and Ben have arrived,

it turns out their relationship is innocent. But by the time Don realizes this he has already shot Ben, Alice and even Camille.

Camille wishes that things might have turned out differently and that is what happens. All concerned find themselves back at the party's beginning again and again, doomed to live that same hour over and over again until they get it right. Is it all an accident? Or is their dilemma part of someone's fiendish plan?

For more information, contact Bill Huey at 874-3571 or billhuey@theatre-arts.net.

PEACE TALKS

North Korea vows to step down nuclear program

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea's No. 2 leader pledged his country's commitment Thursday to giving up its nuclear program amid intensifying diplomacy aimed at implementing Pyongyang's pledge to disarm.

"The denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula is the dying wish" of the country's late founding president Kim Il Sung, Kim Yong Nam said in Pyongyang during a visit from a high-level South Korean delegation.

The North "will make efforts to realize it," he said.

At the meeting, South Korean Unification Minister Lee Jae-joung pressed the North to implement a Feb. 13 pledge made with the U.S. and four other countries to take initial steps to disarm.

"It is important to make efforts to ensure that South and North Korea cooperate and six countries each assume their responsibilities," Lee said.

Kim Yong Nam also called on the Koreas to cooperate to achieve the reunification of the peninsula, which was divided

'It is important to make efforts to ensure that South and North Korea cooperate and six countries each assume their responsibilities.'

— Lee Jae-joung
 Unification minister

in the wake of World War II and still remains technically at war since the 1950-53 Korean War ended in a cease-fire.

Kim also repeated the North's calls for inter-Korean collaboration, an idea South Korea has dismissed as a ploy to drive a wedge in Seoul's alliance with Washington.

This week's Cabinet-level talks between the North and South — the highest-level regular contact between the Koreas — are the first in seven months. The talks resumed

after North Korea's agreement last month in Beijing to shut down its main nuclear reactor within 60 days in exchange for aid.

Earlier Thursday, North Korean negotiators appealed for aid from the South, but Seoul appeared resistant to promising any major assistance until Pyongyang keeps its pledge to start dismantling its nuclear program.

"The North side has brought up the issue of humanitarian aid," a South Korean official told reporters in Pyongyang, where talks between the two Koreas stretched into a third day.

Jeff Goldblum gets restraining order against female stalker

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Goldblum won a permanent restraining order Wednesday against a woman he claims has stalked him for years and appeared outside his house numerous times.

The order issued by a Superior Court judge says Linda Ransom must stay at least 100 yards from the 54-year-old actor, his home, workplace and vehicle.

"The matter is now in the hands of law enforcement," said Goldblum's attorney, Blair Berk.

Ransom, reached by telephone at her home, declined to comment.

In court papers filed Feb. 7, Goldblum said he did not know the 44-year-old woman. He claimed she had visited his home more than 50 times in recent months in what he called an "escalating

pattern of harassing, threatening, and stalking behavior" since 2001.

Goldblum also said Ransom parked her car across his driveway, blocking him from going in and out of his house, and allegedly sent him threatening letters.

In a six-page declaration to the court, Ransom stated she met Goldblum in 1999 at an acting school where Goldblum teaches and talked to him about a screenplay she was working on. On several occasions, she said she went to city venues where he played with his jazz band.

Ransom said she made repeated visits to Goldblum's house to "support my efforts to complete my research and screenplay as accurate as possible."



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Sports Day

Varsity baseball continues winning streak in Borger

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Playing the Bulldogs for the second time in less than a week, the Pampa Harvesters traveled to Borger on Tuesday.

The last time they met at the Cavalier Classic, Pampa defeated Borger 8-0, but when they played Tuesday, the Harvesters had a victory by an even greater ratio - 24-1.

In the first inning, Pampa didn't get any runs as Borger took a 1-0 lead.

The score was tied at 1 by the end of the second inning, but when the third inning began, the Harvesters took control of the game with 7 runs.

After getting 11 runs in the fourth and 5 more in the fifth, Pampa held Borger from gaining any more runs after their first and only.

Bradley Johnson got his first win from the mound this season, pitching 3 innings and giving up one run, no hits and one strikeout.

Leading offensively, Brett Ferrell brought in four runs, batted in three runs and hit two doubles.

Blake Sieck had three runs, and James Coffee had two.

Coffee and Ryan Funderburg each batted in two runs.

Pampa improved to a 6-0 record, and will play in Woodward at 1 p.m. Saturday.



Sophomore Blake Sieck takes a swing at Borger on Tuesday.

11th win for Lady Harvesters marks 100th for head coach

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Following a successful run in Midland over the weekend, the Lady Harvesters took on Amarillo High on Tuesday afternoon in Pampa.

Cassy Tice pitched the game with eleven strikeouts, four hits and one earned run to defeat Amarillo High 6-4.

Tice and Nicole Clark had two runs each, and Logan Winkelman and Kelby Doughty each had one.

Kali Jimenez batted in two runs, Kambra Jimenez batted in one, and Jasmaine Moore and Kenzi Nickell each helped out with one hit.

This win helped the Lady Harvesters improve to an 11-3 record overall.

This win also marked a

significant milestone for head coach, Bobbi Gill, as she has reached her 100th win in her coaching career, all seven years of which have been in Pampa.

"It is a great milestone to hit in your coaching career," coach Gill said, "I would not have even realized it had somebody not asked how close I was to 100."

Gill has been on the Pampa coaching staff since she was fresh out of college, and has been head softball coach for five years.

"I feel it is as much a milestone for the ladies that have played in this program as it is for me," Gill said, "You can't accomplish something like this without great kids."

First BALCO, now an East Coast steroid scandal

By NANCY ARMOUR
AP National Writer

Testing for performance-enhancing drugs can only go so far — and nab so many people.

Bring state and federal law-enforcement officials in, and it could change the landscape of the anti-doping fight.

Illicit steroid distribution networks, which may be responsible for Internet sales of performance-enhancing drugs nationwide, have been targeted by prosecutors in upstate New York and Rhode Island. Customers reportedly included Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and former baseball star Jose Canseco, as well as a doctor for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"We've known for a long time that coaches, doctors, even companies prey and enable our athletes to use drugs against the rules," Travis Tygart, general counsel for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said Wednesday. "It's these types of national law enforcement efforts that will be most successful in bringing the manufacturers and distributors of these drugs to their knees."

"And that's good for all of sports and our athletes."

Testing may expose athletes who cheat, but it does little to punish those who make, market and distribute performance-enhancing sub-

stances, let alone stop the flow of drugs. That's why these new investigations have the potential to be so significant.

Instead of the stars and designer drugs in the BALCO scandal, authorities are targeting those who supply steroids to big-name and no-name users alike across the country.

"I understand that the involvement of athletes and celebrities makes this a sexy story, but I assure you we are not, at this point, we are not concerned with the celebrity factor," said P. David Soares, district attorney of Albany County, N.Y.

"Our focus here is to shut down distribution channels."

Federal and state agents raided two pharmacies in Orlando, Fla., on Tuesday in connection with an investigation by Soares' office. Eight people in three states were arrested, and prosecutors say 24 could face felony charges by the time their investigation is over.

On Thursday, four defendants waived extradition in Orlando, but their attorneys requested they be released on bond, fitted with global tracking monitors and allowed to turn themselves in to New York authorities.

Orange County Judge Mike Murphy denied the bond request but said if New York authorities did not pick up the defendants by March 8, he would reconsider bond.

Signing up



With the support of her family, coaches and teammates, senior Jackye Barber signed up on Tuesday morning to play volleyball for Frank Phillips College. Pictured behind Jackye are: (L-R) Her mother Tammye, sister Tayce, father Jack, Pampa head volleyball coach Sonia VanGilder, and Frank Phillips head volleyball coach Charity Savedra.

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Don't forget who you are in the midst of all the bantering and change this year. Staying centered could help you make more-solid decisions. You often wonder what you need to do to make your life a bit more quiet and reasonable. The question might be whether you really want an easier pace. Interpersonal dealings demand greater awareness of your feelings. If you are single, negativity could put a barrier between you and a relationship. If you are attached, the two of you will need to have it out a lot this year. Your commitment will be tested, but in the end, your bond will be better. VIRGO often challenges 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)

★★★ Though a few pleasant moments could be sprinkled into your day, others are difficult and cantankerous. Chill out and worry less. You won't have all the answers immediately. A relaxed attitude will draw information. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You are coming from a position where basics do count. Someone might be too contrary for you to want to deal with him or her. Don't hesitate to cocoon or become unavailable. You could get some stunning results. Tonight: Feel the weekend energy within you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Sometimes you say too much and cause yourself a problem.

Fortunately, one person who counts actually understands. Make all calls at the beginning of the day. Tonight: Head home with flowers or favorite munchies.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Money matters still could be forcing you in new directions. Though someone cares, his or her advice could be completely wrong. Make your own decisions. Your instincts are right-on. Tonight: Chat and visit with a comrade.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ Your creativity emerges. Nearly anything is possible. Try to focus your ingenuity in the morning, because by midday, a need for precision and to be perhaps more businesslike comes out. The morning you is radically different from the p.m. person! Tonight: Make it OK to buy that CD.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Though you might not be up to snuff in the morning, later you bloom into the happy Virgo. Perhaps you sense the weekend or finally you don't care if you make your point any longer. Tonight: What would make you sparkle?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Read Leo for a hint. Go after the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow in the morning. By the afternoon, you might be ready to start your weekend. Whatever is in your mind isn't of the public realm — for now. Keep your confidences. Tonight: Not to be found.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Take charge if you want a situation or project completed. Perhaps you aren't the only one who can do what is needed, but you are the one who will step up to the plate. Tonight: Now, have a good time. Let your hair down.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Avoid getting into a jam. You really don't need to deal with more problems; your plate is already full. Others expect a lot and let you know it. You could feel pushed and pressured. It's your call as to what to do. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ An associate forces you to deal with him and only him. This demand could cause some resentment. How you deliver your feelings can and will determine the end result. Be careful with money, as you could funnel your feelings into spending. Tonight: Rent or go to a movie. You need to forget it all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Work with others; you scarcely have the choice. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully that revolves around a partnership. Please note, my dear Aquarian, that you are a bit hot-tempered right now. Tonight: Let off steam with a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Rethink what is going on with a work or daily matter. If it doesn't suit your patterns and who you are, make an adjustment. Others might react strongly, but ultimately this is your life, and only yours. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

BORN TODAY

Singer Jon Bon Jovi (1962), singer Karen Carpenter (1950), singer, actor Desi Arnaz (1917)

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Events calendar

• **CASA of the High Plains** will hold an information meeting at 6 p.m. March 5 at the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard, in Pampa. CASA, a non-profit organization, stands for Court Appointed Special Advocates. CASA trains and supports volunteers to work with children caught in the court system through abuse or neglect. CASA speaks for the children and their best interests.

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center** of the Don

and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: March 6 and 27, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest; and March 12, Lefors Civic Center in Lefors. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for

Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus

influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m./1-3 p.m., March 6, Canadian High School, Canadian; and 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., March 7 and 21, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

Pickens : Global oil production has reached peak

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Legendary Texas oilman T. Boone Pickens sees today's stubbornly high oil price as evidence that daily global production capacity is at — or very near — its peak.

If demand for crude oil rises beyond the current global output of roughly 85 million barrels per day, Pickens told The Associated Press, prices will rise to compensate and alternative sources of energy will begin to replace petroleum.

"If I'm right, we're already at the peak," Pickens said earlier this week in Doha, on the sidelines of the Forbes magazine CEO conference. "The price will have to go up."

Forbes publisher Steve Forbes challenged Pickens' assumptions during an exchange in the conference, saying political — not technological, or geological — roadblocks stood in the way of increasing the world's oil output.

The 78-year-old former wildcatter, who now heads the Dallas-based hedge fund BP Capital, is credited with a history of prescient predictions about the direction of oil markets. His bets have paid off handsomely. BP Capital's returns have exceeded 800 percent since 2001, he said.

Still, most industry and government analysts are far less pessimistic than the

straight-talking Texan. Most believe petroleum will be a growing energy source for decades. The U.S. government expects oil demand to rise to 120 million barrels a day by 2030 and says a peak in output — the point at which half of the world's reserves are depleted — won't arrive until mid-century.

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