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<b>Thursday</b>  Mostly sunny	<b>Friday</b>  Partly cloudy	<b>Saturday</b>  Partly cloudy
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Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. Windy, with a north-northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.  
 Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 41. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.  
 Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 63. East-northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south-southeast.  
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 43. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
 Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.  
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

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**Artwork offends lawmaker**

AUSTIN (AP) — A state lawmaker removed two pieces of art from a Capitol exhibit organized by a group opposed to the death penalty because he found the images "extremely inappropriate and highly objectionable."  
 Rep. Borris Miles, D-Houston, took issue with a painting of a man hanging from a rope and an illustration of a man tied to an electric chair with the inscription "Doing God's Work."  
 "We should not prevent the display of art," Miles said Tuesday. "But there have to be limits."  
 Miles said in an e-mail to his House colleagues that he encountered the images while walking through a hall of the Capitol Extension on Monday with his children, ages 5 and 8.  
 "Capitol exhibits are supposed to serve a public purpose or be informational in nature. These pictures were hung with no accompanying text or explanation," Miles wrote.  
 The Texas Moratorium Network, which advocates a two-year moratorium on the

death penalty, didn't violate any standards with the exhibit, said Scott Cobb, the group's president.  
 He said the purpose of the artwork, some of which was created by death-row inmates, is to call attention to the death penalty.  
 "Nobody has a right to take down what they don't like," Miles said. "I overreacted and should have gone through the proper channels" to remove the work, Cobb said.  
 Miles, who has talked with the State Preservation Board about his complaint, said a system should be put in place to screen exhibits.  
 The preservation board, caretaker of the Capitol, requires that exhibits in the Capitol serve a "public purpose" and have an elected official as a sponsor.  
 Spokeswoman Julie Fields said the preservation board does not "restrict or censor" exhibitions.  
 Miles delivered the pieces Tuesday to Rep. Harold Dutton, D-Houston, the sponsor of the death penalty exhibit.

**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**SHULTZ, Linda Gail** — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Martin United Methodist Church, Bedford.

**Eva Gladys Fulton Cobb, 88**

Eva Gladys Fulton Cobb, 88, died Wednesday, March 14, 2007, at Granby, Mo. Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.  
 Ms. Cobb was born March 7, 1919, in McLean, to Warren Fulton and Jessie Katherine (Reggs) Fulton.  
 She was a homemaker.  
 She was preceded in death by six

brothers, two sisters, four nephews and one niece.  
 Survivors include a brother, Euil V. Fulton of McLean; several nieces and nephew; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

**Linda Sue Adcock Daniels, 59**

SMITHBORO, Ill. — Linda Sue Adcock Daniels, 59, of rural Smithboro, died Tuesday, March 6, 2007, at St. Lukes Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo.  
 Services for Mrs. Daniels were conducted March 8 in Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home in Greenville, Ill., with Pastor John Karn officiating.  
 Interment was in German Cemetery under the direction of Donnell-Wiegand Funeral Home.  
 Mrs. Daniels was born March 2, 1948, at Pampa, to William and Bessie Mae Adcock. She grew up and graduated from high school in Pampa. She was later a dispatcher for the Pampa Police Department.  
 She moved to Smithboro in 1994 and worked as a seamstress for DeMoulin Brothers before becoming disabled in 2000.

She married Ronald D. Daniels, her husband of 15 years, in Pampa.  
 Mrs. Daniels was preceded in death by her parents.  
 Survivors include her husband, Ronald; their children, Skylar Daniels of Smithboro, Sonja Carter and Chrystal Fuller, both of Amarillo; and three grandchildren.

**Emergency Services**

**Sheriff**

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

**Monday, March 12**  
 Dominique Amy Carter, 38, of Wheeler was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license, no insurance, failure to appear and a capias pro fine for no driver's license.

**Tuesday, March 13**  
 Deborah Lynn Kirklind, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Riordan Lynn Hill, 23, of Amarillo was arrested in the 1000 block of Cinderella by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury.

**Wednesday, March 14**  
 Toby Landon Green, 23, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by PPD for failure to maintain financial responsibility and warrants for no seat belt and failure to appear.

William Stanley, 38, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Cuyler by PPD for possession of marijuana and public intoxication.

**Pampa PD**

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

Six traffic stops were made.  
 Traffic complaints were received from the 1700 block of Aspen and the 300 block of Jean.  
 Motorist assistance was rendered in the 900 block of West 18th.  
 An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 600 block of South Reid and the 1000 block of South Clark.  
 Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1800 block of Alcock, the 600 block of North Wells, the 700 block of Murphy, the 1000 block of East Kingsmill, the 300 block of North Roberta, the 1100 block of Terry Road, an unreported location and on two occasions in the 900 block of South Sumner.  
 Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of East Foster and the 1500 block of North Banks.  
 An attempt to serve papers was made at an unreported location.  
 Warrant service was attempted on three occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.  
 A welfare check was made in the 2600 block of Comanche.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 200 block of West Atchison and the 800 block of West Kingsmill.  
 Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 100 block of North Cuyler and the 2800 block of Charles,

where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.  
 Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner, the 1800 block of Holly, the 1000 block of Cinderella, the 300 block of South Tignor and the 800 block of Municipal Drive.  
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of North Perry.  
 Harassment was reported in the 400 block of West Brown and the 1000 block of East Browning.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1700 block of Aspen.  
 A narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block of Darby.  
 One burglar alarm was reported.  
 Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Perry. A cell phone valued at \$150 was taken.  
 Theft was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner. A bicycle valued at \$150 was taken.  
 Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

the 2300 block of Aspen on a gas leak.

**Ambulance**

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

**Tuesday, March 13**  
 1:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.  
 1:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Christine and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.  
 5:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.  
 6:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.  
 7:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to NWTH and transported a patient to the 800 block of West 25th.  
 8:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWTH.

**Wednesday, March 14**  
 2:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Faulkner. No transport.

**Fire**

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

**Tuesday, March 13**  
 1:28 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to

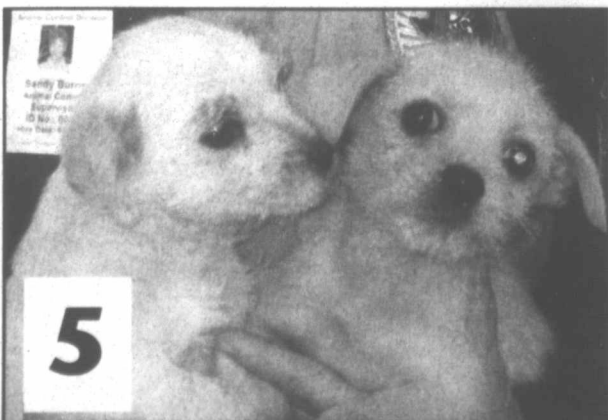
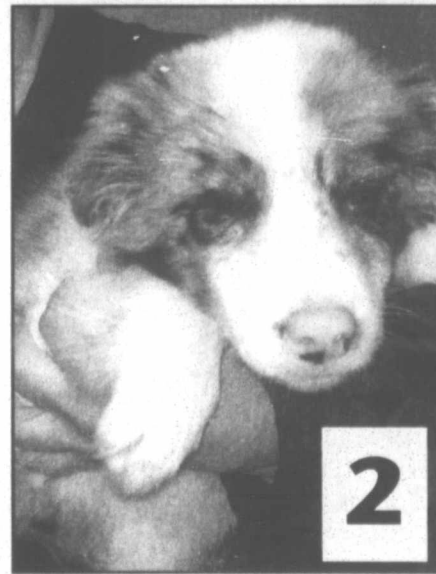
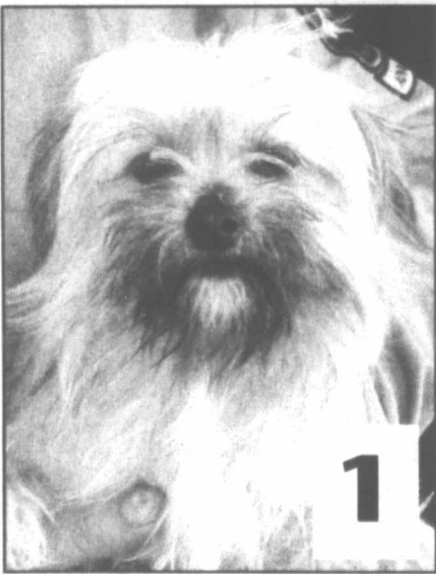
**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Atchafalaya Grain of White Deer:  
 Wheat ..... 4.33  
 Milo ..... 6.63  
 Corn ..... 7.33  
 Soybeans ..... 6.51

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

OXY	46.14	+0.62
BP PLC ADR	59.73	-0.02
Cabot Corp	45.55	-0.23
Celanese	30.25	-0.22
Cabot Oil Gas	65.74	+0.05
Coca Cola	47.23	+0.17
VLO	60.34	+0.15
HAL	31.84	+0.04
TRI	49.00	-0.03
KMI	105.50	NC
XCEL	23.20	-0.02
Anadarko	40.00	-0.08
XOM	70.27	+0.36
Nat'l Oilwell	73.10	+0.65
Limited	25.49	-0.27
Williams	26.80	+0.19
MCD	43.54	+0.06
Atmos	31.06	+0.06
Pioneer Nat	38.37	+0.11
JCP	78.94	-1.32
COP	67.02	+0.43
SLB	64.52	+0.41
Tenneco	24.02	-0.01
CVX	68.32	+0.48
Wal-Mart	45.68	-0.28
OKE	44.14	-0.12
New York Gold	650.30	
Silver	13.09	
West Texas Crude	58.91	

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5. PEANUT & JELLY are boy & girl white Terrier puppies.

For information about these pets or any other contact the Animal Shelter at 669-5775 or come by their location at Hobart Street Park  
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# 3-vehicle crash near Wheeler proves fatal to man; 2 injured

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

One man was killed and two others were injured Tuesday afternoon after being involved in a three-vehicle accident east of Wheeler.

Shawn Brittain, 35, of Sweetwater, Okla., was pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Brady Meadows of Wheeler after the accident occurred at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 592 and State Highway 152 east of Wheeler.

At 5:20 p.m., a 2005 Ford pickup, driven by Wesley

Pinter, 24, of Many, La., was southbound on FM 592 when he allegedly ran a stop sign at the intersection of FM 592 and Highway 152, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety accident report.

A 2001 Lincoln SUV, driven by Leslie Branham, 30, of Childress, was westbound on Highway 152 at the time and struck Pinter's pickup on the driver's side. The impact drove Pinter's vehicle into the eastbound lane of Highway 152.

Brittain was eastbound on Highway 152 in a 2001 Dodge pickup at the time

Pinter's vehicle entered the eastbound lanes. Pinter's pickup struck Brittain's vehicle on the passenger side, fatally injuring Brittain.

Pinter was taken by ambulance to Parkview Hospital in Wheeler with unknown injuries and was listed in stable condition, according to DPS reports.

Branham was taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and is listed in critical condition, according to the reports.

The accident is still under investigation, said a DPS spokeswoman.

# Fire

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"Is there a wick of fuels, like a wooden fence or row of junipers leading directly to my property? Those are things that make a home susceptible to wildfires."

Brown was in charge of coordination of the air support that the Panhandle area received during the wildfires. He said they used five large tanker planes, two single engine tankers and three helicopters to drop water and retardant here last year.

"We were just trying to redirect the flames and steer them away from towns such as Skellytown, Lefors and McLean," Brown said. "We know that if a fire will jump a four lane highway there isn't much we can do to stop it either, but we can redirect it to keep it away from residential areas."

During last year's wild-fire season, which ran from April 2005 to September 2006, 734 homes in Texas were lost, but almost 22,000 that were in imminent danger were saved, according to the Texas Forest Service.

The number of fatalities was 19, which consisted of

two firefighters and 17 civilians. They also report that 29,141 fires during that period ended up burning 2,260,240 acres across Texas.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell and numerous Pampa firefighters were also on hand for the walkabout at Walnut Creek Tuesday. They recalled the night that flames threatened the community.

Training officer Jerry Tomaschik said he finally realized just how bad the fire was after telling some of the guys to get at the head of the fire and try to stop it. "One of them radioed back that they were up on a hill and couldn't see the head of the fire because there was fire as far as they could see," he said. "That's when it hit me just how serious this situation was."

Tomaschik said he went out to Price Road by Perry Lefors Airport to try and access the fire that was heading toward Pampa and make a stand if necessary. "We were going to try and stop the flames if we could," Tomaschik said. "But we soon realized this was a huge fire that was moving fast due to the high winds and we couldn't stop it there. The flames started

to make a horseshoe back around our truck so we had to get out of there quick."

Equipment operators Jim Sirmans and Jerry Brock and Firefighter Jonathan Turney had been fighting a structure fire in town and then headed to Walnut Creek that evening.

"I remember when we got to the west side of Walnut Creek it was so black from the smoke that we couldn't see where we were going," Turney said. "We just drove in a little farther and had to park."

They said the scariest part of that fire was when it went east through the gully and jumped Highway 70 and headed for the golf course and more homes. Luckily, they were able to stop the flames before they traveled very far across the highway.

Everyone out at Walnut Creek Tuesday agreed this was a horrible event and hopefully they will not have to relive anything like it again. They were glad that more people weren't killed and more homes lost, but according to the Pampa firefighters and the Texas Forest Service personnel, "We are not heroes, we were just doing our job."

# GM reports earnings after big loss a year ago

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. reported a profit today of \$950 million for the fourth quarter of 2006, a big turnaround from a loss of \$6.6 billion a year ago due in part to cost cuts and higher automotive revenues.

The world's biggest automaker, which is in the midst of a massive overhaul that includes shedding thousands of jobs and closing plants to become more competitive with Asian automakers like Toyota Motor

Corp., wound up with a loss of \$2 billion for all of 2006 compared with a restated loss of \$10.4 billion in 2005.

Its profit without special items fell short of Wall Street expectations, however, and its shares slipped in morning trading.

Chief Financial Officer Fritz Henderson said despite the fourth-quarter profit, no one at GM is declaring victory over the company's financial woes.

# PEDC considers executive director

An executive director was the subject of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's meeting today.

The EDC met in executive session at their office in the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard, to discuss applicants.

Any action on selecting an executive director will be taken in open session.

# TCFA hires Hunt as communications director

The Texas Cattle Feeders Association (TCFA) has announced the hiring of James Hunt as the organization's new communications director.

Hunt brings with him 25 years of experience as a communications professional. For the past three years, he has served as the communications director for U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry.

Previously, Hunt worked as communications director for former Texas State Sen. Teel Bivins of Amarillo. Many in Cattle Feeding Country will remember Hunt from

his days as a newsman and talk show host at Amarillo radio station KGNC-AM.

Ross Wilson, President and CEO of TCFA, said, "We are very pleased James is on board and utilizing his strong skills in public relations and communications to serve TCFA members."

In addition to his government and radio experience, Hunt has been a television news reporter and talk show host, editor of a weekly newspaper, and a photographer for both newspaper and television.

# County

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be approved to review the county's recent telephone bills.

"We've done this at various times," Peet said. "They look at our charges and details. Sometimes they can get money back for us, and they get a percentage of anything they find."

Action taken last July 14 by commissioners may be rescinded. Commissioners had designated department heads as records management officers in offices in which the officeholder is not elected.

"We discovered we can't do that," Peet said. "I will request that we appoint the county auditor."

A resolution opposing proposed indigent health care legislation is also on Thursday's agenda. The legislation would result in higher costs for counties which do not have a hospital district, including Gray County.

"They want to broaden eligibility and coverage," Peet said. "Also, we have to set aside 8 percent of county funds for indigent health care. They want us to send any unused monies to the state offices."

Roberts and Carson counties are the only other Panhandle counties without a hospital district and which would be affected by the proposed legislation.

A resolution regarding the crime victim's assistance program is on Thursday's agenda, but the district attorney's office has asked that commissioners defer any action on the item, Peet said.

Other items on the agenda include a county treasurer's report and payment of bills and salaries.

# City

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Cities, therefore, according to Houston, have to be able to produce evidence specifically demonstrating the adverse effects of such businesses.

The Texas City Attorneys Association, said Houston, has commissioned a \$100,000 study to determine the extent to which adult book and video stores cause harmful effects on surrounding property values and crime rates. The association is putting up the first \$10,000 and asking cities across the state to fund the rest.

"We are asking cities to contribute three cents per capita with a \$10,000 cap," Houston said in a letter to Pampa City Attorney Don Lane, "although those with a particular interest in the study may wish to contribute a greater amount."

The first option would cost Pampa \$540.

Cities making a contribution of \$2,500 or more may send an unlimited number of

representatives to a seminar this summer taught by the three experts who are conducting the study.

City Manager John Horst said he would like to send the city attorney, police officers, code enforcement officers and even some of the commissioners to the seminar.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the city commission that contributing \$540 and then having to pay for city personnel to attend the seminar would cost more than \$2,500.

"In essence," Lane said, "we're prepaying for the seminar."

The Pampa City Commission also approved a \$75,000 loan from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and MXT, LLC.

Dwight Fiveash, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corp., told the commission that the loan would facilitate the move of the pet treat and packing material manufacturer from Amarillo to Pampa.

The company already has an agreement with the EDC for employment grants for up to 47 employees. They

presently have seven or eight employees in Pampa, Fiveash said.

The 28-month loan is scheduled to end at the same time as the employment grants.

The commission also authorized Chief Pitner to increase the Pampa Police Department from 25 to 26 officers for a period up to Sept. 20, the end of the city's fiscal year.

Pitner said that one of Pampa's finest will be resigning in May or June, but the regional law enforcement academy is graduating a class this month. The temporary increase would allow Pitner to hire an officer and begin training him before the veteran officer resigns.

Horst said that because the police department has been understaffed and under budget since the beginning of the fiscal year, the extra officer for six months would require no additional funding.

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# Texas Department of Transportation will host two Informational Meetings on March 26 & 27, 2007 concerning the planning of future projects.

The informational meetings are held to explain how the department plans transportation projects. We would like to receive the public's input regarding the current Transportation Improvement Plan for the district.

On March 26, 2007 (Monday) the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at TxDot's Dumas Area Office. The Office is located at 1249 North Maddox, Dumas, Texas. On March 27, 2007 (Tuesday) the meeting will be between 2:00 and 6:00 p.m. at the Conference Center for TxDot in Amarillo. The Conference Center is located at 5715 Canyon Drive, Building H.

The come and go meetings will cover transportation plans for all areas of the Panhandle and the City of Amarillo. A short video of current and proposed projects will be shown. The Area Engineers will be available to answer any questions or discuss future or current projects. Draft versions of current transportation plans will be presented at the meetings for public comment.

Written statements and other exhibits may be submitted to the District Office at 5715 Canyon Drive (P.O. Box 7368) Amarillo, Texas 79114-7368. Comments must be received no later than April 9, 2007.

All interested citizens are invited to attend the public meeting. Persons interested in attending the meetings whom have special communication or accommodation needs are encouraged to contact Cheryl Luther at 806.356.3249. Requests should be made no later than two days prior to the public meeting. TxDot will make every reasonable effort to accommodate these needs.

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# Viewpoints

## Ronald Reagan needed this St. Patrick's Day

It was on St. Patrick's Day 1988 when an unexpected visitor arrived at Pat Troy's Irish pub in Alexandria, Va. — President Ronald Reagan.

For 27 years, it's been a favorite watering hole for Washington insiders. Some of Reagan's advance men had been regulars. They secretly arranged the president's visit.

Just before noon, the pub was half-packed when Reagan and his entourage arrived. As news got around, the pub quickly filled to capacity. While Reagan enjoyed a pint of Harp and some corned beef and cabbage, Troy was so busy tending to patrons, he didn't have time to react to his famous patron.

"He had an energy about him that put you instantly at

ease," Troy told me. "He made it easy to carry on as though he was just another patron, so that is what I did."

Troy took the stage and led the audience in "The Wild Rover." He directed sections of the audience to compete with each other to see which could sing and clap the loudest.

"You have to clap louder, Mr. President," he said to Reagan, prompting the president, not used to being given orders, to laugh.

Troy next led the audience in "The Unicorn Song." While Troy sang the words, the audience mimicked the animals referenced in the song:

"There were green alligators and long-necked geese, some humpty backed camels and some chimpanzees.

Some cats and rats and elephants, but sure as you're born, the loveliest of all was the unicorn."

Reagan turned to watch a group of young women act out the song. His face showed curiosity and delight — he'd never seen this song performed before.

But that was how he was: At the same time he was the world's

most powerful man, the man who felled communism and restored American optimism, he was a man of youthful innocence who found immense pleasure in the simplest things.

When Troy finished, he handed the president the

microphone. The normally raucous crowd became extraordinarily quiet.

Reagan spoke off the top of his head. He graciously thanked Troy for having him for lunch. He said it was a great surprise. He talked about his father, an Irishman.

"When I was a little boy, my father proudly told me that the Irish built the jails in this country," he said, pausing expertly. "Then they proceeded to fill them."

The crowd laughed heartily.

"You have to understand that for a man in my position, I'm a little leery about ethnic jokes," he said. The

crowd roared. "The only ones I can tell are Irish."

He talked about a recent trip to Ireland. He visited Castle Rock, the place where St. Patrick erected the first cross in Ireland.

"A young Irish guide took me to the cemetery and showed me an ancient tombstone there," he said. "The inscription read: 'Remember me as you pass by, for as are you so once was I, and as I am you too will be, so be content to follow me.'"

As Reagan paused, the crowd eagerly awaited his follow up.

"Then I looked below the inscription, where someone scratched in these words: 'To follow you I am content, I wish I knew which way you went.'"

The crowd roared loud

and long, causing the president to deadpan to his advance men: "Why didn't I find this place seven years ago?"

The pub visit was videotaped by Reagan staffers and released to Troy 10 years after Reagan left office. I watched that video and got to see a snapshot of pure, unscripted Ronald Reagan.

It shows how powerfully and eloquently the man was able to engage any audience, large or small, just by being his genuine self. As we begin the process of selecting our next president, we sure could use another fellow like him.

I'll be sure to offer up a toast to the Great Communicator as I celebrate St. Patrick's Day this year:

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**Tom Purcell**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, March 14, the 73rd day of 2007. There are 292 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 14, 1794, Eli Whitney received a patent for his cotton gin, an invention that revolutionized America's cotton industry.

On this date:

In 1900, Congress ratified the Gold Standard Act.

In 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt signed an executive order designed to prevent Japanese laborers from immigrating to the United States as part of a "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan.

In 1923, President Harding became the first chief executive to file an income tax report.

In 1939, the republic of Czechoslovakia was dissolved, opening the way for Nazi occupation of Czech areas and the separation of Slovakia.

In 1951, during the Korean War, United Nations forces recaptured Seoul.

*"Civilization is the progress toward a society of privacy."*

— Ayn Rand  
American author  
(1905-1982)

In 1964, a jury in Dallas found Jack Ruby guilty of murdering Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President Kennedy.

In 1965, Israel's cabinet formally approved establishment of diplomatic relations with West Germany.

In 1967, the body of President Kennedy was moved from a temporary grave to a permanent memorial site at Arlington National Cemetery.

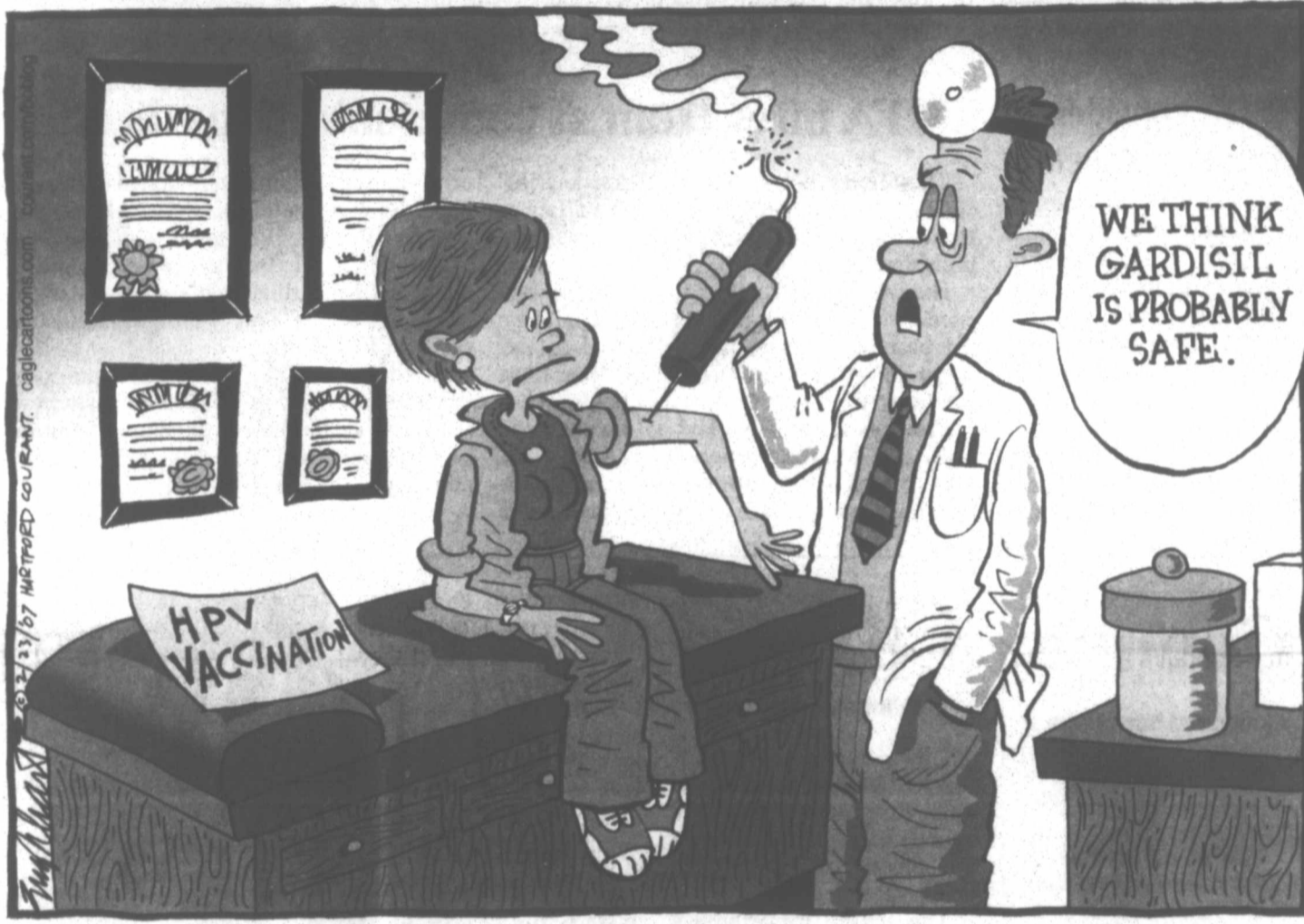
In 1980, a Polish airliner crashed while making an emergency landing near Warsaw, killing all 87 people aboard, including 22 members of a U.S. amateur boxing team.

In 1991, a British court reversed the convictions of the Birmingham 6, who had spent 16 years in prison for an Irish Republican Army bombing, and ordered them released.

Ten years ago: Surgeons at Bethesda Naval Medical Center repaired a painful torn knee tendon in President Clinton's right leg; the injury had been caused by a freak middle-of-the-night stumble at the Florida home of golfer Greg Norman.

Five years ago: The government charged the Arthur Andersen accounting firm with obstruction of justice, securing its first indictment in the collapse of Enron. Serbia and Montenegro signed a historic accord to radically restructure their federation, dropping the name "Yugoslavia" and granting greater autonomy to prevent the country's final breakup.

One year ago: Iraqi authorities reported discovering at least 87 corpses — those of men shot to death execution-style — as Iraq edged closer to open civil warfare.



## The United States is a war-loving nation

It's interesting how much of our language is taken from war. Politicians in particular like to wage "war" on such things as cancer, drugs and terrorism (all of them lost so far). Aspiring politicians who probably haven't had a real fight since second grade always promise "to fight" for whatever they happen to be promising.

"Lock, stock and barrel" refers to the parts of a rifle, and the expression "shot his wad" refers not to sex, as the modern mind might think, but to the fact that in a battle involving muskets, soldiers would sometimes forget to put the musket balls in and thus shoot only their wadding — the piece of cloth that was packed down on top of the bullet.

"Straight shooter" obviously refers to proficiency with a firearm, as does "hit the bull's-eye." "High cal-

iber" is a reference to ammunition. "Barrage" and "sortie" are military terms referring to artillery fire and to an infantry attack. "Hired gun," often used to describe political flacks, is another phrase from our violent past.

I'm sure you can think of even more. The connection is obvious when you look at American history. Despite periodic politically correct attempts to re-write it, we have been a very warlike nation.

Our ancestors fought in the French and Indian War, then turned on the British and fought the Revolution, and after that the War of 1812. In the meantime, a 300-year-long war against Native Americans was being

waged more or less in the background. We had a tiff with the Barbary pirates and then invaded Mexico in the Mexican War.

Having temporarily run out of foreigners to fight, we fought each other in what is usually misnamed the Civil War. "The War of Northern

Aggression" is a more accurate appellation. This remains the bloodiest of all our wars, with the fatalities on both sides numbering about 600,000.

That war, at least, taught us that it is better to fight foreigners somewhere else than each other on our home turf. We didn't wait long. The Spanish-American War came along, then the

Philippine Insurrection and numerous incursions into the Caribbean and Central America. In 1914, we had a big one and piled on the European Civil War, which is better known as World War I.

As soon as it was over (about 10 million dead altogether), diplomats guaranteed the next war, which started in 1939. About 400,000 Americans died in that one, but it was hardly over before the Korean War occurred and then Vietnam, all in the context of the "Cold War."

Since Vietnam, we have specialized in bullying little countries — Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Serbia, Libya, Iraq and Afghanistan. The latter two are in the context of the "War on Terrorism," which our

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **March 4**

Austin American-Statesman on sexual abuse at the Texas Youth Commission:

There are two scandals at the Texas Youth Commission, one involving sexual abuse of minors by state employees, the other a devastating failure of state leadership.

The first, as found by a Texas Rangers' investigation in 2005, is that two supervisors at the commission's West Texas State School in Pyote, about 24 miles east of Pecos, were repeatedly having sex with teenage boys in their custody.

The other scandal is what didn't happen next.

After the Rangers' report, the assistant superintendent and the principal at West Texas State School resigned, but the local district attorney has yet to file charges.

And a subsequent TYC internal investigation found that members of the prison's staff had complained about possible abuse, to their own bosses and to officials in Austin, for more than a year but nothing was done.

In a report by the American-Statesman's Mike Ward published Friday, we learn that some TYC officials in Austin appear to have altered the original version of the internal report to cover up their own inaction.

Only in the past week, with the

Legislature in session, news of the Rangers' report getting out and a media spotlight shining bright, has a radical shake-up begun. By the end of last week, there were also reports of sexual abuse of teenagers held at TYC's Brownwood facility.

The disclosures raise horrifying questions: What else is going on at TYC that has been ignored or covered up? Who else in state government was told of the problems but looked the other way, and for how long?

The 4,800 or so youths, from age 10 to 21, held in TYC facilities and programs are no angels. They have committed crimes including violent ones. But they won't be reformed by state-

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## Club news

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publi-

cation that week. Thank you.

**DAR**  
The March meeting of Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution was held in the home of Minelle Turner. Nancy Coffee gave a program on Abigail Adams who was a prolific

reader and letter writer and early champion of women's rights.

Reports included Mary Cantrell, DAR schools; Sudie Reeder, flag fact; Coffee, Constitution fact; Louisa Britton, national defense; and Darlene Birkes, president general's message.

A collection was taken for the American Indian project.

The next meeting will be April 5 with Willie Mae Mangold reporting on Easter traditions and Britton serving as hostess. The Panhandle Area Regents-Officers Council will be May 5 at River Breaks Ranch.

## Purcell

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"To follow you we were content, and grateful for the way we went."

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

## AFS



COURTESY PHOTO

American Field Service students recently present a program for the Downtown Pampa Kiwanis at the club's regular weekly meeting. Above from left to right are Sergio Farina of Italy; Henry Schultz of Germany; Kiwanis President Bill Kindle; Eli Srandkleiv of Norway; and local AFS sponsor, Darlene Birkes. Downtown Pampa Kiwanis has sponsored the American Field Service for many years.

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## Events calendar

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host a reception between 2:30-4 p.m. Sunday for artists Georgetta Tempel and Mary Lynn Pruett. Deborah Summers, author of "The Canadian River: A Visual Journey," will also be on hand to sign copies of her book. An exhibit with Tempel and Pruett is currently on display in the museum's Hazlewood Gallery. The reception was initially scheduled in January but was canceled due to inclement weather. For more information, call (806) 537-3524.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The next scheduled show will be with Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, at 7:30 p.m., Monday at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **S.T.A.R.** will sponsor "Make Parenting A Pleasure" parent training for parents of children 6 and under on Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 19-May 21 at 1500 S. Taylor in Amarillo. For more information or to register for the free training, call (806) 359-2005.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines. 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: 9:30-11:45 a.m./1-3:30 p.m., March 21, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

## Reese

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enlightened leaders assure us will last several generations. It will, too, if they have anything to do with it. God knows the fall of communism scared them witless. The thought of having no enemy at the gate and thus no way to frighten the American people was almost more than they could stand. They no doubt look on the war on terrorism as a gift from God.

As you can see, we Americans have never been all that successful in "burying the hatchet," except in somebody's skull. To make sure our children don't get infected with this peace business, corporate America bombards them with violence in the movies, on television and in computer games. What indeed would The History Channel do without World War II and the Nazis?

Well, partner, keep your powder dry and your six-gun handy. As they said in the old West, God created men, but Samuel Colt made them equal. The future will likely be exciting, which, as any Chinese fortune teller will tell you, is bad news.

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

## TYC

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paid pervers and their enablers.

A six-member commission governs the youth agency and appoints its executive director. Gov. Rick Perry appointed all current commissioners.

The governor's staff said it first heard of the Rangers' investigation at Pyote in early 2005 but didn't realize until last November after a House member started asking questions that charges had never been filed. Perry finally acted last week, naming a new chairman and telling the commission to appoint a new acting executive director of his choice, which it did.

The Senate voted to go much further, by putting the agency into conservatorship, which would have meant dismissal of all commissioners and the appointment by the governor of a special master to run it. The governor, however, took the much lesser

step of keeping his commissioners, appointing a special master to investigate the abuse and directing the new acting executive director to develop a rehabilitation plan.

The Senate is right, though. The commission's leadership commissioners and senior management is deeply compromised, even if some are individually blameless. Executive Director Dwight Harris abruptly resigned Feb. 23, and more departures might come soon. And Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle began investigating the commission, too.

Every large employer will occasionally and inadvertently make a bad hire. But at an agency responsible for holding youths, management has a profound moral responsibility to act swiftly on any suspicion of sexual contact between staff and those youths.

The state has failed those youths, and the Legislature must determine how and why.

**Remembrance...**

This March marks the one year anniversary of the largest wildfires in Texas History.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 18 years old. I live with my girlfriend, and we live with her mother, 7-year-old sister and her stepdad. When I first met her, she told me that her stepfather had tried to get her to take nude pictures "so she would trust him and won't be shy." He has asked her twice since we have been together. Each time he has asked, he has told her not to tell me, yet he tells her that he wants her to take the pictures so I will have something to look at when they leave on vacations. Recently, because he wasn't able to get her to take the pictures, he told her that she and I need to have sex and be loud about it so he can hear -- "so she will trust him." During the same conversation he told her he was thinking about making her take the pictures, but figured she would hate him forever, so he didn't. Before that happened, we found a device that looked like a small hidden camera in her bedroom. We weren't sure what it was, so we waited until one day we pressed "Play" on the VCR and all you could hear was the radio in her room and everything that was going on -- like the TV and us talking. He was trying to record us, and he tried to blame it on his 7-year-old daughter. I'm not the kind of guy to get into family problems, but I love my girlfriend, and I'm tired of hearing and seeing this. Please tell me what you think I should do. -- **GETTING WORRIED IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR GETTING WORRIED IN FLORIDA:** I'm glad you wrote to me because you have every right to be worried. Putting aside your unusual living situation, it is apparent from your letter that your girlfriend's stepfather has an unhealthy interest in her. He is at the very least a voyeur, and possibly a pedophile. It is very important that you and your girlfriend discuss this

with a trusted teacher or counselor at her school or with a clergyperson. If you are reluctant to do this for yourselves, then please do it for the 7-year-old girl in that household -- because if this man is behaving this way with your girlfriend, it is only a matter of time until it happens to her (if it hasn't already).

**DEAR ABBY:** My parents come to visit about once every two months. My mother is very nosy. She goes through my stuff when I am not at home. She will do my laundry for me (which gives her access to my bedroom, my dresser, my closet, etc.). She uses the excuse that she is "cleaning" to snoop. The last time she was here, she "did my laundry," and when Dad and I got home, my personal lubricant was sitting on my microwave! I was so embarrassed. Abby, I am a grown woman. I am 33 years old, and I am tired of her leaving my personal stuff out to let me know she knows I have it. What do I do? -- **MISS T. IN DACULA, GA.**

**DEAR MISS T:** Well, your "secret" is out. Both your parents know you are sexually active. You should have had a frank talk with your mother and set some boundaries years ago. You now have a choice: You can get a deadbolt lock for your bedroom door to prevent your mother from embarrassing you again. Or, you can take the bull by the horns and leave the personal lubricant next to her bed the next time your parents visit. When she brings it up, tell her that since you're all adults, you assumed she needed to use it during her last visit but had forgotten where it belonged. It should be interesting to see how she handles it when the "hot potato" winds up back in her lap.

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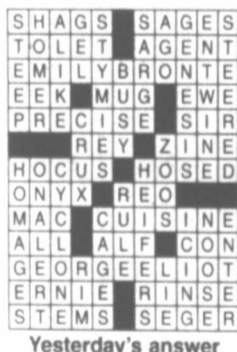
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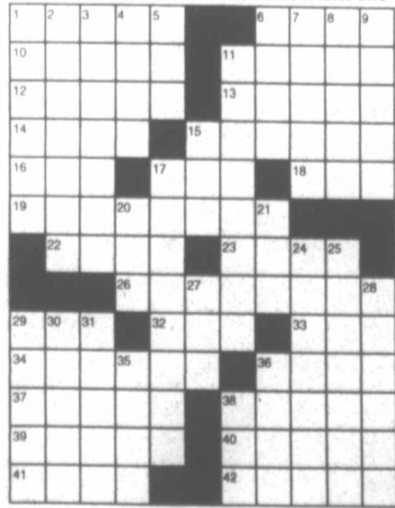
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# Sports Day



One of the three 2007 Special Olympics basketball teams.

## Special Olympics to host golf scramble

Special Olympics is an international program whose mission is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities.

In Pampa, the sports events are golf, bowling, basketball, track and field.

There are 50 athletes and 25 coaches/volunteers in the Pampa program.

Cindy Cooper was the heart and soul of Pampa Special Olympics (PSO) for 13 years.

She always put the athletes first, and she worked many long hours making sure the organization had certified coaches and volunteers, and did most of the required volumes of paper work.

She loved Special Olympics so much she involved all of her family.

Whenever a tournament was held in Pampa, the volunteer numbers would swell in addition of Cindy's daughters, parents, sister, and nephews and nieces.

The athletes frequently saw them at other sporting events as well, cheering for Pampa.

Cindy's dedication to Special Olympics was known throughout the organization.

She was honored for that dedication in 2005 as the recipient of the Melinda Gabbard Volunteer Award given by Area 16 Special Olympics.

In 2004, Area 16 also recognized her in a special way by creating the Cindy Cooper Volunteer award, which is given annually at the Boys Ranch Track Meet.

After Cindy's death in



Pictured here are: (L-R) Helen Robinson, Cindy Cooper and Shannon Loter.

2006, following a long battle with cancer, the other volunteers found that no single person could handle all the work involved in keeping the program running smoothly, so they developed a 3-pronged organization.

- Co-Heads of Delegation (Helen Robinson and Shannon Loter) handle the paper work and all contacts with the Special Olympics offices.

- A Games Committee, with a representative for each sport, oversees the athletics portion of the program.

- A Booster Club was formed to raise the funds required for operation of the program and to provide assistance in events such as tournaments and travel.

The cost to attend local area events is at least \$10,000 annually.

The program travels to Amarillo, Hereford and Lubbock for basketball.

For golf, they travel to

Amarillo and Lubbock and host a Pampa tournament.

Participants in track and field travel to Perryton, Hereford, Boys Ranch, Lubbock and Frenship.

The organization also hosts a bowling tournament in Pampa, and goes to Amarillo for the area tournaments.

For each sport they have at least 8 weeks of practice prior to going to any of the tournaments.

When funding allows, they travel to a Special Olympics State Tournament in at least one sport, at a cost of \$10,000 for one State event, which does not include uniforms, equipment and other miscellaneous expenses.

In previous years, the program has tried various forms of fundraisers.

Some have been successful, but it is always hard to keep coming up with new ways to raise funds.

This year the booster club voted to focus their efforts on one major event that could be repeated every year - a golf scramble was selected as the focal event.

This is the first year for Special Olympics to have a golf scramble, and it has been named the 1st Annual Cindy Cooper Pampa Special Olympics Golf Scramble.

Related fund raising consists of donations for the tee box signs, fill the boot, jars that are placed in businesses for donations and raffle tickets available from any Special Olympics volunteer.

The scramble will be held Saturday, April 14 at Hidden Hills Golf Course in Pampa, and tee time will be at 9 a.m.

For more information on the tournament, contact John Hervey at 669-0573, and for more information on sponsorship, contact Janet Abbe at 665-6853 or Shelly Dyer at 665-4726.

## UCLA doctor devotes time to anti-doping research

DENVER (AP) — Dr. Don Catlin, one of the world's leading anti-doping experts, is leaving the UCLA Olympic lab he founded to devote his time to creating better tests to catch drug cheats.

Catlin has developed numerous tests to detect performance-enhancing drugs and helped expose hundreds

of cheating athletes. His discovery of THG, a once-undetectable steroid, was a key factor in the BALCO case.

The 68-year-old said his newly created Anti-Doping Research Institute in Los Angeles will focus on improving tests for human growth hormone and the endurance enhancer EPO.



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## Penguins make deal for new arena

PITTSBURGH (AP) — The Penguins and government officials ended months of difficult negotiations, agreeing to a \$290 million arena deal that ensures the team will stay in Pittsburgh.

Keys to the agreement included the government waiving up-front money from the team, the Penguins receiving about \$10.5 million compensation for delays, and the sides agreeing to share responsibility for cost overruns.

The Penguins will continue to play at 46-year-old Mellon Arena, the oldest in the National Hockey League, and hope to begin play in the new arena sometime during the 2009-10 season.

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# Burke 'frustrated but not worried' about hitting woes

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — An .059 spring batting average has Chris Burke "frustrated, but not worried."

Well, at least not yet. "Now if you ask me in a week and I still haven't had any hits, then I'd probably be worried," the Houston Astros center fielder said with a nervous laugh.

While Burke has adjusted nicely to his new gig as Houston's regular center fielder, his batting this spring hasn't gone nearly as well and he is 2-for-34.

Despite the struggles, manager

Phil Garner downplays the importance of results in spring training.

"Every year there's probably five or six kids that have rotten springs and start the season off good," Garner said. "So we make way too much out of some things at spring training and that's one of the things we make too much of."

Burke, who has started 37 games in center field in two seasons and spent most of his time as a backup in the infield, was penciled in at center field as soon as the possibility of trading Willy Taveras came up.

"I can remember distinctly sitting in the room in Orlando during the winter meetings when this idea came up about trading Willy," said Astros general manager Tim Purpura. "I asked Garner, 'are you comfortable with Chris Burke in center field and he said absolutely.' So that's been the plan since that point and it's going to stay that way. Chris has earned the right to play every day."

Taveras was sent to Colorado in the Jason Jennings trade.

Burke hit .276 with 23 doubles, nine home runs and 40 RBIs last

season. That performance is yet another reason why his job isn't in jeopardy and the Astros aren't concerned with the slump.

"If Chris Burke had never hit in his career, if we were looking at him now to try to step up and say 'we've got a big league job for you, but you've got to show us something,' Yeah, then there would have to be more there than what's happening now," Garner said. "But we know he can hit. He has hit. I think he will hit."

The 27-year-old had surgery on his left shoulder in October, but

insists he is healthy and the problem isn't physical.

"My body feels great. Obviously I had shoulder surgery in the off-season, but I really feel fine. I really do," he said. "I couldn't ask any more of my body than I've felt all spring."

Burke's woes continued Tuesday night when he went 0-for-3 in Houston's 11-3 win over Atlanta.

"People ask a you lot, 'it's just spring training, are you frustrated?' Well sure," he said. "That's just the nature of the game, you want to go out there and get a hit."

# Mackey wins 1,100-mile Iditarod

NOME, Alaska (AP) — Lance Mackey won the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race on Tuesday, becoming the first musher to win major long-distance North American sled dog races back-to-back.

Mackey crossed under the famed burlled arch in downtown Nome early Tuesday evening, completing the 1,100-mile Iditarod in nine days, five hours and eight minutes.

He celebrated as he came down Nome's Front Street, alternately waving a fist in the air, then high-fiving some of the estimated 1,000 fans who lined the street, braving subzero temperatures. His family mobbed him at the finish line.

"Dreams do come true, Mama, they do," Mackey said after the race, fighting back tears.

"This is my passion," he told reporters, adding he was proud to follow in his father's footsteps and joked about being thankful his father was a musher and not a lawyer.

"It's our lifestyle, it's something we breathe, eat

and sleep," he said of the Mackey family's love of mushing. "This is what we do."

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best-looking team on the Iditarod trail this year. Instead of tiring, his team recovered faster than any of the others after long runs between checkpoints and maintained their speed.

"I can't run my dogs like that," Gatt, of Whitehorse, said Tuesday, almost 100 miles back on the trail. "He obviously has figured out something we have not figured out yet."

Mackey was the first musher early Tuesday morning to the White Mountain checkpoint, about 80 miles from the finish line and where mushers must take a mandatory eight-hour rest. He built a two-and-a-half hour lead over the second musher into White Mountain, Paul Gebhardt, 50, of Kasilof.

Sled dog racing is a sport where mushers perform more for glory than big-time payouts, having to rely heavily on sponsorships to continue feeding their dogs.

For winning the world's longest sled-dog race, Mackey will pocket \$69,000 and be handed the keys to a \$41,000 pickup.

# Spurs take control with 13 straight wins

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If the San Antonio Spurs were the forgotten team in the Western Conference race earlier this season, there is no overlooking them now.

The Spurs won their 13th straight Tuesday night, beating the Los Angeles Clippers 93-84. They haven't lost since Feb. 11.

"Thirteen games ago, we didn't say we needed to win 13 in a row to get back into this thing," said Tim Duncan. "We're just trying to get better as a basketball team, so when the playoff's start, we feel we can win games night in and night out."

With the Dallas Mavericks' 17-game winning streak ending with a 117-100 loss Monday to the Golden State Warriors, San Antonio now owns the league's longest winning streak and its longest of the season.

"It would mean more if we won 14," Duncan said. "And if we win 14, then 15. You just want to win the next

one. That's what it's about." Tony Parker led the Spurs with 25 points. Duncan added 19, Manu Ginobili had 16 and Michael Finley contributed 13 as the Spurs completed a sweep of their four meetings with the Clippers this season.

Corey Maggette led the Clippers with 17 points, while Elton Brand had 16 points and 10 rebounds. Tim Thomas had 15 points, Chris Kaman added 13 and Jason Hart contributed 10.

The Spurs' 46-18 record puts them 3 1/2 games behind the Phoenix Suns, who have won five in a row, for second place in the Western Conference.

"We're not looking at the standings yet," Duncan said. "It will figure itself out. We're just worried about ourselves right now. Just trying to play our best basketball."

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said his team made little progress Tuesday and wasted a chance to improve.

# Comeback kid: Sosa gets 2 more hits

By The Associated Press

Sammy Sosa is off to a better start than anyone would have imagined — except the slugger himself.

The seven-time All-Star got two more hits Tuesday, and his comeback with the Texas Rangers is going exceedingly well. He even sounds a little annoyed that anyone ever doubted him.

"I'm a good player. I may surprise other people, but I never surprise myself. I know I was out for a year, but give me some credit. You're talking to me like I've never hit before," Sosa said. "I'm a positive thinker. I never think negative. If I show up for spring training it's for a reason — because I know I can make it. I'm not here for the money. I've got money. I'm not here because I'm struggling. I'm a gamer."

The 38-year-old Sosa went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI during a 12-8 loss to the Chicago White Sox in Surprise, Ariz. In nine games this spring, he's hitting .464 (13-for-28) with two homers, two doubles, a triple and six RBIs.

Sosa sat out last season after batting only .221 with 14 homers in 102 games for Baltimore in 2005.

"Don't tell me this is spring training," he said. "I came here to play and I've been playing good. Spring training or not, it doesn't matter to me. I could be playing in Mexico and it would be the same thing."

The 1998 NL MVP is 12 homers shy of becoming the fifth player in major league history to hit 600.

"I haven't taken a year off in 17 years since I started playing," Sosa said. "I feel hungry again."

# How to hit more runs without failing a drug test

By JIM LITKE  
AP Sports Columnist

Anybody over 30 can remember the first time they heard bat meet ball with a less-than-satisfying "ping" instead of a hearty "crack!" Apparently some of us haven't gotten over it still.

The latest fight over performance-enhancement in baseball isn't being waged at spring training, and it has nothing to do with HGH. It's taking place in New York, where a bill banning metal bats in high school games is expected to pass the city council by a comfortable margin Wednesday afternoon. If the measure gains traction, it could change baseball forever.

Or not. New York is a big town, but it's still only one, and Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg might yet veto the measure. Beyond that, chances the manufacturers would sue even before the

ban takes effect next fall are about as good as Mariano Rivera protecting a ninth-inning lead. And it's been an emotional, expensive debate already.

"And I'm a conservative Republican," said James Oddo, the Staten Island councilman who led the push for the bill. "I hate government intervention."

Oddo understands there are more pressing issues. He's already been clobbered by the tabloids for pursuing a "Nanny-State" agenda. That explained his pause.

"But when the protection of student-athletes is left to people who are in bed with the metal bat companies," Oddo resumed, "someone has to do something."

When pressed, the councilman acknowledges he has no reliable data on how many kids have been severely injured by drives off metal bats — beyond the heartbreaking stories wit-

nesses told during hearings — and no inclination to trust the numbers the industry puts forward. That's because he doesn't much trust the bodies that crunched them — the NCAA, National Federation of State High Schools and Little League Baseball, among others — even though he has no hard evidence those organizations are "in bed" with the manufacturers, either.

But Oddo sees sponsorship ties at just about every level, reads the bat ads promising ever-increasing speed and pop, and watches a few games in his district. He's sure his eyes aren't lying, no matter how many times the manufacturers insist the metal bats have been throttled back.

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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)  
\*\*\*\*\* Think in terms of gains and growth. Your high energy takes you in a new direction and draws your friends closer and closer. Zero in on what you want. Understand more of what you need from key people. Tonight: Zoom in.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Take a step forward. You might need to make an extra effort or decide what you need to do. Push forward, and you can change your direction. Listen to what is happening with a parent or boss. Choose not to interfere with process and growth. Tonight: In the limelight.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* You might need to step back and take an overview. What might feel uncomfortable now could be close to impossible later. Work with a situation rather than drop the ball and run. You'll gain insight. Tonight: New vistas.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Work within a partnership if you want to gain. Not everything and everything is capable of getting down to the basic elements here. Look to greater possibilities and growth. Consider a new beginning with an open mind. Tonight: Togetherness.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* You could decide that someone close is being difficult. Perhaps you would put this description in context. Would you prefer deprecating and vague? If so, you might be socializing with the wrong crowds. Tonight: Be happy.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Dive into work with the knowledge that you can and will accomplish anything and everything. Funnel your energy, and you'll get your work done. It might be a luxury to be distracted. You know where you are going. Tonight: Easy does it.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* You like what you see heading down your path. You might have to be creative and have high energy to match. You smile, and others respond. Say "yes" to a new project or opportunity. You can laugh if you know how to "reframe" a situation. Tonight: Ever playful.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* You know where you're coming from and what is going on. Realize that at times you might need to step back and do your thing. Helping others understand could make a difference, but it might be unusually difficult to do. Tonight: Love being home.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*\* You say what you mean, though you might consider cushioning your words. Think in terms of gains and growth. Laughter opens doors and helps everyone relax. You have what it takes. Tonight: Talk up a storm.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\* Use restraint and good sense (even more so than usual) with an expense and a possible turn of events. You might want to say "no" if need be. You might feel that all you have been doing is saying no. Think of this as a phase. Tonight: Order in.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* You are full of smiles and energy. Directing your energy can and will make all the difference. You might laugh and think before you make serious decisions. Could you be acting out on strong feelings? Tonight: As you would like.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\* Know when to back off. You might be internalizing some very strong feelings. As a result, you could upset the apple cart. Be sure you want this. You laugh, and someone else relaxes. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

**BORN TODAY**  
Seventh U.S. President Andrew Jackson (1767), NFL linebacker Clay Matthews (1956), model Fabio (1959)

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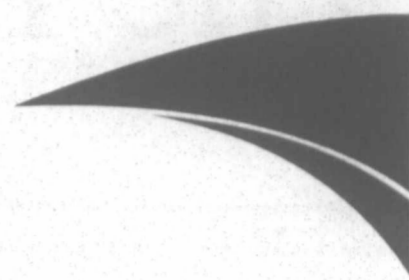
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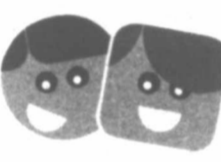



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