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## PEDC panel continues to work on goals, policies



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Dwight Fiveash, left, president of the PEDC, speaks with Dr. Louis Haydon following Thursday's PEDC meeting in the Pampa City Commission Chambers.

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. is still a work in progress as the seven-member board continues to work out its goals and policies.

Four items on Thursday's agenda were tabled until their next meeting at 6 p.m., Feb. 21, at M.K. Brown Auditorium, but the majority of the meeting concerned where the PEDC board members want to go and what they want to do.

The first item that was tabled was a proposed loan from the Pampa City Commission.

Pampa City Manager John Horst offered to set up a line of credit of \$25,000 through the city for the PEDC to handle incidentals until sales tax receipts started flowing to the PEDC in June. The line of credit could be used for such things as business cards, insurance, legal fees, office space, phones, Internet access and Web site and subscriptions.

PEDC Board Member Kenneth May suggested tabling action on such a move until

the board members could develop a list of what might be needed.

"Let's develop a list of likely expenditures before asking for money," May said.

Since the next item on the agenda, contracting with the city for accounting services, was related to costs, the board elected to postpone that subject, too, until the next meeting.

Board Member Gary Sutherland said that in talks with Horst, the city would probably charge the PEDC \$100 a month until June, when the PEDC would have an income.

Pampa City Attorney Don Lane said that under the law, the city must charge for services.

With the previous PEDC, the city charged \$1,200 for accounting services in an all-inclusive accounting contract.

The board also postponed action on PEDC goals and objectives and related policies and procedures, although most of the meeting was spent discussing what could and should be done.

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## New fire truck brings grins to department

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

For \$240,000, Tim Roberts could have gotten a Ferrari instead of a Ferrara.

While the Ferrari, an Italian sports car, can burn up the road, the Ferrara Intruder, a fire truck, can put out the flames.

"It pumps 1,500 gallons a minute," said Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell, admiring the city's newest fire engine parked in front of Central Fire Station Thursday. "It carries 1,000 gallons of water, 80 gallons of foam and six firefighters."

The fire engine, Engine No. 2, almost matches Engine No. 1, another Ferrara fire truck.

"There are minor differences that few people will notice, but they're important to us," Powell said.

The new fire engine was purchased with a federal grant.

Delivery of the truck was delayed three months, See TRUCK, Page 3



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER  
Tim Roberts, an equipment operator with the Pampa Fire Department, slides into the driver's seat of the city's newest fire truck.

Courtesy photo:  
Red Cross volunteers dispense refreshments at a recent grass fire that involved area fire departments. "As Red Cross Month approaches in March, we ask that the community be aware that the threat of wildfire is still high and people need to be prepared," said Jana Gregory, executive director of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter. For more information or to volunteer, call 669-7121.



## Wrongful death lawsuit blames 2

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The father of a teenager who died here last September of a drug overdose is asking a Pampa couple for unspecified damages in a wrongful death lawsuit.

John Mann, Pampa attorney for Randy Best of Chambers County, Texas, filed a wrongful death lawsuit Thursday in 223rd District Court against Matt Hopkins and Penny Summers in connection with the death of Cody Randall Best, 17, a Pampa High School sophomore, who died on Sept. 14, 2005, in Pampa.

In the lawsuit, Mann alleges that Hopkins and Summers plied Cody Best with illegal drugs and then prevented him from going to

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## Obituaries

### Services tomorrow

**PYEATT**, Beulah Poindexter — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Prairie Dell Cemetery, Hemphill County.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high around 38. Wind chill values between 16 and 26.

North-northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 17. Wind chill values between 3 and 13. North-northwest wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 42. Wind chill values between zero and 10.

Windy, with a north-

northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 20. Wind chill values between 9 and 14. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 52. West-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32. West-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. West

wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. West-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 64. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 32.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 25.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 53.

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	3.92
Milo	3.22
Corn	4.12
Soybeans	4.75

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

OXY	88.59	+0.82
BP PLC ADR	68.00	+0.74
Cabot Corp	36.65	-0.12

Celanese	20.45	+0.13
Cabot Oil Gas	44.07	-0.18
Coca Cola	40.94	-0.06
VLO	52.03	-0.95
HAL	72.31	-0.16
TRI	40.76	-0.04
Kinder Morgan	90.93	-0.36
XCEL	18.77	+0.13
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### ENRON TRIAL

## Witness to return for day 7

HOUSTON (AP) — The first government witness in the fraud and conspiracy trial of former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling put in six days in the witness chair, with more to come.

"I've provided information for six straight days and I don't think I'm done," Mark Koenig said as lead Skilling lawyer Daniel Petrocelli questioned him about why he spent 200 hours meeting with federal prosecutors but wouldn't meet with Skilling's or Lay's attorneys before the trial began last week.

He's right. Koenig, the former investor-relations chief, will return when the trial resumes Monday for more cross-examination by lead Lay lawyer Michael Ramsey.

On Thursday, Koenig acknowledged that Lay had to jump back into nuts-and-bolts management of the company when he resumed the role of chief executive after Skilling resigned less than four months before Enron collapsed in December 2001.

"He had to get more involved, yes," Koenig told Ramsey. "He was involved before, but he took on a whole new duty."

Lay remained chairman of Enron throughout 2001, but he ceded the CEO position to Skilling in February that year. Skilling abruptly resigned six months later.

Lay's new duties included a hastily arranged conference call with Wall Street

analysts on the day Enron announced Skilling's resignation in mid-August 2001, Koenig said. He said Enron was obligated to make executives available on the call to try to calm any market jitters sparked by the unexpected resignation.

Ramsey's questioning appeared to try to highlight what Lay claimed publicly when he was indicted in July 2004: Lay knew of no skullduggery, and was like a student cramming for an exam when his hand-picked successor as CEO quit.

"We think the company's on solid footing," Lay told analysts on the August 2001 conference call played in court for the jury. On the same call, Skilling tried to reassure analysts that his departure was "purely a personal decision" and he stressed that it had nothing to do with Enron.

Ramsey said he expected to finish questioning Koenig on Monday. The government's next witness is expected to be Kenneth Rice, former head of Enron's broadband unit and once a close ally to Skilling.

Both Koenig and Rice are among 16 ex-Enron executives who have pleaded guilty to crimes and are cooperating with prosecutors.

Koenig pleaded guilty in August 2004 to aiding and abetting securities fraud for lying to investors about Enron's finances. As head of investor relations, he was the company's chief liaison to Wall Street.

He told jurors Thursday he isn't proud of his actions.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

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

Fifteen traffic stops were made. A traffic stop in the 500 block of North Dwight resulted in an arrest for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

A traffic stop at the intersection of Alcock and Rider streets resulted in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint at the intersection of Cuyler and Brown streets resulted in an arrest for driving while intoxicated, speeding and failure to appear.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of West Wilks.

Found property was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and an unreported location.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1100 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Hamilton.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2300 block of Primrose.

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

Assault was reported in the police department lobby and the 1200 block of East Browning.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Yeager. A television, DVD player, compact discs and cash were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,050.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls in the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 8

10:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of North Charles and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Rosewood and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

#### Thursday, Feb. 9

12:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Garland and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Miami and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2400 block of Comanche and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA in Amarillo.

7:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 600 block of North Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

#### Friday, Feb. 10

2:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

### Fire

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

#### Thursday, Feb. 9

2 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2400 block of Comanche on a lifting assist.

3:10 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 300 block of Tuke on a grass fire.

5:11 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of East Foster on a gas leak.

9:56 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on an odor investigation.

### Sheriff

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

#### Thursday, Feb. 9

Corey Don Searl, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of Barnard by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated and warrants for speeding and failure to appear.

Kimberly Michelle Newman, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Hobart by PPD for theft by check.

Marcus Dwayne Hall, 33, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a 31st District sentence to Texas Department of Criminal Justice of seven years for burglary of a habitation.

Farris Mohamed Saleh, 29, of Gaylord, Mich., was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Robert E. Brewer Jr., 39, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for no driver's license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection, wrong registration, and Donley County charges of no insurance and no driver's license.

Marvin John Schmatjen, 23, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

## Man receives life sentence for sexually abusing girl

WACO (AP) — A 60-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison for sexually abusing a girl he agreed to help raise after her mother abandoned her.

Jurors deliberated about 90 minutes Thursday before convicting Gilberto Mata Sr. of four counts of aggravated sexual assault, three counts of sexual assault and three counts of indecency with a child.

Jurors deliberated 25 minutes before recommending four life sentences, six 20-year sentences and assessing \$70,000 in fines.

State District Judge George Allen ordered that Mata serve all but two of the sentences concurrently.

meaning he won't be eligible for parole for at least 50 years.

The victim, now 20, testified that she went to live with Mata and his former wife after her mother said she could not care for her.

The young woman said Mata abused her from the time she was 6 until she became pregnant at 18. She didn't tell anyone of the abuse until Mata called her to insist that she tell her boyfriend that Mata was the father, according to trial testimony.

Prosecutors introduced DNA evidence to prove that the baby was fathered by Mata.

In punishment phase testi-

mony, a Mata family member testified that Mata also abused her several times beginning when she was 11.

Defense attorney Richard Ferguson declined to comment after the trial. He argued that the girl made up the earlier sexual assault allegations because she was embarrassed after she became pregnant with Mata's baby.

Before the punishment phase of Mata's trial, a deputy told the courtroom that he had just walked in on Mata in his holding cell standing on the toilet with one end of his tie around his neck, trying to tie the other end around a metal divider.

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# EDC

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Board Member Bill Berry pointed out that Pampa has a low unemployment rate, below four percent. He said the primary problem was finding skilled employees for existing jobs.

He also said that while Pampa's present economy was tied to the oil field, he felt that the PEDC should take advantage of a strong economy to look at non-oil field related opportunities.

"We need diversification," Berry said.

In answer to a question by Sutherland, Lane said that the PEDC could probably only help businesses find employees through a specific project.

Cota said surveys could be made through the Texas Workforce Commission of available workers with specific skills.

Berry suggested posting job openings on the Internet.

PEDC President Dwight Fiveash said the first thing the board needed to do was to unite the various organizations and factions in Pampa and get them working together.

Cota said she would like to survey the public as to what they thought the PEDC should do.

Fiveash said he has been telling people to submit their suggestions via letters to the PEDC.

Berry said he would like to see a beautification program.

May said he would like to see the abandoned houses in town torn down, and asked if the PEDC could work with Clarendon College and Pampa High School on training for specific crafts.

Clifton said that busi-

nesses in Pampa have been recruiting skilled labor from Dallas and Oklahoma, noting that local businesses were paying welders three to five dollars more an hour than businesses in those markets.

Berry asked that if city businesses recruited 100 more workers, where would they live?

Cota asked what entertainment facilities could be established for them?

Fiveash said that building new homes would also bring new workers and trades to Pampa.

Bradley said that the north side of Pampa had been developed about as far as it could be without costing the city more for infrastructure.

Horst said that to add a new lift station and associated water mains and sewage lines would take at least a half million dollars.

In other business, City Finance Director Robin Bailey explained the city's investment policies to the PEDC board members, saying it was based on a combination of returns and risk.

"We try to get the most we can get, and make sure it's safe," Bailey said.

She told the board that they expected the first sales tax revenue for the PEDC to arrive about June 10.

Under the PEDC's bylaws, four members of the board will serve two-year terms and three will serve one-year terms.

In drawing for terms, Gary Sutherland, Kathy Cota, Dwight Fiveash and Bill Berry will each serve two years. James Bradley, Ken May and Shawn Clifton will each serve one-year terms.

The board also approved recording their meetings so the meetings can be played back on public access television, Channel 11, on Pampa's cable system once the city's recording system is in place and operational.

# Brown blames HSD for Katrina disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) — Top Department of Homeland Security officials were told about New Orleans' levee failures the day Hurricane Katrina roared ashore, former disaster chief Michael Brown said today, contradicting agency officials who said earlier they were unaware of the severity of the problems until the next day.

"I find it a little disingenuous," Brown, who at the time headed the Federal Emergency Management Agency, told a Senate oversight committee. "For them to claim that we didn't have awareness of it is just baloney."

Brown also told senators that decisions and policies by the parent Homeland Security Department doomed FEMA to "a path to failure" that led to the government's slow response to the storm. He said that because of a focus on terrorism, natural disasters "had become the stepchild of the Department of Homeland Security."

In an appearance before the Senate Homeland Security and Government

Affairs Committee that blended an atmosphere of both cooperation and confrontation, Brown went far further than he had previously in blaming other elements of the Bush administration for the government's halting reaction to the massive storm.

The Aug. 29 maelstrom killed more than 1,300 people, displaced hundreds of thousands of others, and caused tens of billions in damage, including widespread destruction in New Orleans and other Gulf Coast communities.

Brown, who quit under fire as chief of the Federal Emergency Management Agency just days after the storm hit, said FEMA's mission was marginalized when it was swallowed by the newly created Homeland Security agency.

"There was a cultural clash that didn't recognize the absolute inherent science of preparing for a disaster," he told the Senate Homeland Security and Government Affairs Committee. "Any time you break that cycle ... you're doomed to failure."

Earlier, the chairwoman of the panel,

Sen. Susan Collins, said that FEMA missed early warning signs that emergency response teams were unprepared to handle a catastrophic disaster like Hurricane Katrina.

A management audit prepared by Brown months before the Aug. 29 storm showed that the agency had a lack of adequate and consistent situational awareness to size up emergencies, and was unable to properly control inventory and track assets, she told fellow committee members. Collins said the audit also showed that FEMA misunderstood standard response procedures.

"Despite this study, key problems simply were not addressed and, as a result, opportunities to strengthen FEMA prior to Katrina were missed," she said.

Collins said Brown also told Senate investigators that the Bush administration's sluggish response to Katrina was blamed in part on what he called a clash of cultures between preventing terrorism and preparing for other disasters.

# Consumers gain confidence in economy, financial state

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers' confidence in the economy and their own financial fortunes climbed to a 16-month high as better prospects for jobs and wages lifted people's spirits.

The RBC CASH (Consumer Attitudes and Spending by Household) Index, based on results from the international polling firm Ipsos, showed that confidence clocked in at 96.1 in early February, marking a big improvement from January's 78.2. The new confidence reading was the best since October 2004.

The confidence revival also was helped by mild, winter weather which meant that home heating bills weren't nearly as bad as many thought they would be, analysts said.

Even with the good news on consumer confidence, President Bush's overall job approval was still near the lowest levels of his presidency, according to a new AP-

Ipsos poll.

With Americans' feelings about the economy brightening in February, consumer confidence now appears back on firm footing. Confidence, shaken in the late summer and into the fall by the devastating Gulf Coast hurricanes and soaring energy prices, started off 2006 with a limp showing.

"I think that consumers' psyches are in remarkably good shape, particularly having come off a year where we had natural disasters that filtered through to affect virtually every household," said Gregory Miller, chief economist at SunTrust Banks.

The latest confidence reading follows positive news on the employment front.

The government reported last week that the nation's unemployment rate dropped to 4.7 percent in January, the lowest in 4 1/2 years.

# Truck

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Powell said, because of Hurricane Katrina.

Built in Holden, La., just north of New Orleans, factory representatives drove the new fire truck into Pampa shortly after noon

Thursday to the grins of Pampa firefighters, particularly Roberts, an equipment operator who is one of the ones who will drive the new truck.

It will be located at Station 2, Powell said.

The difference between the fire truck and the Italian sports car.

"They're both red," Powell shrugged.

# Suit

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the emergency room where a medical team might have saved his life.

The lawsuit said that Cody Best was at Hopkins' home along with Summers on Sept. 14, and alleges that Hopkins gave the teenager illegal drugs.

After seeing that Best was ill and needed medical attention, the lawsuit claims Hopkins interfered with attempts to secure medical aid and treatment by refusing to allow a friend of Best's to call 911. The lawsuit alleges that Hopkins put Best in the back of Hopkins' pickup and had Summers and another individual take Best to Pampa Regional Medical Center where Best died hours later.

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# Viewpoints

## John Murtha: President Bush should listen more

Since last fall, when he set off a national debate by calling for an immediate withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq, Pennsylvania Congressman Jack Murtha has been making news. Recently on "60 Minutes," the Johnstown, Pa., Democrat predicted most U.S. troops would be out of Iraq by year's end. Murtha, a former Marine who fought in Korea and Vietnam, is one of the best friends the military has in Congress. I talked to him recently by telephone from his office in Washington:

Q: Were you too optimistic or too fooled or too politically cowed by the president's popularity to perceive the long-run problems of invading Iraq in 2003?

A: If you remember, I led

the fight to go to war in 1991. I spoke on the floor. I worked for votes. President Bush called me right after the vote and told me how much he appreciated it. This time it was much more difficult for me. I listened to the rhetoric. I looked at the intelligence. I believed there were weapons of mass destruction. I didn't think there was a nuclear connection and I didn't think there was an al-Qaida connection, but I did think there were biological weapons. But in the back of my mind the thing that worried me the most was what President Bush had said in 1993. He said, "I will not go into Iraq because I believe I'd have to reconstruct and occupy it and we shouldn't be nation building."

But I thought we (Congress) were giving the present President Bush a tool, a club, to get Saddam under control. When you look back at what he said in 2000 when he ran, he said, "We shouldn't be in nation-building. We should have a humble foreign policy." What's been frustrating to me is this is open-ended. There's no end in sight, according to their policy. And they have no clear position of victory. They say "victory or defeat." Well, that's not a clear position. When you think this has been going on into its fourth

year, that's longer than the Korean War. It's time to change direction. The public knows this. Some people don't agree with me, but as a whole most of the people believe it is time to either redirect ourselves or redeploy our troops. I think 25,000 or 30,000 in that region would be plenty.



**Bill Steigerwald**  
Columnist

Q: What about Iran? The president says because it is developing uranium enrichment facilities it poses "a grave threat to the security of the world." Are we starting all over again?

A: I think this administration has matured substantial-

ly in that regard. I think they will work with the world because they are finally recognizing that we actually don't have the military capability of doing anything except air strikes right now. We're not even sure of our intelligence. We're not sure where these Iranian nuclear facilities are. We have some time, though. This is not something that is imminent. We don't have to worry tomorrow about it, but we do have to try to work with the rest of the world. I look at Iran as a destabilizing force in the Middle East for a long time. I'm always worried about Iran. I'm worried that they are the big guys on the block. I used to worry that they'd influence Iraq, but now I've come to the conclusion that the Iraqis don't

like anybody.

Q: Are you at all uncomfortable being held up as the anti-war congressman?

A: I think I waited too long. I have an obligation to speak out for the troops. I don't feel a bit uncomfortable. I feel that it is my obligation as a member of Congress and as a person who does know the military, who's worked his entire career to make sure the military has everything it needs. I don't feel bad about it at all. I feel dedicated and actually energized every time I go some place and people come to me and say how much they appreciate me speaking out.

Q: Have you yourself learned any one big important lesson from Iraq in

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 10, the 41st day of 2006. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:  
On Feb. 10, 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

On this date:  
In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

In 1846, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

In 1942, the former French liner Normandie capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy.

In 1942, RCA Victor presented Glenn Miller and his Orchestra with a "gold record" for their recording of "Chattanooga Choo Choo," which had sold

*'Maybe all one can do is hope to end up with the right regrets.'*

— Arthur Miller  
American playwright  
(1915-2005)

more than 1 million copies.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

In 1968, Peggy Fleming of the United States won the gold medal in ladies' figure skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

In 1981, eight people were killed, 198 injured, when fire broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1989, Ron Brown was elected chairman of the Democratic National Committee, becoming the first black to head a major U.S. political party.

Ten years ago: President Clinton signed a \$265 billion defense bill, but said he would battle for repeal of a section forcing the discharge of service members with the AIDS virus. A slab of mountainside crushed a highway tunnel on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, killing 20 people. World chess champion Garry Kasparov lost the first game of a match in Philadelphia against an IBM computer dubbed "Deep Blue."

Five years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis' astronauts installed the \$1.4 billion Destiny laboratory on the international space station. Former New York City Mayor Abraham D. Beame died at age 94.



## Congressional pork and swinish behavior

In his State of the Union speech, President Bush offered an olive branch to the Democrats while making a series of proposals to strengthen the nation at home and abroad.

The Democrats, devoid of any alternatives to the president's proposals, or programs of their own, responded in the only way they know how: They bashed Bush, a tactic they seem to have learned from their current den mother, Cindy Sheehan, and her fellow loonies.

The swinish behavior of the Democrats during the State of the Union address was appalling. They were sitting on their hands, scowling, taking credit for killing badly needed reform of a Social Security System heading towards the poor

house by applauding when the President recalled their appalling failure to rescue the system, along with their efforts to show themselves not as the defeatists they are but as "supporters" of the

troops fighting the war they want desperately to lose so they can blame it on the president.

They claim to have programs and policies of their own, but they don't dare spell them out. They don't really have to — anybody who wants to know what they'd do if they were in control of the Congress and the White House has only to read Karl Marx — it's all in there. If one of their number

were to win the presidency, he'd probably give his State of the Union address by reading Marx's Communist Manifesto.

Take for instance Rep. Charlie Rangel's remark on

the heels of the speech: "The way [President Bush] wants to achieve [his goals] is that the wealthy get the benefits and the poor are left out," a classic lie right out of the Marxist class warfare play-book.

So they bash Bush and bash Bush and bash Bush. That's their party platform. They don't want to solve problems like a flawed Social Security system head-

ed for the brink or what they claim is a health care crisis — they want them to continue to be problems and even get worse, so they can blame it on Bush.

The president, on the other hand, has a positive agenda. When he called on Congress to give him the power of a line-item veto he was asking for the ability to cut the pork out of spending bills, to end the scandal of earmarks where bills appropriating money for legitimate purposes get loaded down — often at the last minute and secretly — with the cost of paying for the members' pet projects for their districts. It's called bringing home the bacon, the exorbitant cost of which is picked up by the taxpayers.

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



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## GOP developing a bigger, blacker following

Far away from the speeches of Jesse Jackson, the demands of Al Sharpton and the ranting of Louis Farrakhan, a quiet revolution is taking place in the role African-Americans play in politics. In the very heartland of the nation — in Pennsylvania and Ohio — the Republican Party is getting set to nominate black candidates for governor in the coming elections. In a nation that has not a single African-American governor — not one — from either party, this is its own little revolution.

These are not throwaway candidates in states where the GOP has no chance of

victory. These are real candidates, chosen when there were plenty of white alternatives, that are en route to their party's nomination, with real chances to win.

In Pennsylvania, former football great Lynn Swann stands poised to be designated as the Republican candidate at next week's State Convention. The former wide receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers, now enshrined in the Hall of

Fame, is seeking fame of another sort, trying to be the state's first black governor.

In Ohio, a key swing state, Ken Blackwell, the Republican secretary of state, is running for the gubernatorial nomination in a state Republicans can win. In Maryland, Lieut. Gov. Michael Steele is seeking the open Senate seat.

Add these men to the possibility that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice might heed Laura Bush's

advice and run for president, and a revolution may be in the making.

Salena Zito, a political columnist for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review, notes that "to an extent, Democrats have been blindsided by this growth of black Republicans running for high-profile offices."

The backdrop for this sea change is sketched out in a new book by an ex-Bush White House staffer, Ron Christie, "Black in the White House: Life Inside George W. Bush's West Wing." He catalogues a range of policy

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**Dick Morris**  
Columnist



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## API officers



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## Murtha

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terms of deploying American power around the world?

A: I'll tell you what I've learned: The American military can't do everything. I've learned that nation-building is not something they can accomplish well if there is an insurgency. ... In this kind of a war the key is to win the hearts and minds, and we've lost the hearts and minds, obviously, from the election results and the polls we see.

But the biggest thing is the military is marvelous at what they do. There are no more dedicated people as long as they have a clear mission and an exit strategy and have enough people to do it. But when you give them a mis-

sion that is not clear, then it is much more difficult.

Q: Then politicians need to know a little bit more about the limitations of military force? Not to put words in your mouth, Congressman.

A: No, I'll tell you what I think happened: When we went into the '91 Iraq war, the Vietnam War hung over us. President Bush I had a group of us up to the White House. He talked to us. We listened to him. We made suggestions to him about what had to be done. But we also said this thing can't last more than six months, because if it does it will wear out the American people. President Bush I doesn't get enough credit for how he organized that Gulf War. He got the international community to pay for it. President Bush I was one of the best foreign policy presidents I

think we've ever had. I didn't necessarily agree with his domestic policy, but he recognized the limitation of military power.

Q: Do you have any advice for the current President Bush?

A: I think he had 19 former secretaries of state and secretaries of defense over there (to the White House) and they were only there for 42 minutes. And his concluding remarks were something like, "Well, I don't agree with most of the advice I got." Well, that's not what I call consultation. You really need to listen to people. You need not make up your mind before. This difference in this president, who I believe is isolated, is that he doesn't listen to enough people.

Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

## Reagan

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This line-item veto is long overdue. My father pleaded with Congress to give him the same line-item veto the state governors have so he could put the brakes on their wasteful spending. They turned him down and when he attempted to withhold funds for what he considered inappropriate programs and projects they hauled him in court and stymied his desperate attempts to save the nation's taxpayers' money.

I would have liked to have seen the president do what my dad once did — stand up there in front of the

Congress and say that we need to get the deficit under control and announce that he would begin immediately. Dad reached down and picked up a pork-laden bill, put it on the podium, took out a red pencil and showed the public just how bad a bill it was.

The president should have done the same thing with the pork-heavy Transportation Bill, better known as the "Bridge to Nowhere Bill," and moreover should have vetoed it the second he got his hands on it. This is the kind of action the Congress understands. Trying to mollify them by letting them go hog wild produces just more of the same. He should realize that it's not petroleum to which Congress is addicted;

it's pork, and they can't ever get enough of it.

There is one thing besides the line-item veto the president needs now and should have asked for — repeal of the Budget Act of 1974, which for all intents and purposes stripped away any power the president had to restrain their spending impulses.

He should take it to the country and pound away until the American people make it clear they want this kind of thing done — and done now.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

## Morris

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initiatives which, particularly in education, have led to achievements that rival the best of the Clinton years.

Partly as a result of President Bush's No Child Left Behind legislation, the achievement gap between white and black fourth-grade students in reading is at its lowest ever and the math gap is, too. (The eighth-grade tests also reflect a sharp narrowing of the gap.)

And as former Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma found out, African-Americans who reject the entitlement ethic and stand for self-reliance and individual upward mobility are very attractive to white voters. Asked to accept liberal ideology and big tax-and-spend programs as the price of supporting black candidates, many voters say no. But given a chance to find black candidates who share the electorate's vision, most white voters jump at the chance.

Black candidates are highly threatening to white political leaders. Sources close to Rev. Al Sharpton, for example, attribute Hillary Clinton's comparison of the House of Representatives to a "plantation" to her fear of a Rice candidacy. "She boycotted the event for two years

in a row and now, when Condi might run, she shows up and uses militant rhetoric," one of Sharpton's key people told me. "She needs to get Al to vouch for her in South Carolina if she goes up against Condi," he added.

The Democratic Party has always treated the African-American vote like a golfer's handicap. A Democrat takes the black vote for granted and a Republican, until recently,

takes its loss as a given. But the growth of black candidates among Republicans — a result of the declining power of racism in politics — may force both parties to change that calculation. If the black vote becomes "in play" as the Hispanic vote has, there will be a whole new politics in this country of ours.

Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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# Religion

## FREEDOM FROM ADDICTION

### Twenty years sober, two months clean

One of the most powerful songs that I've heard during the past year is Brad Paisley's song, "Alcohol." Here are a few of the lyrics. "I can make anybody pretty. I can make you believe any lie. I can make you pick a fight with somebody twice your size. Well, I've been known to cause a few break-ups, An' I've been known to cause a few births. Well, I can make you new friends, or get you fired from work."

"And since the day I left Milwaukee, Lynchburg an' Bordeaux, France, Been making the bars lots of big money, An' helpin' white people dance. I got you in trouble in High School, But College, now that was a ball. You had some of the best times you'll never remember with me: Alcohol; Alcohol."

"I got blamed at your wedding reception, For your best man's embarrassing speech. And also for those naked pictures of you at the beach. I've influenced Kings and world leaders, I helped Hemingway write like he

did. And I'll bet you a drink or two, that I can make you put that lampshade on your head."

Every time I heard this song I thought of how stupid it was for our nation to treat smoking like it was the plague and to just skip right over the damage that alcohol and illegal drugs have caused in the lives of almost every family.

Now don't get me wrong, I'm against smoking. But compared to the destruction that alcohol causes every year in our nation, smoking is like a BB in a 55 gallon drum. Compared to the devastation that illegal drugs cause in the lives of most families, smoking is a drop of water in a bathtub.

So why does everyone seem so upset about the minor problem, while seemingly blind to the two monsters sitting in their living room?

If you haven't seen the destruction that alcohol and illegal drugs cause, you've had your head in the sand. It's time to lift your eyes and get a real hard look at the lives that have been torn to shreds by the two monsters. However, if they are such monsters, is there any hope? Yes, there is hope. Here are two examples.



**Mike Sublett**  
Hi-Land Christian

My dad was a drinker and an alcoholic from the time I graduated from high school in 1968 until Jan. 26, 1986. This past Thursday, my dad got his 20-year AA pin. I've never been prouder of anyone in my life. I was with him the day he quit and attended his first meeting. You see, alcohol can be conquered by the power of God. There is hope.

I have another friend who has been clean for two months. Illegal drugs have put her through more hell than anyone should ever

want to go through in a lifetime, and she isn't even 30 years old, but two months ago her heavenly Father drew her back to Him once again, and since then she has overcome her monster "one day at a time" by His grace.

Oh, I don't know if she'll stay clean for 20 years. That will be a decision that she will have to make each day for the rest of her life.

But by the grace of God she has made it two months. And two months can lead to six months, and six months to one year, and one year to 10 years and 10 years to 20 years.

All by the grace of God. You see, there is hope.

So please pray for the annihilation of these two monsters, and pray for the lives still stuck in the middle of their monsters. Pray that God will once again show them the way out. And pray for families with loved ones still in the grasp of their monster. Ask God to give them hope. God bless.

## Can't go wrong following Jesus

As I write, I am making ready to go on a trip. I will remind you that there is a lot of getting ready so that some important things are not forgotten. In the early 1990s, I made a trip to Israel, a trip that I had never made before, and I can tell you that I made a lot of inquiries about what things were a must and what were valuable and how much.

If I had it to do over, I could do better on some things. The opportunity will never come again.

For the trip now in mind, I have been preparing for a good while, and, again, it will be a first for me and a lot of preparing has been necessary. I must not fail too much, for this trip is to heaven, and a lost passport at the wrong moment is beyond recovery.

Now let's talk about heaven, the place of the departed righteous.

All of the believers in Christ, and many other believers, have wished for a greater description of where we are going. Though we fully trust our Savior, we wish for a more complete picture.

Jesus did say, "In my Father's house are many mansions, I go to prepare a place for you."

No further description of that place is given at that time. However, when Saint John told of his vision of the New Jerusalem coming down out of heaven he saw it prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Jesus has again kept His word. The city is prepared. (Revelations 21:1-6) Jesus has prepared a place for the devil and his angels and wicked people are intruding therein. The city to come down from God out of heaven has never been and can never be equaled — such beauty, such value and such pure light, for Jesus is the light. The glory of God is felt, for the Holy Spirit fills that vast city.

It seems that not everyone will reside inside the New Jerusalem, yet it will be heaven. There will be kings (redeemed kings) upon the earth (the new earth), and

they will bring their glory and honor into the New Jerusalem. (Rev. 21:24) Every kind of sin known and unknown to us will be gone forever and the gates of that city will stand open at all hours, and there shall be no night there.

In Jerusalem, Israel, there have always been sins and crimes committed. This new city will come down from God out of heaven. Nothing a b o m -

inable, nothing that defiles, or anybody who makes up a lie shall ever enter that city.

No Democrat, no Republican, no independent liars will be there.

If any liars get to heaven, if any criminal of any crime gets to heaven, it will be because they turned from their sins, got forgiveness and became a new creature and glorified Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Where is heaven? Any space above our heads may at times be referred to as heaven, but it can be far from the abode for the departed righteous souls. Saint Paul said he was caught up to the third heaven (also paradise) and heard things unlawful for a man to utter. Holiness, what holiness? (See 2 Cor. 12:1-5)

That is the place I am striving to go to. God is there. Jesus is there. The Holy Ghost is there. It is worth the strive. Heaven is worth it at any cost. It does not disturb me to read where Jesus said, "Strive to enter in at the straight gate." (Luke 13:24)

I am asking God to search me, see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

God gives today's saints

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## Minister from Longview travels country preaching and teaching

By PATRINA A. BOSTIC  
Longview News-Journal

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — Keith Green travels the U.S. high and low roads in a camper with his family, preaching the gospel.

"Some of the joys are all the lives that you affect, all the different people you meet and all the different churches you go to," Green said. "Every church does its best to make you feel at home. You feel like you have a lot of different homes across the country and lots of friends and family."

The 29-year-old, who has been an evangelist for 5 1/2 years, will deliver a sermon at Longview First Church, a Pentecostal congregation, at its Christmas Eve revival service.

The 1994 Longview High School graduate chose the life of a traveling preacher because that's what God called him to do, he said. Green first felt called to this work at Longview Calvary Christian Tabernacle, the church he attended from childhood to adulthood. There, he says, the Rev. A.D. Spears "poured himself into me, and I felt a call to the ministry."

Green has never served as a pastor of a church. He was a youth minister at

Longview Calvary Christian Tabernacle before he took to the road — with wife Suzi, 29, a homemaker, and their two girls, Haley, 4, and Macey, 2.

Becoming an on-the-road evangelist is "a walk by faith," said Green, who is Pentecostal. "You are totally dependent on God," he said.

"There is no set income. It's what the church gives you. (And) you have no set schedule," said Green, who earned a theology degree in 1999 from Jackson College of Ministries in Jackson, Miss., and a business degree in 1997 from Kilgore College. "You don't know where you will be in a week or two from now."

Churches learn of Green through other congregations where he has preached. Green also attends conferences where he meets preachers who invite him to their churches.

It's hard moving from one church to another, Green said, because of the bonds formed with congregants. "You laugh together. You cry together," he said.

His sermons might be similar at the churches he visits or God gives him a special message for a certain congregation, he said.

Rabbi Heidi Coretz, who travels from

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Rev. Nancy James

## Nancy James to minister during revival

SKELLYTOWN — River of Life Assembly of God Church in Skellytown and Triumph Ministries will present the Rev. Nancy James in revival services at 10 a.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday at the church.

This is the Rev. James' ninth time to preach in Skellytown.

"The Rev. Nancy James," a press release from the church said, "is a ball of fire. She spreads the gospel and the goodness of God to all she can. She will help you deal with the realities of life

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## Church briefs

Rushing Wind Emmaus Community will meet in the Waka Christian Center on Saturday. A potluck meal will be served at 6

p.m. followed by a praise and worship service. Friends and their families are welcome. A nursery will be provided.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am in a two-year relationship with a very nice man I'll call "Ronny." I'm divorced; Ronny was widowed three years ago after many years of marriage. I'm having trouble accepting the fact that he displays his wife's ashes in his bedroom. We have discussed it, and I have told him it makes me uncomfortable. He moved the urn to another location when he sold his house, but about a month ago it reappeared in his bedroom. I spend considerable time at Ronny's house and feel somewhat unsettled, not because the ashes belong to his wife, but because they are human remains. I have no problem with a picture of her that he displays -- in fact, I had it framed for him. Ronny is unwilling to consider other options for the ashes. He says he promised his wife she'd be buried with him. He has also said he is not ready for a commitment. I'd like a future with Ronny, but I'm afraid he's unwilling to move on with his life because he continues to keep his wife's ashes so close by. Am I out of line with my feelings? Any suggestions for me or for him? I need a new perspective. -- **THREE'S A CROWD IN VIRGINIA**

**DEAR LADY:** That Ronny moved his wife's ashes out of the bedroom and then moved them back in indicates to me that while they were "out," you may have gotten too close for his comfort. He has already told you he isn't ready for a commitment. That's a strong message. Your feelings are not out of line. However, the most practical advice I can offer is to be prepared to be very patient if you want a future with Ronny. This man is going nowhere in a hurry, and neither is your relationship.

**DEAR ABBY:** We had houseguests during the holidays -- an old friend and his new girlfriend. My parents had given us a beautiful set of expensive towels, which we used for our guests.

Whatever cleanser the girl used to wash her face destroyed them. My wife is devastated, but insists that we can't say a word to them about it. I disagree. I say we should not only mention it, we should request that they replace them. What do you think? -- **BLEACHED OUT IN THE BIG CITY**

**DEAR BLEACHED OUT:** If your guests realized that they had damaged your towels, they should have offered to replace them. (If what caused the damage is a product the woman uses regularly, wouldn't you think she'd have known it could cause a problem?) I don't think you should request that the items be replaced, but it would not be out of line to mention that they were ruined. And if the couple visits again, make sure not to use the good linens.

**DEAR ABBY:** My girlfriend, who lived with me for three years, left me. The reason is that I went on a cruise and took my 24-year-old son instead of her. (Her father was scheduled for heart-bypass surgery during that time, and only half our money would have been refunded if we canceled.) She moved out and is now living with her dad. What do you think about this? I need a woman's opinion. -- **HURTING IN ANDERSON, IND.**

**DEAR HURTING:** Here it is: Your romance is probably history. When she needed your emotional support, instead of being there for her, you went sailing off into the sunset with your son. Had you said, "To heck with the money, I won't leave you until we're sure everything is all right," you would still be together. You might try offering an apology for abandoning her, but I can't guarantee it will be accepted. And frankly, I can't blame her.

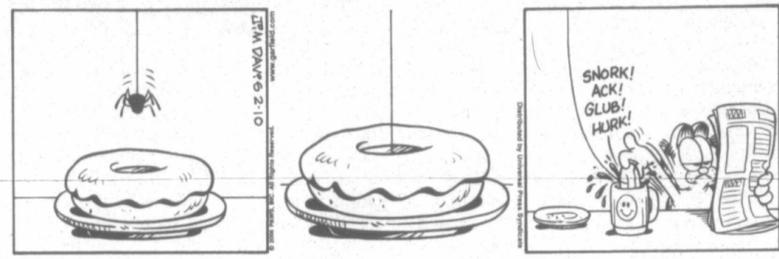
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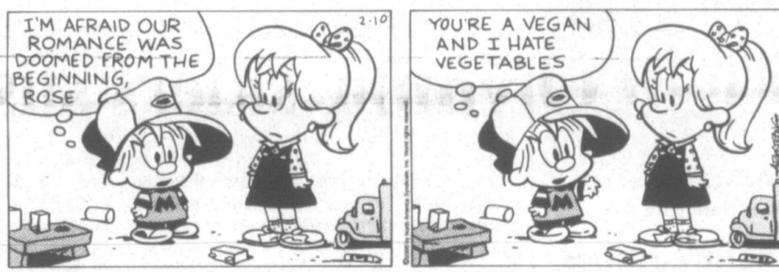
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## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS**

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- 5 Sudan neighbor
- 9 Shady spot
- 11 Vagrants
- 13 Designer's asset
- 14 Fiery crime
- 15 Swelled head
- 16 Dutch philosopher
- 18 Chip material
- 20 Pertness
- 21 Funny fellow
- 22 Takes to court
- 23 Links area
- 24 Orchestra setting
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- 36 Oscar's roommate

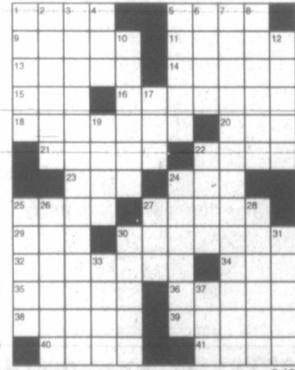


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- 16 Saddle part
- 17 1, to -1
- 18 Lulu
- 19 Save
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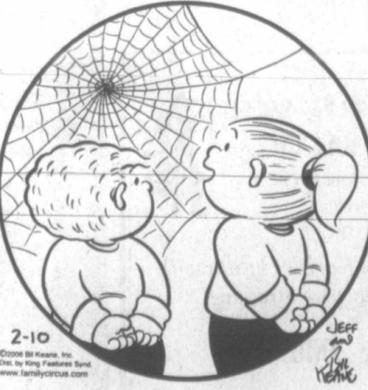
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"He wants you to warm up his old chew shoe in the oven."

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"That spider sure knows how to build a website."

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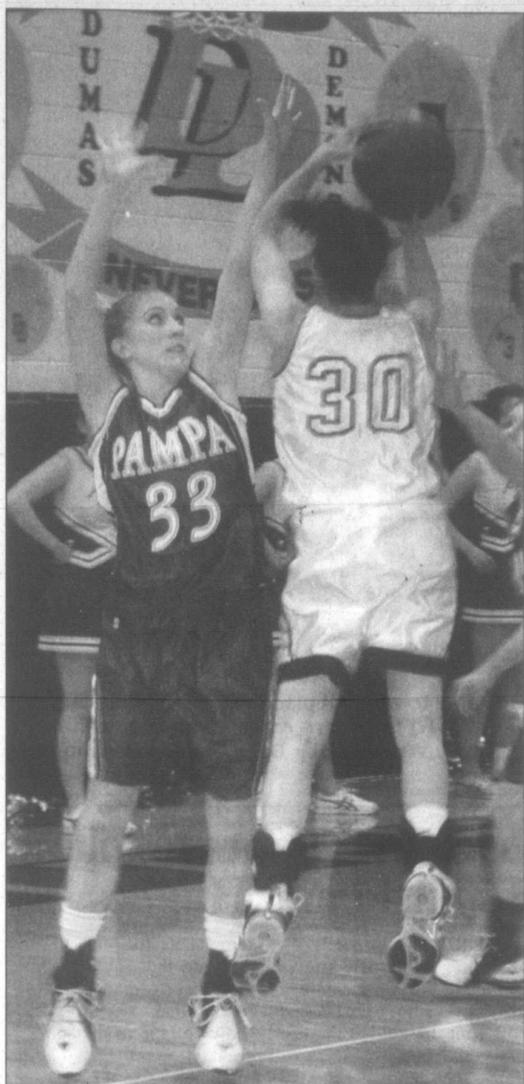
## Flo & Friends



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# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Lady Harvester Krissis Alexander blocks a Dumas shot Tuesday night.

## Ladies battle for second place; boys try to end PD win streak

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

**Lady Harvesters**  
Tuesday night's win over Dumas should have marked the end of the regular season for Coach Troy Fry and his play-off-bound Lady Harvesters. Instead, Pampa is back on the court tonight to face district rival Randall to determine second and third place for District 3-4A, as well as post-season seeding.

Pampa enters the game with an overall record of 15-15 (7-3). The Lady Raiders are 15-14 (7-3).

The two teams have met twice already this season, splitting with each winning on the other's home court.

Tonight's game three will be played at a neutral site.

"I think we do have some incentive to beat Randall after our loss," said Fry. "But this game has a more of an impact for both teams than did the previous games. To us we are just 0-0 and starting another season."

The winner of tonight's game could get a little easier draw in the bidistrict round of the playoffs. It would also separate them from the same bracket Palo Duro will be in.

Tonight's game is scheduled for a 6 o'clock start at Highland Park High School.

### Harvesters

The boys will be at Palo Duro tonight with the hopes of stopping the Dons 44-game district winning streak and claim at least a share of the District 3-4A lead and title.

The Harvesters are 22-5 (7-1). Palo Duro is 24-2, 8-0.

Harvesters head coach Dustin Miller points out one of the keys to a win tonight is stopping what seems to be a

Dons trademark. "We have to try to not allow them that one big run off of our turnovers," said Miller. "PD always has one big run that seems to put you away and we have to try to stay away from it."

They had such a run the last time the two teams met in Pampa. Despite a super Harvesters comeback in the fourth quarter, the deficit was just too much to overcome. Miller's guys would like to change that tonight.

With his team already in the playoffs, just how important is this game tonight? "It is important because we want to be the ones to break that streak," noted Miller. "They (Pampa) also understand how difficult it is going to be."

To be the ones to break the 44-game win streak would send Pampa into another stratosphere when it comes to local sports. However, all is not lost if they don't. Said Miller, "This game is important but the outcome does not end our season."

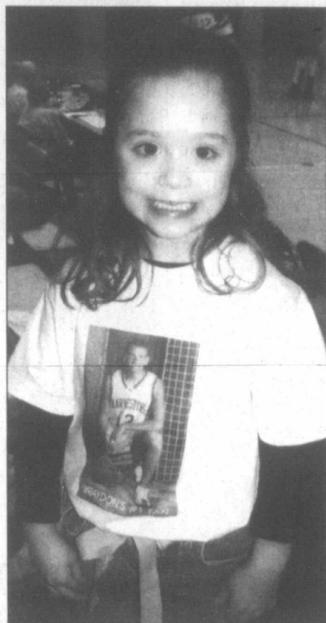
When asked what concerns him most about tonight's game, Coach Miller offered one name. "Justin Mason," Miller continued, "He is a nightmare to try to defend." Miller also pointed out PD's Wes Shaw and his ability to get hot and light up the scoreboard.

So far as what Coach Miller is looking forward to tonight, he said, "A chance to beat the best. To be the best you have to beat the best." Miller added, "As a competitor you have to relish these opportunities. We have nothing to lose. We are not supposed to win this game so we can go in and relax and play as hard as we can play and see what happens."

Tonight's game will begin at 7:30.

### Coach Miller's Keys to Victory

"Limit their easy baskets. Control the rebounding department. Have minimal turnovers."



Little Mikaela Clark sports a shirt featuring her favorite player, Pampa's Braydon Barker.

## Eight Olympic skiers suspended for excessive hemoglobin levels

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The first whiff of scandal hit the Turin Olympics the day before the opening ceremony, as eight cross-country skiers — including two Americans and a former gold medalist from Germany — were suspended for failed blood tests.

The athletes were suspended five days each that time is men's and women's pursuit on Sunday.

There is no proof that the athletes did anything wrong: Elevated hemoglobin can be caused by simple dehydration or the body's acclimation to mountain air. But the test result raises the possibility of blood doping with synthetic hemoglobin or transfusions to increase the oxygen in the muscles.

The tests were conducted by the International Ski Federation, which said the suspensions were not disciplinary, but to "protect the health of the athlete."

"It's a health and safety issue, and that's why it's there," U.S. Ski Team spokesman Tom Kelly said Friday

morning. Kelly said team officials don't believe the two American skiers — Kikkan Randall and Leif Zimmerman — did anything wrong.

"I get tested pretty regularly, especially the last few years with the U.S. Ski Team's sport science department," said Zimmerman, competing in his first Olympics. "We have a pretty good passport on my blood levels and I'm routinely around 17 (maximum level) as I've spent almost my entire life living and training at altitude. I also have had a head cold for the past week and that definitely affected my hydration, along with the altitude. Hopefully this won't effect any of my plans at the Olympics."

The suspensions come against the backdrop of extraordinary scrutiny of the athletes in Turin, where the IOC has said it plans to conduct some 1,200 tests, and is the first hint of a drug controversy since Olympians began arriving in Italy.

As of Tuesday, more than 100 IOC

drug tests had been conducted with no positive results.

The International Ski Federation said it sampled 224 athletes over two days this week. The U.S. Ski Association said the five-day suspensions start Wednesday, when the tests were administered.

International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge said the suspensions "were not doping tests."

"They will have to wait five more days until their blood parameters go down."

Jim Galanes, a coach for Randall, said there's no chance she was involved with illegal doping.

"There is absolutely no likelihood of that," said Galanes, the head Nordic ski coach at Alaska Pacific University who spoke with Randall on Thursday, the day after the test. "I can guarantee it."

The American skiers were 23-year-old Randall of Anchorage, Alaska, and Zimmerman, 22, of Bozeman, Mont.

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### PAMPA IN ACTION

## Leal, swim team at Regionals; soccer teams face Palo Duro; baseball, softball teams take to fields for scrimmages

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa fans have plenty to choose from as a host of Harvesters are in action this weekend. As basketball and wrestling season winds down, soccer, baseball and softball is starting to heat up, as is PHS tennis.

### Soccer

The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters soccer teams will be at Dick Bivins Stadium Saturday to take on their Palo Duro counterparts. Games are scheduled to begin at noon.

### Baseball

Pampa will visit Borger Saturday for a 4 o'clock scrimmage game with the Bulldogs.

### Softball

The Lady Harvesters will host Canyon in a scrimmage game Saturday. First pitch will be at 2:30 p.m.

### Swimming

Coach Greg Miller and his Pampa swimmers and divers return to Lubbock for a regional meet and the chance to advance to State. Competition began earlier today. The State meet will be held Feb. 24 and 25.

### Wrestling

Pampa's Richard Leal will be among the many on hand for Regionals in El Paso this weekend. Leal is among the favorites at 103 pounds.

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The other skiers were: Sean Crooks of Canada; Sergey Dolidovich of Belarus; Jean Marc Gaillard of France; Aleksandr Lasutkin of Belarus; Natalia Matveeva of Russia; and Evi Sachenbacher of Germany.

Sachenbacher won gold in the 2002 Salt Lake City Games in the women's relay, and silver in the women's sprint. She is currently seventh in World Cup rankings.

Sachenbacher broke down in tears after professing her innocence and explaining to reporters how she always drinks plenty of liquid when training.

"At home, I drink a lot and I never did anything to be guilty. I am the last person to do something like this," she said.

Randall, who goes by the nickname "Kikkanimal," has won several national titles and competed at the Salt Lake City Games. She is a sprint specialist; her aunt, Betsy Haines, competed in the 1980 Olympics in cross-country and her uncle, Chris, was on the 1976 team.

"I knew that with all the running around we did getting here and into the village earlier this week, that not getting fluid was a problem for me," Randall said.

John Estle, an Alaska-based official with the USSA, said there could have been up to a half-dozen instances in this World Cup season where athletes were forbidden from competing because of elevated hemoglobin levels but later cleared in follow-up tests.

"It's not unheard of,"

said Estle, saying it could be caused by dehydration, if athletes have recently traveled, are working at high altitude in low humidity or have used an altitude tent.

"Any number of things can cause it — I believe it can be a reflection of your fluid levels. It can fluctuate quite a lot," he said.

This is not the first time hemoglobin levels have tainted Olympic skiing.

In the 2002 games, Russia was unable to compete in the women's 20-kilometer cross-country ski relay after Larissa Lazutina was disqualified for having high hemoglobin levels. She later was stripped of the gold medal she won in the 30-kilometer classic-style race after she tested positive for darbepoetin.

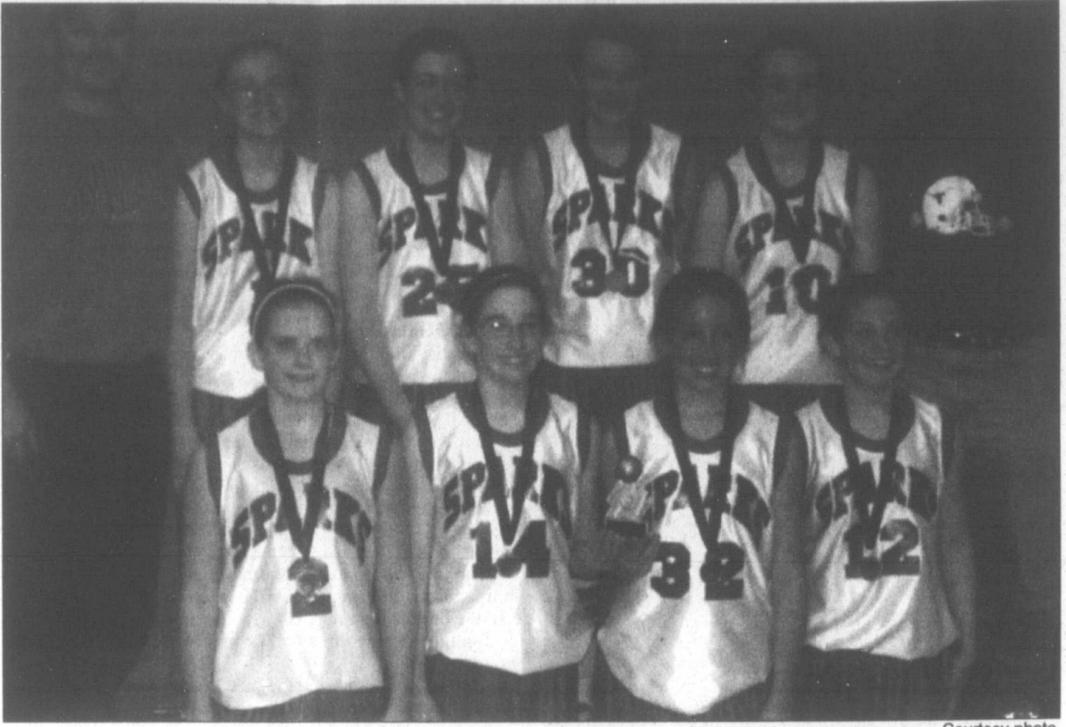
Also testing for high hemoglobin at those games was Johann Muehlegg of Spain, who lost his gold medal in the 50-kilometer classical race after testing positive, also for darbepoetin.

In mid-January, World Cup cross-country skier Reto Burgermeister was suspended for five days for having elevated hemoglobin levels. The 30-year old Burgermeister was tested after training in Val di Fiemme, Italy, and then suspended by the International Ski Federation.

All previous blood tests taken since December 2005, showed normal levels, the Swiss ski federation said. Burgermeister is entered in seven events at Turin.

*Associated Press writers Dan Joling in Anchorage, Naomi Koppel, Nesha Starcevic and Janie McCauley contributed to this report.*

## MAYB perfect



Courtesy photo

The Pampa Sparks 7th grade basketball team went undefeated to win first place in the 7-8 grade division of the MAYB Tournament in Elk City Feb. 4-5. Pictured are (L-R) front row- Kylee Wyatt, Taryn Eubank, Cori Cook and Shaylie Thompson. Second Row- Coach Kelly Wyatt, Holly Gage, Ashlee Holland, Kay Kirkham. Kayla Hughes and Coach Bob Cook.

## Coach Sharp suspends sophomore indefinitely

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech head coach Marsha Sharp on today suspended sophomore guard Judith Smith indefinitely.

Tech declined to provide details on the suspension, saying in a news release that it came at the discretion of coaches.

Smith, a native of Long Beach, Calif., has played in 13 games with one start. She averaged 4.1 points per game.

## Meissner hopes to follow Lipinski and Hughes

TURIN, Italy (AP) — Kimmie Meissner knows all about the American teen wonders who have skated off with the gold at the last two Olympics.

So why not make it three in a row?

The 16-year-old Meissner is too young to fully remember Tara Lipinski's transcendent performance at the 1998 Nagano Games. At 15, Lipinski was the youngest Olympic women's champion.

And she was just beginning her career when Sarah Hughes won in Salt Lake City four years ago at age 16.

Meissner has a grip on history, though.

"What they did is very inspiring. They were around my age when they went to the Olympics and it was their dreams to win a gold medal, too," Meissner said. It's nice to know that they did it and it's nice to know that I can do that.

"When Tara won, I was sort of just starting out. I remember that she was so young and it was so great it came at the biggest competition ever. And Sarah was just awesome."

It will take another awe-

some skate for Meissner to replicate those two memorable performances. Her coach, Pam Gregory, has shown a tape of the sport's greatest programs to Meissner.

"I had her watch it before U.S. nationals to see what it takes, the energy it takes to win," Gregory said Friday. "It makes it possible for her seeing things happen."

"It's not just landing jumps. It's from the heart."

Because it's not just landing jumps, particularly under the Code of Points judging system now in use, Meissner won't be trying a triple axel here. The first American woman since Tonya Harding in 1991 to land one in competition, Meissner hasn't repeated the feat since the 2005 U.S. championships.

The axel won't be on her agenda at Turin because Meissner hasn't hit it consistently in practice. She and Gregory have a rule that if the skater can't land a jump five straight times, it doesn't go in the program. While Meissner occasionally has solid triple axels, she hasn't been landing enough of them to make it worth trying in the biggest event of her life.

### STILL A TEXAN

## QB Carr gets new contract

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Texans today said they have extended quarterback David Carr's contract.

The Texans, who announced the extension in a news release but declined to provide terms, scheduled a news conference this afternoon.

The Texans have the first pick in April's NFL draft, and Carr's extension would seem to indicate Houston will take former USC running back Reggie Bush over former Texas quarterback and Houston native Vince Young, the Most Valuable Player of the Rose Bowl.

Carr has started 59 of the 64 games in Houston's four-year history. He completed 256 of 423 passes with 14 TDs and 11 interceptions last season, when the Texans went 2-14.

## U.S. slider banned

CESANA, Italy (AP) — Zach Lund, the top slider on the U.S. skeleton team, was banned from the Turin Olympics on today for taking a common hair-restoration pill that can be used to mask steroids.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport ruled that Lund should serve a one-year suspension, retroactive to Nov. 10 and enforced immediately.

Lund told CAS that he was misled by the Web site for the governing body of his sport, which listed finasteride both as a "prohibited substance" and a "specified substance." Lund told CAS he failed to check the prohibited list in 2005.

"I'm very sad and disappointed in the outcome,"

Lund said. "I feel like the anti-doping system really let me down as an athlete. As I sit here talking to you right now, I sit here as an Olympian and I believe no one can take that away from me."

The CAS panel believed Lund and wrote in its ruling that "it was entirely satisfied that Mr. Lund was not a cheat."

"But, unfortunately, in 2005, he made a mistake," CAS wrote.

Last month, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency decided Lund deserved only a public warning for ingesting finasteride and should forfeit his second-place finish from the season's opening World Cup event in Calgary, where he tested positive.

## Friday's Sports Briefs

### HOCKEY

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Wayne Gretzky was recorded on a wiretap talking to the alleged financier of a gambling ring, discussing how the hockey great's wife could avoid being implicated, a person with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press.

Gretzky, coach and part-owner of the Phoenix Coyotes, can be heard on wiretaps made within the past month talking about his wife with assistant coach Rick Tocchet, the person said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation.

Gretzky's wife, actress Janet Jones, allegedly bet at least \$100,000 on football games over the course of the investigation by state authorities, the person said.

There is no evidence that Gretzky placed any bets, according to the person.

Authorities say from Dec. 29 through Feb. 5 — the day of the Super Bowl — bettors placed a total of \$1.7 million in wagers with the ring run by a New Jersey state trooper, Tocchet and a South Jersey man. All face charges of promoting gambling, money laundering and conspiracy and are scheduled to be arraigned in Superior Court in Mount Holly on Feb. 21, the state Attorney General's

office said.

MONTREAL (AP) — Montreal goalie Jose Theodore has tested positive for a banned substance in pre-Olympic screening because he was using a hair-growth drug that can be used as a masking agent.

The test wasn't part of the NHL's new testing program, so he will not be subject to league discipline.

### PRO FOOTBALL

ALAMEDA, Calif. (AP) — Super Bowl winning offensive coordinator Ken Whisenhunt and Louisville coach Bobby Petrino have pulled out of consideration for the Oakland Raiders coaching vacancy.

Whisenhunt came to the Bay Area to interview Wednesday with owner Al Davis and team officials, a day after celebrating the Steelers' Super Bowl win with a parade in Pittsburgh.

NEW YORK (AP) — Al Michaels was traded from ABC to NBC for a cartoon bunny, four rounds of golf and Olympic highlights.

The rights to Oswald the Lucky Rabbit, a bunny created by Walt Disney in the 1920s before he invented Mickey Mouse, were transferred from NBC Universal to The Walt Disney Co. as part of the agreement to release the broadcaster from his contract with ABC and ESPN.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006:

You have a way of including others in your plans. You still might fret about one very difficult person in your life more than you need to this year. Do your best to learn more effective ways of communicating, which easily could help. Remember that no one can be controlled, especially you! Your popularity will grow through work and networking. Take a greater community interest. If you are single, enjoy the process of dating, but avoid formalizing a bond this year. Take your time. If you are attached, allow your mate the space to transform, but also be willing to adjust to this "new" person. Though this period might be difficult, your relationship will become stronger as a result. LEO can test your patience.

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) ★★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish, and you'll come up with ideas. Something you have wanted to make happen becomes possible. Someone might lean on you a bit too much for your taste. Work with the situation. Tonight: Follow your imagination. A child might be unduly serious.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Let a family member have his or her head space. You might not always understand what this person wants. At the moment, more privacy fits the bill. This person wants downtime. Don't let his or her attitude get to you. Tonight: Order in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want to be more happy and easygoing, but others seem to rain on your parade. You might want to clear out or do something very different. Give yourself permission to do so. Loosen up. Tonight: At a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You could easily cause yourself a lot of trouble. Why? Don't overspend, but at the same time, don't exaggerate the feeling that money is tight. You might want to take a look at your bills before you make any decisions. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ You could be harder than you realize on others and, for that matter, on yourself. Pull back and work on being the jovial Lion. The limelight is on you. Use it well. Others willingly follow your lead. Tonight: Easy does it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You could be a bit low and sad. Sometimes you take others way too seriously. Today is an example. You will be much happier if you kick back and take some private time. Take a walk or enjoy a good book. Tonight: Just for you!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might not always like what a dear friend shares. You will be happiest if you don't overreact. Could you be becoming rigid in certain ways? Be honest with yourself. You also might want to join more jovial people. Tonight: Follow the action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You must respond to a dear friend who can sometimes act like or actually be quite an authority figure. You might not be as pleased with your plans as you would like. Do what you must to free up

your afternoon. Tonight: Your time.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Plans could change, and you might not be happy at first. If you don't get caught up in the details, you will be fine. Look at what you would like to do with this extra free time. New plans could be fun. Tonight: Where there is music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ A partner could be demanding. You, on the other hand, might want to get a firm grasp on your taxes. Think positively about a situation, deciding how much you can squeeze into one day. Tonight: Opt for some special time with a loved one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Sometimes you are not as sure of yourself as you would like. Right now, another's attitude could impact you. Don't worry; flow with others' plans. You could be very happy with the outcome. Tonight: Say yes.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might want to think about getting into a project and clearing out extra work. You don't have to, make everything a chore. If you want to be lazy, do that. Remember, you don't always need to answer to others. Tonight: Nothing too strenuous!

BORN TODAY Singer, songwriter Sheryl Crow (1962), author Sidney Sheldon (1917), actress Eva Gabor (1919)

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**1 Public Notice**

**Texas Commission on Environmental Quality**  
**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR QUALITY STANDARD PERMIT REGISTRATION PROPOSED AIR QUALITY REGISTRATION NO. 7790L001**

Mr. Richard DeVuyst, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Air Quality Standard Permit, Registration No. 7790L001 which would authorize construction of a Concrete batch Plant located at 12618 U.S. Highway 60, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The proposed facility will emit the following air contaminants: particulate matter including (but not limited to) aggregate, cement, and road dust.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on January 23, 2006. The application is available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Amarillo office, the TCEQ Central regional office, and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street, Pampa, Gray County, Texas. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the Amarillo regional office of the TCEQ.

The TCEQ executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application. **PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public hearing, or request a contested case hearing to the office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. The deadline to submit public comments is 15 days after newspaper notice is published.

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing. If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

If a hearing is timely filed, the executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. After the final deadline for public comments following any required Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and significant public comments. If any comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or who is on a mailing list for this application.

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# Cooper

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as great a welcome to the third heaven as He ever did at any time. It's whether we are willing to dedicate ourselves to His will and pleasure. Most Christians want to reserve a lot of time and effort to their own pleasure, leaving God in second place, hoping that God will be pleased with them at heaven's gate.

The holy city, the New Jerusalem, will have 12 foundations which will have the names of the 12 apostles engraved therein. Inside that new city or outside in the light of it will be heaven for me. And I feel the Holy Spirit tugging at my heart in these midnight hours to keep walking. By faith, I already see a light at the end of the tunnel.

If Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere.

'Tis heaven to me, where ever I be if He is there, I count it a privilege here, His cross to bear, if Jesus goes with me I'll go anywhere. Amen.

# Green

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Dallas once or twice a month to the Longview Temple Emanu-El, with a membership of about 35 families, said one drawback for religious leaders who live some place other than where they deliver sermons is that they don't get the chance to do community outreach.

"The one struggle is (not) being involved in the inter-faith community," Coretz said, adding that a resident pastor could serve on organizational boards.

Green's parents, Fred and Gay Green, said they'd like to have their son and his family around more often, especially during the holidays.

"I miss him when they are traveling and can't be home all the time," said his mother, a secretary at the Longview Police Department. "(But) I'm happy that he is doing what he has been called to do."

Fred Green expressed similar sentiments.

"I understand there is a bigger picture here and there is a need, so we pay the price," said the father, a photographer who owns Able Photography and Video in Longview. "You kind of wish he had a job at a Wal-Mart here so they all would be close."

The Greens other son, Kurt Victor Green, who is attending Texas Bible College in Lufkin, plans to follow in his older brother's footsteps, their father said. Kurt Green, 22, already has brought a camper that he and his wife, Lori, are living in at the college.

"We are going to have to get a fifth-wheel (camper) and follow (him) and his brother around," their father said. "That way we will get to see our grandkids."

The Rev. James Rénfro, pastor of Longview First Church, which averages 100 weekly congregants, said engaging traveling evangelists "helps build enthusiasm and excitement which in turn motivates people to want to bring people to church."

# James

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from the positive perspective of Jesus Christ."

James' own testimony includes how she was saved when a bridge collapsed inside a hotel.

For more information on the upcoming revival, call (806) 848-2939.



## Essay winners

▲ Ashlyn McNeely, left, receives congratulations from teacher Mary Gandy for being Pampa Junior High School's winner of the essay competition sponsored by the Las Pampas Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The subject for each entry was "Benjamin Franklin — More Than a Revolutionary."

▼ Jessica Hooker, right, fifth grade student at Travis Elementary School, was recently recognized by teacher Mary Lu Lane for her first place entry in the essay contest. McNeely and Hooker will be honored by the local DAR chapter at 2:30 p.m. Sunday in the Education Building of First United Methodist Church.



## Ceremony held on anniversary of submarine crash in Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — The families of three people killed when a Navy submarine collided with a Japanese fishing boat five years ago gathered at a park overlooking the Pacific and draped lei at a memorial honoring the nine victims.

Loved ones bowed their heads for a moment of silence at 1:43 p.m. Thursday, the same time the USS Greenville hit the Ehime Maru on Feb. 9, 2001.

"It's been five years, but it feels like it was yesterday," Takako Segawa, the daughter of the boat's radio operator, said at a

brief ceremony at the Ehime Maru Memorial at Kakaako Waterfront Park. "I feel like maybe he's just at sea and he'll come home."

The victims' families tossed flower petals and chocolate into the ocean in an offering to Takeshi Mizuguchi, the only one of the nine whose body was not found.

"My son never came home, so I want to be as close to him as possible," said Tatsuyoshi Mizuguchi, who has visited Hawaii 15 times since the collision that happened about 13 miles off Oahu.

# Economy: America's trade deficit hit all-time high in 2005

WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. trade deficit soared to an all-time high of \$725.8 billion in 2005, pushed upward by record imports of oil, food, cars and other consumer goods. The deficit with China hit an all-time high as did America's deficits with Japan, Europe, OPEC, Canada, Mexico and South and Central America.

The Commerce Department reported Friday that the gap between what America sells abroad and what it imports rose to \$725.8 billion last year, up by 17.5 percent from the previous record of \$617.6 billion set in 2004.

It marked the fourth consecutive year that America's trade deficit has set a record as American consumers continued their seemingly insatiable demand for all things foreign from new cars to televisions and electronic goods.

The increased foreign competition has helped to keep the lid on prices in this country, but critics say the rising trade deficit is a major factor in the loss of nearly 3 million manufacturing jobs since mid-2000 as U.S. companies moved production overseas to lower-waged nations. Many economists believe those manufacturing jobs will never come back.

"Such a huge trade gap undercuts domestic manufacturing and destroys good U.S. jobs," said Richard Trumka, secretary-treasurer of labor's AFL-CIO. "America's gargantuan trade deficit is a weight around American workers' necks that is pulling them into a cycle of debt, bankruptcy and low-wage service jobs."

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., said the new deficit figure showed that "our

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— Richard Trumka  
Secretary-treasurer of AFL-CIO

trade policy is an unbelievable failure that is selling out American jobs and weakening our economy."

Last year's deficit reflected the fact that imports rose by 12.9 percent to an all-time high of \$2 trillion, swamping a 5.7 percent increase in exports, which reached a record high of \$1.27 trillion.

For December, the trade deficit edged up a slight 1.5 percent to \$65.7 billion, the third highest monthly figure on record.

Bush, in an effort to counter the growing anxiety over America's ability to compete with such rising economic powers as China and India, unveiled a new American Competitiveness

Agenda in his State of the Union address to double government spending on basic research, extend tax breaks for company spending on research and hire thousands of new math and science teachers for the nation's high schools.

But critics contend that the trade deficit will keep growing unless the administration takes a harder line against unfair trade practices in low-wage countries such as China, a country they contend has gained a huge advantage over America by artificially depressing the value of its currency, which makes Chinese goods cheaper for American consumers and American products more expensive in China.

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