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Board approves water well permit for oil firm

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer
WHITE DEER -- In what might have been a negotiated settlement between an oil company and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority became an approved drilling permit after a lawyer told the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors that he planned to pursue a contested permit case.
Allen Hadaway with Petrosearch Operating Company asked the PGWCD board not to take any

action on his company's permit application as a hearing on the permit application started Tuesday. He said that he had just become involved in the issue and was talking to CRMWA authorities to see if an agreement could be reached.
Petrosearch had applied for a drilling permit just west of Miami in Roberts County. They want to use fresh water for secondary recovery of oil and gas. The water would be injected into four wells around a producing oil well in an effort to increase oil production.

Robert Dawson with the Texas Railroad Commission office in Pampa said the commission had no jurisdiction over the drilling of the water well. He said they check and test injection wells annually to make sure the material injected goes into the oil or gas bearing formation and not a fresh water formation.
While several neighbors had written letters opposing the permit on water quality grounds, Douglas Caroom, an Austin attorney representing CRMWA, noted that the proposed well was located on land sur-

rounded by water rights belonging to CRMWA and requested a contested case hearing.
While Caroom questioned whether the Petrosearch application was complete and reinstated his intention to pursue legal action, the board, after an executive session to discuss possible litigation with their lawyer, declared the application complete and approved the Petrosearch permit.
The board noted that the landown-
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Christmas parade scheduled Saturday

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
Pampa Chamber of Commerce will host the annual Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. Saturday.
Shawna Hunt, administrative assistant for the Chamber, said there are 55 entries for this year, including floats, horses, go-carts, motorcycles, the Pampa High School Band and fire departments. Bringing up the rear will be Santa Claus.
The parade participants will begin at the M.K. Brown Auditorium parking

lot and go south on Somerville to Francis, east on Francis to Cuyler, south on Cuyler to Atkinson and will disband in front of the train depot on Atkinson.
Shop Pampa and Win will have two drawings in conjunction with the parade. Each of these winners will receive \$600 in Pampa Bucks. The first drawing will be at 3:45 p.m. in front of Tarpley Music at 117 N. Cuyler. The second drawing will be at 5:30 p.m. in front of Dunlaps in the Coronado Center on Hobart.



Surprise assembly

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Austin Elementary School students had a special presentation today at their weekly assembly. Duane Harp, from Edward Jones, was there to present a check to E.W. Osby in the amount of \$12,000. The money was from a silent auction and donations from individuals and businesses to help with the medical expenses Osby, a custodian who has worked at Austin for 13 years, has incurred from kidney cancer treatments. Also presented to Osby was a 42" plasma television from the faculty and booster board of Austin from money they donated for a special gift. Osby's wife Connie and son Terry also attended the assembly, which was a surprise. Harp says donations can still be made at his office at 1921 N. Hobart.

Man dies of fire injuries

Joel Lopez, 42, of Pampa died at 10:20 a.m. Thursday in Lubbock as the result of burn received in a fire on Nov. 13, according to Fire Marshall Keith Fisher.
Lopez and two others were injured in a mobile home fire at 630 N. Christy. Tammy Rawls and Alfredo Campos were treated at Pampa Regional Medical

Center for minor injuries and released.
Lopez was flown to the University Medical Center Burn Unit in Lubbock for treatment. He had been listed in critical condition.
The cause of the fire was determined to be overloaded wiring from old aluminum wires in the mobile home.

High school students get lowdown on colleges

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
Approximately 250 to 300 local high school juniors and seniors and parents attended College Night Wednesday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The program featured 35 schools, military and the Texas Workforce.
Some educational institutions that had booths were West Texas A&M University, Amarillo College, Frank Phillips, Texas Tech, University of

Texas at Austin and Oklahoma State University. There was also a representative from Adams State College that traveled from Alamosa, Colorado.
Students in attendance were from Pampa, White Deer and Lefors. About 15 McLean students came over in a school bus. Most of the students said they had not sent out any college applications yet, but were looking around at different schools and wanting to see what each

offered.
Many students were getting information from Krista Anderson, one of the representatives from WTAMU. White Deer senior Jake Diggs was filling out a card to have information regarding broadcasting classes mailed to him. His mother Tammy said her son was very interested in attending WTAMU, which currently has about 7,400 students.
Erin Dennis spoke to Pampa senior Craig Crowell and his father John

about the pre-med program offered at Dallas Baptist University. With an enrollment of 5,100, Dennis said she would advise sending an application in as early as possible. This would allow the application to be processed and be put into the computer system. That way if Crowell was interested in trying to get a scholarship or loan, the paperwork would already be done.
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County commission defers action on burn ban

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Several inches of snow which fell in Gray County within the past 48 hours resulted in county commissioners deferring action on a possible burn ban.
"This was put on the agenda before the snow occurred," said County Judge Richard Peet.

The question of whether to impose a ban will be revisited at commissioners' Dec. 15 meeting. That date is the deadline for banning aerial fireworks sales during the New Year's holiday. Fireworks may be sold in the State of Texas from Dec. 20 through Jan. 1.
Action on the subject will be reconsidered because the Texas

Forest Service has indicated there has been a high risk of fire in the area.
The last burn ban was implemented by county commissioners on Jan. 3 and was not lifted until July 14. Drought conditions during the first half of the year resulted in wildfires which burned portions of the county and prompted the ban, which includ-

ed prohibition of all outdoor burning, including rural residents' household refuse. That ban included sales of aerial fireworks for the Fourth of July celebrations, although the City of Pampa's display at Recreation Park was allowed.
The 2007 holiday schedule for
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Obituaries

Juanita Marie Price, 78

Juanita Marie Price, 78, of Pampa, died Dec. 1, 2006, at Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Plainview Cemetery in Plainview with Jim Hubbard officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Price was born Dec. 17, 1927, at Bagwell, Texas, to Gilbert and Mary Catherine Stephens. A 1948 graduate of Miami High School, she moved to Pampa in 1950, where she worked at Caldwell's Drive-In from 1951 until 1959.

She married John Weldon Price on Jan. 4, 1960, and they moved to Plainview at that time. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24,

1975. She returned to Pampa after his death and again worked for Caldwell's for a short time.

She worked for Jack Ward at Kentucky Fried Chicken for 10 years, retiring in 1987.

She was a lifelong member of the Church of the Brethren in Pampa and she taught children's Sunday School classes there.

Mrs. Price was preceded in death by two brothers, Bryce Hubbard and Roy Eldon Hubbard; and a sister, LaVerne Rose.

Survivors include a brother, Cecil Hubbard of Claude, and several nieces and nephews.

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

R.W. Standefer, 89

Standefer, R.W. died November 29, 2006, in Carrollton, Texas, after a lengthy illness. R.W. was born March 23, 1917, at Clifton, Texas, to parents Rufus Wm. and Jessie Prather Standefer.

He was a 9th generation member of the Standefer family which came to America from Bristol, England, by way of the Barbados Islands off South America, to Baltimore, Md., in 1661.

He attended Cayote and Clifton schools graduating in 1934. He attended Clifton College for two years. He then enrolled at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and graduated with a B.S. Degree in 1939. Later he graduated from West Texas State University with a M.E. Degree in 1951.

On November 8, 1940, he married Frances Evelyn Krohn at Texline, Texas. He began his teaching career in 1939 at Texline schools. He was a teacher-coach-principal at Texline, Bovina and Vega schools.

He was Superintendent of Schools at Channing, Stratford and White Deer-Skellytown for 32 years. RW retired in 1981 completing 41 years of service as an educator.

After retiring he worked for two years in Las Vegas, Nev. He then returned to White Deer and was elected Mayor in 1984 and served eight years.

In 1969 he was selected by the American Association of School Administrators as one of 30 to participate on their Comparative Seminar Team group to study schools in the Soviet Union of Russia. This group studied schools in Moscow, Leningrad, Yerevan, Tbilisi and Kiev.

Upon his retirement in 1981, the AASA

presented him with his Gold Card Emeritus at the National Convention for being a member and for serving 32 years as a Superintendent of Schools.

He was a member of AASA, TASA, TSTA, White Deer Lions Club and past Commander of the American Legion, Post 519, Bovina, Texas. He was a supporter of Boy Scouts, a member of Rock Island Lodge 869, Dalhart, Texas, and a York Rite Mason.



Standefer

He was a member of the White Deer United Methodist Church and White Deer Senior Citizens. He was a World War II veteran of the Army Air Force for three years and five months with the rank of Technical Sergeant.

He was preceded in death by his parents of Clifton, Texas; by his two sisters, Mrs. Lucyle Dailey of Greensboro, N.C., and Mrs. Louise Simril of Austin, Texas; one brother, Prather Standefer of Midland, Texas; and by his daughter, Judy Mansfield of Dallas, Texas.

Survivors are his loving wife of 66 years, Frances Standefer; his son, Jack Standefer of Gillette, Wyo.; and his grandchildren, Monica Scheinler and her husband Bill of Philadelphia, Pa., Dax McCasland and his wife Nicole of Frisco, Texas, and Jessica Rodriguez of Big Spring, Texas. Also surviving him is a great grandson, A.J. Rodriguez of Big Spring.

Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, December 2, 2006, in the Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, Texas. In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation in the memory of RW and Frances's daughter, Judy, to the PanCan Organization. The donation phone number is 1-877-272-6226.

Services tomorrow

BICHSEL, Caroline Louise — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carol's Horse Lots, Pampa.

GODWIN, Beverly Caldwell — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Mobeetie Cemetery, Mobeetie.

PRICE, Juanita Marie — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Plainview Cemetery, Plainview.

STANDERFER, R.W. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Clifton Cemetery, Clifton, Texas.

Beverly Caldwell Godwin, 74

AMARILLO, Texas — Beverly Caldwell Godwin, 74, died Nov. 30, 2006, at Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at the Mobeetie Cemetery in Mobeetie, with The Reverend Georgia Newell King, chaplain at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Godwin was born Jan. 18, 1932, in Canadian, Texas, to Austin and Bernice Caldwell. At the age of 9, they moved to Mobeetie where she met the love of her life, Drew Godwin.

She graduated from Mobeetie High School in 1949. She married Drew on Christmas Day in 1952 in Mobeetie. From that point, you rarely saw one without the other.

They both shared the same interests and loved Lake City, Colorado, where after

Drew retired, they spent their summers. That is where she developed a love for hummingbirds and all the Colorado flowers.

She was the pianist for several different churches that they attended from 1960 until about 1990.

Survivors include her husband of 54 years, Drew Godwin of the home; two daughters, Michelle McLaughlin of Amarillo and Kristi Godwin of Lubbock. She is also survived by the lights of her life — three grandchildren: Chad McLaughlin and wife Brittany of Claremore, Okla., Courtney McLaughlin of Dallas, and Cayla McLaughlin of Amarillo.

She is also survived by one great-granddaughter, MacKynzie of Dallas; and by her brother, Geoff Caldwell and wife Freda of Mobeetie.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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

Joel Lopez, 42

Joel Lopez, 42, of Pampa, died Nov. 30, 2006, at Lubbock.

No services are scheduled at the current time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Lopez was born April 5, 1964, at San Angelo, and had been a resident of Pampa

since 1983. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Survivors include Evelyn Lopez Casas of Lubbock, Andrea Lopez Ramirez of Surprise, Ariz., and Imelda Lopez Baez of San Angelo; and a brother, Lorenzo Lopez, Jr., of San Angelo.

Emergency Services

Police

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

Wednesday, Nov. 30

Motorist assists were provided at the intersection of Randy Matson and Hobart and the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2200 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of North Zimmers.

Accidents were reported in the 200 block of West 28th Street, the intersection of 19th and Hobart, the 2200 block of Aspen, the intersection of Ballard and Browning, the intersection of Harvester and Duncan, the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky, the 1700 block of Harvester, the 300 block of East Brown and the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 200 block of Houston, the 500 block of Perry, the 1200 block of Mary Ellen and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the corner of

Huff and Crawford.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Charles where a rest room wall was damaged with an estimated value of \$375; and in the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Harassment was reported in the 2700 block of Navajo. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo.

Three alarms were reported.

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

A burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

A prowler was reported in the 1900 block of Gwendolyn.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Nov. 30

Raquel Anna McDonald, 36, of Borger was arrested by the Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated first offense and unsafe speed.

Fire

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

Thursday, Nov. 30

9:27 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of 28th and Perryton Parkway on a vehicle accident.

9:13 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2400 block of Cherokee on a carbon monoxide check.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Nov. 30

8:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of North Russell. No transport.

3:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Friday, Dec. 1

2:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing center and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Proclamation



Chamber Director Pat Vanderpool, left, was witness as Mayor Lonny Robbins signed a Proclamation stating November as "Shop Pampa Month." The Shop Pampa and Win Promotion has been going on all month and the drawings will take place on Saturday after the Christmas Parade. Make sure you bring your tickets for a chance to win \$600 in Pampa Bucks. Call the Chamber Office for more information.

Permit

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er who owns the 560 acres where the project is being proposed is selling Petrosearch the water and that the application met all of the district's rules.

The 1946 oil lease also gives the operating company the right to use the water.

The board also noted that Petrosearch is asking to produce about a half acre-foot of water per year. Under the water district rules, the holder of the water rights can produce up to one acre-foot per acre of water rights per year.

While Caroom characterized the project as a waste of fresh water, the board found that under law it was a beneficial use.

"You can't prove it's an economic waste with the price of oil today," said Tom Cambridge, an Amarillo oilman and member of the water district's

board.

Speaking before the water district board, Hadaway said the permit was for a pilot project. He said each of the four injection wells would use 900 gallons of fresh water a day plus some waste water.

Kent Satterwhite, the general manager of CRMWA, said 3,600 gallons of fresh water a day is more than the residents of Roberts County use.

Hadaway said the pilot project would probably take about six months. If it was successful and depending upon the price of oil at that point in time, the project might be expanded in scope and time. He said it might last 10 to 15 years and include surrounding wells that were first drilled in the 1940s and 1950s.

In response to Caroom's objections, Bowers said he didn't like the idea of using fresh water for secondary oil recovery, but that Petrosearch had every right to the water.

Colleges

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Larry Lusk, a junior from McLean, was asking questions about the programs offered at Prairie View A&M University. Representative Lavaughn Mosley gave Lusk brochures on the engineering, nursing and agriculture degree plans that they offer.

A different type of school represented was Universal Technical Institute in Houston. Randy DeBoer of Amarillo does the interviewing for students in the Panhandle region. In order to be accepted to UTI, a counselor or teacher must recommend the student to the school. Parent or guardian support is also needed. The student then goes through an interview process for acceptance. Certificates and degrees that can normally be completed in one year at a cost of about \$2,500 are offered.

McLean senior Anthony Ruiz and his father, Kenneth Ruiz, inquired about the diesel mechanic program offered at UTI. Anthony Ruiz enjoys his auto shop class in high school and is considering a career as a mechanic. DeBoer said other subjects the school offers are paint and body work, marine watercraft repair and NASCAR technology.

Pampa High School counselors Karla Howell and Starla Kindle were responsible for setting up College Night. They talked about how difficult it is to get accepted into universities today. Unlike junior colleges which do not have strict admission requirements, universities look at the rank that students graduate with to decide whether to accept

them.

Students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class are guaranteed admission to any Texas university. Those students are the only ones that have an automatic ticket to get in.

Most students who graduate in the top half of their class will be OK, but those in the bottom half may have problems getting into a school. Howell and Kindle said it is important for students to get serious about making good grades as soon as they begin their freshman year. Bad grades, that year or any other year, will definitely hinder their progress to higher education later.

County

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county office holders and county employees was approved. The 11 days, one less than in 2006, are Jan. 1, Feb. 19, April 6, May 28, July 4, Sept. 3, Nov. 12, Nov. 22 and 23, and Dec. 24 and 25.

A contract with The Hartford Insurance Agency was approved for reinsurance concerning the county insurance plan. The company which had previously been under contract by the county was bought out by another company, and the new company's offer was not as advantageous to the county, said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

Bills totaling \$152,193.86 and salaries of \$232,096.95 were approved for payment.

Peet reported on his recent visit with representatives of the Texas Historical Commission in Austin concerning problems with the acoustics in the third-floor district courtroom of the courthouse. Peet said that the representatives agreed that it would not interfere with the historical integrity of the room to add acoustical panels to the back wall. The representatives also suggested adding cushions to seating in the room and possibly removing curtains.

Commissioners' next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 15. Their first meeting of 2007 will be on Jan. 1, when newly-elected officials will be sworn in.

BWXT fined for violating safety rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Energy said Wednesday it will fine the operator of the Pantex Plant, a nuclear weapons facility in Amarillo, \$110,000 for violating safety requirements.

The department's National Nuclear Security Administration will fine BWXT Pantex for three unsuccessful attempts between March 30 and April 26, 2005, to separate parts of a weapon.

The plant was cited for exceeding the amount of allowed force to a weapon and for failing to follow operating procedure.

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Viewpoints

It's not a quagmire, it's a muddle Bush faces

This is a time for giving thanks, and among the many things for which I am thankful is the fact that I am not George W. Bush.

Think about it — in the sixth year of his presidency he is besieged on all sides, not only by his foes, but by his friends and supporters as well.

On the one side are those demanding that the president adopt some kind of face-saving solution that will allow him to withdraw from Iraq without admitting the United States has lost yet another war — the solution once recommended by former Vermont Sen. George Aiken, who advised that we declare victory in Vietnam and get out.

Among those advocating this kind of sleight of hand

are members of George Herbert Walker Bush's administration, perhaps even former Secretary of State James Baker. Baker co-chairs the widely touted Iraq Study Group, which has leaked its recommendations for coping with the war by calling for negotiations with Syria and Iran.

On the other side are the hawks who want not only to remain in Iraq, but have advanced the rather peculiar idea that the ultimate aim in any conflict is to win it. They insist that anything less than total victory over the insurgency would result in unthinkable consequences for the United States, the Middle East and the West.

In the middle are the great masses of American people who told exit pollsters they

weren't against the war, only against how it was being conducted.

Then there is the Congress of the United States, fated to fall into the hands of the liberal-controlled Democratic Party whose leadership is deeply enamored of the idea of cutting and running — a concept they disguise by calling the pullout of the U.S. from Iraq "redeployment."

To complicate matters, however, powerful Democrats such as Hillary Clinton more or less support the idea of remaining in Iraq until the Iraqi forces can handle the insurgency on

their own.

The president's dilemma arises from his conviction that a pullout before Iraq has been enabled to fight their war on the insurgency would lead to a conflagration that would engulf the entire Middle East, disrupt the supply of the oil that keeps our economic engine running, create a national base for the Jihad that would enable the radical Islamic movement (probably armed with nukes to bring the Jihad to our shores), and eventually drive the West out of the entire area.

Yet the pressure on the president to find a solution

that will allow us to leave Iraq, even if it's with our tail between our legs, is growing more and more intense.

Added to the dilemma is the president's knowledge that negotiations with Syria and Iraq can have only one result — withdrawal disguised as recognition that Iraq is a regional problem meant to be solved by regional interests — in this case, Iran.

The president knows full well that the only negotiating point is surrender to Iran, whose 1979 constitution declares the aim of the Jihad is world conquest by the Islamic revolution which it leads. To Iran, Iraq is the high ground they seek to take in their war against the West.

Should the president con-

tinue to stress his role as Commander in Chief, he will find himself facing an obstructive Congress that will use every device available to them, perhaps even to the extent of withdrawing funding for the military.

Given the facts of the matter, should the president cave in to the peace-at-any-price crowd the deaths of almost 3,000 American fighting men and women — and the billions of dollars it has cost — will have been shamefully wasted.

On the other hand, should he stick to his guns, he will find himself the most embattled President since Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln couldn't find generals who could go out and win the

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 1, the 335th day of 2006. There are 30 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 1, 1955, Rosa Parks, a black seamstress, refused to give up her seat to a white man on a Montgomery, Ala., city bus. Mrs. Parks was arrested, sparking a yearlong boycott of the buses by blacks.

On this date:

In 1824, the presidential election was turned over to the U.S. House of Representatives when a deadlock developed between John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, William H. Crawford and Henry Clay. (Adams ended up the winner.)

In 1904, the Louisiana Purchase Exposition in St. Louis closed after seven months and some 20 million visitors.

In 1913, the first drive-in automobile service station, built by Gulf Refining Co., opened in Pittsburgh.

In 1921, the Navy flew the first nonrigid dirigible to use helium; the C-7 traveled from Hampton Roads, Va., to

'The only people who attain power are those who crave it.'

— Erich Kastner
German author and poet (1899-1974)

Washington.

In 1934, Soviet communist official Sergei M. Kirov, an associate of Josef Stalin, was assassinated in Leningrad, resulting in a massive purge.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin concluded their Tehran conference.

In 1956, the Leonard Bernstein musical "Candide," based on Voltaire, opened on Broadway.

In 1969, the U.S. government held its first draft lottery since World War II.

In 1973, David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died in Tel Aviv at age 87.

In 2000, Vicente Fox was sworn in as president of Mexico, ending 71 years of ruling-party domination.

Ten years ago: The Arab League held an emergency meeting in Cairo, after which it warned Israel that peace efforts would be endangered if Israel insisted on expanding Jewish settlements.

Five years ago: Two suicide bombers blew themselves up in back-to-back explosions at a downtown Jerusalem pedestrian mall, killing 11 bystanders. A baby girl was born to Japan's Crown Princess Masako and Crown Prince Naruhito, the royal couple's first child in eight years of marriage; she was later named Aiko.

One year ago: A roadside bomb killed 10 U.S. Marines near Fallujah, Iraq.



Politicizing intelligence not a good idea

Robert Gates is a poor choice for secretary of defense, but by now everyone should be accustomed to George W. Bush making poor choices.

Gates was so notorious for politicizing intelligence so that it matched the policy decisions of the higher-ups that the first time he was nominated for CIA director, analysts still on active duty testified against his nomination. Politicizing intelligence is the mortal sin of that field of endeavor. It defeats the purpose of gathering intelligence and converts what should be an apolitical source of facts and best judgments into an arm of the government's propaganda machine. It was politicized intelligence that got us into the current mess in Iraq.

Gates is apparently, like United Nations Ambassador John Bolton, a kisser-upper

and a kicker-downer.

The first nomination was withdrawn partially as a result of the Iran-Contra affair. Gates, while testifying under oath, claimed not to remember on 33 different occasions.

He is supposed to have an excellent memory, but "I don't recall" is the safest answer when you're under oath and don't wish to tell the truth. He claimed not to have known early on that Ollie North was diverting money from the illegal sale of arms to Iran and giving it to the Contras fighting the Sandinista government in Nicaragua.

Oddly enough, Gates' return to Washington occurs at the same time Daniel

Ortega, the leader of the Sandinistas, has been elected president of Nicaragua. That's one of those interesting coincidences that mean nothing.

In any case, a few years later, Gates was nominated again to be the director of the CIA, and that time, he was approved, though with 31 negative votes in the Senate.

More importantly, Gates has no military experience to speak of. His biography said he served two years in the Air Force. I don't know how somebody can get a commission and serve only two years active duty, but that's what his resume says.

The rest of his government career was spent at the

CIA and in the White House. The Defense Department, with its \$450 billion budget, two current wars and the usual service rivalries, is probably one of the most difficult of agencies to manage. There is nothing in Gates' resume that would indicate he has any qualifications likely to prove helpful. If he follows his usual pattern, he will say and do what the president and vice president tell him to say and do. He is, after all, a longtime loyalist of the Bush clan.

The president naturally wants the lame-duck Republican Congress to confirm both Gates and Bolton, who has a recess appointment. It will be a good indicator of how much backbone is left among the Democrats if they block these nominations until they take over in January.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Credit card scams a hazard for consumers

Credit card offers and applications are notorious for their fine print legal agreements. Consumers should always take caution to read and understand the terms and conditions of an offer before signing on the dotted line. Be wary of scams masking as legitimate credit card offers.

For example, three years ago my office shut down Florida-based Latin Card and ProLine. These two companies marketed what they represented as recognized cards with generous lines of credit accepted at any establishment. Elaborate television ads showed happy consumers using the cards to go on vacations, eat at fancy restaurants, and even to get

cash advanced.

But after paying \$300 or more in up-front processing fees, all that Latin Card and ProLine customers got were worthless pieces of plastic that would not be accepted by any merchant. They had no affiliation with VISA or MasterCard, as consumers had been told.

The cards were only valid to purchase overpriced trinkets from catalogues issued by the same scammers. And even then consumers had to pay at least 40 percent down before getting the merchan-

dise — by no means a legitimate line of credit.

In another scam, we sued to stop the illegal practices of Cross Country Bank, a credit card company that, despite

promising a generous line of credit to applicants, issued cards with lines of credit of only a couple of hundred dollars — far lower than promised. The company would immediately charge hefty application and membership fees to the card, often causing consumers to quickly trigger over-the-limit fees and thus making

the cards useless after only a couple of small purchases.

And under yet another swindle, thousands of Texas consumers lost over \$100 each when they applied to Houston-based U.S. Credit, a company promising anyone who applied a legitimate credit card. Instead, consumers who paid the fee merely got a list of legitimate credit card companies with which they should apply, with no affiliation whatsoever to U.S. Credit. Furthermore, U. S. Credit would withdraw a monthly "maintenance" fee from consumers' checking accounts.

Millions of consumers depend on credit cards each

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'The Nutcracker'



Pampa Civic Ballet, under the direction of Jeanne Willingham, will stage its annual holiday production of "The Nutcracker" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$5/adults and \$3/for students and will be available at the door the night of the performance. Playing the part of the angels will be Julie Allen, Lacey Jade Bilyeu, Cathleen Cooper, Analee Ford, Alyssa Hart, Arianna Hart, Christina Hart, Makenna Henderson, Caitlin Herman, Morgan Joyce, Estella Langoria, Star Longoria, Kaytiena Luna, Mary Catherine Martindale, Kayla Monds, Cheyenne Miles, Kelly Osborne, Seriena Palacios, Jordan Perry, Lindley Poage, Allison Pooley, Paige Richards, Jadin Rickles, Abbie Scott, Felicity Taylor, Keely Williamson and Madison Yates.

Reagan

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War between the States, had to deal

with an obstructive Congress and its Committee on the Conduct of the War, and even fought dissent by members of his own cabinet, one of whom referred to Lincoln as "the original ape."

That's why I'm thankful that I'm not

George W. Bush.

—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.

Reese

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The Washington press corps has, as usual, forgotten all the negatives in Gates' career and is heaping praise on the nomination. Well, in these times,

that's to be expected. Most of them were great cheerleaders for the war in Iraq until it started to go sour.

With the president making bad appointments and bad decisions, it's not likely that the last two years of his administration will be an improvement over the first six.

Hopefully, the new Congress will

block some of the worst appointments and perhaps find a way to put the brakes on some of his bad decisions. Maybe even Gates will surprise us. His big sin has always been trying to please the people who could advance his career. Perhaps at this point in his life, he no longer feels that need.

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month as part of their daily expenses. To manage your debt wisely and to avoid scams, it is important you understand all terms clearly from the start. You should also be cautious when approached by an offer that sounds too good to be true.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Read the credit card agreement carefully before signing up for a card.
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tion fees.

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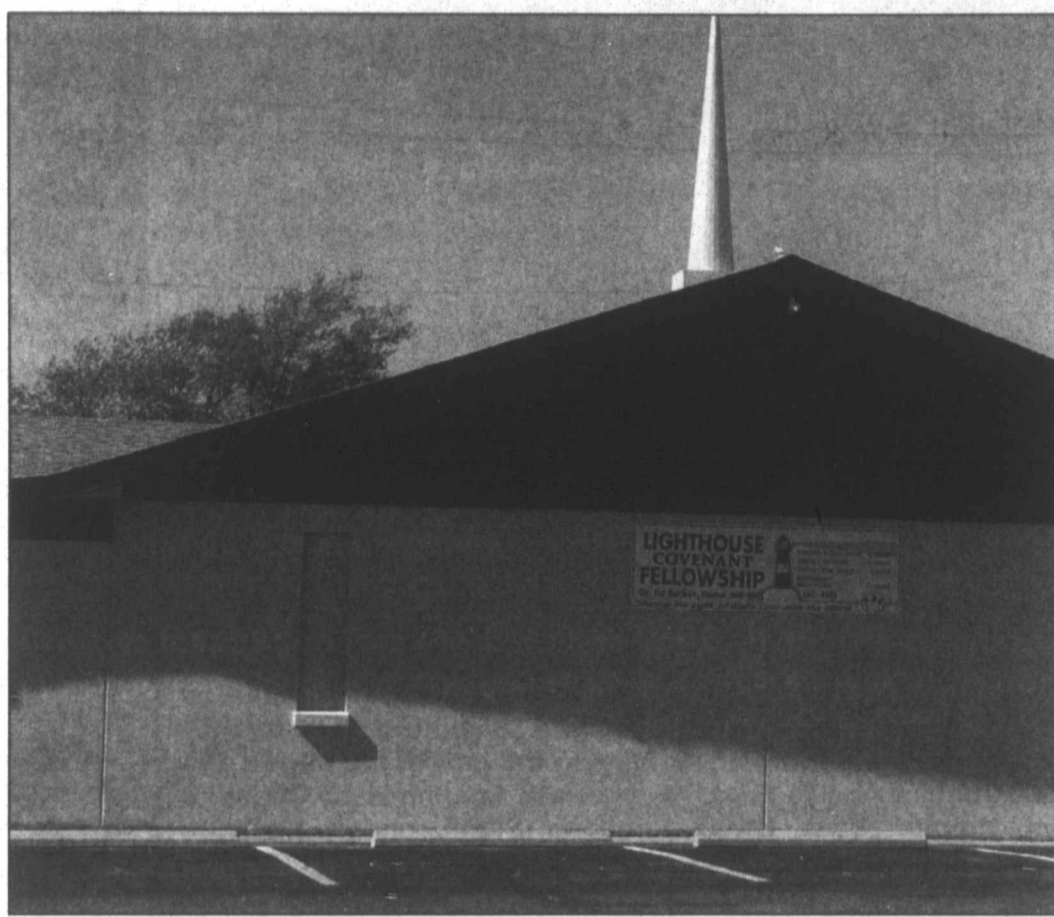
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Activities: Angel food distribution the last Saturday of each month — Orders are taken earlier in the month (contact church office for details). We distribute food packages to approximately 100 families each month.

Members: 75 — 100.

Denomination: International Pentecostal Holiness Church.

How long here: 45 years.

Goals: Plans are to start construction of new sanctuary on our present property soon.

Other activities: The men's ministry at our Church assists in helping our seniors with needed house repairs and transportation. They also help shut-ins who need assistance.

Main goal: Our main goal is to reach the spiritually lost in our local area through providing teaching, evangelism, programs and encouragement. Likewise, we desire to fulfill the Great Commission that Jesus gave to the church (Matthew 28:18 - 20) to go into all the world through missions. We believe that all cannot go, but all can send others.

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Religion

Diocese to participate in 19th annual national appeal for Retirement Fund

AMARILLO — Catholic parishes in the Diocese of Amarillo will conduct the 19th annual national appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious on Dec. 10.

In 2005, this appeal, which is

conducted by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., distributed \$22 million in Basic Grants that benefited 525 of

the nation's Catholic religious institutes.

Last year, local donations totaled \$30,518. Donations in 2005 increased 13 percent over 2004.

Local institutes that received

grant awards in 2005 include Capuchin Poor Clares of the Blessed Sacrament, Disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ, Franciscan Sisters of May Immaculate, School of Sisters of the Third Order of St.

Francis and St. Benedict's Monas. The total cost of living for the 37,000 women and men past age 70 throughout the United States totaled more than \$925 million in 2005.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

How grandparents can foster faith

This article is mainly for Christian grandparents or for any Christian who ever plans on being a grandparent. Grandparents occupy a wonderful place in a family. Since they have already done their duty as parents, they don't have to be completely wrapped up in the "everyday hustle and bustle" of life. That means that they have more time to look at the big picture.

Christmas is one of those golden opportunities for Christian grandparents to help tend to the big picture in the lives of their grandchildren. But often grandparents don't know exactly how to plant mountain seeds (not molehill seeds) in those tiny hearts. Here are a few suggestions.

First, make sure that you get some "special" children's books that focus on the birth of Jesus. After all, that is what Christmas is really all about. Here are some magnificent books that will give you priceless moments with your grandkids as you read to them. "First Christmas" by Anita Ganeri; "The Story of the First Christmas" by Ruth Sanderson; "The Christmas Story" by Svenson; "Christmas Carousel" by Francesca Crespi; "Counting to Christmas" by Gillian Chapman; and "The First Christmas" by Maggie Downer.

Second, make sure that you have some nativities up in the house. And

make sure that at least one of the nativities is made for children to play with. And most importantly, get down in the floor (or at a table) and play with the nativity set with them. They will remember those moments longer than you will live. Don't forget: A Christian grandparent's duty is to pass their faith on to those grandkids.

Mike Sublett

Hi-Land Christian



Third, look for other ways to do something special with the grandkids that focuses on the birth of Jesus. I bought some cheap cookie cutters of nativity figures and we bake cookies using the pre-made sugar cookie dough that you buy in the grocery store. And don't get wrapped up in the "molehill" stuff.

It is of no importance how pretty the cookies look when you get done. That is "molehill stuff." The goal is passing on your faith in Christ. If cookies aren't for you, then find another way. Have them help you put up some outdoor nativity decoration. Let them help you decorate the Christmas tree with nativity orna-

ments. These are just a few ideas, but find ways to pass your faith along.

Fourth, make sure that the first present that you open at the family Christmas is some kind of nativity set and then read the story of Jesus' birth directly from the Bible. Make sure that you do the reading. They need to remember that image in their little hearts.

There are many other ways to pass along your faith in Christ — looking at Christmas lights, observing communion as a family, going to church together, etc.

But another great way to pass along your faith as a Christian at Christmas time is by watching videos with your grandkids like "Small One"; "The Stable That Bob Built" (Veggietales); "The Nativity, Greatest Heroes and Legends of the Bible"; "The Nativity, Greatest Adventure Video Series"; and "The Nativity, The Beginners Bible Series."

So grandparents, if you've already been working overtime at passing your faith along, God bless you! You are a blessing beyond price to your grandkids. And if you haven't exactly known how to go about passing your faith along, take these ideas and get busy. God may bless you with even better ideas as you pass your faith in Jesus along to those precious grandchildren. God bless.

Luke contains one Bible thrill after another ...

After Halloween, the merchants scarcely get their wares sold and out of the way for the Christmas profiteering, hoping that everybody will get in the Christmas shopping spirit soon. Flashing lights, twinkling stars, increasing liquor sales — pushing God afar, not thinking it could bring judgment fires.

I think of the days leading up to that first Christmas.

St. Luke tells it so wonderfully well in the book that bears his name. He starts by telling us about the forerunner of Christ. He gives us the name of the forerunner and his wife.

We might think from the description given of Zacharias and Elisabeth that God's people were ruling the nation and keeping God's laws. Not so, but here was a couple declared to be righteous before God, walking in His commandments and ordinances.

They were like the lilies in a valley of muck and mire. God had not sent a prophet to Israel in 400 years. During that time, one wicked king had slaughtered 40 thousand Jews. Then a king came to power that did allow Jews to worship in the temple, and that accounts for Zacharias offering sacrifice at the temple. Under the ruling of other

kings, that practice had not been allowed.

This couple did not achieve their blameless record before God by accident. No one lives a life blameless before God without a cause. God was their cause. What a beautiful balance in serving God. No wonder God chose that elderly woman to be the mother of the forerunner of Christ.

Zacharias and Elisabeth lived in a world of much ungodliness. The devil has never given up on bringing down the kingdom of God. He never will as long as he is not in the lake of fire.

Zacharias and Elisabeth made it their business to not only worship God, but also to serve God in the beauty of holiness.

We can be sure people sneered at them. It was not an easy journey for the couple to keep God's commandments. First, they believed in God. Second, they loved God with their whole heart, mind and strength.

There were pleasures to be enjoyed in those days, but this couple purposed to please God, and the Bible tells us they accomplished their purpose.

In the Old Testament,

Enoch testified that he pleased God. Was his testimony true? Yes, or God wouldn't have translated him. Hebrews 11:5: "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death ..."



Archie Cooper

Pentecostal Holiness

please God because he loved God. That should be a challenge to us.

Zacharias was not boasting about his holy living. He even became afraid in the presence of God's angel. Gabriel calmed Zacharias' fear and assured him that those prayers that he and his wife prayed many years ago had been heard. Elisabeth would have a son.

Six months later, Gabriel, the angel who stands in the

presence of God, was sent to earth with a similar message to another person, to Mary. It may be that Elisabeth had great influence on her cousin Mary. Mary's devotion to God was no less than that of Elisabeth.

I get one thrill after another as I read the first chapter of Luke.

Two holiness women receive good news from heaven and the 6-month-old fetus in Elisabeth's womb leaped for joy at the good news. Elisabeth becomes filled with the Holy Ghost, speaking out with a loud voice.

In verse 46 and 47, Mary says, "My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior."

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A schoolmate of mine died recently. To pay respects to his family, I attended the funeral. A large group of his friends passed me, and they reeked of marijuana. I could literally smell them from across the room. I know that they had just lost a dear friend, but I was so offended I had to leave. No one else seemed to mind but me. Now I feel bad because I left behind my personal friends who were mourning. Is it more disrespectful to go to a funeral smelling like drugs, or to leave before the eulogy? — **GRIEVING IN MINNESOTA**

DEAR GRIEVING: Going somewhere "reeking of marijuana" would qualify as extremely poor judgment. Attending an emotional event such as a funeral when stoned (or drunk) is also a mistake, because substance abuse can alter a person's perception of what is going on and lead that person to behave inappropriately. (An example that comes to mind would be a laughing jag -- during a eulogy.) As to leaving a funeral before the eulogy, the polite way to handle it would have been to explain quietly to one or more of your sober friends why you had to go and make your exit discreetly, so as few people as possible noticed you leaving.

DEAR ABBY: As a security officer at a crowded shopping mall, I am hoping you will spread the word about a serious concern that only becomes worse during the holidays: lost children. This is one of the happiest times of the year, but it's also one of the busiest and most stressful. Parents, please make sure to designate a central location in case your party gets separated. Also, please understand that it is imperative that a child know his or her parents' first and last names. This helps security

officers page and locate you in case of emergency. Also, make sure you know pertinent information like your child's height, weight, the clothes they are wearing and the last place he or she was seen. Remember, seconds count! Most times, a lost child is simply confused and scared, but in case of a true emergency, the more information a parent or guardian can provide, the better the chances are of a quick and happy reunion. Also, remember these policies apply to seniors who may have cognitive problems. Thanks for your help, Abby. — **MALL COP ON A MISSION**

DEAR MALL COP: I'm glad to help. I hope parents of small children will take your reminder to heart and review the information with their little ones. Sometimes knowing you are "Mommy" and "Daddy" isn't quite enough. P.S. Readers, you can find more tips for handling these situations by logging onto www.missingkids.com. It's the Web site for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

DEAR ABBY: There is an annoying woman in my office who insists on telling people to "smile." It's ridiculous -- as if she expects people to go around with permanent grins on their faces for no reason. What is a good response to people who order you to "Smile!" out of the blue? — **NOT FROWNING IN ONTARIO**

DEAR NOT FROWNING: I agree, it is obnoxious to be ordered to smile on cue. The next time it happens, look the offender in the eye and say, "I AM smiling. If you want to see a smile, look in a mirror. Now leave me alone. I have work to do."

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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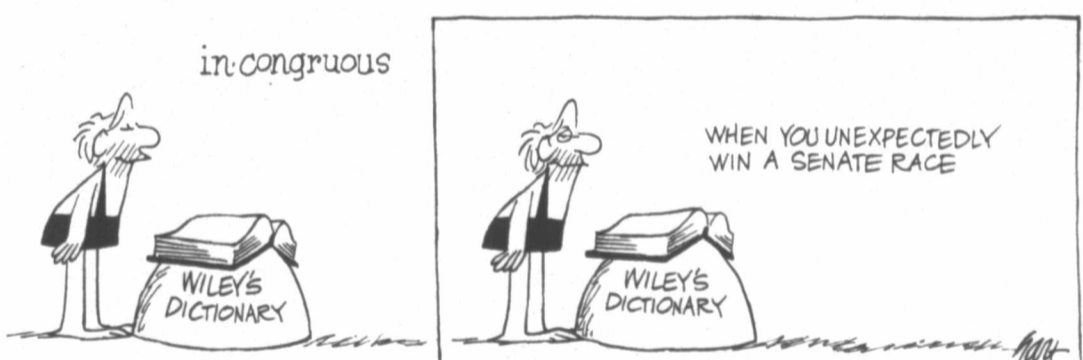


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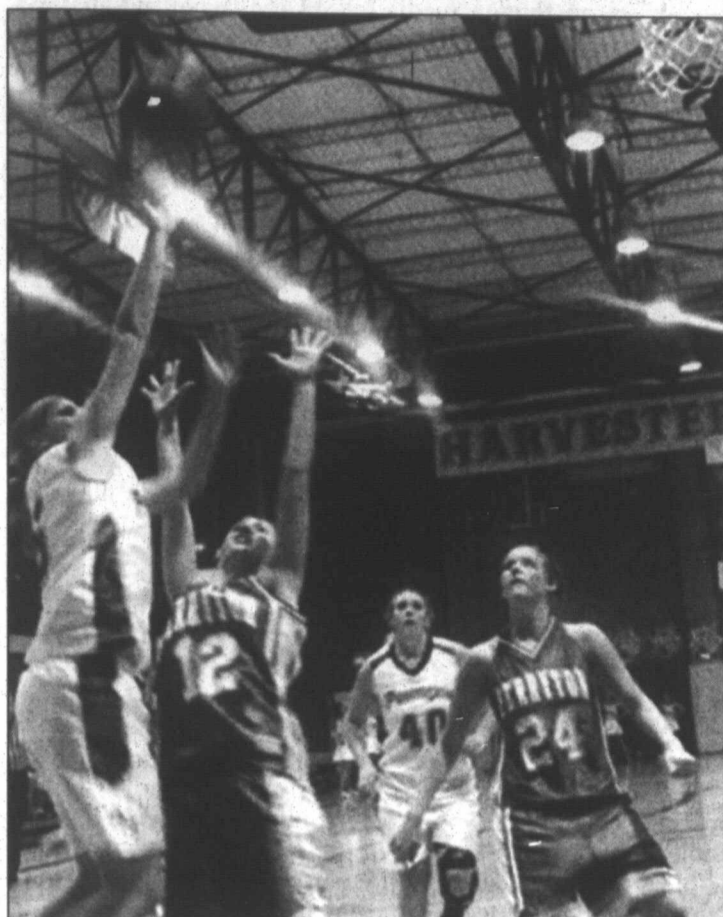
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Sports Day



Britanni Rice gets off a shot against Perryton Tuesday night in Pampa. The Lady Harvesters were victorious, 77-57. Pampa's teams play today in the Kids Inc. Tournament of Champions in Canyon.

PHS teams play today in Canyon tourney

By DONNY HOOPER
Special to The News
The Pampa Harvesters and Lady Harvester basketball teams will resume play at the Kids Inc. Gene Messer Tournament of Champions today in Canyon following Thursday's postponement.

Tournament Officials say that two teams in the boys bracket have dropped out of the tournament, Vernon and Wichita Falls Hirschi. The boy's bracket has now been revised into a pool play format.

On the girls side of the bracket, Kennedale High School opted out of the brackets due to weather constraints. However, Arbor Christian was unable to travel to their scheduled tournament, so they have filled Kennedale's place.

The Harvesters will play two games today with the

first one scheduled for 2 p.m. at Canyon High School against Trinity Christian. The second game will be at 8 p.m. vs Borger at the same gym.

The Lady Harvesters will play their first game of the tournament against Keller at noon. The second game they will play will be at 5 p.m. but the location will be determined by the outcome of game one. If the Lady Harvesters win they will play at the First United Bank Center against the winner of the Canyon/North Crowley game and if they lose they will play at Canyon High versus the loser of the Canyon/North Crowley game.

Tournament passes may be purchased for \$15 each and will include admission

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Photo by SHEILA WINTON

Alex Clendening leaps for a rebound against Perryton Tuesday. The Rangers nipped the Harvesters, 62-60. The Harvesters are playing in the Kids Inc. Tournament of Champions today in Canyon.

Katrina Kids teach adults a lesson in second chances

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Bastrop, La., (pop. 13,000), is one of those gritty little towns burrowed into the Bayou where what you say and hear while sitting in church matters — and where football, sometimes, matters even more.

That helps explain why this weekend it will be the backdrop for one of the more compelling stories in sports.

"I don't know how many our place can hold," Bastrop High coach Brad Bradshaw said Thursday about the Rams' upcoming Class 4A semifinal against Minden, "but we'll have that many — and plenty more."

That's because in the northeast

corner of the state, it's being billed as a battle of good vs. evil — with the Rams cast in both roles.

A bit of background:

In September 2005, not long after Hurricane Katrina quit churning, a town that was a five-hour drive away opened its arms to four dozen New Orleans-area kids and their families scattered by the storm. Four of those youngsters turned out to be very good football players and one, quarterback Randall Mackey, was exceptional.

Last December, with Mackey earning All-State honors and leading the way, the Rams won their first state championship in nearly 80 years. It was the first feel-good news in a town with a paper mill at

its center that had been hemorrhaging jobs for years. The glow lasted until the end of August, when the state high school association ordered Bastrop to hand the trophy back.

Suddenly, what townspeople proudly called a helping hand, was called illegal recruiting by the association. And the punishment cut even deeper: Mackey and running back Jamal Recasner, another transfer student from storm-flattened Port Sulphur High, were ruled ineligible for the 2006 season, though the suspension was subsequently shortened to the first two games.

In front of a hastily arranged town-hall meeting on that sultry

August night, Bradshaw stood up in front of the crowd and said defiantly, "They can take away that trophy, but they cannot take away memories of that season and that night."

Now Bastrop has a shot to get that trophy back, too.

"I'm telling the kids the same thing I've been preaching since day one," Bradshaw said over the phone. "Games are won and lost on the field by players, not by adults trying to mess everything up."

And Lord knows those adults tried.

The Rams have been greeted at road games with some not-so-subtle reminders of their recruiting sins, and on at least one occasion,

collected more than their fair share of penalty flags. When they played West Ouachita, the refs called nine penalties against the Rams in the first half. Included was a holding call against Mackey, even though he was holding the ball at the time.

"He's a quiet kid," Bradshaw recalled, "but you could see the frustration level rising to the point where we had to take him out. There was a lot of chirping and stuff going on. I pulled him out, looked him in the eye and told him he had a job to do."

Two plays later, Mackey threw a 67-yard touchdown. His line on the day: 8-of-11 passes completed,

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Bengals eke out 13-7 win over upstart Baltimore Ravens

CINCINNATI (AP) — Best two out of three, anyone?

The defending AFC North champion Cincinnati Bengals and the upstart Baltimore Ravens have played twice this season. Both times, the visiting team won. Both times, the game was decided by six points.

See a pattern?

The Bengals' 13-7 victory on Thursday night prevented the Ravens from clinching the division title and left the rivals thinking they might not have seen the last of each other. If the Bengals keep playing this way, they might both make the playoffs.

"I'd play them every day of the week," Ravens linebacker Bart Scott said. "We missed an opportunity, but our destiny is still in our hands. We might see them

again."

Despite one of their worst offensive showings of the season, the Ravens (9-3) are still in control of the division. They have a two-game lead over the Bengals (7-5) with only four to go, a huge margin for so late in the season.

"The reality of it is, we're 9-3 and we just have to take care of things and get better," said quarterback Steve McNair, who led the offense across midfield only once in the first three quarters.

The Bengals are getting better by the week.

Since they gave up 42 second-half points in a loss to San Diego, the Bengals have gone back to playing like defending champions. Remarkably, one of the league's lowest-ranked defenses is leading the way.

A 30-0 victory in Cleveland last Sunday was their first shutout in 17 years. Four days later, they blanked the Ravens until the final 1:01, when Steve McNair threw a 36-yard touchdown pass to Derrick Mason.

The seven consecutive quarters without giving up a point is a franchise record. The seven points allowed in consecutive games also is a franchise first.

"If we keep going like that, we'll be fine," safety Dexter Jackson said. "Everything is possible. Look at the history of the NFL. It's not how you start, it's how you finish."

The victory left them a half-game behind Kansas City (7-4) and Denver (7-4) for the two AFC wild card berths, with a game left in Denver on Dec. 24. There's a

chance to catch Baltimore, but that's a long shot.

Maybe that was the biggest difference on Thursday night. Cincinnati had to win to stay in contention. Baltimore is still in good shape to make the playoffs.

"Any time you have an opportunity to capture the division and don't, it is disappointing," coach Brian Billick said. "When you put yourself in that position and don't follow through, that is unsatisfactory."

"Fortunately, we are in a position where we can control our own destiny and we move forward. We don't have to rely on anyone else. Nothing else has to happen except for us to play good football, and we are capable of that."

Their rematch turned on

one sandlot play.

On their first drive of the second half, Carson Palmer handed off to Rudi Johnson, who turned and flipped the ball back to the quarterback. Downfield, T.J. Houshmandzadeh was

sprinting past defenders taken in by the trickery.

"I was a little nervous," said Palmer, who was 21-of-32 for 234 yards. "I didn't have a good view of the sec-

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Rangers talk to Zito

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Barry Zito met Thursday with the Texas Rangers, the team that failed to sign the ace left-hander after drafting him in 1998.

Zito and his agent, Scott Boras, visited with Rangers general manager Jon Daniels.

A year after the Rangers drafted Zito in the third round, Oakland made him a first-round pick in 1999 out of college. Zito went 102-63 in 222 starts for the Athletics the past seven seasons and won the AL Cy Young Award in 2002. He finished 16-10 with a 3.83 ERA in 34 starts this year, then became a free agent.

Zito expressed interest in Texas last month after Ron Washington, an Oakland coach the past 11 seasons,

became the Rangers' new manager.

With Kevin Millwood the only starter sure to return to their rotation, the Rangers have been trying to add pitching. They were outbid for the negotiating rights to Japanese pitchers Daisuke Matsuzaka and Kei Igawa.

Free-agent right-hander Adam Eaton signed a \$24 million, three-year contract this week with Philadelphia, even after missing half of last season for Texas with a finger injury. Vicente Padilla, a 15-game winner for the Rangers, is still a free agent.

Millwood was 16-12 after being the team's key free-agent addition last winter. Boras got the right-hander a \$60 million, five-year deal.

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China relaxes rules on foreign media but not for their own

BEIJING (AP) — China is relaxing decades-old restrictions on foreign reporters, announcing new regulations today that will give foreign media greater freedom to travel and report in the run-up to the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Even as the rules were made public, however, a Chinese court affirmed a prison sentence for a Chinese reporter.

The different signals underscore China's mixed treatment of the media. The communist government hopes the Olympics will burnish the country's international image, and knows positive foreign reports will help. At the same time, it has clamped down on domestic

media and Internet essayists in the fear that unfettered reporting would weaken the Communist Party's authority.

The new regulations temporarily abolish rules that require foreign reporters to obtain government approval for all travel and interviews. Under the new rules, which take effect Jan. 1 and run until mid-October 2008, only the consent of the person to be interviewed is needed.

"When Beijing hosts the Olympic Games, we want to create an enabling environment for foreign journalists," Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in an hour-long briefing on the regula-

tions. Just a few blocks away, a Beijing court took five minutes to reject an appeal by Zhao Yan, a New York Times researcher, of his three-year prison sentence. Zhao was convicted of fraud, but press advocacy groups saw his case as a political vendetta for Zhao's pre-Times career as a crusading investigative reporter and as a warning to Chinese reporters.

"What kind of judge are you?" Zhao asked the judge, according to the Times, which cited a courtroom witness it did not name. "Is this how you use the power the country gave you?"

Reporters Without

Borders, the press freedom group, took note of China's diverging treatment — tolerance for foreign media, intolerance for Chinese reporters.

"The campaigns against the archaic restrictions on the work of the foreign press have not been in vain," said the organization, which has called China the world's leading jailer of journalists, with 32 in prison as of January.

"But this positive development is eclipsed by today's appeal court decision to uphold a three-year prison sentence for New York Times researcher Zhao Yan," the group said in a statement.

The distinction was evi-

dent in the newly announced regulations. While the Foreign Ministry said the new rules on foreign media covered foreign Internet journalists, the government last month reiterated that Chinese Internet sites not part of state-controlled news organizations are prohibited from reporting news.

Still, the Olympic rules mark a step away from restrictions imposed on foreign reporters decades ago and tightened after the 1989 crushing of the Tiananmen Square democracy movement. The new rules also ease concerns among international media and the Olympic movement about how China will treat the

20,000 foreign media staff expected for the 2008 Games.

"They have understood how important it is to meet the standards of the Olympic Games," said Kevan Gosper, a vice chairman of the International Olympic Committee's coordination commission for Beijing.

At a meeting with IOC President Jacques Rogge and Gosper in October, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao "totally understood the importance of the press' access to information," Gosper said. He "also understood that the press is a judge on many of these things."

Gunmen kidnap soccer official

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Gunmen have kidnapped the Sunni head of one of Iraq's leading soccer clubs, an official said today, the latest in a series of attacks against sports figures amid spiraling sectarian violence.

Hadib Majhoul, the chairman of the popular Talaba club and a member of the Iraqi Soccer Federation, was seized late Thursday by gunmen in two cars who intercepted him while he was going to work, said Tariq Ahmed, an official with the federation.

Police confirmed that Majhoul was kidnapped in northern Baghdad but did not

elaborate, citing concerns for his safety.

Athletes and sports officials have increasingly become targets of threats, kidnappings and assassination attempts, either as part of retaliatory violence between Shiites and Sunnis or for ransom.

A blind Iraqi athlete and Paralympics coach were kidnapped late last month but were released unharmed after sports officials said their abductors determined neither was linked to the Sunni insurgency.

An Iraqi international soccer referee also was abducted this fall as he left the soccer association's offices. The kidnappers reportedly demanded a \$200,000 ransom.

NHL gambling guilty plea

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. (AP) — A man charged with helping to run a gambling ring along with former hockey star Rick Tocchet pleaded guilty to bookmaking today and agreed to cooperate with authorities.

James Ulmer, 41, is the second man to plead guilty in the case, which authorities have said involved bettors including current NHL players and actress Janet Jones, the wife of hockey great Wayne Gretzky.

New Jersey state police Trooper James Harney pleaded guilty in August and described how he and Tocchet were equal partners running the ring. Harney, who faces up to seven years in prison, said then that Ulmer's role was smaller — just to take bets.

On Friday, Ulmer did not detail what he did or how the gambling ring operated, simply saying there were days he took more than five bets worth more than \$1,000 — meeting the technical elements of the crime.

He said he worked with other people as a bookmaker between September 2003 until February.

Ulmer, who pleaded guilty to conspiracy and promoting gambling, faces up to 10 years in prison but prosecutors are recommending a sentence of between six months and 364 days. He also must forfeit \$45,000.

Sentencing was scheduled for Jan. 27, but it's unlikely to happen until the case against Tocchet is closed.

Kobe goes wild by scoring 52 in Lakers' rout of Utah Jazz

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Kobe Bryant's blazing again.

Hitting shots from all over the floor, Bryant scored 52 points Thursday night to lead the Los Angeles Lakers to a 132-102 rout of the Utah Jazz — owners of the NBA's best record.

Bryant, looking back in form after having arthroscopic surgery on his right knee in July, showed he's confident with the knee when he drove through three Utah defenders to slam down a dunk in the final seconds before halftime.

He went on to make all nine of his shots, including a pair of 3-pointers, during a 30-point outburst in the third quarter. The Jazz began to foul him when he even looked as if he was going to shoot, and he went 10-for-10 from the line in the

period. "I felt great. I felt explosive," Bryant said. "It's just about trusting my knee and trusting my legs. And after tonight, I know I'm at that point right now where I feel like I know it's going to be there."

The 52 points were his most since his phenomenal 81-point outburst against Toronto on Jan. 22 of last season.

Bryant finished 19-of-26 from the floor and 12-of-15 from the line against the Jazz.

His third-quarter binge had the fans chanting "MVP!" and gave the Lakers a 95-73 lead heading into the fourth.

The 30-point third tied his own team record for a quarter, set last season. The NBA record is 33, set by San Antonio's George Gervin in

1978. Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who has had a sometimes rocky relationship with Bryant in the past, obviously was pleased to see his star back knocking down the jumpers.

The normally reserved Jackson gave Bryant a high-five and a hug when he left the game in the fourth quarter.

"It's great to watch Kobe have a great night like that, but I thought our defense stepped up, too," Jackson said.

Bryant said: "We have such a great relationship. And when I play, I play to please him. So if he stands up (on his surgically repaired hip) and gives me a high-five, then I know I've done my job."

Bryant, who topped the 50-point

plateau for the 12th time in his career, made 11 shots in a row beginning just before halftime and extending through the third quarter. He finally missed when he drove and looped a shot that bounced off the back of the rim with 7:44 left in the game, shortly after he had returned to the floor with the Lakers up by 20.

"Players like that, they get on a roll and I don't think there's much you can do," Jazz coach Jerry Sloan said. "We had a guy in Milwaukee (Michael Redd) score 57 on us, and he got 52. We're having a difficult time trying to guard that position."

The Jazz still beat Redd and the Bucks 113-111 in that game last Saturday.

Carlos Boozer had 26 points,

seven rebounds and five assists as Utah lost for the third time in four games after a 12-1 start. Deron Williams had 13 points and nine assists for the Jazz, whose 13-4 record remains the league's best.

Lamar Odom had 14 points, 11 rebounds and eight assists for the Lakers, and reserve Maurice Evans added 17 points.

Bryant missed the first two games this season as he worked his way back from the surgery, and was averaging 24.1 points going in against Utah. He led the league with a 35.4 average last season.

Notes: The Jazz beat the Lakers 114-108 at home last Friday, outscoring them 32-20 in the fourth quarter, including a 7-1 run to end it. Boozer had 31 points and 16 rebounds

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three touchdowns.

The team has gone on to become even more of a rallying point this season than last and the games have come close to becoming an economic boon to the region.

"It wouldn't seem like much to big-city folks, but the restaurants fill up and the gas station is hopping for a few hours," Bradshaw said. "The games mean a few hours where people of different races and classes aren't living with real doubts — their jobs and such — and they have something to put their faith in."

That faith was tested briefly last week, when the Rams traveled to Ouachita High — the school widely

considered to have turned in Bastrop to the state high school association — for a quarterfinal game and fell behind early, for only the third time all season.

But the Katrina kids repaid their adopted hometown one more time: Recasner broke off a big run, then Mackey started rolling up the passing yards and soon the only question was whether the two bitter rivals would shake hands afterward.

"They turned us in, there was a lot of tension and it already had turned ugly at the end of the game, so it was my decision to pull the team off without one," Bradshaw said. "I'll take the criticism that goes with it. These are 17-year-old kids and there's a hundred on each side. I'm not saying they or us were going to do anything, only that I was not willing to take that chance."

"How sweet would that be?" Bradshaw said, without waiting for answer. "Randall and Jamal going back to where they came from? Back home?"

Very sweet.

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It wasn't the first tough situation Bradshaw and his players have faced.

"They just keep overcoming every obstacle in their way," he said. "I guess I shouldn't be surprised, given where they came from, but believe me there have been lots and lots of obstacles."

If the Rams win this weekend, they'll make the drive down to New Orleans for the weekend after to play for the Class 4A championship again, though this time in the repaired Superdome.

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ondary. I knew he was open because of the crowd reaction. He did a great job of selling the play."

No one was near Houshmandzadeh when he caught the flea-flicker pass at the 12-yard line and went into the end zone for a 40-yard touchdown that helped him make his point.

After a 26-20 loss in Baltimore on Nov. 5,

Houshmandzadeh ranked some of the Ravens by insisting that everyone knew the Bengals were the better team. He repeated his bold assertion again in the days leading up to the rematch.

"I'm not going to boast and brag about today," said Houshmandzadeh, who had 10 catches for a season-high 106 yards. "I felt we were the better team, and I think we proved it."

Did they? "In a sense," said Bengals receiver Chad Johnson, who had eight

catches for 91 yards. "We're 1-1. We'll see who's the better team if we have to face them again in the playoffs." Notes: Baltimore's B.J. Sams broke the fibula in his lower right leg while returning a first-half kickoff. ... Bengals C Ben Wilkerson made his NFL debut in the second half, after second-string C Eric Ghiaciuc sprained his right knee. ... Previously, the fewest points the Bengals had allowed in a two-game span was 10. They lost to New England 7-2 and beat the Rams 15-3 in 1993.

Pistons hold on to edge Heat

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Heat will welcome such a scenario every time: Trailing by a point with time running out, and Dwyane Wade launching an open jumper.

"That's whose hands we want the ball in," teammate Dorell Wright said. "That's what Dwyane does."

But on Thursday night, Wade and the Miami Heat literally came up short. His 19-foot jumper with 2 seconds left barely reached the rim, and the Detroit Pistons held on to win, 87-85.

"I wasn't able to get the ball in my hand the way I wanted to," Wade said.

Defending NBA champion Miami fell to 6-9 and begins a four-game trip Saturday in Memphis. Detroit won its seventh game in a

row. Wade's final misfire capped a dismal shooting night for the All-Star guard. After scoring at least 33 points in each of the past three games, he went 5-for-23.

"I want to hit every one of them, but it's not scripted that way," Wade said. "I was off. I had a lot of good, open pull-ups that I normally knock down. I wasn't able to hit them tonight."

Otherwise, Wade's line in the box score was solid: eight assists, no turnovers, five rebounds and 21 points.

"I love him," coach Pat Riley said. "Five-for-23 or 10-for-12, it doesn't make any difference."

With Miami trailing 86-85, Wade missed from 18 feet with 1:07 left.

Sporting events rescheduled

By DONNY HOOPER
Special to The News

Several sports schedules have been affected by the recent weather. Stewart Smith, Athletic Director at Pampa High School, says that they spent much of the day on Thursday working with other schools to reschedule the events.

Here are the times and locations for those events:

Eighth-grade girls basketball will play at Hereford today with the same schedule as the Thursday brackets indicated.

Boys 8th grade basketball tournament has been canceled.

Ninth-grade girls basketball at Borger will be played on Saturday with games at 10:15 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 3:15 p.m.

Boys JV Basketball tournament in Miami will resume today with the same schedule as indicated on the brackets for Thursday.

Girls JV Basketball tournament in Miami — No games for Pampa.

Wrestling tournament at Randall High School will take place today and Saturday.

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to all games. Day passes may be purchased for \$6 a

day and will cover admission to that day's games only.

High school, junior high and elementary students may purchase tournament passes for \$3. Children ages 5 and younger will be

admitted free of charge.

The Kids Inc. Gene Messer Tournament of Champions does not accept passes from any school district. Tickets must be purchased for this event.

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5 Special Notices

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10 Lost/Found

LOST Black & White female Australian Shepherd (marked like Border Collie w/ bobbed tail), has collar & tags. S. Cuyler & Bowers City Area. 835-2965. \$500 Reward

FOUND older longhaired white male dog near hwy 60 & Cuyler call Carrie Smith 669-2525

FOUND: about 1 year old female Heeler mix south of Moody Farms, near Le-fors. 806-835-2206.

14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Replacement windows, steel siding & trim Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.

14c Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

14h Gen. Serv.

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.

HOUSE Cracking? In bricks or walls? Childers Brothers, Inc. 800-299-9563, 806-352-9563

CERAMIC tile work. Remodeling floor, shower, kitchen. Texture, painting, dry wall. Free est. Call 665-3453 leave message, Jesus Barraza.

14s Plumbing/Heat

JACK'S Plumbing & Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., repair, remodeling, sewer / drain cleaning, septic systems installed. Visa/MC

Larry Baker Plumbing Heating/ Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

19 Situations

HARDWORKING Christian Man on crutches looking for paid or volunteer work. Please call 806-669-2010 lv. msg.

HOUSE or office cleaning. 669-2688.

21 Help Wanted

EXP. Maintenance person needed. Must have own tools. Call to apply 665-4274 or 806-433-6939

FULL & Part-Time. Janitorial Serv. taking appli. Dr. license req. Will train. 665-2667.

MAINTENANCE man needed for Pampa area apt. complex. Random drug testing. Call 806-665-1875

21 Help Wanted

Fresenius Medical Care World's Largest Integrated Dialysis Co. is now seeking qualified applicants for the following position:

Staff RN

RN Qualifications: *Graduate of an Accredited School of Nursing (RN) *Current Appropriate State License

Fresenius Medical Care Provides Competitive Salaries 401K Pension Plans Full Medical Benefits etc.

Apply in person at: Pampa Dialysis Center 2545 Perryton Parkway Pampa, Texas 79065

ELECTRIC Motor & Equipment is now hiring all shop positions. Apply in person, 725 S. Price Rd

TOP O' Texas Oilfield Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

Transport Drivers Needed We want you to haul CO2 for us!!! Welcome Offering Sign-On Bonus Reliant Transportation is an established company looking for good qualified drivers for day and night driving positions and who are willing to work with the following benefits

*Scheduled Days Off
*Home most nights
*Night position higher rate
*Local hauling
*Nice equipment
*Medical Ins. Benefits
*401K Plan
*Scheduled Paid Vacation
*No 24 Hour On-Call
If you have a clean driving record, current Class A CDL with HazMat / Tanker endorsement and 2 yrs driving exp., we would like to hear from you. All applicants must be able to pass drug / alcohol testing and a background check will be performed.
Please Call 888-339-0599 For More Info.

21 Help Wanted

STEAMER Operator. Experience required. Benefits. Apply in person, 408 S. Price Rd., Pampa. No phone calls.

NOTICE Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

FULL-TIME employment. Must be 18 yrs. Insurance, vacation & sick leave. Retirement plan offered. Bartlett's Lumber, 500 W. Brown, Pampa.

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NEED a Driver w/ Class A CDL license, Hazmat endorsement & good driving record.

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We pay top wages!

Apply in Person

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AARON'S Sales & Lease is now acc. appl. for delivery personnel. Must be 21, pass background & drug test. Apply in person, 211 W. 30th, Pampa.

APPLICATIONS are being taken at Parkview Hospital for Nursing Assistants. Full time or Part time positions available on various shifts. Competitive salary, full benefits, and mileage paid. Please call 826-5581. Apply in person @ 901 Sweetwater St., Wheeler, TX, or email a resume to cpeffley@centramedia.net

NEEDED: Parkview Hospital is taking for a full time Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) for the 11pm to 7am shift. Competitive salary, Full Benefits, and mileage paid. Please call 826-5581. Apply in person or email a resume to cpeffley@centramedia.net

21 Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED Cook needed at Granny's Home Cooking 328 E. Frederic. No phone calls.

CANADIAN Family Physicians is now taking applications for the position of receptionist. Benefits package offered. Apply in person 1025 S. 3rd St., Canadian

WELL Service Rig Operator (CDL required). Apply at 1211 N. Price Rd., Pampa.

TEXAS Rose Steakhouse is now hiring servers & hostesses. Please apply in person.

LEFORS ISD is taking applications for a full time substitute. Salary will depend on qualification & education level. Retirement & health benefits included. For more information call Gerry Nickell at (806) 835-2533.

NOW hiring for Full-Time Custodian, starting pay \$7.50 hr. Pick up application at Calvary Baptist Church Office, 900 E. 23rd, 8-5pm.

Int-rim Home HealthCare

Is now taking applications for a RN

Excellent Pay & Benefits Home Health Exp. Prof. Apply in person at, 1201 N. Hobart, Space D (Coronado Center) or online at www.internhealthcare.com

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21 Help Wanted

McLean Care Center now taking applications for Maintenance Department

Must have:
1. Knowledge of floors
2. Knowledge of light carpentry
3. General upkeep of facility and grounds
4. Some book work

Apply in person and contact Billy Ray Johnston, ADM. 806-779-2469

48 Trees/Shrubs

PUTTMAN'S Professional Tree Trimming & Removal. Fence repair. Painting. 806-665-4887.

50 Building Suppl.

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

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69a Garage Sales

DEBBIE'S Used Furniture. We buy & sell. 903 S. Main, Borger, 273-2905, 886-0268 Mon.-Sat.

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VERY Nice. Reasonably Priced Clothes, Gifts, & Dolls. Come see our collection at Taylor's Boutique & Gifts, 212 E. Broadway, Fritch.

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Maltese 1 fe. \$600 Cocker 4 fe. \$225, 4 male \$200, buff Bichon 2 ma. \$300, 2 fe. \$350

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102 Bus. Rent. Prop.

OFFICE Space for rent, ask about 3 months free rent. 669-6841.

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2 bdr. w/ lrg. basement. Could be 2 more bdrms., fenced, lrg. work rm. 1216 E. Browning. \$35,000. 662-7557.

3 bdr., h/a, utility room, dining rm., new carpet, near jr. high & Austin. Near Travis. 1124 Seneca. \$49,500 OWC. 662-7557.

5 bdr., 1 ba., c/h/a New tub, cabinet, dishw., disp. & carpet. All remodeled. Near Travis. 1124 Seneca. \$49,500 OWC. 662-7557.

FSBO 2430 Evergreen. 3/2/2/1, 2384 sq. ft. Lots of extras. 2 covered patios. 669-1574, 886-1207

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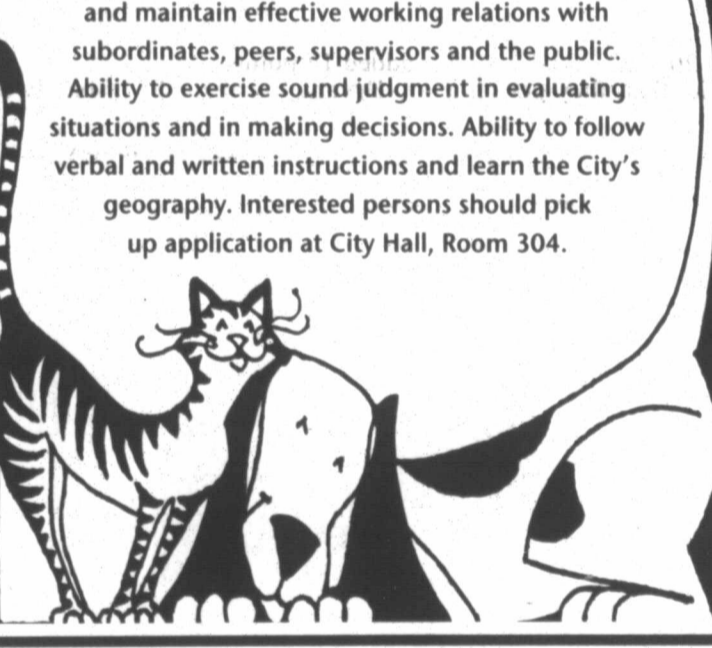
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006: This year your abilities, energy and charisma are enhanced. As a result, you will be empowered. You might not need to say "no" any longer, as you will find situations easier to deal with. Diplomacy and understanding take you on a new path. Your daily life might be the focus of a lot of attention. You might want to use your energy and high-power abilities to improve your work and your life. If you are single, please understand that there is no reason to maintain that status. Many people will want to be your sweetie. If you are attached, your relationship proves to be exciting. Get ready for personal changes that will ultimately add to your life. Work with TAURUS.

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) *** You might want to rethink an important purchase or expenditure. At times, you might be awestruck by others who seem bent on bucking tradition or the status quo. Know when you need to say "enough." Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Though you might have thought you were on cruise control, a friend's unpredictable actions or ideas could easily wreak havoc on your reality. Listen to a partner or dear friend who has advice for you. Tonight: Decide to do what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** Know when to duck or hop in the car for a day trip. You absolutely need some downtime. You might wonder what

is going on with someone you look up to. He or she might be tossing the status quo in the air. Tonight: Stay muzzled.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** The playing field levels out as new information comes forward. You might be better off seeing events unfold. Your perspective could transform. You don't need to do something all the time. Tonight: You make the party.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** You are on top of what is going on. Others look to you for leadership. You might be surprised at what comes down your path. Listen to what someone is sharing, though you don't need to go along with this person's opinion. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Reach out for others at a distance. Allow your mind to wander. If you can take a day off or refresh your mind, you will feel all the better. Allow greater creativity and energy to flow through your life. Sometimes you might be uncomfortable with that which is different. Tonight: Where there is music.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Work with someone directly. Your fun nature opens doors. A partner might choose to be more dominant than in the past. As a result, what comes down your path might be different. Tonight: Allow someone special to express him- or herself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Others want it their way. Don't squabble. In fact, a new experience could make you very happy and content. You might see life quite differently from many. Now isn't the time for judgments or announcements. Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Everyone needs a day for R and R; you are no different. Be clear in your dealings as to how much you are willing to do and what is enough. You might want to reverse gears and head in another direction. Tonight: Feel free to change your plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Your creativity cannot be denied. Whether it is a quick turn of a phrase or a new experience, you like originality. Excitement surrounds any Goat who will allow his or her imagination to run with the moment. Tonight: Ever playful.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Basics do count, as does your approach. Consider what is going on with you when dealing with a family member. Make it OK to say, "This is enough." You might want to dance to another tune. Why not? Tonight: Entertain at home — at least stay close to your pad.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You might want to attempt a different type of adventure. Try a new movie theater or restaurant. Get to know a neighbor better. Much that happens puts a smile on your face. Be willing to walk another path. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

BORN TODAY Singer Britney Spears (1981), musician Rick Savage (1960), actress Cathy Lee Crosby (1944) ***

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.
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WANTED SPORTS EDITOR FOR THE PAMPA NEWS

Must be familiar with all sports. Must be available to cover games on nights and weekends. Generally a 40 hour work week. Working knowledge of Mac OS and some experience in journalism & plus. Must have a basic knowledge of grammar and spelling.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-1 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— D. F. NSDLLDS

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EACH TIME THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS ARE OVER, IT'S EASY TO UNDERSTAND WHY THANKSGIVING DAY ALWAYS FOLLOWS THEM. — O.A. BATTISTA

95 Furn. Apts.

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