

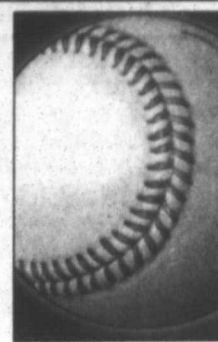
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Children's Shopping Tour makes plea for boxes

Boxes! Boxes! Boxes!
"We need boxes urgently for wrapping presents for the Children's Shopping Tour," said Whitney Davis, the Opti-Mrs. Club member who will head up an effort to wrap an estimated 1,000 presents Saturday morning. "We hope volunteers will bring boxes with them Saturday."

Volunteers will gather at the Pampa Optimist Club Gym at 8 a.m. Saturday. More than 100 children and more than 200 volunteers are expected to participate in the annual event. The volunteers will be

assigned children to chaperone. They will be given information on the ages and sizes of each member of the child's household.

General Chair Bob Marx will conduct an orientation and answer questions about the event while volunteers enjoy orange juice, coffee and donuts through the efforts of Lyn Ledbetter of Tralee Crisis Center. After the orientation, the chaperones will pick up their children and take them shopping.

The children do not buy presents for themselves. They only buy pres-

ents for members of their family.

"The purpose of the project is to allow these kids to experience giving at Christmas," explained Sandra McKinney of the Texas Department of Health and Human Services. McKinney and Capt. Laura Martin of The Salvation Army have been inviting children to participate.

Kiwanian Shelly Cook is in charge of recruiting volunteers. Persons interested should contact her at 669-2899.

The children will be allowed \$40 to spend on each family member.

Last year 118 children and 230 volunteers were involved. The project served 363 family members, which included the children.

After completing their shopping, the children and the volunteers will return to the Optimist Gym for a wrapping party as the children wrap their gifts. The Optimist Club will provide a hamburger buffet for the children and volunteers.

Emily Nicklas and members of the Energizer Sunday School Class will
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BBB issues warning on gift card scams

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The Better Business Bureau has issued a warning for those buying gift cards this holiday season to beware of scams. Consumers should be cautious about where and how they purchase these gift cards that have become so popular. More than \$18 billion in gift cards were purchased in 2005 and retailers expect that number to increase this year.

Two types of gifts cards are available. The first type are those sold by retailers which can only be used at that store or sister stores. The second type is a bank card which can be used just

about anywhere. Gift cards can also be purchased on Internet auction sites, but oftentimes those cards have been stolen and ultimately hold no value. Retail experts discourage buying gift cards online because it's difficult to know whether you will receive a valid card or a card with the promised balance on it.

One scam involving these cards involves corrupt cashiers who pocket newly loaded cards and hand customers blanks. The BBB says that a way to avoid this scam is immediately after buying the card, ask the cashier to scan the card itself

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Career Clinic



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Marine Staff Sgt. Pankey addressed a group of Pampa High School students Wednesday morning in the school auditorium during the PHS Career Clinic Program. The clinic, sponsored by Altrusa and Rotary Clubs of Pampa, gave students a chance to attend three sessions of their choice from a variety of career fields, including the military, medicine, education, engineering, business, agriculture, law enforcement and the law.

VFW children's shopping trip scheduled on Dec. 15

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657 will hold their annual children's shopping trip on Dec. 15. Children of veterans and active duty servicemen and women are eligible

to participate. The VFW has volunteers that take the children around to local shops. Each child gets to spend \$100 on themselves and \$25 on their parents.

Last year the VFW took approximately 30 children shopping. "We do this every year to ensure that children of military personnel can enjoy Christmas even if the

family is having financial difficulties," VFW Commander Danny Martin said. "No child should have

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Tree cutting chore



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH
A crew from West Texas Landscape was cutting down trees in the front yard of a house in the 900 block of Somerville earlier this week. Mario Estrada, left, cleans up with a chain saw. At right, one of the trees appears to have been rotting from inside.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MOORE, R.G. 'Gib' — 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
TERRY, Ernie Bill — 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.
TURK, Sheila J. — 2 p.m., Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home, Killeen.

Betty Jo Childers, 73

BEND, Ore. — Betty Jo Childers, 73, of Bend, died Nov. 21, 2006, of natural causes.

Services were held recently in Seventh-day Adventist Church in Bend. Graveside services were held in Deschutes Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Childers graduated from high school in Pampa where she was born on June

4, 1933, the daughter of Dillon and Marie Brown. She married Albert Childers on Jan. 14, 1947, at Pampa. She moved to Central Oregon in the 1980s.

Mrs. Childers was an assembler at Tectronics in Bend and belonged to Seventh-day Adventist Church in both Sunnyvale, Calif., and Bend, serving on the telephone, potluck,

flower and funeral committees.

She was an avid cook and enjoyed knitting, crocheting and crafts.

Mrs. Childers was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; three brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include two sons, David of Santa Clara, Calif., and Gary of Bend; a daughter, Connie of Reno,

Nev.; two brothers, Leroy Brown of Pioneer, Calif., and Bobby Brown of Louisiana; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Seventh-day Adventist Church Building Fund in Bend. Deschutes Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

R.G. 'Gib' Moore, 80

MONAHANS, Texas — R.G. 'Gib' Moore, 80, of Monahans, died Dec. 4, 2006, at Monahans.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of the First Church of the Nazarene of Plainview, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately

Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Moore was born Feb. 1, 1926, in Okmulgee, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1933, moving to Monahans in 2002. He married Edna Clarice Slaton on Oct. 15, 1949, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She preceded him in death in 1998.



Moore

He was a machinist for Cabot Corp., Machinery Division, for 19 years. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during World War II.

Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Schindeldecker of Chicago,

Ill., Donna Standish and husband Sam of Monahans, and Barbara Hardy of Sherman; one brother, Willaird Moore and wife Janis of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Hadda Moore; and a brother, Carl Moore.

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

Sheila J. Turk, 61

KILLEEN, Texas — Sheila J. Turk, 61, of Killeen, died Nov. 30, 2006,

at Killeen.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen under the direction of Crawford-Bowers Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Turk was born July 4, 1945, in Blawnox, Pa., to James and Emma Jenets-West. She lived in Parker,

Ariz., for many years in the 1960s an early 1970s, and then moved to Killeen in 1976 where she lived until her death.

She was married to William Everatt Turk who preceded her in death in May of 2003.

Survivors include two sons, William Aaron Turk

and Nelson Mathew Turk, both of Killeen; one daughter, Desirre Renea Turk of Killeen; and a brother-in-law, Kevin L. Turk of Pampa.

MEMORIALS: Sheila Turk Memorial, c/o Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home, 1615 S. Fort Hood Street, Killeen, TX 76542.

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WHITE DEER, Texas — Ernie Bill Terry, 75, of White Deer, died Dec. 5, 2006, at Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 8, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in White Deer with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in White Deer Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Terry was born Aug. 6, 1931, in Borger, to Cleo Tom and Cammie Elmore Terry. He was a 1949 graduate of White Deer High School. He married Carolyn

Ernie Bill Terry, 75

Sue Groninger in Raton, N.M.

He was a rancher, farmer and founder of B&B Solvent in 1955. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of White Deer. He served on the White Deer School Board from 1965 until 1970.

He received the 32nd degree of the Ancient Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Southern Jurisdiction of the United State, being a member for 50 years of the Valley of El Paso Orient of Texas on April 18, 2005.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Terry, of the home; two sons, Tam Terry and wife Shela of White Deer, and Bebo Terry and wife Dana of Pampa; one daughter, Tonya Homen and husband John of White Deer; six grandchildren, Amanda Saffel and husband Phillip,

and Tyler Terry, all of Lubbock, Carmen Terry of Alexandria, Va., Justin Freeman of White Deer, and Elizabeth Terry and Emily Terry, both of Pampa; and five step-grandchildren, Justin Homen of White Deer, Chris Homen and Malorie Homen, both of Groom,

Jodi Homen of Amarillo, and Misty Homen of Fort Worth. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cleo Tom and Cammie Terry.

MEMORIALS: First Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097, or Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808.

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Senators question Iraq panel's blueprint for Iraq changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senators raised sharp questions today about a special Iraq commission's recom-

mendations for changing U.S. diplomatic and military strategies in the war, as the panel's leaders urged the Bush administration and Congress to urgently work out a new bipartisan approach.

One of the commission's co-chairmen, former Rep. Lee Hamilton, D-Ind., underscored the urgency of changing course in Iraq, where conditions were described as grave and deteriorating. He was asked at what point the situation there, if not corrected, will be hopeless.

"Well, there certainly is that point, and we're perilously close to that point," he replied.

Hamilton and his co-chairman, former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, testified before the Senate Armed Services Committee one day after delivering their

report on recommended changes to Iraq policy. Hamilton said that a new, more realistic and practical approach is needed.

"That's a very tough policy problem, and in order for this to happen, it can't be pie in the sky, it can't be idealistic, it has to be pragmatic," he said. Later, he added, "We reject the idea that the situation is hopeless."

Most senators broadly endorsed the commission's report, which made 79 recommendations for policy changes. Their skepticism focused mainly on two of the recommendations: a diplomatic approach to Iran and Syria, and an acceleration of the U.S. military's work to train and advise Iraqi forces.

Hamilton said it was essential for the White House and Congress to work together on this, and he criticized lawmakers for not hav-

ing taken a stronger role in overseeing the Bush administration's war policies.

Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., said the key question now is whether Bush will effectively implement a new policy.

"We need the White House to become the 'Iraq Results Group,'" she said.

Baker said Congress could play a key role in that regard.

"If the Congress would come together behind supporting — let's say utopianly — all of the recommendations of this report, that would do a lot toward moving things downtown," Baker told the committee.

Many in Congress have praised the group's report, which was eight months in the making. But Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., told Hamilton and Baker that he does not believe their approach will work. The

panel called for a phase-out of the U.S. combat role by 2008 and rejected the idea of a short-term increase in the number of combat troops in Iraq.

McCain took issue with that approach, saying he did not agree with the Baker-Hamilton group's conclusion that the U.S. military does not have enough forces available to sustain a troop boost in Iraq.

"There's only one thing worse than an over-stressed Army and Marine Corps, and

that's a defeated Army and Marine Corps," said McCain, a Vietnam veteran.

Emergency Services

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

Thirteen traffic stops were made.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1100 block of Alcock.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner.

Calls concerning animals were received from the intersection of Crest and Browning streets, twice from the 1200 block of East Kingsmill, the 2100 block of Coffee, the 1100 block of Osborn, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 700 block of East Craven, the 1200 block of East Francis, the intersection of Twiford and Magnolia streets, and an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell, the 600 block of North Wynne, and the 1000 block of East Brunow, where the incident involved violation of a civil court order.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather. Two bicycles were found.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 19th and Chestnut streets and the 1500 block of North Sumner.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of North Nelson and the 800 block of East Scott.

Disorderly conduct was reported on two occasions at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, where at least one report concerned disruption of class.

Two burglar alarms were reported.

One open door was checked.

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

Thursday, Dec. 7
Spencer Ray Boyd, 53, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by Pampa Police Department for animal at large, no rabies vaccine, animal nuisance, no seat belt, and failure to appear/bail jumping.

Guardian EMS Ambulance Service responded to the following call for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Dec. 6
10:55 p.m. — A response to a call was made in the 1100 block of North Rider.

Tour

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entertain children who finish shopping and wrapping early. The children will sing Christmas carols, hear Christmas stories and compete in a coloring contest. Santa Claus is

expected to pay a visit to the children before the morning is complete.

Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. and Harley Knutson and other members of the Gideon Society will provide Bibles for children who would like to have one.

More than 35 different organizations are expected to participate this year.

Scam

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to ensure the card is valid and contains the proper value.

Another scam makes the crook work a little harder to profit. A crook copies down the numbers on the back of gift cards that are displayed on a retail store rack. They wait a few days in the hopes that card is purchased and loaded with a balance. Then, they call the store and ask for the balance on that particular card. If there is a balance, they can go online for a free shopping spree using that

card number. This scam not only hurts the legitimate customer but also the gift card recipient, who receives a card that has already been used without their knowledge.

The BBB and retail experts suggest that when buying a gift card, keep the original purchase receipt with the card as proof of purchase. They also warn that reputable companies will not ask for sensitive information such as Social Security numbers, bank account information or date of birth when purchasing gift cards.

For additional information, contact the BBB at www.amarillobbb.org or 379-6222.

VFW

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to go through the holidays without having fun."

Martin also said that the VFW Auxiliary will continue mailing boxes overseas to servicemen and women even though the mailing deadline for Christmas has past. They will also mail items that were collected this weekend at the Festival of Trees under the Socks for Soldiers tree.

Anyone wishing to register a child for the shopping trip or wanting to give names and addresses of servicemen or women to be included in mailings, should call Nelda Martin at 664-4500 or Danny Martin at 662-4367.

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Viewpoints

Allowing both sides to their say ...

It seems I ventured onto contentious ground with my column last week. Evidently, the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas (CLEAT) and the Texas Municipal Police Association (TMPA) are verbally duking it out, and I, dummy that I am, wandered into the outer fringes of this undoubtedly heated exchange.

The toes I stepped on were with the TMPA. In my former column, I published several broadsides against the association as provided in a press packet sent out by CLEAT.

In an effort to show both sides of this issue, I am publishing a portion of a rebuttal submitted by TMPA Deputy

Executive Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Tom Gaylor, at the close of last week. The excerpt is as follows:

Ms. Bryant, I appreciate the opportunity to present our side of the story. We are a full-service law enforcement association dedicated to promoting professionalism in law enforcement through education and representation. These programs, along with our comprehensive legislative agenda, and other member services demonstrate our commitment to law enforcement and the State of Texas. We are not a labor union, we allow all ranks to join and we believe in professionalism and accountability at all lev-

els. Please take some time to read about our efforts our Web site includes a more detailed response regarding the CLEAT attacks from our Executive Director Chris Heaton. I'd be happy to talk with you more about the programs or TMPA.

Skyla Bryant

News Editor

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services are provided without regard to membership in any local or statewide law enforcement association or labor union. TMPA efforts on these grants have been and always will be above reproach. Grant documents are open to the public and, in the interest of transparency; we've provided a copy of the grant contract including the program objectives and the end of year report for each year and each grant on this Web-page for your review.

If you're interested in learning how TMPA has used these programs to benefit all of Texas law enforcement please take some time read the program summaries below.

We are disappointed that a

law enforcement labor union would stoop so low in an effort to compete for membership that their leadership would try and jeopardize programs that have and will benefit Texas law enforcement.

• Grant Expenditures and TMPA Match Summaries <www.tmpa.org/documents/GrantExpendituresandTMPAMatchSummary.pdf>

• Police Traffic Services Grant Program

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Originally awarded in See BRYANT, Page 7



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2006. There are 24 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 7, 1941, Japanese forces attacked American and British territories and possessions in the Pacific, including the home base of the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii.

On this date:

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In 1796, electors chose John Adams to be the second president of the United States.

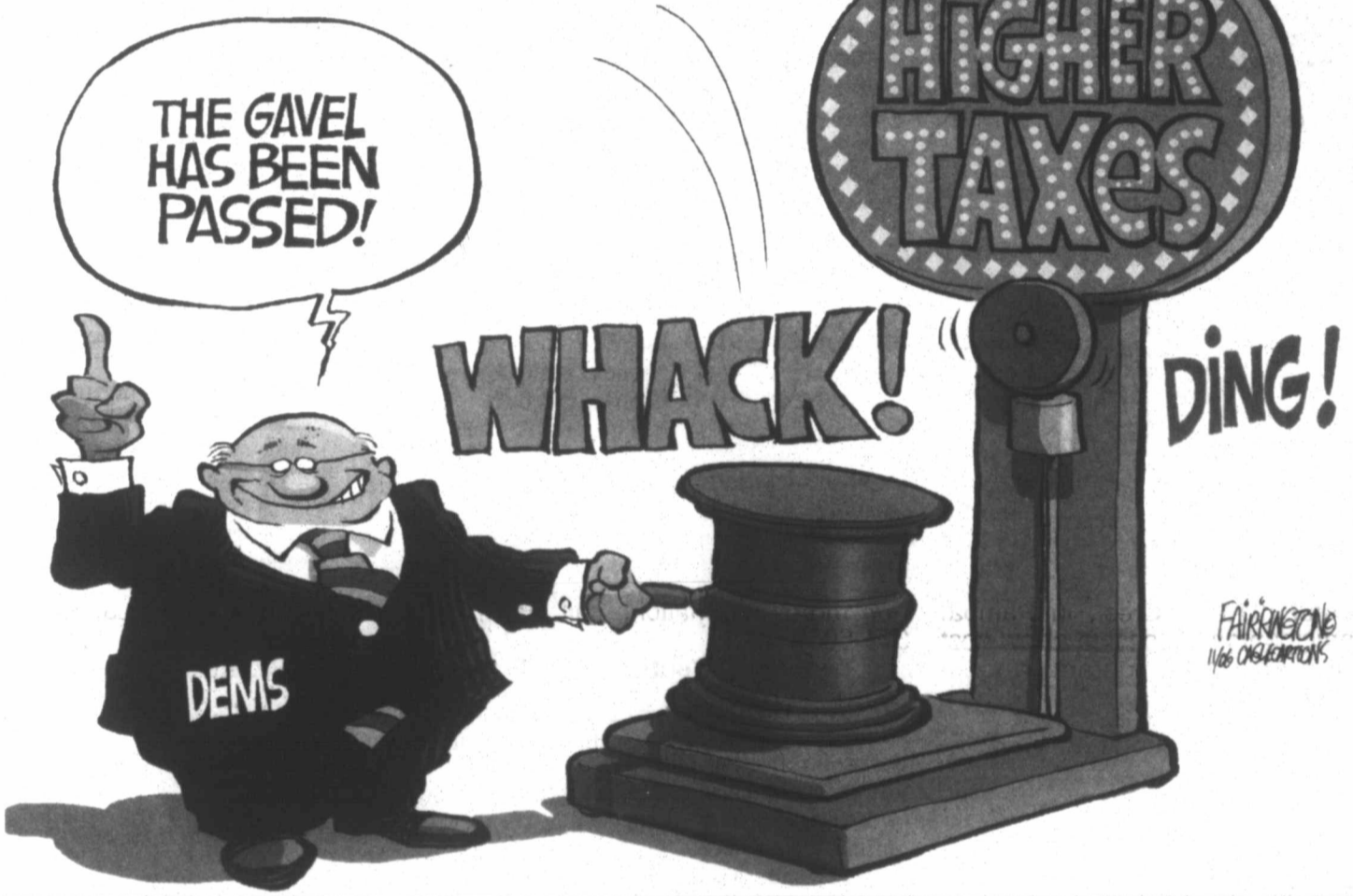
In 1836, Martin Van Buren was elected the eighth president of the United States.

In 1946, fire broke out at the Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta; the blaze killed 119 people, including hotel founder W. Frank Winecoff.

In 1963, during the Army-Navy game, videotaped instant replay was used for the first time in a live sports telecast as CBS re-showed a one-yard touchdown run by Army quarterback Rolli-

'Any frontal attack on ignorance is bound to fail because the masses are always ready to defend their most precious possession — their ignorance.'

— Hendrik Willem van Loon
Dutch-American journalist and lecturer (1882-1944)



Get latest forecast, weather patterns online

The recent, severe storms in Seattle prompted me to update my list of weather-related sites. Until now, I didn't realize how much I depended on the Internet for up-to-date weather information. Did I say, "up-to-date?" I meant "up-to-the-minute!" Today, you don't have to be a trained meteorologist to predict the weather; just an informed Web surfer. I have four Web sites that epitomize the best the Web has to offer in the weather arena: Intellicast, the Weather Channel, AccuWeather, and the National Weather Service.

No matter how many other sites I check out, I just can't seem to get enough of Intellicast (<http://www.intellicast.com>). Their comprehensive coverage of thousands (yes, I said "thousands") of cities allows any traveler to pack smartly. Their graphical 10-day fore-

cast gives me an instant summary of upcoming weather trends. In addition, their radar images are some of the most colorful, accurate graphics I've seen on the Web. When you get to their site, type your zip code in the "Find a Forecast" blank at the top. If you're traveling and don't know the zip, just type the city and state for the same results.

Information for each city includes current conditions, a 10-day forecast graphic, and a narrative forecast. Clicking on "radar" at the top of the page shows you a current image. Be careful, though. The radar images are only updated every 15 minutes or so. If you have time (and a fast Internet connec-

tion), click on "Radar Loop" in the left column. You'll see the last five hours of radar played like a movie, allowing you to determine the path of that large storm.

Another great site comes to us from the largest Weather Network on Earth: The Weather Channel (<http://weather.com>). Besides their easy to remember Web address, the Weather Channel offers the fastest means of determining conditions in any city. As with Intellicast, you can enter your zip code to quickly find your city's forecast. Links to local and regional Doppler radar are also available, although they aren't as large and detailed as the ones on Intellicast.

The most useful feature of

this site, however, is the Weather Glossary (<http://www.weather.com/glossary>). Next time my local TV meteorologist describes the radar picture as an ANOMALOUS PROPAGATION, I'll know what he means. Hundreds of terms are defined in normal English.

A relative newcomer to the online weather field is AccuWeather (<http://www.accuweather.com>). While they don't excel at Web-based weather delivery (at least not compared to my first two picks), they do offer a service I use every day: AccuWeather Alert. Basically, each morning when I get to work, a beautiful, fully graphical forecast is delivered to my e-mail box. You can set the delivery to be any time you want on any day. It is VERY flexible,

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 27
El Paso Times on making postal deadlines over the holiday season:

If you want that box of Christmas chocolates to arrive at Cousin Fred's in time for Christmas rather than dragging in sometime in February looking like a glutinous lump, mail it on time.

Sure, the Postal Service has been having its troubles getting stuff delivered on time. For a while, at least, Las Cruces was noting a lot of late deliveries, as were other areas.

While the Postal Service does bear some of the blame for the late or undelivered mail, it's not 100 percent the

agency's fault, especially around Christmas.

You simply cannot wait until mere days before Christmas and expect to have cards, letters or parcels delivered on time. Postal officials said recently that between Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve, approximately 20 billion cards, letters and packages will be delivered.

Mailing early is the key, and the sooner you get those cards and parcels in the mail, the better.

There are some dates you might want to remember. According to the Postal Service Web site, Nov. 13 was the deadline for sending packages to APO or FPO ZIP Codes overseas to servicemen and women via Parcel Post. However, there are other deadlines

available for different forms of mailing; you still have some time, but you need to get cracking. For example, you have until Dec. 19 for express mail for most APO and FPO ZIP Codes.

Don't forget the basics — put postage and return address on each piece of mail. Double-check the address. Make certain the item is correctly sealed, whether it's an envelope or package.

Note: Be certain to include a return address on those most-important of Christmas missives, children's letters to Santa Claus. Margie Sustaita, customer service supervisor at El Paso's main post office, said that's vital so Santa's helpers at the post office can send a return letter.

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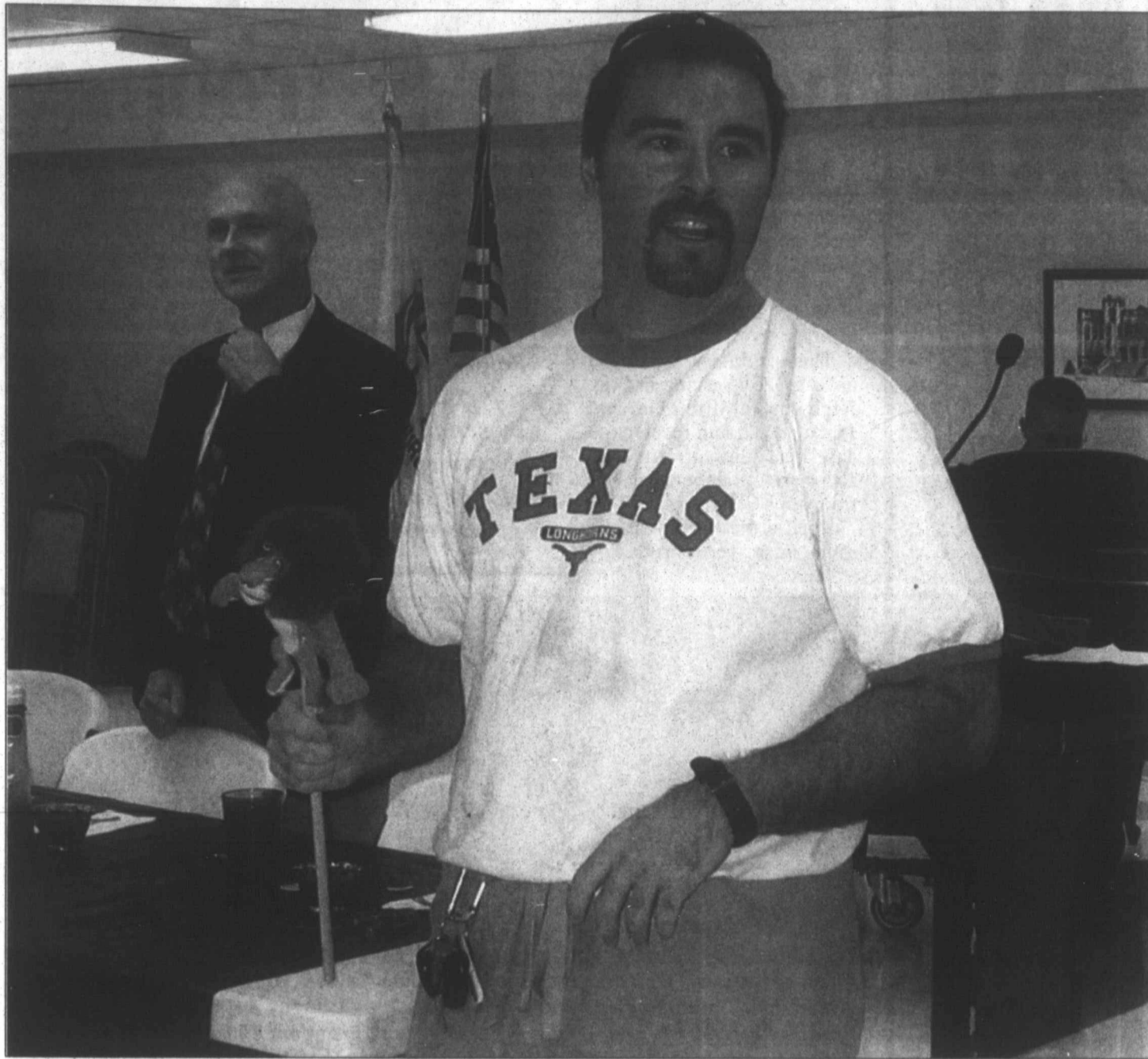
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The joy of being a Lion



Gregor Reeves, a past member of the Pampa Lions Club, joined the local club on a visit from Amarillo recently.

Events calendar

• **The Comprehensive Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Dec. 20, Hemphill County Hospital, in Canadian; and Dec. 26 and Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Tibb Burnett will be the featured entertainer. Pat Henry will emcee.

• **Amarillo Museum of Art** will have its annual "Children's Christmas Workshop" from 10-

11:30 a.m. Saturday. The event is open to children between the ages of 4 and 10. Participants will make Christmas ornaments and cards. Music will be heard and refreshments served. Cost of the workshop is \$15. Pre-registration is required as attendance is limited. For more information, call (806) 371-5050.

• **Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club's 11th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes** will be conducted from 1-4 p.m. Sunday in Pampa. Proceeds will benefit an educational loan and scholarship plan for area residents. The tour will include the Bridges home at 505 N. Gray; the Sherrill home at 1015 Deer Place; and the Stevens home at 1001 Deer Place. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at all three homes the day of the tour.

• **Christian Fine Arts Society's entry deadline** for its free poetry contest is Dec. 16. Fifty prizes, including a \$1,000 grand prize, will be awarded. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1012 Beechwood

Dr., Napanee, IN 46550, or log on to www.freecontest.com on the Internet.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

• **Just Between Friends** in Amarillo, a children's and maternity consignment shop, will collect donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals for the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project. The shop donates a portion of its profits to the Project and many consignors donate unsold items to the charity. For more information, call (806) 353-0516.

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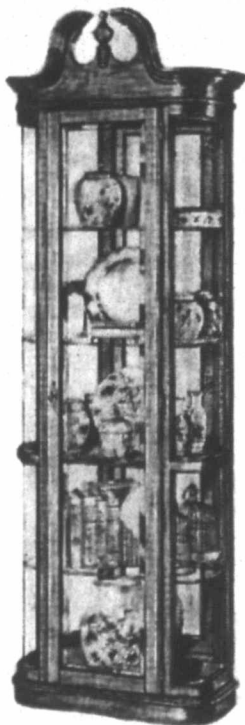
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Girl Scout campaign benefits U.S. troops

Approximately 80 Pampa Area Girl Scout troops, from first-grade age children through senior high school youth, recently sent care packages to seven Pampa residents now serving in the military service.

These military personnel are currently serving in Iraq, Afghanistan, Ethiopia and Japan and should receive the care packages in time to share with members of their troops for Christmas.

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With the overwhelming support of 24 area business, this year several additional items were added to the package.

Each service man or woman received three cases of Girl Scout cookies, 12 cans of assorted nuts, GermX, one tub plus one

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Above: Brittany Barrow, Courtney Barrow, Caylee Hill, Felicia Miller, Caitlin Penaranda, Christian Penaranda, Michaela Wells, Chrissy DiTirro, Tammy DuBose, Nevada Granger, Chelsie Griffin, LaTeasa Wheat, Elizabeth Willis, Shelby Woodward, Amber Clark, Jaydyn Crawford, Brittney Hare, Kayde Heiskell, Kensley Leach, Macy Nitzel, Laura Beth Peffley, Olivia Tyler, Haevyn Risley, Leah Peffley, Shelbie Carr, Jessica Gibbs, Rachelle Graue, Samy Graue, Alexa Mauricio, Bethany Strange, Keely Allums, Mackenzy Arganbright, Kristin Duree, Zoe Hulsey, Kassie Jerome, Kristi Klausmeyer, Carson Logue, Rylee Shackelford, Katanna Shay, Cecilia Vasquez, Sarah Sutherland, Ashton Alexander, Shelby Burnett, Tori Dalton, Allsion "Allie" Dancer, Brandee Mabry, Katherine Maxwell, D'Asia Smith, Kaitlyn Webb, Cheyenne Winkler, Elizabeth Yearicks, Echo Barnett, Mackenzie Dull, Emily Espino, Rebekah Foster, Kenzie Griffin, Alyssa Lowry, Brynna Mckinley, Mckinley Nunn, Maddie Taylor, Jessica Willis, Laitza Vizxaino, Lily Brown, Emily Clark, Seanna Harp, Nikki Kerns, Bailey McAlpine, Taylor McAlpine, Rachel Robinson, Brionna Wadsworth, Nikki Anderson, Tiffany Britton, Dyanna Carlisle, Kathlyn Cummins, Samara Cummins, Lacey Dodson, Chrissi DuBose, Danna Eppison, Cheyenne Fleming, Alexandra Gutierrez, Brianna Hennig, Britanne Hennig, Harley Elliott, Ashlee Kieth, Savannah Kobernick, Lauren McCollum, Megan McCollum, MacKenzie Parks, Erin Parr, Jessica Ramirez, Kaylee Suttle, Caitlyn Tracey, Shasta Triplett, Sydney Taylor, Mayce Wheat, Rebekah Yearicks and Zoe Yearicks.

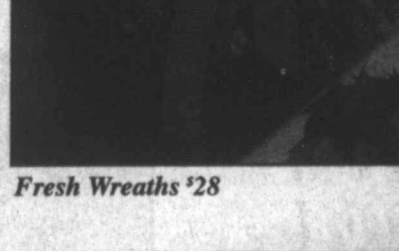
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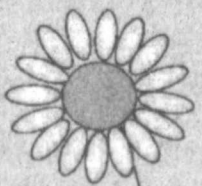
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For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

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April 2001 when Texas had an occupant protection rate of only 76 percent and called the Buckle Up Texas Support Program the initiative was designed to support TxDOT and local and state law enforcement officers' efforts to increase occupant protection (seatbelt and child safety seats) usage in Texas. This program is responsible for: Adding the federal Click It or Ticket initiative; Creating www.buckleuptexas.com which enables on-line reporting and review of the grant performance; Increasing the efficiencies in managing and performing grant related tasks; Increasing the number of agencies utilizing the funding to increase occupant protection; Improving on-time reporting from below 40 percent to nearly 99 percent; Expanding programs to support all

Selective Traffic Enforcement Program grants and all programs in the Texas Highway Safety Plan.

The program, now beginning its 6th year, employs eight full-time and two part-time employees to accomplish contract goals and objectives. Since its inception, TMPA has used approximately \$3.7 million in federal grant funds to support the project. In addition, TMPA has contributed over \$226,000 in cash and in-kind matching funds to support the project.

Gaylor's e-mail goes on to explain in even greater detail how the funding is used, citing the Buckle Up Texas Program, the Click It or Ticket campaign, the Police Traffic Service Support Program, the DWI Process Improvement (LEADRS) program, and the Sexual Assault and Family Violence Investigators Course ([SAFVICwww.safvic.org](http://www.safvic.org)).

Weather

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and of course, FREE.

When severe weather strikes, knowing where the warnings and watches are can be lifesaving information. The National Weather Service (<http://www.nws.noaa.gov>) constantly revises this information, making it available online to any surfer. National, state, and county weather watches can be viewed from anywhere. Another interesting link at this site takes you to a huge historical archive of weather information. What was the hottest day ever? Find out here.

If Web sites and e-mail delivery aren't enough, check out some of the great shareware you can download.

As an example, check out "Wetsock" (<http://www.locutuscodeware.com/wetsock.htm>). It sits quietly in your System Tray monitoring the weather for you. A small graphic lets you know the basics. Moving your cursor over the graphic gives you a small summary of the current conditions for your area. Wetsock is shareware and runs \$12.

Regardless of whether you want to be drowned in meteorological minutiae or just want today's temperatures, the Internet can be of service. The key, of course, is to get the information from your computer before you lose power ... I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Cookies

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refill of Handiwipes, yoyos, water guns, puzzle books, hard candy and toilet tissue.

In addition to the merchandise, each package contained cards, most of them original, handmade and colored - from each of the girls thanking the service men and women for fighting for their freedom. Also a thank-you card from Letha Anderson, a local Scout leader and 2006 area Product Sales chairperson, including

a group picture of Pampa Area Girl Scout troops.

Businesses participating in the campaign included Bill Allison Auto, Culbertson Stowers, Bob Douthit, Doug Boyd Auto, Southwest Collision, J.R. Wheel Alignment, Comet Cleaners, Broom Optical, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Deans Pharmacy, Jewit Auto, Koyote Trucking, National Oil Well, Walmart, Britten Feed and Seed, John Werner Law Office, Abraham Trucking, Titan, Coffee Shop, LeJan, Top of Texas Monuments, Joys Unlimited and Celanese.

Two private individuals also made donations.

Postal

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For mailing deadlines and other information, check out the Postal Service's Web site at www.usps.com.

But also remember the

most common-sense rule of all when it comes to having Christmas cards, letters and packages delivered on time: Mail early.

FATAL JOURNEY

Family awaits autopsy of missing man

MERLIN, Ore. (AP) — For days, James Kim's family wondered what happened to him after he ventured into the wilderness, seeking help for his wife and two young daughters after the family became stranded in their car on a lonely mountain road.

On Thursday, they may receive some of the sad answers. Authorities planned to announce the results of an autopsy, a day after the discovery of Kim's body a mile from the car.

A search helicopter hired by the Kim family spotted the body at midday Wednesday about a mile from where Kim set out two days after his wife and two daughters were rescued from the vehicle, stuck on a remote road. Investigators believe he traveled about eight miles in total, and said there was no way he could have reached the car directly from where he was found.

Kim's body was found at the foot of the Big Windy Creek drainage, a half-mile from the Rogue River, where ground crews

and helicopters had been searching for days.

A tearful Josephine County Undersheriff Brian Anderson announced the discovery of the body, his voice breaking at one point.

'He was very motivated. We were having trouble in there. He traveled a long distance.'

— Brian Anderson
Undersheriff

"He was very motivated," Anderson said. "We were having trouble in there. He traveled a long distance."

He said he had few details about Kim's condition or the immediate area where he was found.

Earlier in the day, searchers said they had uncovered clues that suggested Kim had shed clothing and arranged it to give searchers clues to his whereabouts. They had planned to drop rescue packages with clothing, emergency gear and provisions.

Kim, 35, was a senior editor for the technology media company CNET Networks Inc. He and his family had been missing since Nov. 25. They were heading home to San Francisco after a family vacation in the Pacific Northwest.

Odds and Ends

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Honesty and patience have paid off for a maintenance worker who is to receive \$10,000 he found in 1996 at Brigham Young University.

The employee, who was not identified, discovered the money in two pipes while working at BYU's Harold B. Lee Library.

The man gave the cash to campus police, but the owner has never been found. Property not claimed after three months must be disposed, under Utah law, but police believed the money was suspicious and warranted a longer investigation.

"This just had the feel of fruits of a crime," Lt. Arnold Lemmon said.

He made one last attempt last month to find the owner. State law requires police to print a legal notice in a newspaper and allow eight days for someone to come forward.

Lemmon took one call about the money, but the story didn't match. So the BYU employee will be given the cash.

"It was a man who was extremely honest," Lemmon said. "He never thought it would be returned to him."

BARRE, Vt. (AP) — With the drop of a single coin into a Salvation Army holiday collection kettle, the group may have been enriched by as much as \$14,000.

The donated 1908 Indian head coin has a face value of \$2.50, said Capt. Louis Patrick. It's worth at least \$250 and possibly as much as \$14,000, according to a preliminary analysis.

"I was shocked," Patrick said. "I've heard of this happening in other places, but I've never actually seen it."

The coin was enclosed in a protective plastic case.

"It was an incredibly generous thing to do," Patrick said. "We are very appreciative."

The Salvation Army plans to have the coin appraised and sold, possibly before the end of the holiday season.

"One hundred percent of the money will be used to benefit our programs," Patrick said. The local Salvation Army distributes toys, food baskets and clothing.

Before the gold coin donation, the local group had raised about \$34,000

this year, Patrick said. It typically raises \$80,000 through its kettle collections, he said.

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — Using fish line and a hook, a thief reeled in bags of cash from a bank's night deposit box, police said.

Police would not say how much money was taken, but think the thief made off with 11 deposit bags, Bloomington police Sgt. David Drake said.

An employee of the Fifth Third Bank branch called police Monday morning after noticing that there were far fewer deposit bags than usual, Drake said.

Authorities found the deposit box had been damaged, with one of the metal security pieces sheared off.

"It would've taken a lot of force to take that off," Drake said.

Next to the piece of broken metal, police found a dowel rod with fishing line and a hook.

Drake said authorities believe whoever broke into the deposit box dangled the hook and line into the box and fished out the deposit bags, one by one.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter you printed (10/23) from "Anxious Dad in Ohio," who considers it a problem that his father is physically affectionate with his 2-year-old granddaughter, broke my heart. My dad was physically affectionate, too. My brothers and sister and I didn't always appreciate the way he'd grab us and plant kisses on our necks or hug us tight. We'd wriggle and squirm and protest until he coaxed a smile out of us. Our dad worked long and hard to support us. Many's the time we'd walk away, rubbing at the whisker burn, but we'd always come back for a good roughhouse on the living room rug — all of us little ones wiggling and giggling and riding on our tired, happy father as if he were made of iron. Dad wasn't made of iron, though. He died before any of his four grandchildren were born. So I'll never have the pleasure of hearing half-hearted shrieks of "No, no!" turn into giggles and kisses. And my little ones will never know the joy of opening their hearts to Grandpa's rough love. — **PEG B., SEATTLE**

DEAR PEG: Your father, I am sure, was a wonderful and loving parent. However, as I said in my reply to "Anxious Dad," today's parents teach their children to assert themselves if someone's touch makes them uncomfortable so they will be less submissive if an adult tries to take advantage of them. Unfortunately, such lessons are a necessary and sad reality. Read on, and perhaps you'll understand why.

DEAR ABBY: I was alarmed at the behavior of the grandfather in "Anxious Dad's" letter. As a therapist who treats children who have been sexually abused, I agree with your response, which was right on target. I would like to add that when a child perceives that a parent is unable to intervene with another adult who violates that child's boundaries, such as that grandfather's aggressive hugs, the child is less like-

ly to tell the parents if someone violates their boundaries sexually. In addition, children learn by observation. If the father in that letter is not able to enforce his own boundaries with the grandfather, this also makes the daughter less likely to discern appropriate boundaries from those which are not, and it places her at risk should someone violate her in a sexual way. — **TRACIE IN TENNESSEE**

DEAR ABBY: I was the "little girl" in a similar situation 55 years ago. Although my grandfather only hugged and kissed me (raising whisker welts on my face), he restrained me and hugged me even harder as I struggled to break away, laughing at my pleas for him to stop. My parents did not want to offend him, and in my child's mind I interpreted that to mean they were more concerned about others' feelings than mine, and that they would not protect me. Consequently I was a fearful and anxious child, certain that my parents didn't want me. It took years of therapy for me to learn to trust others. — **PROTECT YOUR KIDS, SEASIDE, CALIF.**

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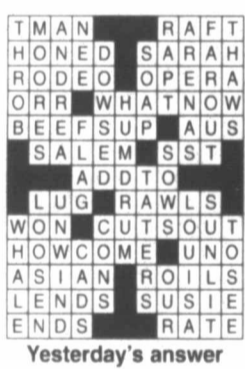
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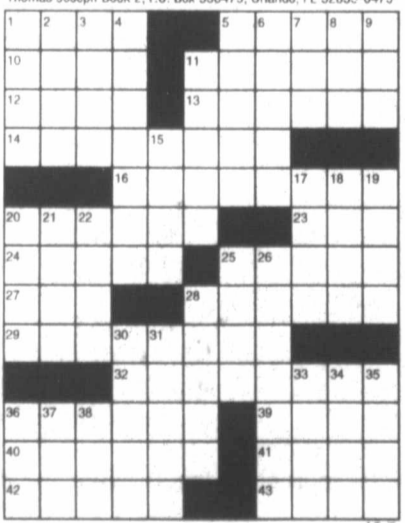
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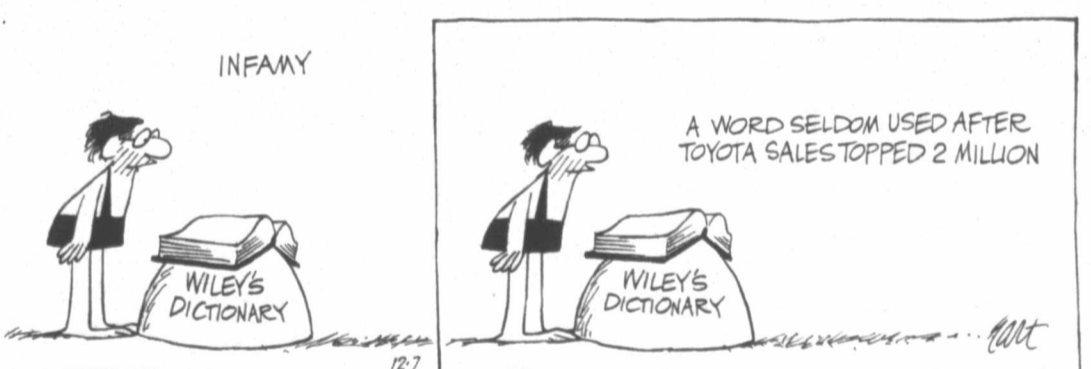


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By late November 1941, with peace negotiations clearly approaching an end, informed U.S. officials (and they were well-informed, they believed, through an ability to read Japan's diplomatic codes) fully expected a Japanese attack into the Indies, Malaya and probably the Philippines. Completely unanticipated was the prospect that Japan would attack east, as well.

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These great Japanese successes, achieved without prior diplomatic formalities, shocked and enraged the previously divided American people into a level of purposeful unity hardly seen before or since. For the next five months, until the

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Sports Day

Yankees, Astros begin bidding on Pettitte; Lilly now a Cub

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Barry Bonds showed up at the winter meetings looking for a job, Chicago Cubs general manager Jim Hendry checked into a hospital for an angioplasty, and several prized pitchers were poised to join new teams.

A flurry of deals took shape Wednesday as baseball's annual bazaar neared its conclusion. Jason Schmidt and Luis Gonzalez appeared headed to the Los Angeles Dodgers, Ted Lilly decided on the Cubs, and Andy Pettitte chose to pitch next year.

That move set off bidding between Houston and the Yankees as well as speculation about whether Roger Clemens might follow his buddy back to New York.

In the first big trade of the session late Wednesday night, the White Sox shipped starting pitcher

Freddy Garcia to Philadelphia for a pair of young arms: Gavin Floyd and a player to be named that Chicago general manager Kenny Williams let slip would be minor leaguer Gio Gonzalez.

"The Chicago White Sox are still open for business," Williams said.

"This is a good first step." Bonds bolted through the kitchen one night at the 1992 winter meetings when his deal to join the San Francisco Giants hit a temporary snag. Back at the swap ses-

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What has Romo done for Cowboys lately? Play great late and win; Parcels impressed

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Tony Romo has obviously played well lately for the Dallas Cowboys. What Bill Parcels notices is that the quarterback is doing some of his best work late in games when it matters most.

"I've kind of been impressed with that aspect of it," Parcels said Wednesday. "I have to tell you that."

Romo is the NFL's top-rated quarterback with four straight victories that have given the Cowboys a two-game lead in the NFC East. His strong play late finally earned a compliment from the coach.

"I'll take it," Romo said. After the New York Giants scored a tying touchdown with 1:06 left Sunday, Romo started the ensuing drive with a 42-yard strike to Jason Witten down the middle of the field to the Giants 26. That set up a game-winning field goal with 1 second left.

Forget the two interceptions and fumble Romo had before halftime. When the game was on the line, he pushed the Cowboys (8-4) a step closer to their first division title since 1998.

"That just goes to show that he doesn't get discouraged and doesn't let past plays affect him," center Al Johnson said. "He comes out and he's still doing his normal thing just as if everything was great earlier."

The New York game provided Romo's first game-winning drive, but it came after an impressive three-game

stretch. Romo was a combined 29-of-31 passing for 409 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions in the second halves of those victories, one of those 21-14 over Peyton Manning and then-undefeated Indianapolis.

"Obviously, he's making his presence felt," Terrell Owens said. "Definitely, when you go into the fourth quarter with a guy like that, with the enthusiasm and confidence to make plays, and being productive as we have, that's definitely a positive."

The fortunes of the Cowboys have certainly changed since Romo, a fourth-year player, replaced Drew Bledsoe as the starter Oct. 29 at Carolina. Dallas is 5-1 since, and plays three of its remaining four games at home.

Next up are the New Orleans Saints (8-4) and coach Sean Payton, the former Parcels assistant who helped develop Romo the last three years.

The winner Sunday night could have the inside track for the NFC's No. 2 playoff seed, which means a first-round bye and a second-round home game.

When asked why he excels late in games, Romo said the best explanation is his competitive nature and an understanding of the situations.

"At certain times in the game, you might have to put the ball in a little smaller hole than you normally would, or in certain times of the game, you know it's more important not to have a

turnover here," he said. "In those situations, I just really rely on my instincts and just let them roll."

Witten, the Pro Bowl tight end, was a third-round draft pick in 2003, the same year Romo came to Dallas as a rookie free agent.

When Romo threw an interception in the first quarter of his first start and the Panthers went ahead 14-0, Witten went to offer some encouraging words to his friend.

"He kind of looked at me like 'I've got everything under control.' Not in an arrogant way," Witten said. "But when he did that, I just kind of knew, OK, he understands. And he did."

Romo went on to complete 24 of 36 passes for 270 yards and two touchdowns, with no more interceptions, and the Cowboys won 35-14.

Payton's quarterback in New Orleans is Drew Brees, the second-rated in the NFC behind Romo. So, Sunday is a meeting of the conference's "best" two quarterbacks, right?

"I think there's probably a pretty good chance that I wouldn't agree totally with that," said Parcels, speaking only of Romo. "Now, I've been happy with the way he's played so don't say I've said anything negative. You asked me to compare him to the best. I can't do that right this minute."

Still, all Romo's done for Big Bill and the Boys lately is win.

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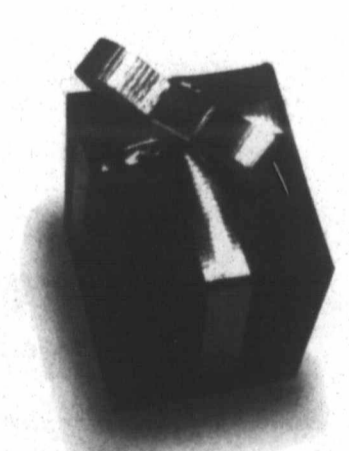
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Bulls get another high-scoring effort in 121-94 romp over Sixers

By The Associated Press

The Chicago Bulls have won the past few seasons on the strength of their defense, and they were expected to do so again with the addition of Ben Wallace in the summer.

Lately, it's been the offense that has carried them.

Ben Gordon scored 17 of his 31 points in a lopsided first-quarter, and the Bulls

beat the Philadelphia 76ers 121-94 on Wednesday night for their sixth straight win.

"We don't have an All-Star scorer, so I think that's why it may take some people by surprise," Gordon said. "But we do have a lot of guys who can shoot the ball."

The Bulls have not lost since a 123-108 rout at Philadelphia on Nov. 24, when the 76ers' Allen

Iverson scored a season-high 46 points.

"We were down, but it's the NBA; you get up the next day and you think about the next team," said Luol Deng, who had 21 points and 10 rebounds. "We did a good job of that. We've just been playing great."

The 121 points were a season-high for the Bulls, who have scored at least 100 in eight straight games.

"We've really been doing a good job of hitting guys in spots where they can score the basketball," Gordon said.

In other games Wednesday night, it was: Washington 113, New York 102; Cleveland 95, Toronto 91; Indiana 94, Orlando 80; San Antonio 96, Charlotte 76; Memphis 98, Boston 96; Minnesota 90, Houston 84; Milwaukee 102, Portland 94 in overtime; Atlanta 98, Denver 96; and New Orleans 105, the Los Angeles Lakers 89.

The Bulls hit 13-of-17 shots in the opening quarter to go ahead 39-16, and were 48-of-78 (62 percent) from the field. They improved to .500 (9-9) and gained some payback against the Sixers, losers of six straight and 12 of 14.

"Obviously, something needs to be done," Iverson said. "There needs to be a change. Somehow, something needs to be scrambled up."

Baseball

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Wednesday, he quickly swept through the hotel lobby with his entourage and headed upstairs.

Bonds and the Giants are trying to extend their relationship, far apart on a deal but possibly destined to remain with each other. San Francisco GM Brian Sabean wouldn't even say if he planned to meet with the star slugger.

"I'm Sgt. Schultz," Sabean said. "Silence is golden."

Bonds met with Giants officials for about three hours, then left the hotel. He might return Thursday.

"He's not driving. He's not on a boat," agent Jeff Borris said. "He could be on Matterhorn (at Disney World). You don't know where he is, his mode of transportation."

Hendry, perhaps the busiest of baseball's GMs this offseason, underwent an angioplasty Wednesday night at an Orlando-area hospital and was recovering Thursday. He is expected to remain hospitalized for two days.

"He's in good spirits," said Gary Hughes, a special assistant to Hendry. "Was he shook up about it? No. Should he have been? Yes. Will he learn a lesson? Hopefully. He's doing great. I spoke to him late last night. He's already working the phones."

Lilly's agent, Larry O'Brien, told reporters that Hendry finished working on the pitcher's preliminary agreement with the Cubs from the hospital.

On the third day of the four-day meetings, other players made news while

Bonds and pitcher Barry Zito weighed their options.

The Dodgers were trying to sign Schmidt to a \$47 million, three-year contract, a deal that would put him at the front of a formidable rotation. They also were close to a one-year deal with Luis Gonzalez worth about \$7.3 million, according to a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke on condition of anonymity because talks were ongoing. The ex-Arizona slugger could help replace J.D. Drew's offense in Los Angeles' outfield.

Lilly reached a preliminary agreement on a \$40 million, four-year contract with the Cubs, who made the left-hander the latest in an offseason spending splurge that included Alfonso Soriano (\$136 million), Aramis Ramirez (\$75 million) and Mark DeRosa (\$13 million). The Cubs said the deal was pending a physical.

Right-hander Gil Meche also spurned Toronto and appeared headed to a \$45 million, four-year deal with Kansas City.

San Francisco finalized a \$16 million, three-year contract with catcher Bengie Molina.

The New York Mets sent pitcher Brian Bannister to Kansas City for reliever Ambiorix Burgos in the first trade of the week.

Cleveland completed contracts with outfielder David Dellucci (\$11.5 million over three years) and reliever Joe Borowski (\$4.25 million for one year).

Oakland agreed to a \$5.5 million, two-year deal with left-handed reliever Alan Embree and was closing in on an \$8.5 million, one-year contract with Mike Piazza, who would become the team's designated hitter.

Two-time All-Star

Mike Lieberthal agreed to a \$1.25 million, one-year contract to become the Dodgers' backup catcher.

Reserve outfielder Matt Stairs said he will sign with Toronto.

Atlanta traded left-hander Horacio Ramirez to Seattle for reliever Rafael Soriano.

The Cubs traded utilityman Freddie Bynum to Baltimore for minor league right-hander Kevin Hart. The Orioles also finalized a \$900,000, one-year contract with backup catcher Paul Bako.

"I didn't miss much," Athletics general manager Billy Beane said when he arrived, two days late.

Bonds wore jeans and a black polo as he walked through the lobby of the Dolphin hotel, not far from Disney's Magic Kingdom. Borris has expressed frustration at trying to work out a deal to remain with the Giants. But no other suitors have publicly emerged.

Back at the Galt House in Louisville, Ky., in 1992, Bonds showed up for a news conference to announce his \$43.75 million, six-year contract with the Giants only to have the deal held up for two days while paperwork was put together.

As for Schmidt, the Dodgers emerged as the most likely destination for the three-time All-Star, although St. Louis also was trying to sign him. An agreement with Los Angeles would be contingent on Schmidt passing a physical.

"We do not have a deal," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said.

Pettitte, who immediately joined Lilly as the top available left-handers behind Zito, had been unsure whether he wanted to pitch again.

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Judge rules for MasterCard despite Visa's signed contract

NEW YORK (AP) — A federal judge ruled today that MasterCard is entitled to sponsor the next two World Cup soccer tournaments despite a deal Visa signed with soccer's international governing body calling for it to receive the rights on Jan. 1.

U.S. District Judge Loretta A. Preska issued the 125-page ruling in Manhattan after MasterCard International Inc. sued FIFA, soccer's governing body, saying FIFA signed its deal with Visa International Inc. even though MasterCard had a right of first refusal to sponsor the 2010 and 2014 World Cups.

The Purchase, N.Y.-based company, the nation's second-largest credit card brand behind Visa, said it returned a signed contract to extend a sponsorship deal with FIFA that made it the exclusive payments sponsor for the 2006 World Cup in Germany.

Preska said FIFA breached its obligation under Swiss contract law to give MasterCard the first right to acquire the sponsorships through 2014.

She said FIFA's negotiating team even misled MasterCard into believing it had an exclusive 90-day period from Feb. 8, 2005 to May 8, 2005 to consider a sponsorship deal for the next two World Cups when FIFA was actually "simultaneously and aggressively" negotiating with Visa as well.

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CAUSE NO. 9334
ESTATE OF
ELIZABETH JANE
MCANALLY,
DECEASED
IN THE
COUNTY COURT
IN AND FOR
GRAY COUNTY,
TEXAS
**NOTICE TO
CREDITORS**

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of ELIZABETH JANE MCANALLY, Deceased, were issued on September 25, 2006 under Docket No. 9334, pending in the County Court of Gray County, Texas to Laura Claire Easter. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows:

Representative,
Estate of
Elizabeth Anne McAnelly
c/o Rick J. Harris
PO Box 776
Pampa, Texas
79066-0776

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 30th day of November, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,
RICK J. HARRIS,
P.C.

By: Rick J. Harris
Attorney for Applicant
State Bar No. 09088600
PO Box 776
Pampa, Texas
79066-0776
(806)665-3788
(806)665-9548 FAX
F-67 Dec. 7, 2006

5 Special Notices

ADVERTISING Material to be placed in the Pampa News, MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.

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.

LOST: Male Shi-Tzu, 6-8 mo. old, brown & white with red collar. 662-9382.

14d Carpentry

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

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.

14e 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 esti. 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

21 Help Wanted

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

**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 a plus. Must have a basic knowledge of grammar and spelling.

21 Help Wanted

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

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

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 Oil Field Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

STEAMER Operator. Experience required. Benefits. Apply in person, 408 S. Price Rd., Pampa.

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.

DENTAL Hygienist: 2-5 days per week in Woodward, OK. Competitive salary with vacation, profit sharing and insurance. Call 888-256-6054.

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

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

No exp. nec., will train.

Uniforms, health ins., paid vacations after 1yr. DOT drug testing and physical req.

We pay top wages!

Apply in Person

Triangle Well Service 129 S. Price Rd., Pampa.

No phone calls please!

21 Help Wanted

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

McLean Care Center now taking applications for Maintenance Department Must have:

1. Knowledge of floors
2. Knowledge of light carpentry
3. General up-keep of facility and grounds
4. Some book work

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

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

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.

NATIONAL Home Health Care needs Delivery Tech. Heavy lifting, on call. Clean driving records, drug screen / background check. Benefits. Apply in person 1521 N. Hobart. Serious inq. only.

CERTIFIED Dietary Mgr. (must be certified by the state) & Dietary Cook. Apply in person. No phone calls. Coronado Healthcare, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa.

BUSINESS Office Manager needed. Must have knowledge of accounts receivable & payable and long term care experience preferred. Apply at Coronado Healthcare, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa. No Phone Calls Please

WHOM It May Concern: This is a request for Christopher Jade Mason, age 28 to please call his dad, Rick Mason at cell phone, 817-681-4906. I am out of the Air Force now I want to regain my relationship with my son, Christopher Jade Mason & his half sister, Barbara Ann Harris.

1/2 Price on Christmas Decor & Ribbon. Red Barn, 1420 S. Barnes. Open Sat. 10-5. Will buy Estates. 665-2767.

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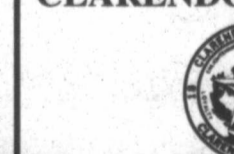
J-W POWER COMPANY

SEEKING SELF MOTIVATED PARTS PERSON

- *EXP. PREFERRED
- *MUST HAVE COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE
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- *PHYSICAL & DRUG TEST REQUIRED
- *EXC. BENEFITS PACKAGE AVAIL.

APPLY: 114 WESTERN PAMPA, TX OR FAX RESUME TO 1-866-743-3194

CLARENDON COLLEGE



Clarendon College invites applications for **Vocational Nursing Instructor**. Hold at least a high school diploma and be a registered nurse currently licensed in Texas. Associate Degree in Nursing or a diploma RN required; Bachelor's degree in Nursing preferred. 3 Yrs nursing exp. is required. Prior teaching exp. a plus. Screening of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled. Please send completed application, resume, college transcripts, and references to: Darlene Spier, Assistant to the President, Clarendon College, Box 968, Clarendon, Tx 79226. Clarendon College is an equal opportunity employer.

21 Help Wanted

NURSES Unlimited, Inc. needs week-end attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep. & light housekeeping. Part-time. 1-888-859-0631 M-Th 8-5, F 8-12. EOE.

C.N.A.'s needed at St. Ann's Nursing Home, 7-3 & 3-11. Full-time, excellent benefits. Will assist with certification. Panhandle, 537-3194.

WEEKEND R.N. is needed at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle, 537-3194.

WANTED Full-Time Home Health Aide. Come by Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N Crest Rd. Ste. 101, for an application. Applicant's must be certified or have 2 years experience.

HARVESTER Donuts is taking applications for kitchen help. Apply in person 7 days a week.

DRESSER-RAND

Dresser-Rand Field Services Has Immediate Openings For **Full Time Experienced Compressor Mechanics** Interested Parties Should Fax Their Resume To: 806-853-9035

50 Building Suppl.

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

60 Household

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- ☆NEW Mattress Sets No Flip Pillow top, 15 yr. Warr. In Plastic T-\$189 F-\$229 Q-\$289 K-\$369
- While Supplies Last Elie Furniture 806-677-0400

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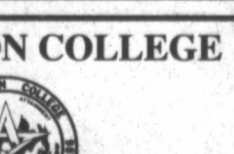
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69 Misc.

FOR Sale 2 refig., good cond., exercise bike. Call 665-3400.

VENDORS WANTED for Craft Show, Dec. 17th. Call Jodi, 806-663-0704.

69a Garage Sales

Come & Check Our Holiday Savings! **YELLOW BARN** Antiques & More 543 W. Brown Hwy. 60 Pampa Mon.-Sat. 10:30-5 Booth Space Avail.

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

77 Livest./Equip.

VERY gentle kid's horse for sale. 662-3112 or 665-7792 after 4pm.

80 Pets & Suppl.

FREE to good home: Jack Russell mix puppies ready for Christmas!! 806-665-8119.

96 Unfurn. Apts.

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ADORABLE Red Heelers 10 wks old, 1 fem. & 2 males \$50, have had shots 835-2345, or 898-6602

95 Furn. Apts.

LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. avail. Ref. req. 669-2981 or 669-4386

PAMPA MANOR SENIORS OR DISABLED ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE W/D CONNECTIONS 2700 N. HOBART 665-2828

98 Unfurn. Houses

PICK up rental list from Gray Box on front porch of 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

2 bdr, 1 bath, 1 car garage, fenced, deposit required, \$475 mo., 1106 Duncan 806-584-1266.

99 Stor. Bldgs.

TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450.

102 Bus. Rent. Prop.

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

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APTS., Duplexes & Houses for rent. Mon.-Fri. 8-6pm, Sat. 10-4pm., call 665-4274 or 433-6939

GWENDOLEN Apts. Newly Remodeled. Largest 1&2 bdr. apts. in Pampa. 800 N. Nelson, 665-1875.

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LOWEST Rents in City! Downtown locations-stores, warehouses, rec. facilities. Call 665-4274.

FOR lease: warehouse, offices, and yard space. 669-5264.

103 Homes For Sale

Twila Fisher
Century 21 Pampa Realty 665-3560, 440-2314 669-0007

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. \$39,500. 662-7557.

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

Large home on corner lot, offers new texture & paint, hardwood floors, & abundant stor. with 3 large bdr., study or optional 4th bdr., 3 1/2 ba., 2 living spaces, formal dining, custom kitchen with new appliances. New roof, new circle drive, & outdoor fireplace, this approx. 3900 sq ft home would be a great place for a great family! \$262,000. 2004 Russell. 662-4896.

104 Lots
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113 RV Parks

RED Deer Villa RV Ranch & Storage 2100 Montagu W. 669-1122.

115 Trailer Parks

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********* Your mind might be on details and events that are not happening immediately. As a result, you gain a new perspective of events as they head down your path. Evaluate more carefully what is happening around you. Tonight: Listen to favorite music, or play a favorite game.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ********* A partner or associate has a secret. You might not be able to help yourself as you try to figure out what is up. Know that you won't. Handle some personal matters as well. See what adding more mystery to your life brings. Tonight: Share some spiced cider.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ********* Others want control. If you really kick back and think, you might not care as long as you feel OK with what is going down. It also might be important for someone to see the byproduct of his or her actions. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ********* You have much to do and very little time it seems. You will get a lot done, especially if you allow someone you trust to help you organize. Evaluate a situation more carefully than before, especially if it involves a parent. Tonight: Get some errands done.

BORN TODAY
British royal Mary Queen of Scots (1542), inventor Eli Whitney (1765), singer Jim Morrison (1943)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.
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TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK



TexSCAN Week of December 3, 2006

ADOPTION

Note: It is illegal to be paid for anything beyond medical and legal expenses in Texas adoption.

PREGNANT? CONSIDERING ADOPTION? Talk with caring people specializing in matching birthmothers with families nationwide. Expenses paid. Toll free 24/7. Abby's One True Gift Adoptions. 1-866-413-6292.

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DONATE YOUR CAR to the original 1-800-Charity Cars! Full retail value deduction if we provide your car to a struggling family. Call 1-800-CHARITY (1-800-242-7489) www.800CharityCars.org.

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

ALL CASH CANDY Route. Do you earn \$800 in a day? Your own local candy route. 30 machines and candy. All for \$9.95. 1-888-625-5481, Multi Vend, LLC.

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To All Our
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*We Cordially Invite You To Attend
Our Customer Appreciation Day*

DECEMBER 8TH
9:00 AM TO 3:00 PM

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Thank You For Your Business
And Wish You A Merry Christmas
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