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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Dave Davis, an electrician with Mac Supply, installs lights at a new home being built by Giles Custom Homes. Of the six new homes they plan, five are under construction. Pampa's population is growing.

Pampa population is heading upward

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Basing their estimates on municipal water and sewer hookups, city officials said the population number on the city limits signs are probably low.

Richard Morris, the head of Pampa Public Works Department, said he had compared the number of utility hookups to the U.S. Census Bureau's numbers back in 1990, and they appeared to be fairly close.

City Manager John Horst said the city tracks the hookups on a monthly basis. Horst said that there have been a number of new homes built in Pampa over the past year and that houses that had been abandoned are being renovated.

He said that a comparison of hookups with John Wagner, manager with Atmos Energy, indicated a similar trend, but the Atmos numbers are lower.

"Most of the new homes," Horst said, "are all electric."

Horst said two trailer parks in Pampa also appear to be full as are the city's apartment complexes and motels that rent by the month.

Morris said that over the last two to three years, the city has seen a steady one percent growth.

While the city limits signs See CITY, Page 3

Elementary students asked to help in logo contest

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A contest is being held among some Pampa elementary school students to design a logo for the JCV Teens in Action.

The competition is open to public school fifth-graders and those in grades three and four of private school, said Ofelia Marszal, volunteer coordinator for CASA.

Deadline for entries is Nov. 19. Each entry must include the Texas CASA logo as well as the name of the local group, JCV Teens in Action.

The winner will receive a \$20 gift card, Marszal said.

CASA, or court-appointed special advocates, provides volunteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes. JCV, or Junior CASA Volunteers, are teens

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City Attorney Don Lane retiring

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

After more than 40 years of public service, Don Lane is calling it quits.

A new city attorney is expected to be named at today's city commission meeting.

Lane, 77, was born and reared in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in 1948. From there he headed to the University of Oklahoma where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1952 and a law degree in 1954.

After serving in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) corps in the Air Force for two years at Dover, Del., he returned to Oklahoma where he clerked for Alfred P. Murrah, then a justice on the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"He was quite a character," Lane said.

Although the 10th U.S. Circuit Court is headquartered in Denver and covers Oklahoma, Kansas, Wyoming and Utah, Lane explained that Judge Murrah officed in Oklahoma City.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
With a broad grin and an admission that he'll miss old friends, Don Lane retired this week as Pampa's City Attorney. He remains in private practice.

Lane then went into private practice with an Oklahoma City law firm that represented Kerr-McGee oil company before returning to Pampa in 1960 and establishing his practice here.

In 1966, he was asked to serve as the municipal court prosecutor.

"Bob Gordon was city attorney at that time," Lane said.

In June 1969, Lane was appointed Pampa's Municipal Court Judge.

"I served in that capacity until March 1, 1977," Lane said.

That's when he was appointed city attorney.

"I've been there ever since," Lane said.

Lane said that people he's known with the city have been great to work with.

"Forty years, and they've been very nice to me," Lane said.

Although today will be his last day as city attorney, Lane will continue his private practice. He said he plans to cut back on his work, but few of his friends believe him.

Lane admitted that he really doesn't see himself ever really retiring.

He said he'll continue to teach his Sunday school class. Over the last 40 years, he's taught a class for teens, for high school students and, for the last 35 years, an adult Sunday school class at First United Methodist Church.

He also said with a broad grin he plans to spend more time with his children and five wonderful grandchildren.

19 indictments handed up by Gray grand jury

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Nineteen indictments were reported by the 31st District Attorney's office to have been handed up by a Gray County grand jury Thursday in 223rd District Court. Three of the 19 were for first-degree felonies, six were second-degree, one was third-degree, eight were state jail felonies, and one was a felony Transportation Code violation.

Michael Rodriguez Longoria, 45, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense,

enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Oct. 6, 2006, Longoria allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.

On Jan. 26, 1994, in 209th District Court of Harris County, Longoria was convicted of unlawfully, while intoxicated, driving and operating a motor vehicle in a public place, third offense. On Nov. 21, 1996, in 9th Judicial District Court of Montgomery County, and on Aug. 3, 2000, in 351st District Court of

Harris County, he was convicted of the felony offense of driving while intoxicated.

Howard Othello Martin Jr., 39, was indicted for two counts of burglary of a habitation, enhanced. Bond on each of the first-degree felonies was set at \$4,500, for total bond of \$9,000.

Martin was also indicted for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,500.

On Oct. 1, 2006, Martin allegedly entered a habitation without the

effective consent of the owner and attempted to commit or committed an assault against the owner.

Also on Oct. 1, 2006, Martin allegedly entered a habitation without the effective consent of the owner and attempted to commit or committed an assault against the owner.

Also on Oct. 1, 2006, Martin allegedly, while using a vehicle, intentionally fled from a Pampa Police Department officer who was

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

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Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57.
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Obituaries

Grace Lee Carlton, 74

Grace Lee Carlton, 74, died Sunday, Nov. 11, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Carlton was born July 30, 1933, in Iowa Park. She married Aubrey Carlton on Aug. 17, 1950, in Pampa. She has been a resident of

Pampa since 1967 moving from Lefors. She was a homemaker and helped her husband with the family business and was a member of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. Survivors include husband, Aubrey Carlton of the home; one son, Marvin Carlton and wife Linda of Pampa; five daughters,

Joyce Hollenshead and husband Robert of Grand Saline, Texas, Martha Walker and husband Terry of Colleyville, Texas, Doris Ross and husband Jim of Columbia, Mo., Mollie Weber and husband Richard of Conroe, Texas, and Sarah Hollis and husband J.R. of Pampa; one brother, James Welborn of Freepport, Texas;

15 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Luther and Esther Rose Welborn. **MEMORIALS:** Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Mason Chandler Frost, 13

BORGER — Mason Chandler Frost, 13, died Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Grace Fellowship Church with Pastor Tim Hall and Coach Pete Loftis officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Walsh Cemetery in Walsh, Colo. Arrangements are under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger. Mason was born on Feb. 28, 1994 in Sayre, Okla., to

James and Heidi Frost. He had lived in Borger for three years, moving there from Pampa. He was a seventh grade student at Borger Middle School. He played football, basketball and baseball and liked 4-wheeling, playing guitar and video games.



Frost

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Glen Frost; and his uncle, Jackie Frost. Survivors include his parents, James and Heidi Frost, of the home; a brother, Matthew Cole Frost, of the home; two sisters, KaeAn

Russell of Elk City, Okla., and Alyssa Carrie Frost, of the home; his grandparents, Curtis and Nancy Morgan of Gilchrist and Fred Woerner of Fairview, Okla.; his great-grandparents, Rosalie Gibson of Walsh, Colo., Warren and Ruth Woerner of Poway, Calif., and Bonnie Mineau of Whittier, Calif. Memorials may be sent to the Family of Mason Frost at Pantex Federal Credit Union, 1300 W. Wilson, Borger TX 79007.

Emergency Services

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

Twenty-six traffic stops were made.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1100 block of South Hobart, the 600 block of North Sumner, the 1200 block of South Nelson, the 2000 block of Evergreen and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was made in the 2800 block of Charles. Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

Civil matters were reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2300 block of North Wells, the 600 block of North Wells and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 900 block of Finley.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Red Deer. Windows valued at \$100 were shot out of an

unspecified property. Evading arrest was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Two alarms were reported. Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson, the 400 block of North Doyle and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

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

Monday, Nov. 12
 Shane Smith, 28, of Darrouzett was arrested by GCSO for theft of property by check.

Natasha Martinez, 20, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for no Texas driver's license.

Tuesday, Nov. 13
 Stanley Branch, 32, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of North Sumner by PPD for resisting arrest, search or transport; evading arrest or detention; and a Dallas County bond surrender for criminal mischief.

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

Monday, Nov. 12
 2:28 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical response.

3:29 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of North Nelson on a Dumpster fire.

6:30 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 200 block of Ward on a fire prevention program.

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

Monday, Nov. 12
 7:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

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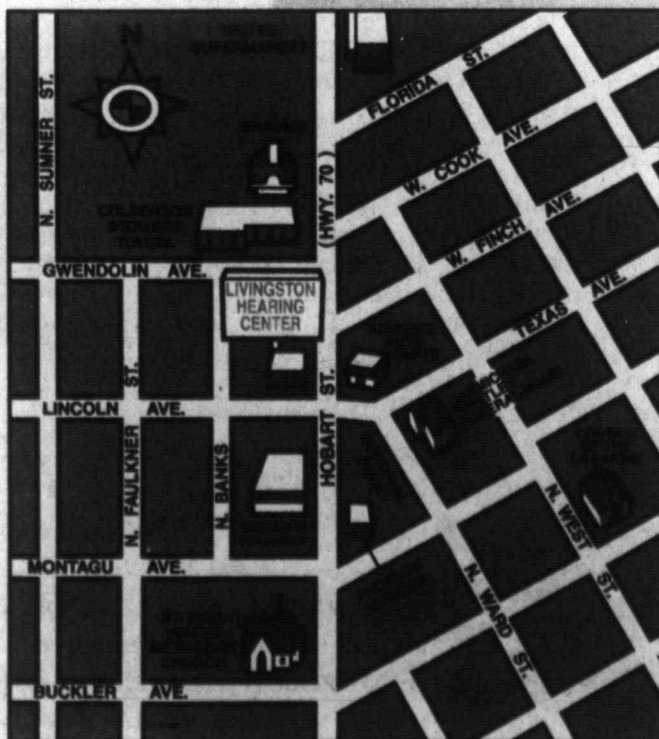
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attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

On Sept. 6, 1991, in 15th District Court of Grayson County, Martin committed the felony offense of aggravated assault causing serious bodily injury.

Jack Matthew Farris, 44, was indicted for deadly conduct by discharging a firearm, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 2, 2005, Farris allegedly knowingly discharged a firearm in the direction of three persons.

On July 28, 1987, in 251st District Court of Randall County, Farris was convicted of the felony offense of delivery of marijuana.

Sergio Adrian Silva, 21, was indicted for burglary of a habitation. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Feb. 24, 2007, Silva entered a habitation without the effective consent of the owner with intent to assault the owner.

Silva was also indicted for unauthorized use of a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On March 30, 2007, Silva allegedly operated an automobile without the consent of the owner.

Karen Jean White Willett, 52, was indicted for four counts of burglary of a habitation. Bond on each of the second-degree felonies was set at \$5,000, for total bond of \$20,000.

On Feb. 24, 2006, Willett allegedly entered four different habitations without the effective con-

sent of the owners with intent to commit theft.

Stanley Branch, 32, was indicted for criminal mischief equal to or greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, enhanced. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$2,000.

On May 5, 2007, Branch allegedly intentionally damaged a vehicle by striking it with his vehicle without the consent of the owner, resulting in loss of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 to the owner.

On Sept. 18, 1992, in Criminal District Court 5 of Dallas County, Branch was convicted of the felony offense of robbery. On Nov. 8, 2002, in 411th Judicial District Court of Polk County, he was convicted of the felony offense of assault on a correctional officer.

Michael Courverler, 24, was indicted for theft of property valued at equal to or greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Jan. 17, 2007, Courverler allegedly took a welder valued at \$1,500 or greater but less than \$20,000 with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Deena Kelley Fent, 39, was indicted for theft of property valued at \$1,500 or greater but less than \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.

On April 11, 2007, Fent allegedly acquired or gained control over U.S. currency valued at \$1,500 or greater but less than \$20,000 from the owner with intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Jerry Lee Hicks, 41, was indicted for two counts of forgery of a financial

instrument. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$5,000, for total bond of \$10,000.

On Oct. 27, 2006, Hicks allegedly passed two forged checks, each in the amount of \$50, with intent to defraud or harm another, who did not authorize the act.

Billie Sue Kelley, 41, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

On June 25, Kelley allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger younger than 15 years of age.

Joseph Daniel Thomas, 34, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,500.

On Jan. 24, Thomas allegedly passed a forged check in the amount of \$655 with intent to defraud or harm another, who did not authorize the act.

Maria Portillo Torres, 27, was indicted for failure to stop and render assistance. Bond on the Transportation Code felony violation was set at \$5,000.

On Aug. 29, 2006, Torres allegedly drove a vehicle that became involved in an accident resulting in injury to another person and then left the scene of the accident without giving her name, address, registration number of the vehicle she was driving or name of her motor vehicle liability insurer to anyone and without rendering reasonable assistance to the injured person.

Author visits library



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Best selling author Jodi Thomas of Amarillo was in town Monday for a book signing and to give a lecture at Lovett Memorial Library. Thomas spoke about how she got started writing historical romance novels and gave some of her suggestions on how to develop the plot and characters in a book. Thomas was also promoting the next release "Give Me a Texan," which is a short story collection written by her and three other women from Amarillo and Wichita Falls. Approximately 30 people attended the event sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Sue Smith, left, waits while Thomas signs her latest book "Texas Princess," which is the second book in the Whispering Mountain Trilogy. The final book in the series, "Twisted Creek" will be out in April 2008.

Lovett: Musicians should get paid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Famed Texas musician Lyle Lovett says performers should be paid when their recordings are played over the radio.

In testimony today before the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, Lovett says broadcasters shouldn't profit without compensating performers.

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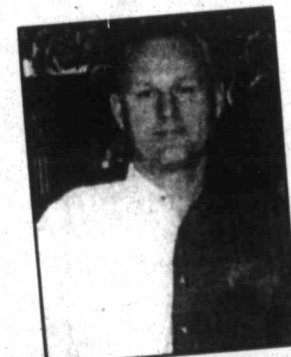
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St. Paul United Methodist Church is selling chances to win a 42-inch Vizio flat screen television. Tickets are \$10 for one chance and \$25 for three chances to win. Tickets can be purchased at Pampa Glass or Rheams Diamond Shop, where the TV is on display. The drawing will be Dec. 20 and you do not have to be present to win. Arrangements can be made for delivery and set-up if necessary. Pictured with the television are (from left) Pastor Steve Cox, Toni Cox, Michele Bell, Stephane Rheams and Kenneth Bell.

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who volunteer to help support CASA and provide items such as toys for the children who receive CASA services.

For more information on the contest, call the local

CASA office at 669-7638.

Recent fund-raisers held by JCV Teens in Action include a dance and a bake sale. The bake sale, part of an arts and crafts bazaar at the Moose Lodge, raised approximately \$180, while the dance netted \$983.

A recruitment rally is planned for January, Marszal said.

City

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put the population at 17,887, Horst and Morris estimate that the city's population has grown to about 19,500 based on increasing

utility hookups.

The numbers on the city limits signs, however, will have to wait until after the official 2010 census before the Texas Department of Transportation can change them.

Changing the signs, Horst said, falls to TxDOT, not the city.

Boy Scouts have pecans for sale as fundraiser

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Do you need pecans for holiday baking? If so, you are in luck because Boy Scout Troop 404 is selling Georgia pecans as a fundraiser for their troop.

The scouts have not sold these in the past few years due to the high cost of

pecans, but the price came down this year.

The pecans are available in one pound bags of either halves or pieces. Each bag sells for \$9.

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Viewpoints

I harbor a soft spot for veterans

Friday was a special day for me. I spent a few hours covering Veterans Day activities.

I watched as representatives of various branches of the U.S. military attended the dedication of the Fountain of Freedom at Freedom Museum USA, then lined up to be served a Thanksgiving dinner at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post.

Some of them attended the events wearing patriotic gear. There was a lot of red, white and blue to be seen.

Some wore their military caps. Others had blue ribbons proclaiming them as veterans pinned to their shirts and jackets.

Some even had on uniforms, an impressive sight to me.

I have a soft spot for veterans. They are people who spent time taken from the course of their lives to be a part of our nation's armed forces.

Not all, I'm sure, served in the military purely because of a sense of patriotism and desire to defend their country.

Some were called to service through the draft, with no legal choice in the matter unless they had a valid, recognized reason for not participating.

Some saw the military as a way to escape a bad situation at home, perhaps. Others

may have decided that their best chance at higher education and various skills was through the armed forces.

Whatever their reasons, however, these people were our defenders, our protectors, our avengers and our strike force. They deserve our respect and gratitude.

I have mentioned in a previous column that I have two nephews who are Marines. Once, both were in Iraq at the same time. Fortunately, both escaped harm.

One of the two chose not

to re-enlist and is now a civilian. The other is an officer who has served three tours of duty in Iraq and is scheduled to go back for a fourth in the near future.

I think of all those who never came home from Vietnam, Korea or either of the World Wars, as well as more recent conflicts in

the Middle East. I hope I never find out what it feels like to lose a loved one that way.

My nephews are not the only members of my family with connections to the

armed forces. My father was in the Navy during World War II. Three great-uncles were in the Air Force, and one was among those who were stationed at Pampa Army Air Field. Another died shortly after he was sent home as a result of an illness he contracted while stationed on a Pacific island. The third piloted fighter planes and was perhaps the most actively involved in combat during the war.

My father-in-law was a Seabee in the Navy during World War II. Others in both families probably served our country as well. I know of at least one distant relative of mine who fought in the Civil War.

One thing I am grateful for is that our citizens support the troops overseas and seem to have realized that our soldiers are not the ones responsible for us being there. This was sadly not the case during the Vietnam War, when returning service personnel were sometimes reviled and scorned.

I know some bad things happened in Vietnam, and not everyone we sent over there behaved honorably 100 percent of the time. But they should not be held responsible for being in that war; our government leaders made that decision. And we should not judge their actions without having all the facts.

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 13, the 317th day of 2007. There are 48 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 13, 1982, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

On this date:

In 1775, during the American Revolution, the Continental Army captured Montreal.

In 1789, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to a friend, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

In 1927, the Holland Tunnel opened to the public, providing access between lower Manhattan and New Jersey beneath the Hudson River.

In 1937, the NBC Symphony Orchestra, formed exclusively for radio broadcasting, made its debut.

In 1942, President Roosevelt signed a measure lowering the minimum draft age from 21 to 18.

In 1956, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down laws calling for

racial segregation on public city and state buses.

In 1971, the U.S. space probe Mariner 9 went into orbit around Mars.

In 1974, Karen Silkwood, a technician and union activist at the Kerr-McGee Cimarron plutonium plant near Crescent, Okla., died in a car crash while on her way to meet a reporter.

In 1977, Al Capp's comic strip "Li'l Abner" appeared in newspapers for the last time.

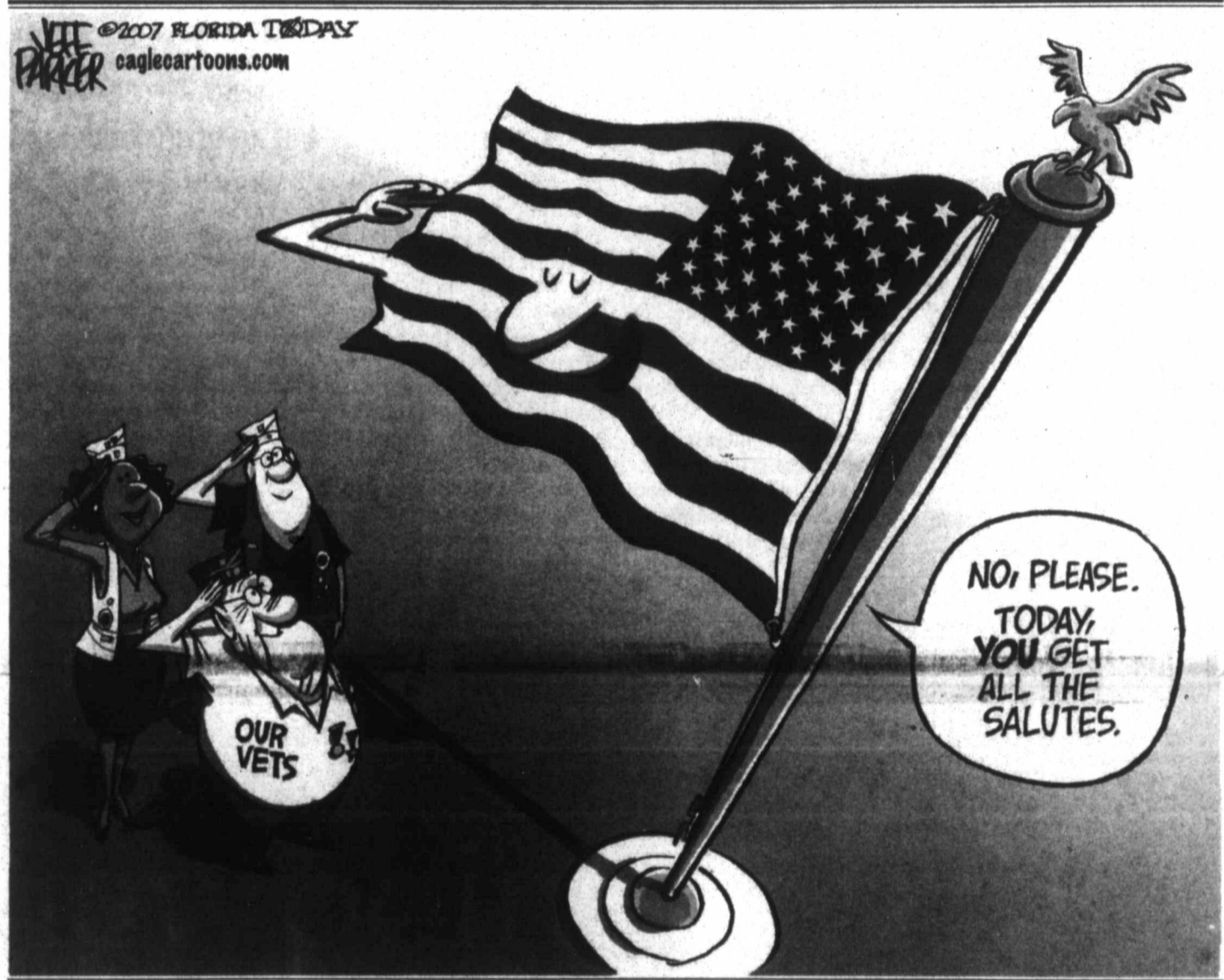
In 1985, some 23,000 residents of Armero, Colombia, died when a gigantic mudslide buried the city.

Ten years ago: The United Nations decided to withdraw all weapons inspectors from Iraq after Saddam Hussein ordered Americans on the U.N. team out. A stage musical adaptation of the Disney film "The Lion King" opened on Broadway.

Five years ago: Claiming Iraq was seeking the "path of peace," Saddam Hussein's government agreed to the return of international weapons inspectors. U.S. Roman Catholic bishops overwhelmingly approved a compromise sex abuse policy after the Vatican demanded they make changes to balance fairness to priests with compassion for victims. Jewish Defense League leader Irv Rubin died nine days after what federal authorities said was a suicide attempt in jail; he was 57.

'Don't be a pal to your son. Be his father. What child needs a 40-year-old for a friend?'

— Al Capp
American cartoonist
(1909-1979)



Further on the subject of academic cesspools ...

In a recent column "Academic Cesspools," I wrote about "Indoctrinate U," a recently released documentary exposing egregious university indoctrination of young people at prestigious and not-so-prestigious universities (www.onthefencefilms.com/movies.html). I said the documentary only captured the tip of a disgusting iceberg.

The Philadelphia-based Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), a frontline organization in the battle against academic suppression of free speech and thought, released information about what's going on at the University of Delaware, and probably at other universities as well, that should send chills up the spines of parents of college-age students. The following excerpts are taken from the University of Delaware's Office of Residence Life

Diversity Facilitation Training document. The full document is available at www.thefire.org.

Students living in the University's housing, roughly 7,000, are taught: "A racist: A racist is one who is both privileged and socialized on the basis of race by a white supremacist (racist) system. The term applies to all white people (i.e., people of European descent) living in the United States, regardless of class, gender, religion, culture or sexuality. By this definition, people of color cannot be racists, because as peoples within the U.S. system, they do not have the power to back up their prejudices, hostilities or acts of discrimination. (This does not deny

the existence of such prejudices, hostilities, acts of rage or discrimination.)"

This gem of wisdom suggests that by virtue of birth alone, not conduct, if you're white, you're a racist.

If you're white and disagree with racial quotas, preferences and openly racist statements made by blacks to whites, and you call it reverse racism or reverse discrimination, here's the document's message for you: "Reverse racism: A term created and used by white people to deny their white privilege. Those in denial use the term reverse racism to refer to hostile behavior by people of color toward whites, and to affirmative action policies, which allegedly give 'prefer-

ential treatment' to people of color over whites. In the U.S., there is no such thing as 'reverse racism.'"

I agree with the last sentence. Racism is racism irrespective of color.

A white University of Delaware student might not have an ounce of ill will toward any race. According to the university's document, he's a racist anyway. "A non-racist: A non-term. The term was created by whites to deny responsibility for systemic racism, to maintain an aura of innocence in the face of racial oppression, and to shift responsibility for that oppression from whites to people of color (called 'blaming the victim'). Responsibility for perpetuating and legitimizing a racist system rests both on those who actively maintain it, and on those who refuse to chal-

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Walter Williams
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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 4

Houston Chronicle on Karen Hughes:

No one could say she gave less than 100 percent. But given Karen Hughes' slim qualifications and the administration's policies, her work as U.S. public diplomacy chief came close to nothing.

Appointed by President George W. Bush to promote American values to the world's Muslims, Hughes said last week she knew the job would take

years. The sad fact is that Bush only started taking U.S. stature in the world seriously around 2005. In the wake of 9/11, a powerful plan to connect with the Muslim public should have been in action before an American boot or missile ever landed in the Middle East.

The energetic Hughes had worked as Bush's communications chief. But she entered the world's most delicate PR job two years ago with barely a scrap of relevant background. The fact that Bush assigned a novice with the aim of making her America's face and voice to the Muslim public shows the disinterest in that culture that so marred America's

image in the first place.

Because Hughes speaks no Arabic and launched her tenure with noticeable tone-deafness, she spent her first months as a walking symbol of Bush's arrogance. Later, Hughes became more adept (and lowered her profile). But her tenure was marred by such early gaffs as offending Saudi women about their country's ban on female drivers.

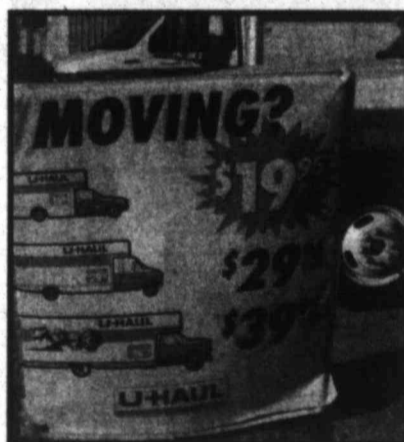
It's not Hughes' fault that Muslim views of the United States remain low, and in some places have plunged, since she was hired. The U.S. occupation of

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Muddled Mommy in Miami" (Sept. 21) really hit home. A child with Down syndrome had made an inappropriate remark to the writer's 4-year-old son. I'm the mother of a daughter with Down syndrome. There have often been situations in which she has said or done something inappropriate to another child. I try to intervene when I know about it. I have her apologize to the child and the parent and try to make amends. Sometimes, it turns out that she was misunderstood because of poor speech and language skills. By all means, Muddled Mommy should say something! This can be a teaching/learning moment for both her son and the other boy. Many children with developmental disabilities are mainstreamed with regular education children in school. Kids with Down syndrome need to be taught proper social skills so they can have a relationship with their peers. If children with Down syndrome (or other disabilities) are taught to hold to acceptable societal standards, they can lead productive lives as adults. Isn't that what we want for all of our children? — **MOMMY IN WORTHINGTON, OHIO**

DEAR MOMMY: Absolutely! It is the responsibility of parents to teach their children -- both abled and disabled -- acceptable behavior. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As the parent of a special-needs child, I have come to realize that learning needs to take place on both sides. The mother of the Down syndrome child should have been told about her son's comments so she could take corrective action. But "Muddled" should also have taken her son aside and explained about children with special needs and disabilities so he could learn tolerance and understanding. Four years old is not too young to start. We also have younger twins, who, at an early age, asked why their older brother "acts the way he does." In the six years since then, they have grown to be more perceptive and understanding. They are more forgiving of

their peers and willing to help those less fortunate -- "special" or not. They understand that there are many different types of people in this world, and I believe that knowledge will help make them more enlightened adults. — **CHARLES H., FREMONT, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I have been both a special education and a regular education teacher. By approaching the mother of the child who threatened her little boy, the writer could have alerted the mother to inappropriate behaviors that may be preventing her child from having positive peer interactions. Often children with disabilities repeat what they have heard others say. If the child truly meant what he said about "kicking his butt," then the mother should raise those issues with his teachers and therapists. — **SPECIAL ED TEACHER IN NEVADA**

DEAR ABBY: As a parent of a child with Down syndrome, I believe it's important that my daughter be treated like any other child. That includes knowing when she misbehaves. Having an extra chromosome doesn't give her a free pass. My expectations for her do not differ from my other children. Standards should not be lowered because she is differently abled. What that boy said was inappropriate. Perhaps he heard it at school or from a sibling. Either way, his mother should have been immediately made aware of it. Your advice was right on the money. — **P.W., BIG RAPIDS, MICH.**

DEAR ABBY: I've worked with people with disabilities for 15 years. They have difficulty learning social skills. Sometimes they learn a phrase and repeat it over and over without realizing its impact. What the child said might have been a defense mechanism to keep others from picking on him. In any case, others should not ignore inappropriate behavior just because the person appears to have a mental disability. — **AMY IN KANSAS CITY**

For Better Or For Worse



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Garfield



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Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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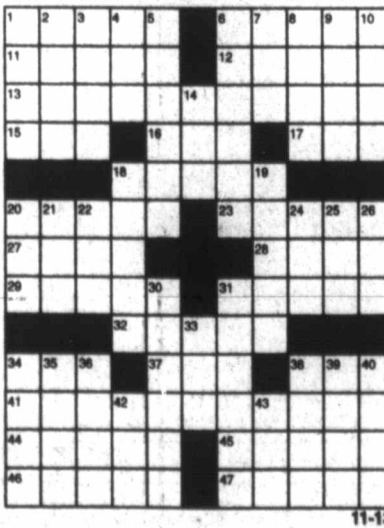
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- 29 "The Taming of the Shrew" city
- 31 Posted speed, in places
- 32 Novel ideas
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- 45 Unattached
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- 47 Ran easily

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"You're telling me it's getting cold outside... right?"

The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

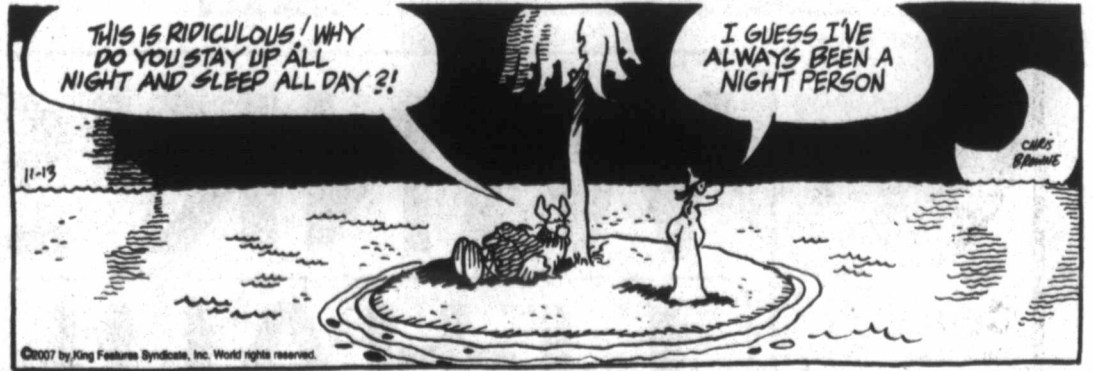


"When I get to college, what toys will they have for me to play with?"

B.C.



Hagar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie



Flo & Friends



Sports

Girls, boys play Amarillo tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Last week, the Pampa Lady Harvesters officially opened their season with a home game against Amarillo High.

The Pampa JV girls got the ball rolling at McNeely Field House with a 45-43 win over Amarillo High's JV.

The varsity followed with a much tougher act, and were defeated 57-32 by the Lady Sandies.

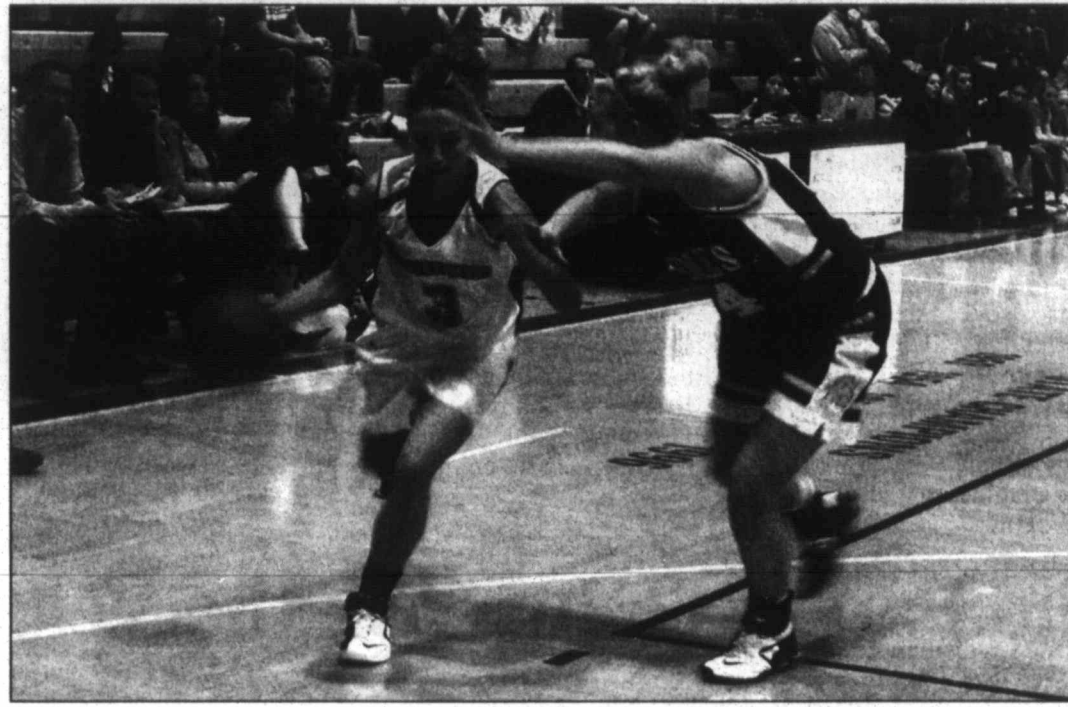
Tonight, the Lady Harvesters will take on Amarillo High again — this time, wearing the away jerseys.

The varsity girls will go on first in the main gym, followed by the varsity boys.

The Pampa varsity boys are starting their season tonight, and are hoping to begin with a win.

This past weekend, the Pampa Harvesters had a scrimmage at McNeely Field House against Woodward, Okla.

Immediately following the varsity girls, the boys will hit the court for the first



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN
Senior Krishna Henderson works her way around an Amarillo player in the Lady Harvesters' first game against Amarillo High this past Tuesday. The two teams will face off again at 6 p.m. in Amarillo.

time this season against the Amarillo High Sandies.

"We are anxious to get playing, to see new faces lined up across from us,"

boys head coach Dustin Miller said, "Amarillo High is always a tough opponent

to start our season against and tonight will be no different."

Miller also expressed his excitement to get his new players out on the court, taking leadership roles left behind by last year's sen-

iors. The varsity girls will hit the court at 6 p.m. in Amarillo, followed by the varsity boys at 7:30 p.m.

On the JV court, the boys will play at 6 p.m., and the girls will follow at 7:30 p.m.

Saints look to shore up their weaknesses exploited by St. Louis

METAIRIE, La. (AP) — Did Jim Haslett expose a weakness in the team he once coached?

The relentless blitzing employed by the St. Louis defensive coordinator helped limit New Orleans to only 18 offensive plays during the first half of the Saints' 37-29 loss to the Rams on Sunday.

Drew Brees, however, wasn't ready to concede that St. Louis provided a blueprint for upcoming opponents on how to slow him down.

Because New Orleans (4-5) lost by only one score after being down 34-7, Brees was confident the Saints could make the adjustments necessary to avoid being stifled by the same defensive scheme again.

able to move the ball right down the field."

Head coach Sean Payton placed much of the blame on himself, saying the formations he called on offense had players lined up in spots that left them vulnerable to blocking mix-ups.

"There were no new inventions" by St. Louis, Payton said. "We just didn't execute as well as we would have liked."

When Brees was sacked and fumbled in the first quarter, ending a potential scoring threat in Rams territory, right tackle Jon Stinchcomb and running back Reggie Bush were confused over who was supposed to pick up blitzing linebacker Will Witherspoon, Payton said.

Stinchcomb said the offensive line reviewed game film carefully and came away humbled.

"To say we were squared See SAINTS, Page 8

'Pacman' Jones intends to take plea deal in Vegas strip club triple shooting

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Suspended NFL player Adam "Pacman" Jones is expected to take a plea deal that will get him probation in return for testimony about a Las Vegas strip club triple shooting, his lawyer said Tuesday.

The Tennessee Titans cornerback intends to plead no contest to one charge of conspiracy to commit disorderly conduct, a gross misdemeanor, in return for a prom-

ise to suspend a sentence of one year in county jail, according to a written plea agreement obtained by The Associated Press.

Jones' attorney, Robert Langford, said he would appear on Jones' behalf Tuesday to tell Las Vegas Justice of the Peace Tony Abbatangelo that Jones intends to take a plea. The actual plea will take place at a later date before a Clark County District Court judge.

"He has agreed to testify in whatever hearings come up regarding the shooter," Langford said. Jones, who is not expected to appear at Tuesday's hearing, would not be sentenced until after testifying, he said.

Abbatangelo is expected to waive Jones' preliminary hearing on two felony coercion charges stemming from allegations he incited the melee inside the club. The

evidentiary hearing was postponed Oct. 29 while plea negotiations continued.

In addition to one year of probation, Jones must attend an anger management program, complete 200 hours of community service within a year and submit to random drug testing, according to the plea deal. Langford said Jones already is subject to drug testing under NFL rules.

Langford would not say if Jones knew the identity of a gunman who authorities say opened fire and wounded three people Feb. 19 outside the Minxx Gentlemen's Club minutes after Jones and members of his entourage were involved in a melee inside.

"I can't comment because that's an ongoing police investigation," Langford told the AP.

Kid Scoop

This Week: Money Smarts

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MONEY

IT'S A TRADE OFF!

Before money was invented, people traded with each other for goods and services. But trading wasn't always easy.

Imagine if what you had to trade was milk. One morning your milk container was empty and you would be out of luck.

If you were a doctor and all your patients wanted to pay you in eggs, you could end up with more eggs than you could ever use.

Or, what if you had rocks to trade? They could be very heavy to carry around the market.

Over the years, people tried using different kinds of things as money such as shells, feathers and beads. Small lumps of metal such as gold and silver became popular because they were easy to carry. But they had to be weighed every time they were used.

Around 700 B.C. King Croesus of Lydia (present day Turkey) had the idea of stamping metal into coins. About 500 years later, the Chinese invented paper money.

Coin Toss

Throughout history, coins have come in many different shapes and sizes.

Only two of these coins match. Can you find them?

Standards Link: Economics: Students know that different countries use different currencies to exchange goods and services.

To Coin a Word

Each picture below represents a slang word for money. Can you guess what each one is?

ANSWERS: Bread, dough, clams and buck.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Can you divide this grid into four parts in which each part has the same amount of money?

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Stumped? Answers are at the KIDS page at www.kidscoop.com
Standards Link: Mathematical Reasoning: Solve problems using logic.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Rounding Off

Find items for sale in the newspaper that are advertised for more than \$100 but less than \$1,000. Paste them on a paper. Round the figures to the nearest \$100 and write each new number by the pasted figure.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Use specific strategies (e.g., rounding) to estimate computations.

Write On!

Money Problem

Write a word problem involving money. Be sure to include the answer to your problem as well!

Kid Scoop Together: Money in the Newspaper!

Look through the newspaper to find each of the following things. Be sure to write down each page number on which it appears and then write a sentence describing what you found.

- A way to make money:**
What: _____
Page #: _____
Sentence: _____
 - An ad placed by someone to sell something:**
What: _____
Page #: _____
Sentence: _____
 - An ad placed by someone looking for work:**
What: _____
Page #: _____
Sentence: _____
 - A news story that mentions money:**
What: _____
Page #: _____
Sentence: _____
- Standards Link:** Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: EXCHANGE

The verb exchange means to give, take or trade one thing in return for another.

Tanya decided to exchange the sweater her mother sent for one that was a better fit.

Try to use the word exchange in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Trainer who claims ties to NFL to plead guilty in steroid case

DALLAS (AP) — A personal trainer who says he has ties to Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Falcons players said Monday he will plead guilty to federal charges of manufacturing and distributing steroids.

David Jacobs, of Plano, told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KTVT that he will plead guilty Tuesday in federal court in Sherman as part of a deal in which he will tell federal investigators about professional athletes who use steroids.

"Obviously that's one of the reasons I am here and pleading guilty," Jacobs told the station.

But he declined to discuss specifics about which players or teams might be involved.

"I'm not going to discuss the teams, the names, the details," Jacobs told the TV station.

A working phone number for Jacobs could not immediately be located. A phone message left by The Associated Press with his attorney was not immediately returned.

An indictment filed in May names Jacobs and three others and charges them with conspiring to possess and distribute anabolic steroids. Jacobs also faces a charge of unlawful user of a controlled substance while in possession of a firearm.

On the Web site for a supplements store owned by Jacobs, he claims to have offered guidance to members of the Dallas Cowboys and the Atlanta Falcons.

Cowboys spokesman Rich Dalrymple did not immediately return a phone message left by the AP. Dalrymple told KTVT that Jacobs never worked for the Cowboys and the team had no knowledge of the charges he faces. The Atlanta Falcons also told the station that he never worked for the Falcons and they had never heard of him.

Two of the defendants, Matthew Williams and Amber Jarrell, have already pleaded guilty to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute anabolic steroids.

Saints

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away with everything that was going on during the game is a fallacy," Stinchcomb said. "Today's one of those days where we have to learn from it and make sure we can use it as a positive, because we've already lost the game, but we can't lose another one because of the mistakes we made."

When Brees threw his second interception of the game under pressure, Payton said, tight end Eric Johnson had primary blocking responsibility on the blitzing defender, with Bush as backup. But Payton, again blaming himself, said Johnson's

alignment was too wide for him to make his block effectively, and Bush didn't anticipate that he would be needed to compensate.

Since taking over as the Saints' featured running back after Deuce McAllister's knee injury, Bush's blocking ability is being tested more than ever.

Next Sunday in Houston he may find himself trying to protect Brees from none other than defensive end Mario Williams, the surprise No. 1 overall pick in the 2006 NFL draft, one slot ahead of Bush, who thought until the day before the draft that Houston was going to pick him.

Bush has yet to address his upcoming meeting with Williams. He did not speak to reporters after Sunday's game. Team officials said

he didn't feel well after a helmet-to-helmet hit that briefly knocked him from the game before he returned to score on a pair of 2-point conversions.

On Monday, Bush canceled a scheduled media conference in which he was to announce a charity event he plans to sponsor when the NBA All-Star game comes to New Orleans in February.

Meanwhile, New Orleans' offensive line also took a hit against the Rams when Jammal Brown went out after Brees was knocked into the back of his left leg. There was good news Monday on that front, Payton said, as tests revealed only a muscle strain that should not cause Brown to miss the Houston game.

How dominant are the Patriots? Just ask the Vegas bookies

By TIM DAHLBERG AP Sports Columnist

No doubt more than one coach has wanted to send Bill Belichick the same one-fingered message that Wyoming's Joe Glenn relayed across the field when Utah went for an onside kick Saturday with a 43-0 lead in the third quarter of their college game.

Glenn got his wrist slapped for the gesture but at least he tried to stand up to a bully, unlike the passive public reaction displayed by Joe Gibbs and his fellow coaches after the New England Patriots kicked sand in their faces.

Tough to blame them. Unlike Glenn, the NFL coaches may have to play their tormentors another time this season.

Buffalo's Dick Jauron does, and the thought can't be too appealing for a coach who has already seen what a team loaded with talent and led by a brilliant if unsympathetic coach can do when it also has a bit of a vendetta going.

It was ugly enough in September when the Patriots whipped the Bills at home, 38-7. No one outside of Buffalo has any reason to believe it will be any prettier when the two

teams meet in a rematch Sunday in upstate New York.

Just how good these Patriots are is no longer a real question.

If anything, coming back in the fourth quarter against Indianapolis just added more ink to the stamp of greatness already bestowed on this team by everyone except Shula.

They've still got seven games left in the regular season but, unless Tom Brady gets run over by a bus, it's hard to make an argument for the chances of anybody left on the Patriots schedule stealing a cheap win and keeping the champagne usually shared by the 1972 Miami Dolphins on ice.

Sports historians can then begin the debate of where this team takes its place among the best of all time. Talking heads on TV can talk themselves silly about whether it can ever be done again in an era of parity in the NFL.

Right now, however, the best judges of this team can be found in the oddest of places — behind the counter in the sports books of the glittering casinos on the Las Vegas Strip.

These guys have seen everything

over the years, but they've never seen anything like this.

"You just don't see these kind of numbers in the NFL," said John Avello, who runs the sports book at the Wynn Las Vegas, where the Patriots are 16-point favorites over a team playing at home that has won four straight games.

It's pretty much the same story all around town, where oddsmakers scramble each week to put out a number that will somehow entice people to bet on whoever the Patriots are playing.

So far they haven't been very successful, and the books have taken a beating as money keeps rolling in on New England and the Patriots keep covering the ever-growing spreads.

"Who knows what we're going to see when they host the Jets," said the Las Vegas Hilton's Jay Kornegay. "It might be the highest point spread in the history of the NFL."

It might be, if records were kept on point spreads like they are everywhere else in the NFL. The league wants nothing to do with betting on its games, of course, and

lines vary from casino to casino by a point or two on most games.

Still, those who risk their bankrolls — or their careers — on figuring out how good a team is are pretty much in agreement that the Patriots are the most dominant team in modern times in the NFL.

"Normally the wise guys (big bettors) realize how difficult it is for a team to go undefeated and compete at that kind of level week in and week out with everybody gunning for them," Kornegay said. "But the pros realize how good this team is. The perception is they're out to prove a point and they're not going to let up."

Sports bettor RJ Bell, who runs a betting Web site, said his research shows that the biggest point spread since 1980 came in 1993 when San Francisco was a 23-point favorite over Cincinnati, a game the 49ers won just 21-8. During that time, there have been only five games with a point spread of more than 20 points.

The Patriots could break that against both the Jets and Dolphins next month, and Vegas bookies believe they will be at least a 10-

point favorite on the road in what figures to be the toughest test they have left, the last game of the season against the New York Giants.

That makes some oddsmakers nervous because there has been so much money bet on the Patriots to go undefeated and to win the Super Bowl despite the best efforts of bookies to entice money elsewhere.

Sports books around town stand to lose a bundle should the Patriots run the table.

No one is going to feel too sorry for the bookies, who win far more than their share of the money. Indeed, most oddsmakers are about as popular with the average bettor as Belichick is with his fellow coaches.

They do understand numbers, though, and they do know something about dominance.

They also know that with 10 possible games left for the Patriots, they won't be the only ones taking a whipping.

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Seahawks stay patient, powerful in 24-0 win over sliding Niners

SEATTLE (AP) — The wind died down and the driving rains stayed away, so the Seattle Seahawks poured it on the 49ers instead.

Matt Hasselbeck passed for 278 yards and two touchdowns, Maurice Morris rushed for another score and the Seahawks defense held San Francisco to six first downs in a 24-0 victory Monday night.

San Francisco's last trip to Seattle was the rain-soaked highlight of coach Mike Nolan's three seasons, with the 49ers rallying through howling winds and miserable precipitation for 21 fourth-quarter points and a stunning 24-21 victory.

An eerily similar storm hit Seattle early Monday, but the skies cleared by game time — and the Seahawks (5-4) had almost no obstacles for a consistently outstanding passing attack that thrived while Shaun Alexander sat out with injuries.

Will Heller and D.J. Hackett caught Hasselbeck's TD passes, with Hackett getting 8 receptions for 101 yards as Seahawks affirmed their spot atop the NFC West with its second straight demolition of the club expected to challenge them this fall.

Seattle jumped to a 17-0 halftime lead before turning away three San Francisco drives that started in Seahawks territory. Alex Smith, who had his finest NFL hour in Seattle last season, passed for 114 yards for the 49ers (2-7), who skidded to their first losing streak in two years.

Nolan received condolences from Seattle's Mike Holmgren and dozens of players before the game. His father, former 49ers coach Dick Nolan, died Sunday after a long battle with Alzheimer's disease and prostate cancer.

No. 16 Texas struggles to 58-37 win over UTSA

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas won its season opener but boy, did the Longhorns miss Kevin Durant.

Last season's freshman phenom and national player of the year is now in the NBA and his absence left a huge hole in the Texas offense as the 16th-ranked Longhorns scored their fewest points in a season-opening win in 25 years in a 58-37 victory over Texas-San Antonio on Monday night.

"I don't think tonight is a real good showing of what our offense can do," said guard A.J. Abrams, who set a Big 12 record with 120 3-pointers last season but was 3-of-10 from the field in the first game. "I think we have the offensive firepower that will eventually develop."

Defense won this one. The Longhorns (1-0) held the Roadrunners (1-1) to 18 points in the second half and 27 percent shooting for the game.

Point guard D.J. Augustin provided most of Texas' lightweight offensive punch, scoring 19 points to go with four assists. Justin Mason scored 12 points and Abrams finished with 11 after both players combined for 1-of-10 shooting in the first half.

"They got tentative," coach Rick

Barnes said. "They can't do that."

The Longhorns returned all the starters but Durant from last season's NCAA tournament team and expected to start the season with a little more polish.

It was a struggle from the start. The Roadrunners outrebounded Texas 17-12 in the first half while the Longhorns misfired from inside and out. Abrams was 0-for-5 in the first half and the Longhorns held a 22-19 lead on Augustin's short jumper at the buzzer.

"We missed four layups early in the game that could have changed things and we had some turnovers," Barnes said.

Texas-San Antonio coach Brooks Thompson said he tried to use Gardner-Webb's upset of then-No. 20 Kentucky last week to inspire his team to pull another stunner.

"We sure talked about it a lot. The first 20 minutes our guys played the way they had to. We were outrebounding the University of Texas," Thompson said.

The Longhorns kept misfiring in the second half. Abrams airballed a long shot and a small but vocal group of Roadrunners fans who made the 75-

mile drive north started taunting the Longhorns in their home arena.

"Tonight our offense didn't do so well. We tried to pick it up on defense in the second half," Augustin said.

Augustin finally gave Texas a cushion with consecutive drives to the basket. Mason converted a three-point play and Augustin hit three free throws after he was fouled on a 3-point attempt to push the lead to 36-25 with just over 11 minutes to play.

Texas took it over with defense from there. The Longhorns held the Roadrunners scoreless over a 5-minute stretch and Abrams made his first 3-pointer with 7:50 left and drilled another in a 22-6 run that made it 50-30.

"The lead went from six to 18 really quick. We couldn't come back from it," said Roadrunners guard Devin Gibson, who had 11 of his 13 points in the first half.

Texas is still waiting for top recruit Gary Johnson to be cleared to play because of an unspecified heart condition. Johnson played in one of the Longhorns' exhibition games but has not been cleared by team doctors for the regular season.

LB Collins dismissed from Oklahoma State football team

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Linebacker Chris Collins was permanently dismissed from Oklahoma State's football team Monday, six days after he pleaded guilty to the felony aggravated sexual assault of a 12-year-old girl in Texas.

Coach Mike Gundy met with Collins to inform him of the dismissal, according to a statement released Monday evening by Marlene Strathe, the university's interim president.

"Chris has been a model student-athlete since he arrived at OSU last year and coach Gundy felt that he had earned the privilege of hearing the decision face-to-face from his head coach," Strathe said in the statement. "During the meeting coach

Gundy informed Chris that he would no longer be a member of the football team and the university supports coach Gundy's decision."

Collins had been suspended for the remainder of the season after entering his guilty plea last week in New Boston, Texas, on the charge resulting from the May 2004 assault, that occurred after prom in Collins' junior year of high school. Collins, who was 17 at the time, was one of four men charged with assaulting the girl. An affidavit indicated the girl said she could recall Collins being on top of her and kissing her neck, and contains a statement from one of the other men that he saw Collins and the girl having sexual relations.

A jury recommended Collins receive a five-year prison sentence, which he would serve on probation. He will be formally sentenced by a judge on Dec. 10.

Strathe said Collins would be permitted to keep his scholarship and remain in school.

"Because of the way Chris has conducted himself since coming to OSU, we will honor his athletic scholarship so that he can continue his education at OSU, if he is so inclined," Strathe said. "If he decides to transfer to another school, we will assist him in doing so. We feel deeply sad for everyone involved."

Earlier in the day, Gundy said he had been personally

satisfied with the university's investigation into Collins before he was offered a scholarship as part of the Cowboys' 2006 recruiting class. Texas had initially offered Collins a scholarship, but rescinded it after Collins was arrested.

"I'm trying to do the best I can without really going back to that now. There's just some things we can talk about and some things we can't, mainly because of Chris," Gundy said during his weekly news conference. "Once we get all the information, we're going to try to release as thorough a release as we can. ... We'll be as thorough as we can and be as informative as we can once we come to a decision."

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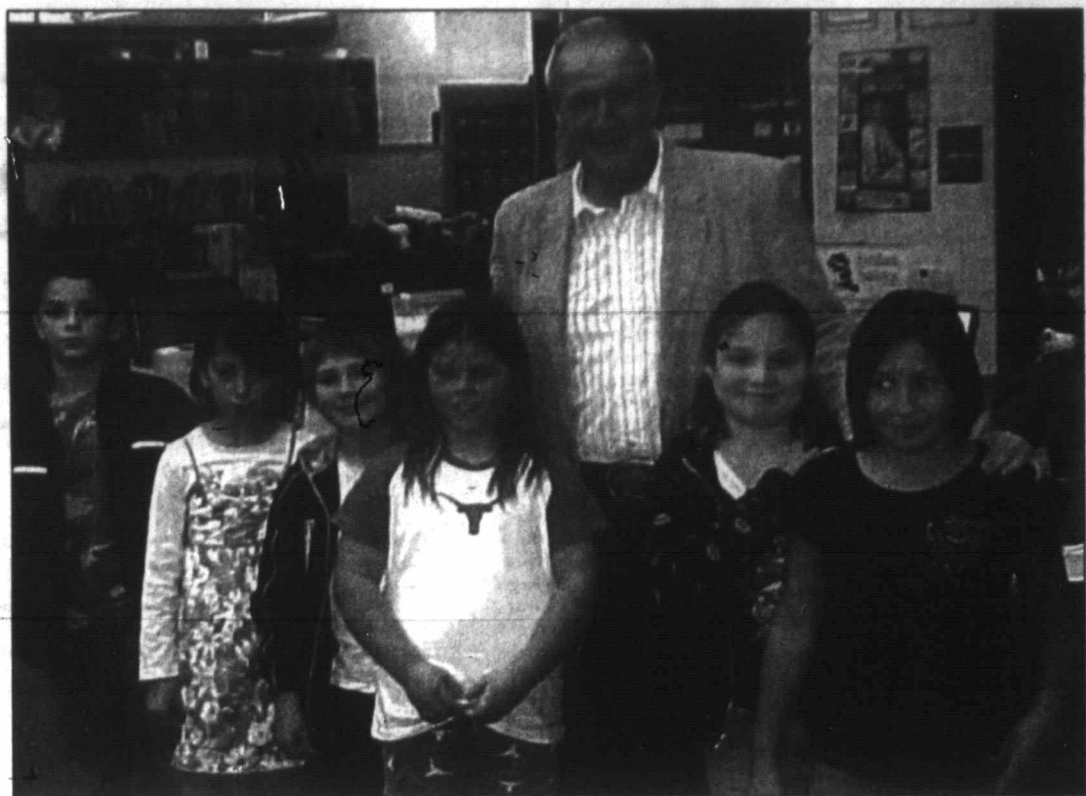
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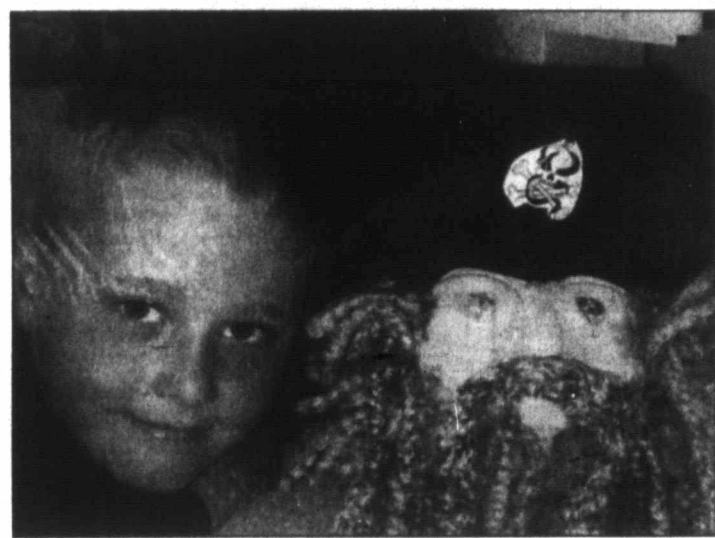
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Author Bill Wallace recently presented a program to students at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in Pampa when he and his wife, Carol, visited the school. Above: Wallace with Kelton Kimbro, from left, Lesly Salazar, Tyler Luster, Kaylee Arzen, Eilda Adame and Autumn Smith.



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Davy Jones

◀ Brady Albert recently won a \$50 first-place gift certificate from West Texas Landscape for his "Davey Jones" pumpkin.

Powers

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Not everyone agrees that we should still be in Iraq, or even should have set foot there to begin with. But it's good to know that this time around, the American

public realizes that those serving our country there are not the same people as those who decided they should be there.

Support our military. They are defending us with their lives. The least we can do is thank them and support them by providing veterans' benefits and our respect.

Semper fi.

Williams

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lence it. Silence is consent."

Then the document asks, "Have you ever heard a well-meaning white person say, 'I'm not a member of any race except the human race?' What she usually means by this statement is that she doesn't want to perpetuate racial categories by acknowledging that she is white. This is an evasion of responsibility for her participation in a system based on supremacy for white people."

I doubt whether this racist nonsense is restricted to the university's housing program. Students are probably taught similar nonsense in their sociology, psychology and political science classes. FIRE's outing of the University of Delaware's

racist program elicited this official response from Vice President Michael Gilbert, "The central mission of the University, and of the program, is to cultivate both learning and the free exchange of ideas." (According to thefire.org, as a result of public exposure, and without condemning this racist program, on Nov. 2 President Patrick Harker ordered the mandatory re-education halted pending a review.)

It's a safe bet the university did not highlight this kind of learning experience to parents and students in its recruitment efforts. Nor were generous donors and alumni informed that they are racists by birth. I'd also guess that this kind of "education" was kept under wraps from the state legislators who use taxpayer money to fund the university.

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Hughes

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Iraq, passivity in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and Blackwater mercenaries made her hand essentially unplayable.

Hughes did help U.S. efforts to convey the best of our culture, if not our policies. She dreamed up "Rapid Response Units," two-page digests of international headlines, with the official U.S. response, so diplomats in other time zones could swiftly answer before Washington awakes. Diplomats, from ambassadors on down, now are urged to talk to TV and radio, preferably in Arabic. And on her watch, the State Department finally stopped the decline in student exchange programs that began after 9/11.

Yet that decline shouldn't have occurred. Similarly, a smart new program dispatching Muslim-Americans to talk up U.S. culture abroad should have been in overdrive six years ago. While Hughes' office formed a special team to counter misinformation on Arabic language blogs, it still doesn't have anyone doing the task in Urdu or Farsi.

Though Hughes helped to revive the functions of the U.S. Information Agency, mothballed when the Cold War ended, its cultural offerings come nowhere near the kaleidoscopic banquet once served to nations living under communism. Hearts and minds are won with feasting, not medicinal lectures that invasion is the path to peace.

Perhaps if Hughes had committed longer than two years, she might have made more impact on policy. Though she told Bush that resolving the Israeli-Palestinian deadlock would improve Muslim perceptions, he did little in response. Maybe, too, Hughes could have urged him to end the persecution of Arabic linguists under "don't ask, don't tell." So far, more than 58 Arabic linguists have been driven out of the military since the policy began.

Last week as Hughes prepared to leave, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice gushed, "She has done just a remarkable job," making public diplomacy "strong and central to foreign policy."

Hughes did strengthen this tool of national security for the future. But it's inexcusable that a diplomatic program wasn't in place, fully loaded, when we really needed it: before we went to war. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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