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Texas Rangers need info

By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor

The Texas Rangers are seeking information from anyone who might have been stopped by an individual impersonating a police officer on area roads recently.

According to a press release issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Rangers arrested a Dallam County resident Monday on felony charges of impersonating a public servant.

The subject, a 34-year-old white male, is accused of identifying himself as a New Mexico Deputy Sheriff. At the time of arrest, the suspect produced a N.M. Deputy

Sheriff's badge. He also had activated red and blue emergency lights that were installed on his personal vehicle.

The vehicle is described as a black 2006 Dodge Charger with dark tinted windows. The emergency lights were installed in the back and front windows and the front grill of the vehicle.

If you have been stopped by a vehicle matching this description, and believe that the person stopping you was not a law enforcement officer, you should contact your local law enforcement agency or the Amarillo office of the Texas Rangers at 806-468-1481.



Sunset

Photo by Ernest Barnett
A West Texas sunset recently on the Bowers City Highway, just south of Pampa.

Woody Guthrie board needs new members

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A local board of directors is hoping to find new members who are interested in promoting Pampa tourism, folk music and Woody Guthrie.

Family issues and relocations have had some effect on the current board, said board member Loralee Cooley. There are approximately nine board members, she said.

"The Woody Guthrie Neighborhood is a big plus for Pampa and attracts Woody Guthrie fans from all over the country and even the world," said board member Reed Echols. "It is fun and interesting to be involved."

A representative from the BBC, or British Broadcasting Corporation, covered the 2006 Tribute to Woody Guthrie. The weekend event draws performers and others from various parts of the country each year.

Potential board members need to have a "sense of vision for Pampa and how developing the story of Woody Guthrie would impact that vision," Cooley said. "They need to have a sense of appreciation for the role of Woody Guthrie."

The board of directors, which was created in 1992, meets once a month. They plan the annual tribute and oversee maintenance.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Woody Guthrie Impersonator K.C. Mathey of Oklahoma was among those who performed at this year's Tribute to Woody Guthrie, Oct. 5 through 7.

Ornaments



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Ricky Moreheart and Rick Littlefield of Pampa Fire Department brought their department's ornament to place on the city's Christmas tree at City Hall.

City lake gets trout

By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor

Shane Stokes who works for Community Services for the City of Pampa announced that 1,000 rainbow trout, averaging at least 12 inches in length, were released into the City Lake at Recreation Park Wednesday.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Inland Fisheries Division transported the fish from the Dundee Fish Hatchery, which is near Wichita Falls, to Recreation Park on Highway 60.

Pampa has participated in this rainbow trout stocking program since 1993. This year, the city purchased 1,000 trout and the state matched that with an additional 1,000 trout supplied at their expense. Stokes said this is the first of two shipments. The second shipment should be delivered in February 2008.

If you would like to fish at Recreation Park, since it is a public waterway, state fishing regulations are in effect at this location. Texas Parks

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DECORATIONS

City workers decorate tree

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

When Public Information Officer Donny Hooper of the City of Pampa passed out clear Christmas tree ornaments to be decorated by each of the city's departments, the results proved that imagination and artistic ability are present throughout City Hall and its environs.

The ornaments were hung on the city's Christmas tree Tuesday in City Hall. Some followed a traditional holiday theme, while others applied symbols of their department's work to the clear plastic balls.

Lovett Memorial Library's ornament features sleds coursing down a snowy hill, with the lead sledder head down in the snow beside a half-buried sled.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, complete with red nose and antlers, represents the Utilities Department. A white light bulb

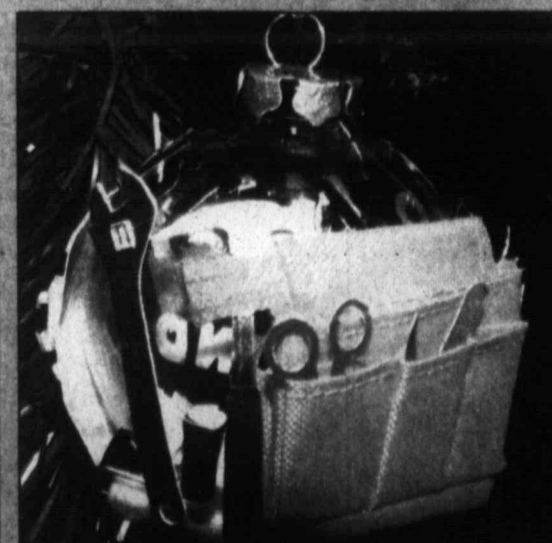
from a string of traditional Christmas lights forms the head of a snowman contributed by Administration.

The Water Department blended a traditional holiday symbol with their area of work. Their ornament shows Santa balancing water buckets on either end of a pole and standing amidst water.

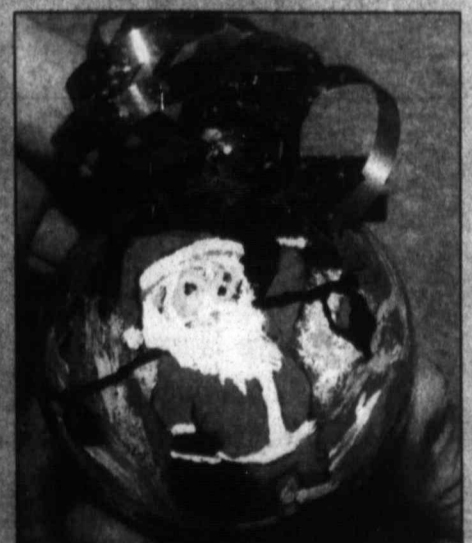
Pampa Fire Department's ornament wears a yellow fireman's hat, with gold jingle bells attached. Pampa Police Department's ornament is the victim of a gunshot, with a hole blasted in one side and a bullet protruding from the other.

The Information Technology Department applied a drawing of a computer onto their ornament and mounted it on two small computer parts. A picture of a front end

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Buildings and Grounds Department



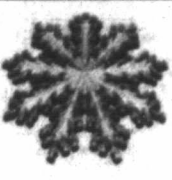


Water Department

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
Partly cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 54.
 Saturday Night: A chance of rain before 4 a.m., then a chance of freezing rain and sleet. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Sunday: A slight chance of freezing rain and sleet before 1 p.m., then a slight chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 33.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of freezing rain and sleet before 1 a.m., then a slight chance of snow. Cloudy, with a low around 21.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of snow. Cloudy, with a high near 27.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 26.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

GILBERT, Binford Winston — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Christ Episcopal Church, Canon City, Colo.
GUTHRIE, Shirlene — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Citizens Cemetery, Clarendon.

Bernice Davies Guess, 88

IDALOU — Bernice Guess, 88, of Idalou, died Dec. 5, 2007, in Amarillo. Services were scheduled at 10 a.m. today in First Baptist Church in Idalou with Justin Guess, grandson, officiating with the Rev. Vestal Blakely assisting.

Albert Davies and Emma Luce, and graduated from Lubbock High School. In 1940, she earned a bachelor of arts degree in teaching and homemaking from Texas Tech University. That same year, she married Frank Aycock Guess in Lubbock. Mrs. Guess was a long-

time teacher at Idalou High School and worked at Hemphill Wells Department Store until her retirement. She was a member of Idalou First Baptist Church, Eastern Star organization and various bridge clubs. Mrs. Guess was preceded

in death by her husband and one son, Joe Ronald Guess. Survivors include two sons, David Michael Guess of Pampa and Don Robert Guess of Kyle; a sister, Katherine McDaniel of Borger; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. To send condolences online, visit www.whitefuneralhome.com.
MEMORIALS: Charity of choice.

Shirlene Guthrie, 66

Shirlene Guthrie, 66, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 6, 2007, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 2007, at Citizens Cemetery in Clarendon with Brother Cole Goldsmith, of the Calvary Baptist Church of Panhandle, officiating. Arrangements are under

the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Ms. Guthrie was born April 5, 1941, in Dumas. She was reared in the McLean area. She collected mice figurines and was a

Baptist. Survivors include two daughters, Liesa Knight and husband Ricky, and Teresa Admire, all of Pampa; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one

brother, Glen Guthrie of Pampa; and one sister, JoAnn Knutson of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents.
MEMORIALS: A favorite charity.
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Steven Ray Hopkins, 52

Steven Ray Hopkins, 52, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 6, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Hopkins was born May 29, 1955, in Pampa where he graduated from Pampa High School. He was a graduate of Texas Tech University with a degree in chemical engineering. He was a former employee of Celanese. Survivors include his father, Bill Hopkins of Pampa; and four aunts, Betty Gray of Pampa, Mildred Cogdell and Betty Bishop, both of Sanger, and Martha Thorell and husband Carl of Whitesboro. He was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Hopkins.
 —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Teen gets probation in gang-related death

HOUSTON (AP) — A 17-year-old girl who faced a murder charge for fatally stabbing a member of the notorious MS-13 gang during a brawl in a Houston park last year has pleaded guilty to a lesser charge and will avoid prison. Ashley Benton entered her guilty plea in court on Friday after agreeing to a plea bargain with prosecutors. In exchange for pleading guilty to aggravated assault, Benton was given five years deferred adjudication probation, meaning if she completes her sentence without any problems, her conviction will be erased. Benton had been set to be retried in January after her first trial earlier this year ended in a mistrial after a jury failed to reach a verdict in three days of deliberations.

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- GOSPEL SINGING**, Sunday afternoon, 2-4, Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. Everyone welcome.
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- PACK 'N'** Mail will be open Sat. Dec. 1st, 8th, & 15th from 10am-5pm for all your packing & shipping needs.
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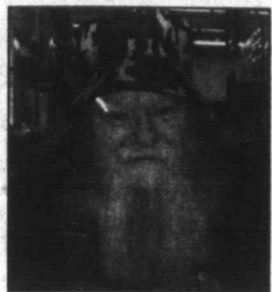
What do you think?

How will the tragic events of Wednesday's Nebraska shopping mall shooting affect your holiday shopping and overall feeling of safety?



Sharon Mathis Oluhu
Bookkeeper

I see this not only as a loss of life, but also as the loss of a human soul that could have been saved. It's very tragic, but I do feel safe in this country.



Boyd Matthews
aka Santa Claus
Semi-retired

There are nuts everywhere, but things like this shouldn't affect our way of life. It could happen anywhere, but it doesn't mean I'm going to hide out.



Carlyn Dyer
Nail Tech

I don't feel completely safe anywhere, or doing anything. Especially after things like this happen.



Brian Remy
Telecommunications

I definitely feel safe about doing my Christmas shopping. This won't affect me at all.



Rudolph & Lynda Rankin
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Rudolph- I don't know that I fear, but I do feel unsafe. There's always a risk.
Lynda- I fear going into a dark parking lot, or shopping where there's big groups of people.



Casey Thomas
Frank's True Value

It won't affect me at all, because I'm already done with my Christmas shopping.

Emergency Services

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

Wednesday, Dec. 5

Ronnie Lynn Alexander, 21, of McLean turned himself in to Gray County Sheriff's Office on a capias pro fine for public intoxication.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Dustin James Strasbaugh, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of Darby by Pampa Police Department for driving under the influence/minor and no valid driver's license.

Thursday, Dec. 6

Dante Allen Wilbon, 17, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal for disrupting a school activity, assault by threat and disorderly conduct/language.

Eric Newton Connell, 26, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal on a motion to revoke probation for furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Jayier Garcia, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the

700 block of East Browning by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for no insurance and two counts of no valid driver's license.

Matthew Gilbert Maul, 36, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for harassment.

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

Eleven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets, the 2300 block of Primrose, the 500 block of Schneider and the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Huff Road and McCullough Avenue, and the 1000 block of South

Wells.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2500 block of Charles, the intersection of Price Road and Kentucky Avenue, the intersection of 23rd and Lea streets, the intersection of Oklahoma and Faulkner streets, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 100 block of South Wells, the 300 block of North Banks, the 2500 block of Comanche, the 500 block of North Perry, the 400 block of North Wynne and the 100 block of West Albert.

Welfare checks were made in the 2300 block of Beech, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of West Brown.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A purse valued at \$50, a driver's license, a Social Security card and \$300 in cash were reported lost.

Warrant services were attempted on 23 occasions

resulting in at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of West Crawford, and the intersection of Neel Road and Crawford Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of Navajo.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Theft was reported at Aaron's, 211 W. 30th. A laptop computer and a big screen television were taken.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road. Taken were a DVD player, four DVDs and a cordless telephone. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of South

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City

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loader shows the loader appearing to clear away snow represented by silver glitter on the Public Service Department ornament.

A sewer rat is painted onto the Wastewater Department's ornament.

Other departments which used small graphics and scrapbooking materials to represent their work were the Buildings and Grounds Department, featuring a tiny tool belt complete with tools; a driver's license, license plate and key ring on the 911 Communications Center's ornament; and sports equipment and clothing on the Recreation Department's ornament.

Trout

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and Wildlife game wardens enforce these regulations, not city employees.

Generally, a fishing license is not required for people 17 years or younger or people born before Sept. 1, 1930. All

others who plan to fish in this lake are required to have a fishing license and a freshwater trout stamp endorsement.

According to the 2006-2007 Texas Parks and Wildlife outdoor annual hunting and fishing regulations Website www.tpwd.state.tx.us, the daily catch limit on trout is five per day, with no set minimum length requirement.

Guthrie

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upkeep and operation of "Woody's Neighborhood", and work to create other events involving the location, at 320 and 400 S. Cuyler. The Woody Guthrie Center is at 320 S. Cuyler, and the Woody Guthrie Inn is at 400 S. Cuyler. Also included on the property is "Alice's Restaurant," a small building behind the center which is named after a song written and performed by Guthrie's son Arlo, and a section of railroad track which symbolizes the method Guthrie used to travel when he left Pampa in 1937 after having lived

here since 1929.

The Center is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Board members man the center during those times to make it available for the public and to answer questions and market merchandise, Cooley said.

A Web site is also maintained by the board.

Fund raising is a part of the organization's operations. Persons who can write grant applications are always welcome, Cooley said.

"We also need to look at how we can have more events at that facility," she said of the center. "We're having jam sessions there two times a month right now."

Board members are considering developing a program along with local businesses concerning Black Sunday, a severe dust storm which occurred on April 14, 1935 in Pampa. Guthrie, who lived in Pampa at the time, has been called a Dust Bowl balladeer and wrote a group of songs known as his Dust Bowl ballads.

For more information, visit the organization's Web site at www.woodyguthrie-pampatx.org. Interested individuals may also call Cooley at 282-9529 or Echols at 669-9572.

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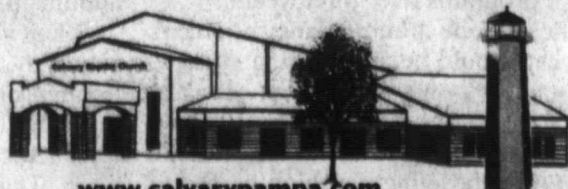
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Viewpoints

Beware of the office Christmas party

Beware of the Office Christmas Party
By Tom Purcell

"You got fired because your company had a Christmas party? You're going to have to explain." "Look, I've been going to Christmas parties a long time. The mix of office politics and adult beverages has caused some nutty things to happen over the years. But now everybody is so serious and so easily offended, things are worse than ever." "What did you do?" "Well, the owners of my company threw a traditional office Christmas party after work one evening — the last such party they'll ever have. Thanks to me and the boys in the sales department, adult

beverages were flowing. I thought everybody was having a good time. But something was missing." "Missing?" "There was no Christmas tree! I went out to the woods and cut a couple of pine branches and put them in a vase. I went to my desk and made a paper star. I placed the star on top of the tree. I figured everybody would love it, but somebody filed a complaint with Human Resources."

"A complaint?" "Some fellow said I was imposing a specific faith on him — that I was creating a hostile work environment. He said I was insensitive to people of other faiths — that even though the Supreme

Court ruled that a Christmas tree is a secular symbol, the only acceptable tree would be a diversity tree that represented everybody's point of view."

Tom Purcell
Columnist



"I see." "Anyhow, about then — I believe the boys and I had a few more drinks — we started singing Christmas carols: 'Silent Night,' 'Hark! The Herald ...,' 'The First Noel.' We were working our way through 'Hallelujah Chorus' when it happened again."

"Another complaint to Human Resources?" "Bingo. I don't know why anybody would be upset

about Christmas carols being sung at a Christmas party. Something about Christian songs being insensitive to non-Christians. But that was

the least of my worries. Things got worse when we conducted our annual raffle."

"I can only imagine. Go on."

"Well, every year the boys and I buy the finest bottle of hooch we can find. We raffle it off and give the funds we raise to charity. How was I supposed to know that some religions are offended by gambling and alcohol? As you might expect, the raffle

caused another complaint. But that was nothing compared to what happened next."

"Things got worse!" "Oh, yeah. Just after the boys and I had a few more drinks, in walks one of the ladies from order entry. You wouldn't believe some of the clothing she wears to work — or, to be more precise, the clothing she DOESN'T wear."

"Please don't tell me there was mistletoe."

"How'd you guess? The boys bet me 20 bucks I could coax her under the mistletoe and give her a little peck. Silver-tongued devil that I am, I began commenting on how great she looked in her scanty duds when —"

"Another complaint was filed with Human Resources?"

"You're good, buddy. She dresses like a pop star and I'm the one hit with a multi-million-dollar sexual-harassment lawsuit?"

"I recently read about such Christmas office-party woes in The New York Times. Because our work force is so diverse — and because people have so many different social styles, religions and points of view — the article said many companies don't know how to approach Christmas parties anymore."

"You can add me to that list, pal."

"Employees are so sensi- See PURCELL, Page 5

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 7, the 341st day of 2007. 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:

In 1787, Delaware became the first state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

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 U.S.

In 1907, the first Christmas Seals to help the fight against tuberculosis were sold, in Wilmington, Del. (Some sources say Dec. 9.)

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

In 1972, America's last moon mission to date was launched as Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral.

In 1982, convicted murderer Charlie Brooks Jr. became the first U.S. prisoner to be executed by injection, at a prison in Huntsville, Texas.

In 1983, in Madrid, Spain, an Aviac DC-9 collided on a runway with an Iberia Air Lines Boeing 727 that was accelerating for takeoff, killing all 42 people aboard the DC-9 and 51 aboard the Iberia jet.

In 1987, 43 people were killed after a gunman aboard a Pacific Southwest Airlines jetliner in California apparently opened fire on a fellow passenger, the two pilots and himself, causing the plane to crash.

In 1987, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev set foot on American soil for the first time, arriving for a Washington summit with President Reagan.

Ten years ago: Republicans threatened Attorney General Janet Reno with contempt of Congress over her decision to forgo an independent counsel's investigation of White House campaign fund raising. Singer Bob Dylan, actor Charlton Heston, actress Lauren Bacall, opera singer Jessye Norman and ballet master Edward Villella shared the 20th annual Kennedy Center Honors in Washington, D.C.

Five years ago: Iraq handed over its long-awaited arms declaration to the United Nations, denying it had doomsday weapons. President Saddam Hussein grudgingly apologized to Kuwait for his 1990 invasion.



'There are no warlike peoples — just warlike leaders'
— Ralph Bunche
Nobel Peace laureate
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The counterrevolution killed old republic

No one can understand the present without knowing the past. It's as simple as that. We all are born ignorant in the midst of an ongoing story, a long chain of causes and effects. It is the job of historians to bring us up to date.

No one has ever done that better than Claude G. Bowers, whose book "The Tragic Era" recounts in great detail the counterrevolution that took place between Abraham Lincoln's death and 1876. Some historians have referred to this period as America's French Revolution. It is known as Reconstruction.

That counterrevolution, which killed the old republic established by the Constitution, created modern America, a centralized government dominated by industrialists and financiers. All the ills of modern

America, including a disdain for the Constitution, an imperialist foreign policy and modern racism, came out of Reconstruction.

Bowers was born in Indiana and was a Jeffersonian Democrat, a popular historian and an ambassador to Spain and Chile. He tells his story with the skill of a novelist, but it is important to note that he tells it from a Northern point of view. He brings to life historical figures who are largely just names to most of us — men like the malevolent Thaddeus Stevens, the idealist Charles Sumner and President Andrew Johnson, a much-maligned but extraordinarily brave defender of the Constitution.

Charley Reese
Columnist

Readers will see that lies and slander, ideological fanaticism, an outrageously biased press and massive corruption are nothing new on the American political scene. The current Bush administration is almost Sunday schoolish compared with the Radical

Republicans of that era and the Grant administration.

"The Tragic Era" was published in 1929, before the pall of political correctness descended on the country. Bowers spares no one. Today his book has been called a racist scholarly work, but in reading it, I failed to see any evidence of racism. He believed that former slaves were not ready

for the vote, most of them being illiterate, and events proved him correct. Under today's political correctness, one does not tell the truth if anyone finds it offensive.

Stevens spelled out the plan for Reconstruction, which was passed over the vetoes of President Johnson: Disenfranchise most of the white Southerners, give the vote to former slaves, make sure they vote Republican, and the party could safely do what it pleased as long as it pleased.

What it pleased to do was rob the South. The list of crimes committed by the carpetbagger governments backed up by federal soldiers is appalling. These scoundrels pitted black against white by telling former slaves that not voting Republican would mean a

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 26
The Dallas Morning News on merit pay for teachers:

A lot of eyes are watching as Texas moves down the road with the nation's richest incentive-pay system for teachers. About \$473 million could sweeten the paychecks of educators through different programs over three years.

There's one troubling development in what should be a promising system: Substantial money will be out of reach to a large portion of the state's 300,000 classroom educators, even though many are the effective, high-performing hard workers that state lawmakers

wanted to reward.

According to an exclusive report by Dallas Morning News reporter Terrence Stutz, well over half of the state's 1,033 school districts decided against participating in a new wave of bonus money \$148 million available for next school year. Some might have been turned off by surprise new rules that will push some of the cost to local boards, or they might have judged the benefits as marginal, considering the administrative headaches.

Whatever the reason, the public education system needs to live up to the implied promise made this year when the Legislature put most new money for educator compensation into incentives. That promise is broken if the ample pot of merit money is off limits

to all-star teachers because of tangled state procedures or local reluctance to get the job done.

The outcome must sting excellent teachers whose districts chose not to pursue the latest merit money. Some of those teachers already were ineligible for \$100 million incentive programs targeting high-performing, low-income schools.

The concept of incentive pay for teachers is a promising one. It could help districts entice educators to hard-to-fill positions in areas such as math, science, bilingual and special education. As important, it can reward a school's entire staff when it finds a way to overcome obstacles and achieve

Events calendar

• **Pampa Altrusa Club** will hold "Soup with Mrs. Claus" from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. Cost is \$5 per person and \$6 per person at the door. Soup and corn dogs will be served.

• **Lovett Memorial Library** in Pampa will stage its December "Story Time" at 10 a.m. Dec. 12 and 19 at the library. Story Time is open to children between 18 months and 4 years of age. A Christmas party is planned the 19th. For more information, call the library.

• **Memory Gardens of Pampa** will host a Christmas candlelight service at 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at Memory Gardens

Cemetery. Over 1,000 luminaries will be lit until 11 p.m.

• **Red Hat Dollies** of Pampa will meet at 9 a.m. Dec. 13 at Sisters Spudnut in Pampa. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **Pease River Productions** and **Quanah Historical Museums** will hold their second annual quilt show from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 15 at Quanah Depot Museum in Quanah. The event will include quilt demonstrations, music, chuckwagon cooking and more as well as a cowboy ball in the evening. For more information, call (940) 663-2040, (940) 663-5959, (940) 839-7332, e-mail

info@peaseiverproductions.org or log onto www.peaseiverproductions.org on the Internet.

• **Madeline Graves Dance Studio** will stage "Scrooge - All Jazzed Up Like the Dickens" at 7 p.m. Dec. 17 at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. A spaghetti meal is scheduled prior to the show at 5:30 p.m. Admission to the program/meal will be \$8 for adults and \$6 for children. Children 3 and under are free.

• **Applications for Miss Teen Gray County 2008** will be accepted until Dec. 17. The title-winner will represent the county at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant

in April at San Antonio. To find out more, call (210) 403-0589 or log onto www.missteentexasinternatioal.com on the Internet.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Dec. 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

Purcell

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tive and easily offended, employers can't please one without agitating another. Some say Christmas parties are too overtly Christian - others that they're not overt enough."

"They're not overtly FUN enough."

"Traditional Christmas parties are rife with liabilities, too - company-funded alcohol consumption is a huge red flag. Thus, more companies are abandoning the traditional Christmas party for dull, generic, daytime events - another trend that reflects how humorless, serious and overly sensitive America is becoming. Though you have to admit: You were awfully boorish and brash at your Christmas party."

ing. Though you have to admit: You were awfully boorish and brash at your Christmas party."

"Sure, I admit it. But I've been boorish and brash every year. It's just that nowadays you can get sued and canned and for it."

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

Reese

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return to slavery and promising them that land would be confiscated and given to them. Land was confiscated all right, by raising taxes higher than the impoverish whites could afford to pay, but it was not given to the former slaves.

The racial bitterness of this period is still with us, though thankfully to a lesser degree. When martial law and

carpetbagger rule were finally ended, segregation and a hatred for the Republican Party were the results.

Honest Northerners had learned the truth and were disgusted by the corruption. The Republican Party, taken over by industrialists and financiers, no longer needed either the South or the black vote. Both were unceremoniously dumped by the Republican Party. Both remained impoverished for decades.

Today, in my judgment, both major parties are the parties of big business and financiers. The middle and lower classes of Americans are unrepre-

sented.

It's too bad that most Americans today don't have the sand in their craw that their ancestors had in the 19th century. People fought back in those days. One lady in the Farm Belt famously said, "We have to raise less corn and more hell." Out of the turmoil of that day came both progressive politics and the American unions. So far, Americans seem asleep, but they might wake up at any moment.

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

Merit

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beyond expectations in core academics. Heroics in the classroom deserve compensation as well as acclaim.

Leaving out large numbers of heroes can't be what lawmakers had

in mind. State and local education officials have an obligation to make sure the money rewards those who deserve it most. URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com>



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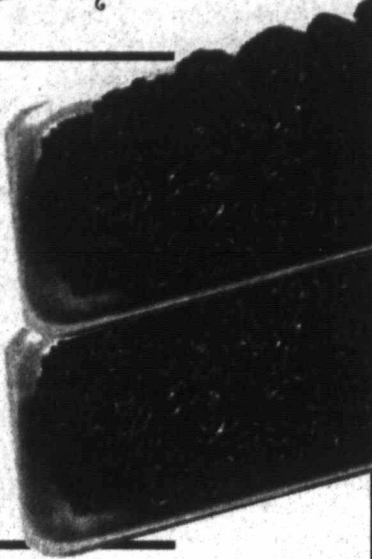
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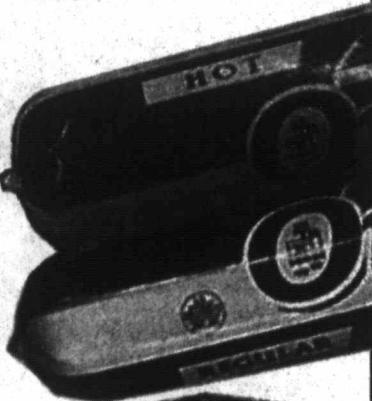
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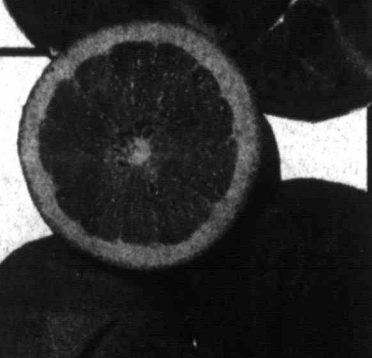
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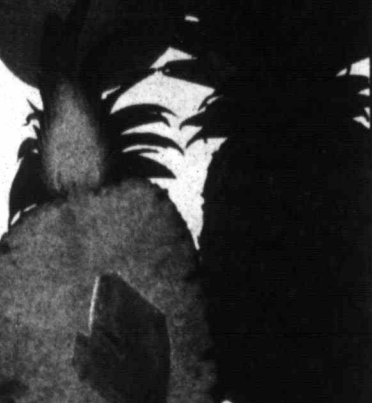
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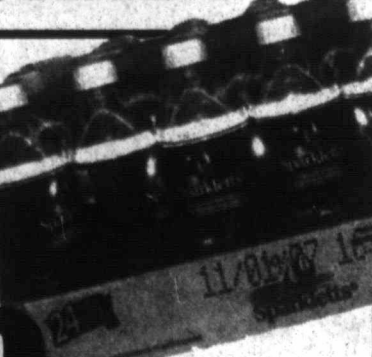


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ECONOMY

Employers boost payrolls; jobless rate holds steady

By JEANNINE AVERSA
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers added a solid 94,000 jobs to their payrolls in November, the unemployment rate held steady at 4.7 percent and wages grew briskly, encouraging signs the nation's employment climate is holding up in the face of turbulence in the housing and credit markets.

The fresh snapshot of the labor market, released by the Labor Department on Friday, showed that hiring was brisk in education and health services, retail, professional services, the government and elsewhere. That helped to offset job losses in construction, manufacturing and financial services — casualties of the housing slump and credit crunch.

The 94,000 new jobs in November came after a surprisingly strong payroll gain of 170,000 in October. The unemployment rate stayed at a relatively low 4.7 percent for the third straight month.

"This is reassuring. The pillar continuing to support the economy is job creation," said Carl Tannenbaum, chief economist at LaSalle Bank. "This should provide reassurance to those who worry that a recession is imminent," he said.

The performance was better than economists were expecting. They were forecasting that the unemployment rate would nudge up to 4.8 percent and they also said they thought employers would boost payrolls by around 70,000.

The health of the nation's job market is a key factor determining whether the economy will survive stresses from the housing collapse and credit crunch.

Job and wage growth have been shock absorbers, helping individuals to cope with all the negative forces in the economy. The mostly sturdy employment climate has helped to support spending by individuals, a major shaper of overall economic activity.

Still, a lingering fear among economists is that consumers will cut back on

their spending, throwing the economy into a tailspin. The odds of a recession have grown this year, although Federal Reserve officials, the Bush administration and others are hopeful the country can avoid one.

Average hourly earnings rose to \$17.63 in November, a 0.5 percent increase from the prior month. That marked the biggest monthly gain since June. The only other time the monthly gain was higher was in October 2005.

To stave off the possibility of a recession, the Federal Reserve has sliced a key interest rate twice this year. Many expect rates to be lowered for a third time when policymakers meet next Tuesday. Given the strength of Friday's employment report, a smaller rate reduction of one-quarter percentage point seems more likely as insurance against undue weakening in the economy.

Workers with jobs saw brisk wage growth.

Average hourly earnings rose to \$17.63 in November, a 0.5 percent increase from the prior month. That marked the biggest monthly gain since June. The only other time the monthly gain was higher was in October 2005. Economists were expecting a more moderate rise of 0.3 percent. Over the past 12 months, wages grew by 3.8 percent.

Solid wage growth supports consumer spending, a vital ingredient to a healthy economy. But a sustained and rapid pick-up in wages — if not blunted by other economic forces — can stoke inflation, which can eat into any wage gains.

Overall, the employment and wage figures were encouraging because they suggested the labor market is not cracking under all the strains plaguing the economy.

The housing and mortgage markets have melted down. Home foreclosures have soared to record highs. Credit has dried up. Lenders have been forced out of business. Financial companies have wracked up billions of dollars worth of losses from bad subprime mortgage investments.

Against this backdrop, Wall Street has endured a fresh bout of turbulence in recent weeks.

Mall employee gives 911 dispatcher horrific account of deadly shooting

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — For almost 30 harrowing minutes, Jodi Longmeyer recounted to a 911 dispatcher what she could see and hear of a teenage gunman's deadly rage in a mall department store — and then broke down, she said Friday.

As she told the dispatcher she could see Robert A. Hawkins' body lying next to a gun, her voice cracked, and she began to cry — a mixture of sadness and relief that the crisis was over. Nine people, including the gunman, were dead.

"I had seen more than I wanted to see," Longmeyer told NBC's "Today" show Friday, describing the call.

Longmeyer, who is a human resources manager at Von Maur, agonized with the operator while barricaded in an employee locker room at the store. Tapes of her 911 call were released Thursday, a day after the tragedy unfolded.

She saw the gunman step off the mall elevator on the third floor. He was dressed in

dark clothes. She saw his gun, watched him open fire.

Then she hit the floor. "I just saw someone up here in the locker room and she's got a lot of blood on the floor," Longmeyer told the dispatcher.

Minutes later, shaking and scared, Longmeyer was able to get into a security room, where she described what she could see on live surveillance of the department store.

She gasped. "Oh my gosh," she told the dispatcher. "It looks like the gun is lying over by customer service. It looks like he might have killed himself," Longmeyer said, her voice rising as she started to sob.

Longmeyer's account, one of more than a dozen 911 calls placed during Wednesday's shooting, offered new details about what happened inside the shopping mall on Omaha's west side.

New details also surfaced about the gunman.

State officials said Hawkins spent four years in a

series of treatment centers, group homes and foster care after threatening to kill his stepmother in 2002.

Finally, in August 2006, social workers, the courts and his father all agreed: It was time for Hawkins to be released — nine months before he turned 19 and would have been required to leave anyway.

The group homes and treatment centers were for youths with substance abuse, mental or behavioral problems. Altogether, the state spent about \$265,000 on Hawkins, officials said.

The aftermath of Wednesday's killings left some who knew Hawkins questioning if more should have been done.

"He should have gotten help, but I think he needed someone to help him and needed someone to be there when in the past he's said he wanted to kill himself," said Karissa Fox, who said she knew Hawkins through a friend. "Someone should have listened to him."

Rhino foundation selling unique stocking stuffer

YULEE, Fla. (AP) — Stumped about what to give that special someone this Christmas? How about some rhino poop.

The International Rhino Foundation is auctioning on eBay four pieces of dung from the endangered species and will use the proceeds to fund conservation efforts.

The pieces come from four of the five types of rhino: white, black, Indian

and Sumatran. The Javan rhino is so rare, a sample could not be collected.

Each piece is dried, mounted in a clear trophy case and marked with the type of rhino that produced it.

The auction ends Sunday. As of Thursday afternoon bidding had been light, with the top bid for Sumatran rhino poop standing at \$500. Black rhino poop was standing at \$255, Indian was at

\$250 and white was at \$122.50.

The foundation, which is based at the White Oak Conservation Center, says only about 17,500 rhinos remain in the wild with another 1,200 living in captivity.

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The 7 December 1941 Japanese raid on Pearl Harbor was one of the great defining moments in history. A single carefully-planned and well-executed stroke removed the United States Navy's battleship force as a possible threat to the Japanese Empire's southward expansion. America, unprepared and now considerably weakened, was abruptly brought into the Second World War as a full combatant.

Eighteen months earlier, President Franklin D. Roosevelt had transferred the United States Fleet to Pearl Harbor as a presumed deterrent to Japanese aggression. The Japanese military, deeply engaged in the seemingly endless war it had started against China in mid-1937, badly needed oil and other raw materials. Commercial access to these was gradually curtailed as the conquests continued. In July 1941 the Western powers effectively halted trade with Japan. From then on, as the desperate Japanese schemed to seize the oil and mineral-rich East Indies and Southeast Asia, a Pacific war was virtually inevitable.



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.

The U.S. Fleet's Pearl Harbor base was reachable by an aircraft carrier force, and the Japanese Navy secretly sent one across the Pacific with greater aerial striking power than had ever been seen on the World's oceans. The surprise was complete. The attacking planes came in two waves; the first hit its target at 7:53 AM, the second at 8:55. By 9:55 it was all over. Five of eight battleships at Pearl Harbor were sunk or sinking, with the rest damaged. Several other ships and most Hawaii-based combat planes were also knocked out and over 2400 Americans were dead. Soon after, Japanese planes eliminated much of the American air force in the Philippines, and a Japanese Army was ashore in Malaya.


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

Battle of the Coral Sea in early May, Japan's far-reaching offensives proceeded untroubled by fruitful opposition. American and Allied morale suffered accordingly. Under normal political circumstances, an accommodation might have been considered.

However, the memory of the "sneak attack" on Pearl Harbor fueled a determination to fight on. Once the Battle of Midway in early June 1942 had eliminated much of Japan's striking power, that same memory stoked a relentless war to reverse her conquests and remove her, and her German and Italian allies, as future threats to World peace.

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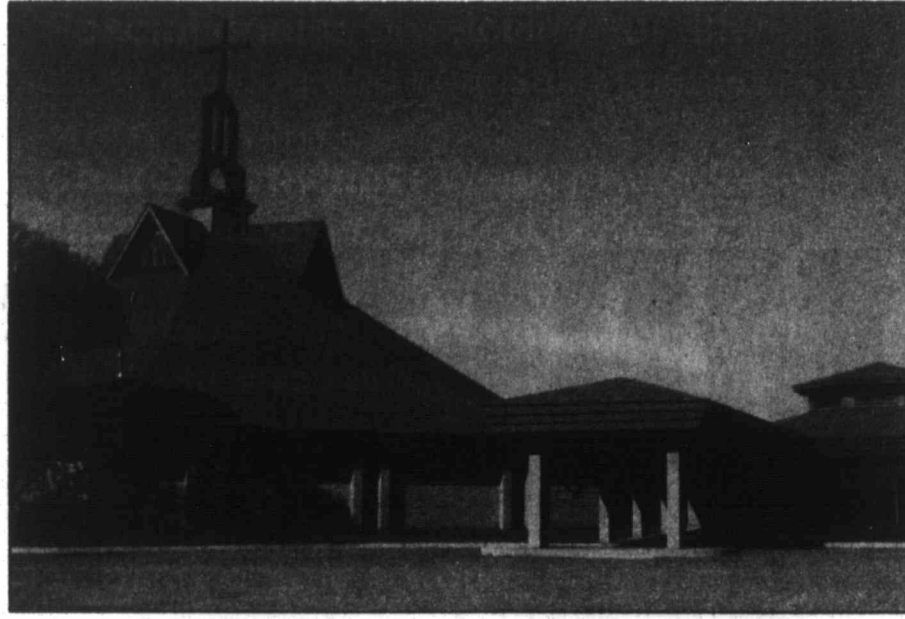
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Members: Approximately 300.

Denomination: Non-denominational.

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The featured entertainer for the evening will be vocalist Jack Stone who began his singing career in 1994.

"As a strong vocalist, he has been given many opportunities to proclaim the gospel of Christ through music and song," said Pastor Lewis.

Stone has appeared on Primetime Christian Broadcasting and on TBN affiliate stations in Albuquerque, N.M., Oklahoma City, Okla., Harlingen and South Africa. He recently appeared as a guest on the "Hallelujah, Amen" TV show in Nashville, Tenn.

Stone has six recorded projects for which he has written a couple of songs. He recently released his first nationwide single "Jesus is Enough."

The banquet will be catered. Cost per person is \$9. Tickets are available at the church office and must be picked up on or before Dec. 14. For more information, call 622-1445.



Jack Stone

Today's article is written primarily to three categories of people: Category 1) Grippers, murmurers, whiners, complainers, nay-sayers, critics and groaners; category 2) anyone who has to put up with someone listed in category one; category 3) doers, people who stay busy pouring their lives into accomplishing good things.

The text is Numbers 13. Numbers 13 gives the account of the 12 Israelite spies sent to check out the Promised Land. The 12 spies traveled from Kadesh at the southernmost edge of the Desert of Zin to Rehob at the northernmost edge and back — a round trip of about 500-miles in 40 days.

What about category one, you know, the nay-sayers? The 10 said, "We can't do it."

They looked back at the good old days in Egypt. They must have forgotten about the slavery part. They then led most of the Israelites astray, turned on the leaders and made excuse after excuse why they couldn't obey God's command to go and conquer the Promised Land.

Remember: Nay-sayers always doubt, pout and do without.

What about category two? What about those Israelites who thought that they had to put up with the nay-saying 10?

When you are enduring a nay-sayer you have several choices: You can tell them to shut-up, you can shut them up or you can listen to them and be lost right along with them. After studying Israel's history from Numbers 13 until they enter the Promised Land, I would recommend either telling them to hush or

making them hush.

How do you make someone hush who won't repent? You remove them. You kick them out.

What about category three? What about the report of the two, Joshua and Caleb? By faith in J e h o v a h G o d Almighty, Joshua and Caleb were

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

kingdom of darkness trembles because you pray. You don't have time to waste on the idle chatter of busybodies. And God will use you to not only strengthen His church, but to expand its borders.

God bless you. Back to Numbers 13. So what happened to the nay-sayers? They never saw the Promised Land. They spent 40 years wandering in the

desert. They constantly questioned God. They spent 40 years depressed and discouraged. They regularly criticized their leaders and they died in the desert!

What happened to the giant-slayers? Sometimes they did suffer the consequences of being around the nay-sayers, but they also watched every single nay-sayer die in the desert. More importantly they saw the Jordan River instantly dry up, the walls of Jericho fall, the sun stand still, the defeat of 31 kings and they possessed the Promised Land!



Church briefs

Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will stage its children's Christmas program at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the church. The program will include music and a play. Admission will be free.

The children's choirs at First Baptist Church of Pampa will present "The Mystery of the Manger — It's the Gospel Truth," a children's Christmas musical, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 in the sanctuary of the church.

Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love, is organizing a Bible study class geared toward women and the study of intimacy with God. Sherrye King, a lay pastor from Arizona, will be

the speaker. All are welcome to attend. No child care will be provided. For more information, call 669-7207. The women's Bible ministry at Calvary meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays.

Minister's Musings: What a place Jesus has prepared

I have been thinking about what Jesus promised in John's gospel chapter 14:1-4. Jesus had just told Peter that he would deny Him three times. The next thing Jesus was saying was let not your heart be troubled. Keep faith in God and Christ as well.

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



He was saying that what would happen to Him would be a shocking event but would be for a good purpose. Part of that purpose was to prepare a place for believers in heaven.

Jesus did not promise to give a preview of that place, but His promise has given much consolation in time of bereavement.

Jesus knew the crimes, the false accusations and the cruelty that would take Him to the cross. He knew His disciples had not comprehended His death and resurrection. The nation of Israel was looking and praying for a king. Not someone who would die like a thief before ruling a kingdom.

Jesus had not been able to bring His disciples away from that thinking. In temple worship, they may have been subjected to the teaching over and over that God would keep His word and give them a king — not a man who would be condemned to die on a cross like a criminal.

Jesus raised only a few people from the dead. It was not a common thing that a person would come back from the dead. It was common to see people die on a cross. Soon the disciples would see their Lord die on a cross.

To prepare them for what they would see,

Jesus was telling them not to give up while watching Him suffer and die. He was preparing them for His resurrection and for greater rewards in heaven.

Would any one suggest, just build me a cabin? Will there be any wood, hay or stubble in heaven? Certainly not for the New Jerusalem.

John gave a short description of the New Jerusalem: "I, John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem come down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." (Revelations 21:2)

He uses the beauty of a bride ready for her groom in comparison to that city, the city that was prepared. A place is prepared!

A city that has 12 foundations. Each foundation is garnished with precious stones of the highest class. The 12 gates are 12 pearls. What size gates would Jesus put in a city that size? He would not be short of materials. (From one corner of the city to the center of the nearest gate would be 375 miles. From that point to the center of the next gate, the same distance.)

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof — every gate a huge pearl, walls of jasper, streets of gold. There is so much pure gold in that city, it appeared in the vision as though the city WAS gold. And the lamb, Jesus, is the light in the city which has no need of the sun or moon.

We are not being cheated though we have to strive to enter in. (Luke 13:24) Just think, the New Jerusalem is not all there is to heaven.

Calvinism more popular among certain seminaries

RIDGECREST, N.C. (AP) — Almost 30 percent of recent graduates of Southern Baptist seminaries who became church pastors say they are Calvinists, according to a survey by the denomination.

Among all Southern Baptist pastors, only about

10 percent follow Calvinism, according to studies by the SBC's Lifeway Research and North American Mission Board Center for Missional Research.

"It would be difficult to say that Calvinism is not a growing influence in SBC

life," said Ed Stetzer, director of Lifeway Research.

The findings were released at a Southern Baptist meeting on theology in November. The 16.3 million-member SBC is the largest Protestant group in the U.S.

PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007

Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	60 Capital Projects	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:				
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$13,408,122	\$518,166	\$1,512,924	\$15,439,212
5800 State Program Revenues	10,077,808	-	849,632	10,927,440
5900 Federal Program Revenues	50,119	-	3,937,143	3,987,262
5020 Total Revenues	23,536,049	518,166	6,299,699	30,353,914
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011 Instruction	12,363,973	-	2,065,776	14,429,749
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	317,174	-	13,576	330,750
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	412,505	-	466,022	878,527
0021 Instructional Leadership	268,324	-	19,634	287,958
0023 School Leadership	1,363,259	-	14,593	1,377,852
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	949,981	-	63,865	1,013,846
0032 Social Work Services	-	-	427	427
0033 Health Services	245,200	-	53,529	298,729
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	335,648	-	402	336,050
0035 Food Services	-	-	1,050,342	1,050,342
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	1,145,752	-	33,826	1,179,578
0041 General Administration	1,170,991	-	4,437	1,175,428
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	2,434,996	-	40,407	2,475,403
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	42,843	-	-	42,843
0053 Data Processing Services	388,059	-	84,088	472,147
0061 Community Services	58,143	-	161,159	219,572
Debt Service:				
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	320,138	-	305,000	625,138
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	4,331	-	262,910	267,241
0073 Debt Service - Bond Issuance Cost and Fees	-	642,884	300	643,184
Capital Outlay:				
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	820,072	765,766	-	1,585,838
Intergovernmental:				
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	-	-	991,576	991,576
6030 Total Expenditures	22,641,659	1,408,650	5,631,869	29,682,178
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	894,390	(890,484)	667,830	671,736
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7911 Capital Related Debt Issued (Regular Bonds)	-	46,730,000	-	46,730,000
7912 Sale of Real and Personal Property	4,676	-	-	4,676
7915 Transfers In	-	-	4,735	4,735
7916 Premium or Discount on Issuance of Bonds	-	917,884	821,257	1,739,141
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(4,771)	-	-	(4,771)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(95)	47,647,884	825,992	48,473,781
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	894,295	46,757,400	1,493,822	49,145,517
0100 Fund Balance - July 1 (Beginning)	6,374,278	-	845,300	7,219,578
3000 Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$7,268,573	\$46,757,400	\$2,339,122	\$56,365,095

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I read the letter from Belle K. in Cadillac, Mich. (Oct. 17), who had only the yearbook from her senior year in high school and would like to purchase yearbooks from the other three. She asked if there was some way to get her hands on them. I have a similar problem. I grew up in one Oklahoma town and moved to another, 7 1/2 hours away, the summer between my junior and senior years. I have lost the yearbook from my sophomore year -- the last in which a dear friend's photo appeared. She was killed in a car accident in January of our sophomore year. In addition to her class picture, one of her poems is featured in that yearbook. It would mean the world to me to have that memento back. Because the yearbook would be 14 years old, it's unlikely the school has any left. Can you suggest other options for digging those precious memories out of the ashes of time? — **MISSING THE MEMORIES IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR MISSING: I don't have to. After Belle's letter ran, many caring readers offered wonderful suggestions. A sample:

DEAR ABBY: Belle should put an ad in the paper where her old high school is located. That's what I did, and I got a response right away. The wife of a former school counselor called and said she had several. Tell Belle I wish her luck. — **JUDY IN GREEN RIVER, WYO.**

DEAR ABBY: As chairman of my high school reunion committee, I have been successful on a couple of occasions in finding old yearbooks on eBay. There's a large selection there. If she can't find them under the "yearbook" category, she should look under "annuals." — **KEN IN KANAB, UTAH**

DEAR ABBY: For high school annuals, contact your local library. Old annuals are occasionally donated and sold at book sales by the Friends of the Library. The

staff will alert whoever sorts donations to keep an eye out and let you know if the one you're looking for comes in. — **SONIA MURRAY, PRESIDENT, FRIENDS OF BILOXI LIBRARIES**

DEAR ABBY: Many historical societies (and public libraries) keep documents such as city directories and yearbooks in an archive. While they normally aren't available for circulation, most organizations have reading rooms where you can peruse the materials, and even take pictures or scans for your own use. (I became familiar with this process through a recent school project.) — **KRISTINA IN PORTLAND, MAINE**

DEAR ABBY: I found copies of my high school yearbook at an antique/collectibles store in my hometown -- at an affordable price. — **MICHAEL G., SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR ABBY: eBay or Craigslist! My brother found not only old yearbooks from his era, but class rings as well. — **PATTI IN FREMONT, CALIF.**

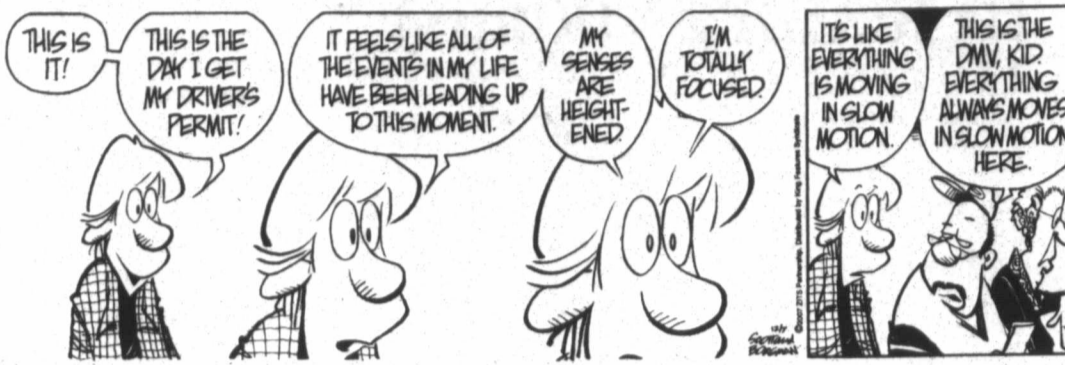
DEAR ABBY: My old high school is now offering yearbooks on CDs, to be viewed in a slide show format. It was a preservation project that's now doing double duty by giving a lot of pleasure to former students whose yearbooks have disappeared for a variety of reasons. Belle should check to see if her alumni association is doing something similar. — **E.J.H. IN LAS VEGAS**

DEAR ABBY: Most teachers who served as yearbook advisers keep a store of old yearbooks. I have made many an older grad happy who had lost one to fire or flood. Belle should contact the school. She might get lucky. (There might even be an extra in the school library.) — **BILL K., OAKLAND, CALIF.**

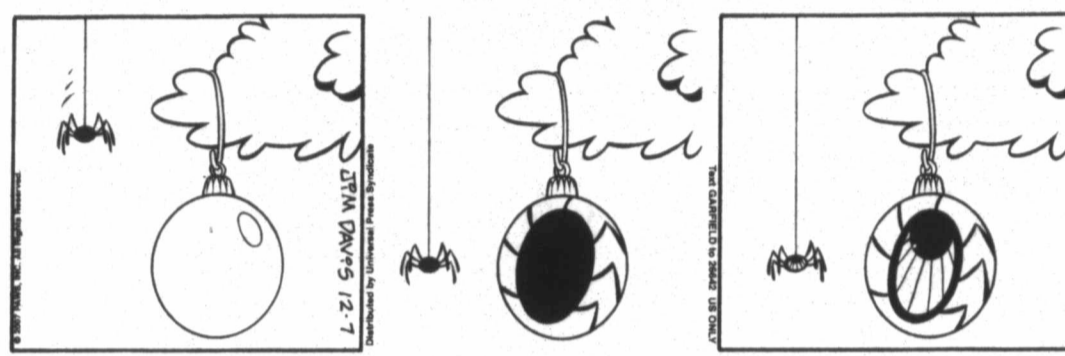
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Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



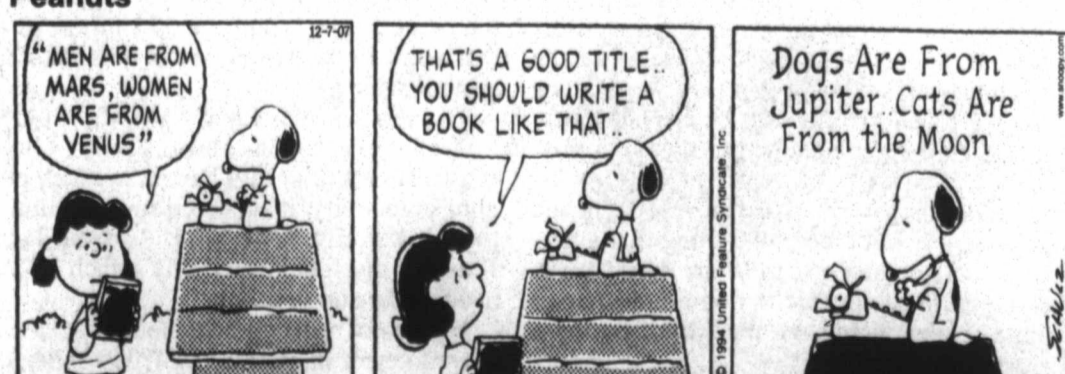
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Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Blondie

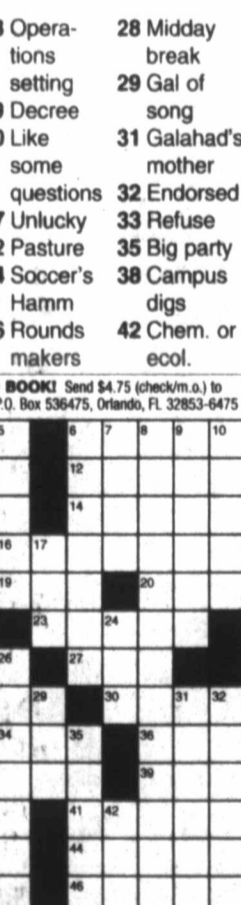


Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 43 Boat
 - 1 Gets in back
 - 6 Sitting duck?
 - 45 Impairs
 - 11 Met work
 - 12 Eat up
 - 13 Actor
 - 14 Ties
 - 15 — chi (martial art)
 - 16 Like
 - 18 List abbr.
 - 19 Totality
 - 20 Mardi Gras city
 - 21 Bargain
 - 23 Seafood garnish
 - 25 Kauai souvenir
 - 27 Part of RSVP
 - 28 Reads over
 - 30 Good cards
 - 33 Bind
 - 34 Folder part
 - 36 Yale supporter
 - 37 Writer
 - 39 Carp
 - 40 Famed fur tycoon
 - 41 Sean of "The Lord of the Rings"
- DOWN**
- 1 Like
 - 2 Morphine, e.g.
 - 3 Hospital
 - 4 Pitcher's number
 - 5 Pole
 - 6 Casually
 - 7 Falco of "The Sopranos"
 - 8 Opera-tions setting
 - 9 Decree
 - 10 Like some mother questions
 - 17 Unlucky
 - 22 Pasture
 - 24 Soccer's Hamm
 - 26 Rounds makers
 - 28 Middy break
 - 29 Gal of song
 - 31 Galahad's
 - 32 Endorsed
 - 33 Refuse
 - 35 Big party
 - 38 Campus digs
 - 42 Chem. or ecol.



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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

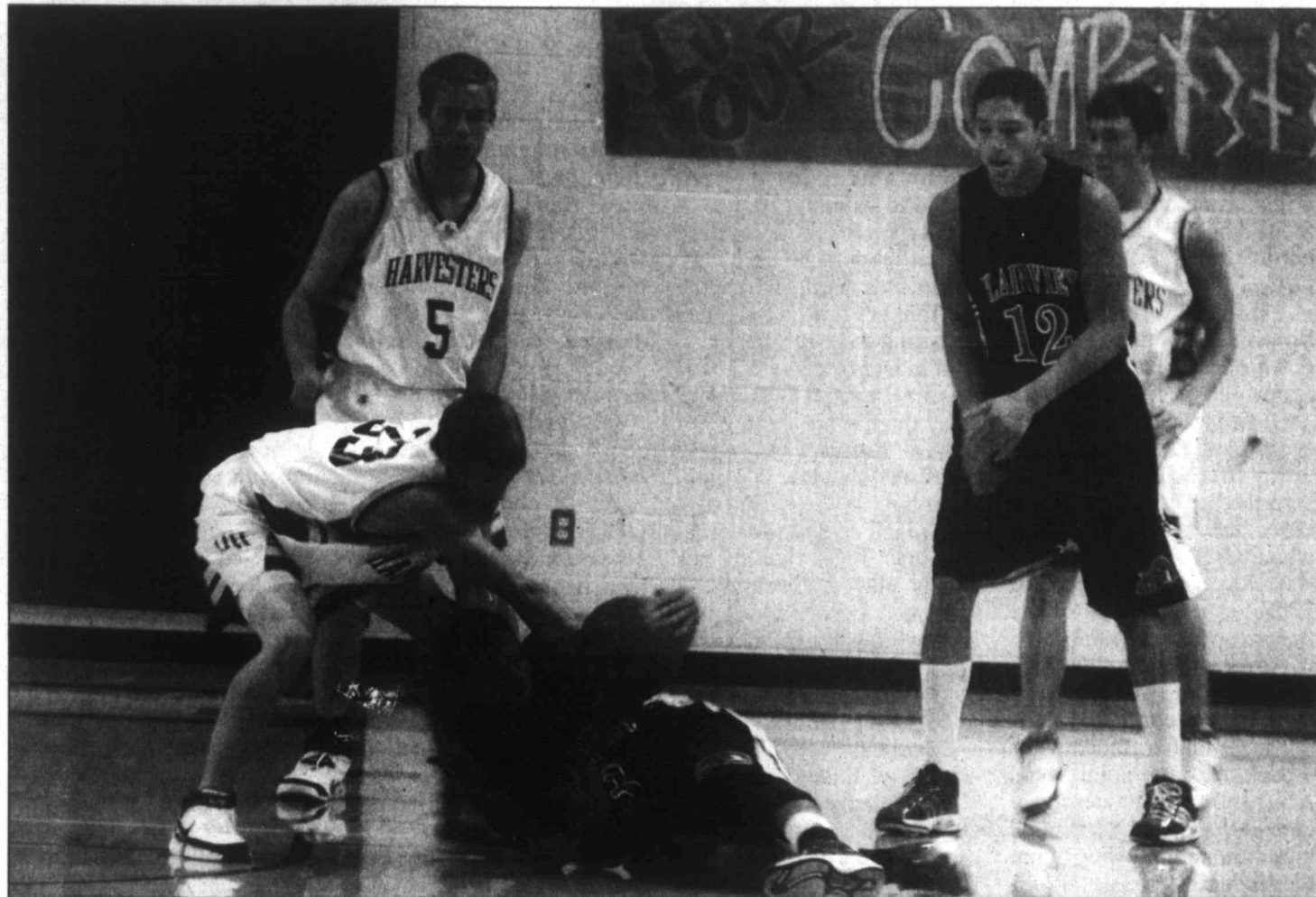


Flo & Friends



Sports

On the road again



Pampa's Heath Skinner battles with a Plainview player during last weekend's Gene Messer Tournament in Canyon as teammates Matt Smith (5) and Blake Sieck look on. The Harvesters are on the road again today as they prepare to compete in the Brooke D. Nichols Memorial Shootout in Garland, TX. They will take on Sachse at 1:45 p.m.

Bufs See Their Five Game Winning Streak Snapped in 90-82 Loss

EDMOND, Okla. - Hot shooting by the Bronchos, who connected on 14 three-point field goals as a team, and 22 Buffalo turnovers conspired to bring an end to the five-game winning streak of the West Texas A&M men's basketball team Saturday as No. 17 Central Oklahoma handed the Bufs a 90-82 defeat at UCO's Hamilton Field House. Following the setback, Bufs fall to 6-3 on the season while the Bronchos improve to 7-2.

"They shot well from the three-point line, but we also put them in position to do some things in transition with our turnovers," said head coach Rick Cooper. "At this point in the season, we are still very much a work in progress and its always tough to go on the road and win in November and December, but we hope these experiences will pay off for us later in the season."

In the losing effort, the Bufs got solid efforts from juniors Demetric Fuller and Jon Sykes, who each made their season debuts Thursday after missing the first eight games of the year while recovering from injuries. Fuller connected on 5-of-9 field goal attempts to finish with 11 points while Sykes made 3-of-4 shot attempts for six points and added five rebounds, including three on the offensive glass.

The Bufs, who trailed 36-32 at the half, got to get their offense rolling in the second half, making 17-of-27 shot attempts in the period for a .63 shooting percentage, but Central Oklahoma was able to take advantage of a handful of WT turnovers and its own hot shooting to outscore the Bufs 54-50 in the period.

Junior Keon Grant went a perfect 6-of-6 from the free throw line to lead the Bufs in scoring with 14 points and

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Guillen, Gibbons suspended; no punishments for Matthews, Ankiel, Glaus and Schoeneweis

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Jose Guillen and Jay Gibbons were suspended Thursday for the first 15 days of next season for violating baseball's drug policy. The penalties are an indication how the sport might treat players named in the Mitchell report, which could be released next week.

Guillen and Gibbons were accused in media reports of receiving human growth hormone after January 2005, when it was banned by baseball.

Gary Matthews Jr., Rick Ankiel, Troy Glaus and Scott Schoeneweis also were linked to performance-enhancing drugs, but baseball decided there was "insufficient evidence" to determine they committed a doping violation. They were accused of receiving the substances before 2005.

Former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell was hired by baseball commissioner Bud Selig in March 2006 to investigate drugs in baseball. A lawyer involved in the case said he had been told to be prepared for the report to be issued next Thursday, a possible release date first reported by The New York Times on its Web site. The lawyer spoke on condition of anonymity because the release date has not been made public.

Guillen instructed the players' association to file a grievance over his suspension, which would be decided by an arbitrator. Gibbons will not challenge his penalty.

Earlier in the day, Guillen and Kansas City finalized their \$36 million, three-year contract.

"We signed Jose knowing that was a possibility," Royals general manager Dayton Moore said of the free-agent outfielder. "While my initial reaction is one of disappointment, I am thoroughly convinced that Jose will put this behind him and we collectively support him as he begins a new chapter in his baseball life."

Gibbons accepted responsibility and apologized.

"I am deeply sorry for the mistakes that I have made. I have no excuses and bare sole responsibility for my decisions," the Baltimore

outfielder said. "Years ago, I relied on the advice of a doctor, filled a prescription, charged the HGH, which is a medication, to my credit card and had only intended to help speed my recovery from my injuries and surgeries."

The 15-day penalties match what a second offense would have drawn under 2003-04 rules. Current rules call for a 50-game suspension for a first offense, a 100-game penalty for a second and a lifetime ban for a third.

"Jay has acknowledged his mistake, and we appreciate his willingness to accept the consequences," Orioles president of baseball operations Andy MacPhail said.

Cleveland pitcher Paul Byrd was

linked by the San Francisco Chronicle to purchases of HGH between August 2002 and January 2005. Byrd, who has not yet been interviewed by the commissioner's office, said he took it for a medical condition and did so under a doctor's supervision.

The six players whose cases were resolved Thursday met with baseball officials after media reports that their names surfaced in a national drug investigation by the district attorney in Albany, N.Y.

The Chronicle reported last month that Guillen bought human growth hormone, two types of testosterone and the steroids stanozolol and nandrolone between May 2002 and June 2005.

Iverson scores 'only' 35, but it's enough for Denver to beat Mavs

DALLAS (AP) — Allen Iverson went hard to the basket. He didn't get there, but he did draw a foul.

The next time down the court, A.I. made another veteran move, drawing another foul on the same defender.

The game was only 1 1/2 minutes old, yet Iverson already was in full control.

A day after scoring 51 points in a defeat, Iverson may have been even better, scoring 35 points and dishing out 12 assists while leading the Denver Nuggets past the Dallas Mavericks 122-109 Thursday night.

"A.I. had it all going from everywhere," said Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki, who tied his season high with 32 points and had 12 rebounds. "He was driving and making shots in-between."

Iverson made 12-of-19 field goals and was 11-of-13 from the line. It was

his sixth time scoring 30 points and his fourth time with at least 10 assists. However, this was his first 30-10 game of the season.

"I thought A.I. had a real good feel for the game," Nuggets coach George Karl said. "His game is to get to the free-throw line and to rth. Dallas tried to get the ball out of his hands. He definitely did a good job getting the guys involved."

Linus Kleiza benefited from Iverson's passing, scoring a season-best 23. Carmelo Anthony had 23 points and Kenyon Martin, a Dallas native, had 18 points and seven rebounds. Marcus Camby added 14 rebounds and eight points. Denver made 50.5 percent of its shots and that was with Anthony going 9-of-30.

For all his statistical prowess, Iverson's most impressive number

might've been his game-best playing time of 42:54. Now in his 12th season, the 32-year-old guard played a full 48 minutes the previous night in a loss at home to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"He's the Energizer bunny," said fellow starting guard Anthony Carter. "He just doesn't get tired. He was charged up for this game."

Maybe it was the microphones. Anyone watching on TNT got a little more insight than any previous NBA broadcast as this was the first with players and coaches wearing microphones. There were sideline interviews with the coaches between quarters, too.

Among the insights: Karl saying, "When we pass the ball, we usually play well," and Mavericks coach Avery Johnson telling his team during an early timeout, "Good hustle, men, keep it up."

Oregon coach Bellotti impressed by Sun Bowl foe South Florida

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said Thursday he is impressed by the athleticism and competitiveness showed this season by South Florida, his team's opponent in the Sun Bowl.

He just hopes the Bulls won't be as good as advertised.

"I'll look at them a lot more now and

I hope I'm not too impressed, but I probably will be," Bellotti said Thursday during a Sun Bowl news conference.

Bowl games might be old news at Oregon, which has appeared in three previous Sun Bowls and reached a postseason game in 11 of Bellotti's 13 seasons.

But the postseason is still new territory for South Florida, a program that began 10 years ago with its offices in an abandoned trailer. This is the third straight bowl game for the Bulls and its third overall. They played in the Meineke Car Care Bowl in 2005 and the Papajohns.com Bowl in 2006.

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NFL tells Newman it will be watching after his warning to Kitna

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Terence Newman has been put on notice by the NFL after indicating his desire for revenge on Detroit quarterback Jon Kitna.

Posted on Newman's locker Thursday was a letter he received from the NFL after making comments about Kitna during a satellite radio interview. Newman refused comment to reporters when he walked through the locker room.

"Be advised that your comments will now compel us to carefully monitor your activities in this weekend's Cowboys-Lions game," read part of the letter signed by Ray Anderson, NFL executive vice president for football operations. "As you know, flagrant fouls may subject a player not only to fines, but to suspension as well. So conduct yourself accordingly."

Kitna threw four touchdown passes in the regular-season finale in Dallas last year to end a 3-13 season for Detroit. In an interview the following week with a radio station in Seattle, where the Cowboys had to go for the playoffs, Kitna called out the Dallas defense, notably Newman and linebacker Bradie James.

The Cowboys (11-1), who have already clinched another playoff spot this season, play at Detroit on Sunday. Kitna's bulletin-board remarks from January have been widely discussed.

While Newman hasn't spoken to local media this week, he issued what amounted to a warning for Kitna during an interview Tuesday on Sirius NFL Radio.

"Basically what it boils down to is you've got to watch what you say. Your mouth can't write checks that your (expletive) can't cash. That's what it comes down to," Newman said.

Guess which color Barry Bonds' uniform is going to be next season

By JIM LITKE
AP Sports Columnist

Everybody expects to see Barry Bonds in a uniform next season.

Some will be surprised by what kind.

The home run king is expected to plead not guilty at his arraignment Friday in San Francisco on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. Everything after that — from the makeup of Bonds' legal team to a breakdown of his next contract — is open to speculation.

Q: Orange prison jumpsuit or Oakland A's green?

A: Green. But don't be surprised if it's Kansas City blue, the teal of Seattle, whatever color the Tampa Bay Rays turn out in for 2008, or another hue of the American League rainbow.

Never underestimate baseball's appetite for spectacle — even the conflicted variety show that is Bonds — or a buck. At some point, some AL team could be desperate enough for both a designated hitter and a box-office bump to hire him.

Strange as it sounds, being indicted for lying to a grand jury about whether he knowingly used performance-enhancing drugs might actually help Bonds find work. It forces him to drop his asking price, making him affordable even to bottom-feeding clubs. Any team that signs Bonds could see him sent to

prison by the feds or to his room by commissioner Bud Selig after the Mitchell report comes out.

Some people scratched their heads when his agent, Jeff Borris, said Bonds still plans to play another year and for a team that is "committed to winning."

OK, so Borris is kidding himself about finding a contender. It's hard to imagine the Yankees or Red Sox even bothering to return his calls. And in Detroit, where Bonds pal Jim Leyland is the manager, there's no shortage of power hitters and Gary Sheffield has the DH spot sewn up.

Leyland said at the winter meetings he'd like to see Bonds play: "Absolutely. I know he's been working out. I know he's in great shape. I don't know where the fit will be for him, but I certainly hope there's one."

Reading between the lines, Leyland hopes the fit is a few hundred miles from Detroit, at a minimum. He knows from their days in Pittsburgh how big a headache Bonds can be — and that was a few hat sizes ago.

Still, if Sheffield suddenly goes down in spring training and owner Mike Ilitch gets itchy about "winning now," then maybe GM Dave Dombrowski picks up the phone and ...

If not, maybe Oakland

does.

The A's are probably the best fit, though team insiders say privately they've lost interest. But GM Billy Beane is a bargain hunter supreme, and better still, Bonds might be offering a hometown discount. That way, Barry, his entourage and his few remaining fans wouldn't have trouble getting to the ballpark most days, even after spending the morning in court. It's close enough, too, if Bonds were to qualify for work-release.

Q: Speaking of court, aren't we getting ahead of ourselves?

A: If convicted on all counts, Bonds could go to prison for 30 years. Yet even in a worst-case scenario — from Bonds' perspective — he likely wouldn't serve a day until he's exhausted all his appeals. That could take years.

More relevant at the moment is his trial date, because that will let everyone know Bonds' availability for next season. He's been lawyer-shopping recently. According to reports, he's had trouble settling on a lead attorney because he's been demanding deep discounts.

The wheels of justice grind slowly enough as it is. Toss a few continuances into the process early on while he settles on a defense team, then toss in a few more while Bonds shops for ties to

match his suits and the half-dozen cars he plans to drive to the courthouse and — voila! — it's late October or early November.

Although Borris won't represent Bonds in court, he probably wasn't guessing when he said, "Barry's legal situation should not conflict with the 2008 baseball season."

Q: How much is any ball-club willing to risk?

A: Depends on the club, but a good guess is somewhere between \$4 million and \$5 million guaranteed, with perhaps double that in incentives. Anything less could be a problem. That's barely half of what Bonds pocketed last year and while he's looking at some sizable legal bills, there's only so much disrespecting a man can take.

Bonds is 43, his knees are shot and the rest of the moving parts that must work in sync to turn around a baseball are long past their warranty date. On the other hand, Bonds hit .276 with 28 home runs and 66 RBIs in just 340 at-bats. Love him or hate him, every one of those plate appearances was worth the price of admission.

Jim Litke is a national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitkeap.org

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IT IS WITH TRUE LOVE AS WITH GHOSTS: EVERYONE TALKS OF IT, BUT FEW HAVE EVER SEEN IT.
— ROCHEFOUCAULD

Bufs

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in rebounds with nine on the night, while senior post Chris Hinz also finished in double figure scoring with

13 points on 5-of-6 field goal shooting.

Defensively, senior post Andre Hill fell just one short of his career best in blocked shots, as he swatted four Broncho attempts in the game.

The Bufs are back in action on Saturday as they

continue the road trip with a contest at Northeastern State. Tip-off is set for 4 p.m. following the Lady Bufs' contest and both games can be heard in the Amarillo/Canyon area on KGNC (710 AM).

"This is a tough road swing, playing back-to-back

difficult games" Cooper added. "Northeastern is a good team and we got a chance to see them at our Thanksgiving tournament so we know that they are playing really well right now and will be a big challenge for us."

Cowboys willing to wait for Glenn — even until playoffs

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys have kept Terry Glenn on their roster all season, and they're willing to wait until the playoffs for him to catch his first pass.

Even after Glenn's second operation on his right knee in six weeks in mid-September, the 33-year-old receiver remained on the Cowboys' 53-man roster.

"It shows what impact that we feel he can make on our team," owner Jerry Jones said. "It shows we think there is a realistic chance he can come back and help us."

Glenn's rehabilitation has escalated to running, though he isn't necessarily running routes or making cuts yet.

"He is doing things that give you an indication that he's got a real shot here" to play this season, Jones said after visiting with Glenn this week. "He sure is positive and it's feeling good. His leg is good. When he is positive, I am positive."

Jones said Glenn won't have to play in any of the last four regular-season games to be part of the postseason plans for the Cowboys (11-1).

While Jones was talking about Glenn, the

receiver passed the group in the hallway with a trainer on way to the weight room. Glenn kept walking, seemingly with no problem, without comment.

Glenn, after consecutive 1,000-yard seasons for the Cowboys, had his initial surgery Aug. 1 to remove a cyst from the back of his knee cap. Six weeks later after trying to return to practice, Glenn's knee started to swell and he had another surgery to remove loose cartilage.

With Glenn out, Terrell Owens has 71 catches for 1,249 yards and 14 touchdowns, already one more than his NFL-leading total from last season and tied with Frank Clarke's team record set in 1962.

Patrick Crayton, starting in Glenn's spot, has 36 catches for 524 yards, and his seven TDs match what he had his first three seasons combined. Still, Crayton can't wait for Glenn to return.

"Personally, it would be good to have my big brother back. He's helped me be the receiver I am," Crayton said. "It will be some fresh legs, another playmaker for a defense to have to game plan."

Seeking the next Chris Berman: College journalists will get the chance to train with ESPN

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Calling games on an ESPN network will no longer be just a fantasy for college journalism students.

The all-sports family of networks announced a new partnership Thursday between ESPN and about a dozen universities to use students as announcers, sideline reporters and producers during game broadcasts.

Under the program, students will also contribute segments and feature stories to other ESPN networks, including ESPN and ESPN2, and write articles for ESPN The Magazine and ESPN.com.

The first major assignment will be at North Carolina, where students will perform a variety of roles during the broadcast of the

men's basketball game against UNC-Asheville on Jan. 9.

"It gives our students an opportunity to get their work on a national sports network, which will surely help them in the marketplace," said Mark Rodin, technical director at Florida State's Seminole Productions. "Knowing they have a shot at being on ESPN makes them work a little harder, challenges their creativity a little more and enhances their overall educational experience."

Other schools participating so far are Georgetown, Ohio University, Pepperdine, Syracuse, Texas Southern, Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee and Texas. ESPN said at least 20 schools would participate during the program's first year.

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CC to hold first nursing graduation
By KERRI SMITH
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach for the stars, but don't be disappointed if you don't achieve your goals immediately. Start a discussion eyeing another path to the same goals. Innovative and original thoughts need to come out. Tonight: Where there is music.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Go with a partner's original thought. Sometimes you feel more comfortable with the tried-and-true, but just the same, you are encouraged to try something different and new. Curb a tendency to judge and act. Tonight: Others express their strong personality.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Let others go with the moment. You will see what happens if you just go with the flow and don't fight a pattern. Let yourself enjoy every moment of free time. You too deserve to let your hair down. Do your thing.

Tonight: Go along with someone else's choice.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ "Easy" is the style that helps you get past a problem. Investigate new beginnings with an eye to changing your patterns. Communication will flourish if you just let go and relax. A romantic bond heats up. Tonight: Do what you need to do.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your fiery side will take you to a new level if you just let go. You have strong instincts. If you follow them, you will love the end results. Chip-in, and you'll get way ahead. Know your limits, but don't restrict yourself. Tonight: Ever playful.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ The best intentions fall to the wayside. You might not know what to do in order to change what is happening. Pull back and wait. Timing is working in your favor. Think positively, and you'll gain. In fact, you might be amazed by what happens. Tonight: Let another's opinion seep in.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your words are falling on the ears of others. You see your impact when you energize someone in a new direction, though he or she could be a touch vocal. Listen but don't personalize what is being said. Tonight: Out and about.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Be careful with your finances, which are a touch out of control. Use your sixth sense with a communication that involves someone at a distance. Make plans and think about taking off soon. A visit would make you both smile. Tonight: Treat yourself.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You smile, and others respond. There could be a conflict with a partner where you least expect it. Pressure from the holidays might be building with a need to spend less. Investigate with an eye to positive interaction. Tonight: All smiles, despite it all.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ How you deal with a changing situation defines who you are. Investigate and ask questions. When you get a strong reaction, know that you might have hit close to home. Gather information rather than react. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You have a way with people that helps draw many. Deal with someone directly in order to get results. Your actions have the impact of a bowling ball heading toward 10 pins. As you claim your power, you'll get results. Tonight: Only where the action is.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Others seek you out for answers. You could be bewildered. Still, by creatively sleuthing and with a sense of openness, all ends well. Let others relax as you take responsibility, even if it is just for the party! Demonstrate who you are. Tonight: In the limelight.

BORN TODAY
Comedian Flip Wilson (1933), artist Diego Rivera (1886), singer, songwriter Jim Morrison (1943)

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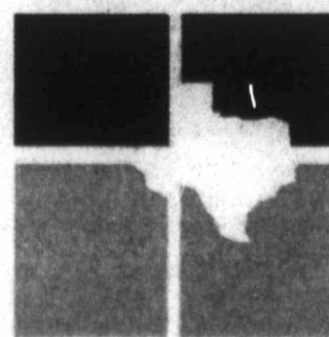
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