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## Winter Awareness Day Today

by Rachel Stennett  
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Today has been declared Winter Weather Awareness Day by the Texas and Oklahoma Divisions of Emergency Management, along with National Weather Services.

This day is designated to make the public aware of winter weather and preparedness in general for the season to come, as the Panhandle frequently can

have spikes in cold weather with ice and snow.

Fred Courtney, Emergency Management coordinator, urged people to be aware of winter safety with utilities, heating, and motor vehicles as the winter season quickly approaches.

According to Courtney, people need to be aware of commonly overlooked items like space heaters and extension cords. If using a space heater, make sure it is functional and well working.

The wiring needs to be checked, and a grounded reeprical plug is needed when using the heater. Courtney advise against leaving the house with space heaters on.

If using a fireplace, make sure the chimney is not blocked with any debree.

When using extension cords, do not use a cord too small for the eletricity

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## Election Canvas Friday

By David Boswer

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 The Gray County Commissioner's Court will canvas the Nov. 4, general election when they meet Friday morning.

They will also consider a request by District Attorney Lynn Switzer to replace an employee.

The commissioners will go out for bids on a new pickup for Precinct 2 and consider a road crossing request on County Road C.

The commission will consider contracts for a physician for the jail and a medical officer.

They will also consider a meeting room rental policy for the County Annex building on East Frederic.

The commission will meet beginning at 9 a.m., in the Gray County Courtroom at the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

## Choir Practice Tonight!

By Rachel Stennett

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 The community is welcome to attend a choir practice tonight in preparation for the Community Thanksgiving Worship Service, at First Christian Church on Nov. 23 formed by the Ministerial Alliance in Pampa.

The service will include prayers, scripture readings, a choir performance, sermon, and a special presentation on Gray Cares, and will end with a hymn and final prayer.

According to Lela Harris, choir director at First Presbyterian, the services are held make the community unite in the holiday season.

"We are trying to draw the community together in thanksgiving to God for all that we have," Harris explained. "We want this to be a community thing with no particularly strong influence from any church."

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staff photo by David Boswer

Silhouetted in warm afternoon sunshine, Dwayne Holmes with Denman Building Supply replaces ceiling tile and insulation in Pampa City Hall in preparation for winter's cold winds.

## "Once Upon a Mattress" Opens Nov. 20

The Pampa High School Concert Choir will present the Broadway musical, "Once Upon a Mattress", at 8 pm November 20th and 22nd and 2:30pm November 23rd at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and under.

Directors Fred Mays and Brianna Bailey report the cast for the musical is extremely talented and have worked diligently to create one fantastic show. This comical show features singing and dancing in the grand style of traditional Broadway musicals. Choreography has been created by Amy Kotara and Brianna Bailey. This is a show you will not want to miss!

"Once Upon a Mattress" takes place in the fictional medieval kingdom ruled over by a talkative queen and a mute king. In this hilarious tweaking of the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea", Queen Aggravain has ruled that none may marry until her son, Prince Dauntless marries. However, she and her faithful sidekick, the Wizard, have managed to sabotage every princess that comes along. When Sir Harry and Lady Larken learn that they are going to have a new addition, he goes off to the swamps and brings back Princess Winnifred the Woebegone ("Fred"). The queen is horrified and immediately begins to scheme, but Winnifred, with some help from Sir Harry, Lady Larken, the King, the Minstrel and the Jester, isn't going to be quite so easy to get rid of.



submitted photo

The cast of Pampa High School's production of "Once Upon A Mattress" includes: left to right/back row-front row: John Luke Covalt, Coleby West, Will McKay, Jack Ware, Matthew Smith, Blake Sleck, Chandler Talley, Diana Mechelay and Brenna Albracht.

## Panhandle District sticks with its 50/50 goal

WHITE DEER - The Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District continues to stick with their 50-50 goal, 50 percent of the water in the Ogallala Aquifer beneath the district at the end of 50 years, despite the desires of two of the four groundwater districts in Groundwater Management Area No. 1.

In their meeting here Wednesday, the PGWCD board of directors reaffirmed the goal they've had for

some 10 years now and directed John R. Spearman Jr., the district president and representative to the groundwater management area board, to present that to GMA1.

Groundwater Management Areas are required to submit the desired future conditions of the aquifers in their areas to the state by September, 2010. GMA1, which consists of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, the

High Plains Underground Water Conservation District, the North Plains Groundwater District and the Hemphill County Underground Water District, discussed the desired future condition of the Ogallala, the largest aquifer in North America that lies beneath most of the four districts, but failed to reach a consensus earlier this month in Amarillo.

The North Plains district has indicated that it wants

more liberal pumping in the highly irrigated western part of their district while Hemphill County wants a more restrictive policy for pumping in their single-county district.

In other business, the PGWCD board voted to contract with Intera, an Austin-based consulting group, to review the district's rules and operation.

"This will give us another pair of eyes to look at what we're doing," said C.E.

Williams, PGWCD general manager.

The board also approved earlier steps taken with regard to a study area east of McLean where the water table appeared to be dropping.

Landowners in the area had asked that the study area be made smaller, but at the request of the board, the district staff reviewed the landowners' request and reported the science

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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 31 and 41 early. Windy, with a north-northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 30. Wind chill values between 22 and 27. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 55. North-northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 31. West-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 67. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37.

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**Pampa PD**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. Wednesday.

**Tuesday, Nov. 11**

Nine traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of East Frederic, the 2300 block of Primrose, Highway 60 West and the 1000 block of Crane.

Motor vehicle accidents were reported on Highway

60, Highway 60 and 70, and the intersection of Somerville and Francis streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets, Loop 171, the 500 block of Linda, the 500 block of North Yeager, the 1000 block of East Francis, the 700 block of East Albert and the 600 block of North Gray.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of South Pitts, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of McCullough and Huff streets and the 2400 block of North Charles.

Welfare checks were made in the 300 block of East Brown and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 200 block of Ford.

Three alarms were investigated.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 600 block of South Plains and the 700 block of East Sloan.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of South Plains, where a purse and its contents were found. Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Ballard and the 900 block of South Wells.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight.

A narcotics violation was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance

was reported in the 1700 block of Chestnut.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 200 block of North Naida.

A gas drive off was reported in the 200 block of West 28th, where \$27 gas was reported taken.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 300 block of East Brown.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler, where a 2003 PT Cruiser was reported keyed.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**  
 Five traffic stops were

made. A stop in the 1100 block of South Neel resulted in at least one arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 200 block of North Starkweather and the 1100 block of Huff.

**Sheriff**

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests this week.

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**

Timothy Frank Davis, 36, of Pampa, was arrested in the 1500 block of Lincoln by Pampa Police Department and charged with possession of marijuana, no insurance and driving left of center.

Mark Douglas Hinkle, 50, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of Plains by Pampa PD and charged with evading, DWI, expired inspection, failure to register vehicle and failure to report accident.

**Fire**

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

**Wednesday, Nov. 12**

11:21 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Cherokee on a carbon monoxide investigation. Nothing was found.

5:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. One person was transported via ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:19 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

17 grandchildren; 38 great-grandchildren; 26 great-great-grandchildren; and one great-great-great-granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Billie Prescott; one brother; and nine sisters.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Eula Elizabeth Coleman, 99**

LEFORS, Texas — Eula Elizabeth Coleman, 99, of Lefors, died Nov. 10, 2008, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14, 2008, at the First Baptist Church of Lefors with the Rev. Chris Webb, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Coleman was born Dec. 27, 1908, in Kerr County. She married Luther Coleman on June 25, 1927, in Erick, Okla. He preceded her in death on Aug. 13, 1989.

She had been a resident of Lefors since 1951. She was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include three

sons, L.B. Coleman of Salt Lake City, Utah, Stanley Coleman and wife Patricia Z. Coleman of Lefors, and Wayne Coleman of Miami; two daughters, Faye Nunn of Lefors, and Maye Mickelson of Salt Lake City, Utah; two brothers, Tommy Hubble of Bandara and Buddy Hubble of Medina; two sisters, Victoria Caviness and Genna Whitehead, both of Medina;

**Patsy Coleman, 69**

McLEAN — Patsy Angela Elmore Embery Coleman, 69, of McLean died Nov. 12, 2008. Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. today in Dozier Cemetery at Dozier

with the Rev. Thacker Haynes, of McLean United Methodist Church, officiat-

ing. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Coleman was born April 7, 1939, in Huntington, Ark., to Lillard and Vera Elmore. She was married to Frank R. Embery for 25 years and later to Donald

Coleman for 28 years prior to his death in 2007.

She was a homemaker and enjoyed painting and quilting.

Survivors include three sons, Franky Embery, Tommy Embery and Jimmy Embery; three stepchildren,

Brenda Littlejohn, Betty Rives and Lyna Coleman; two sisters, Anna Lou McAfee and Shirlene Dickey; two brothers, Doryle Elmore and Danny Joe Adair; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 13, the 318th day of 2008. 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.

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 1940, the Walt Disney animated movie "Fantasia" had its world premiere in New York.

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

*'As you live, believe in life. Always human beings will live and profess to greater, broader and fuller life. The only possible death is to lose belief in this truth simply because the great end comes slowly, because time is long.'*

— W.E.B. Du Bois  
American author and reformer (1868-1963)

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

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

Ten years ago: President Clinton agreed to pay Paula Jones \$850,000 to drop her sexual harassment lawsuit, with no apology or admission of guilt, ending the four-year legal battle that had spurred the impeachment proceedings against him.

Five years ago: Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who had refused to remove his granite Ten Commandments monument from the state courthouse, was thrown off the bench by a judicial ethics panel for having "placed himself above the law." Eric Gagne of the Los Angeles Dodgers won the National League Cy Young Award.

## 'CHO' offers weight-reducing tips in time for holidays

Now that we are fast approaching the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, my taste buds are all ready salivating over the anticipated smorgasbord of wonderful taste delights. Of course, the cooking frenzy in my family will soon begin with candy, cookies, FUDGE, tidbits and the like.

My e-mail inbox must have been anticipating my 'big eyes, bigger stomach' mentality, for I recently received an electronic press release that fairly shouted "Holiday Diet Survival: Dr.'s Tips for Holiday Weight-Loss & Maintenance" from the subject line.

The doctor referred to in the preface is Dr. Britta Zimmer, chief health officer at nutrition supplement "purveyor" GoodElements.com.

Chief health officer. Wow. Well, here are some suggestions CHO Zimmer had to offer toward controlling weight gain during the holi-

days as lifted verbatim from the e-news release ...

"Eat mostly vegetables with lean protein: Half your plate should be brightly colored vegetables (spinach, kale, red peppers, broccoli) because those with deep colors contain the most nutrition. The other half should be good quality, low fat protein sources, such as eggs, tofu, fish, chicken and turkey, which will give you a feeling of fullness for a longer period of time and, thus, better hold those cravings at bay.

"Keep blood sugar stable: Losing weight is very difficult when the blood sugar levels are elevated, which impairs carbohydrate metabolism and increases sugar cravings — all working against you. Avoid simple sugars along with artificial sweeteners, which have been shown to cause increased sugar rebound cravings.

"Optimize your digestion: Break down your food properly and more efficiently so your cells may best utilize the nutrients. Chew well, take apple cider vinegar before each meal, eat in a relaxed setting and breathe while you eat.

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"Eat thermogenic foods daily: Foods with natural fat burning properties, such as cayenne, ginger, mustard seeds, cumin seeds, cinnamon, green tea, hot peppers, citrus fruits (especially lemon), and apple cider vinegar, can really help take — and keep — those pounds off when eaten on a regular daily basis.

"Supplement for faster results: All natural, non-addictive dietary supplements, such as 'Craving Control' offered by GoodElements.com, support sustainable weight loss by safety speeding up your metabolism and reducing food cravings. Natural supplements and vitamins can aid in weight loss by increasing your body's metabolism, while stabilizing blood sugar levels to help you avoid unhealthy snacking.

"Drink green tea: By steeping one green tea bag in 6-8 oz. of piping hot water you create nature's most perfect energy producing health-restoring beverage! Studies show that the catechins, a type of polyphenol, found in green tea assists in burning fat."

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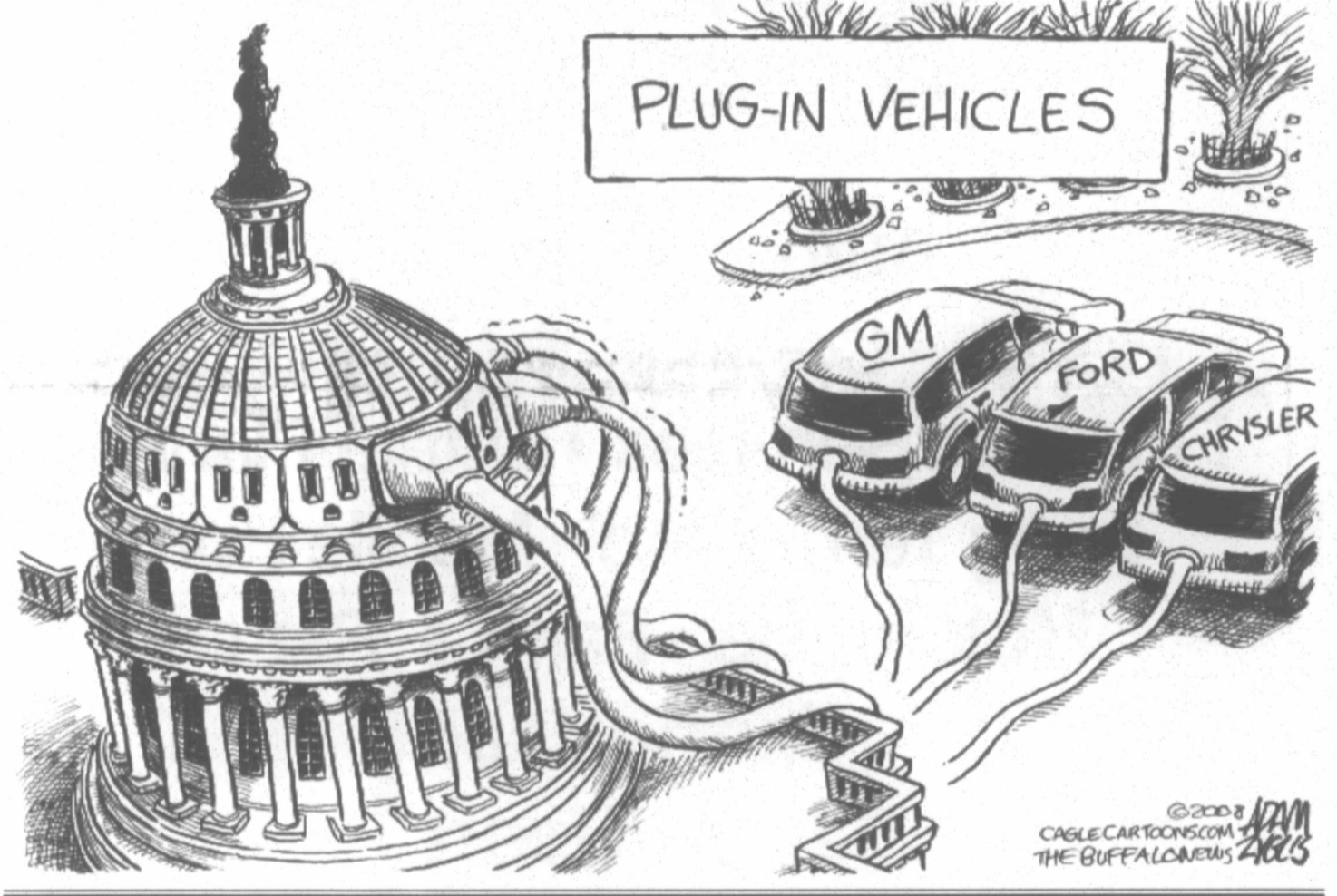
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## Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ Nov. 3  
San Antonio Express-News on new 911 screening policy:

Paramedics respond to thousands of emergency calls annually that don't require their life-saving skills. Those unnecessary dispatches, the Express-News reported, cost the City of San Antonio \$1.4 million each year. And they allocate overburdened paramedics to minor incidents at the expense of victims of real emergencies.

The solution seems so simple, you might wonder why it hasn't been tried before.

Fire Chief Charles Hood has instituted a new program under which ambulances will only be dispatched for emergency calls when they are actually needed, such as situations involving more than minor injuries or where a patient requires transportation to a hospital.

If you have a minor injury, you're not out of luck. Firefighters, who are trained to offer basic medical care, will still respond to all scenes. And Hood announced an effort to put more paramedics on fire trucks.

"If you truly need an ambulance," he told the newspaper, "you're going to get an ambulance. But we're just keeping those units available for more serious incidents."

They key to making the new system work is the public. In order to screen 911 calls for real emergencies, dispatchers need more data.

Too often when reporting an accident or incident, a 911 caller hangs up

without providing important information. If the prioritization of emergency services is going to succeed, callers will need to stay on the line long enough for dispatchers to make a meaningful evaluation.

When in doubt, the fire chief said, dispatchers will send an ambulance. "We're always going to err on the side of the patient."

Citizens can help make this prudent policy both a cost save and a lifesaver. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

■ Oct. 28  
The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio, on stimulating the economy:

With the nation's economy falling into a recession, Washington feels growing pressure for another stimulus to mitigate pain and speed recovery.

Democratic congressional leaders have been itching to pass such a boost since it became apparent that the \$150 billion in rebates mailed earlier this year generated little momentum. Last week, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke agreed that some kind of stimulus "seems appropriate," given the economy's dismal prognosis. Even President Bush, who until now has opposed another jolt, said he'd be willing to sign off on the right package.

Neither Bernanke nor Bush offered specifics, but it seems clear that any new stimulus should be targeted at those Americans in greatest need: the unemployed and the working poor. They'll spend what comes their way and help boost the economy. ...

■ Oct. 31  
The Dallas Morning News, on Iraq: The Iraq war has dropped way down the charts as a major issue driving U.S. voters, but the fact is, serious trouble is brewing there in ways that neither John McCain, Barack Obama nor President Bush had predicted.

Because Iraq's government wants to renegotiate the terms of America's presence, U.S. military operations face the prospect of a sudden lockdown when the United Nations troop-deployment mandate expires Dec. 31. In a worst-case scenario, U.S. troops could be forced into an ill-planned, hasty withdrawal.

U.S. commanders also fear that a new round of potentially fierce ethnic fighting is brewing. These factors underscore the need for Mr. Bush and his successor Democrat or Republican to speak with one voice about the importance of keeping Iraq stable and united, with U.S. troops staying on the job. Not even Mr. Obama, who supports a 16-month withdrawal timetable, has advocated anything less. ...

Both countries are heading toward an arrangement similar to the Plan B this newspaper advocated 14 months ago as a longer-term solution: rebasing U.S. troops away from Iraqi urban centers, reducing their numbers, focusing their mission on halting outside insurgents and training Iraqis to take over their own security. It's a plan we think either U.S. presidential candidate could embrace. ...

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involved appeared to support keeping the size of the study area the same.

"The staff did a good job," said Tom Cambridge, Potter County's representative on the board. "Science did not support making it smaller. We've got to stick with the science."

The board tabled a similar request on a study area west of McLean until a public meeting could be scheduled with the landowners in that area.

The board also clarified the district's policy on entering private land. Under the Texas Water Code, the district can go on to private property to inspect wells, but Williams said that is a landowner has asked that he be notified first, then the district will call.

"We have an unwritten policy to try to respect private property," Williams said.

The PGWCD board agreed to support an amicus, or friend of the court, brief by the Texas alliance of Groundwater Districts in a lawsuit between the City of Aspermont and Rolling Plains Groundwater District.

Williams explained that

Aspermont had been paying export fees on water from the groundwater district, but then claimed sovereign immunity and stopped paying. The water district sued and won in district court, but an appellate court overturned the ruling. The groundwater alliance's brief is in support of taking the question to the Texas Supreme Court.

The board approved bids for tax delinquent properties in Donley, Carson and Potter Counties.

Robert Hollabaugh of Amarillo bid \$500 for property at 507 N. Monroe in Amarillo; Earline Gifford of Skellytown bid \$1,000 for property at 805 Chamberlain in Skellytown; Dick Pierce of White Deer bid \$1,200 for 705 Talley in White Deer; Brent Satterwhite of Panhandle bid \$250 for a lot at Fifth and Arthur in Panhandle; Owen M. Kramer of Donley County bid \$2,781 for two lots in Clarendon; Ronald Trujillo of Donley County bid \$372 on a lot in the Cherokee Addition; Rodney and Pat Hargrove of Donley County bid \$600 on one acre in the McDougal Addition of Donley County, and J.W. Kitchens bid \$792 on a lot on Saints Roost 1 in Donley County.

Christopher Britten of Donley County bid \$1,457,

\$827, \$674, \$389, \$791 and \$536 on lots in Nocona Hills.

The board approved drilling permits for Clara Sailor southeast of Pampa, Brett Hall northeast of Miami, Robert Philips at Howardwick, Dome Development northeast of Amarillo, Weldon Black east of Pampa, Duane Horner north of Amarillo, Don Duck north of Amarillo, Tony Richardson west of Pampa, Rusty Atherton east of Wheeler, Danny Stokes west of Pampa and Gale and Brian Humphreys northeast of Amarillo.

The board approved irrigation well permit applications by Steven J. Mitchell north of Amarillo, Don Taylor east of McLean and Brett Hall in Roberts County.

They approved permit applications for wells larger than four inches by James and Joe Franklin east of Lefors, Charley Russell southwest of Wheeler and Billy Buckingham southeast of Wheeler.

The board also approved a permit amendment for a six-inch well for Timothy Gee. He will move a previously permitted well that has not been drilled from one section to another. The PGWCD staff said the new location meets spacing requirements.

# Winter

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that is being conducted. Extension cords can easily over heat. If possible, don't use them at all and keep the original cord in its own socket.

Smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors both need to be checked throughout the year, but especially during winter. Make sure the detectors have fresh batteries. Gas increases occur in the winter as most people

begin to use gas heaters. Check all vents because blocked vents can lead to a build up of carbon monoxide, which can lead to poison affecting the brain or death.

When driving in winter conditions, make sure the car has antifreeze that is up to date and make sure all battery terminals are functional. Clean off windshields for a clean view while driving, and scrape windows thoroughly. When going on a trip, Courtney said make sure the car has a winter emergency kit that includes a candle, blankets,

and some extra warm clothing. When making long road trips, always let someone know where you are going and which routes you are taking.

# Choir

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Harris extended an invitation to anyone in town interested in singing in the worship service to come to the practice tonight, and another on Nov. 20. The practices will last an hour, and the performance will be one or two songs.

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Five Pampans were among those making a recent Fall Foliage Tour of New England States. The group, from the First Baptist Church of Borger, included Wanda Armstrong, Alicia Heil, Barbara Pipkin, and Harl and Mauree Moore. Said Wanda: "Our group traveled through spectacular Crawford Notch, past sheer bluffs, steep ravines, cascading books and streams, panoramic mountain vistas and across the famed Frankenstein trestle and Willey Brook Bridge in Vermont. We were gone 12 days from Texas to Missouri, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Ohio, back to Missouri and on to Texas."

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



**DEAR ABBY:** I am a licensed psychologist and the director of a small counseling center at a liberal arts college. Part of my duties include answering emergency calls from students who are in crisis. A local coed apparently has been regularly giving out my cell phone number to young men she meets in bars whom she does not want to reject on the spot. Abby, you wouldn't believe the calls and text messages I receive at all hours of the day and night. I hear a lot in my line of work, yet some of these calls have made me blush! Not only is this an inconvenience for me, but it would create a difficult situation for someone in a real crisis who can't get through to me because my phone is tied up with these phone calls and text messages. Ladies, young and old alike: Please be honest. If you are not interested in the man -- say so! You don't have to annihilate him. Just say that you enjoyed meeting him but the "spark" isn't there, and wish him luck in his dating future. Please do not give him someone else's number. That's a coward's way out, and it is extremely unbecoming. And, at the very least, you are creating an inconvenience for someone else. I know. -- **PHONE CALL FIELDER IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR PHONE CALL FIELDER:** One would think that a person who is old enough to be looking for a good time in an establishment that serves liquor would also be mature enough to charmingly discourage unwanted attention. However, because the situation you have described happens frequently, I am printing your letter. I agree that giving someone a wrong phone number is cowardly. I have heard from many men who have told me that if a woman isn't interested, she should be direct about it. Believe it or not, the honesty will be appreciated.

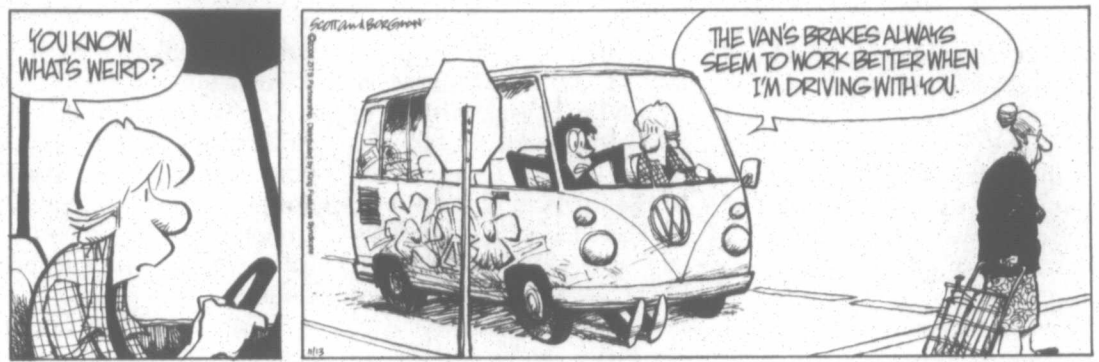
**DEAR ABBY:** Thanksgiving will be here soon, and I hope you will help me spread a timely message. Each year the media cheapens the holiday by referring to it as Turkey Day instead of Thanksgiving. Please remind your readers that the name Turkey Day is both inaccurate and inappropriate. While I think turkeys are charming and entertaining, our family does not gather on the fourth Thursday of November to celebrate the intelligence or majesty of these remarkable birds. Instead, we try to carry on the tradition of the Pilgrims who were thankful for their bounteous blessings after surviving their first winter in the New World. I believe the expression "Happy Turkey Day" contributes to the dumbing down of America, and that we are falling further and further away from the real meaning behind the holiday with each passing year. Please help to remind your readers to use the correct name for this important holiday, and let's all have a Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for the opportunity to vent. -- **MARK M. IN TAMPA, FLA.**

**DEAR MARK M.:** I agree that it's important not to forget the true meaning of our national holidays. But perhaps the reason so many members of the media -- and others -- refer to Thanksgiving as "turkey day" is because it's the time we allow ourselves to "gobble, gobble, gobble."

## For Better Or Worse



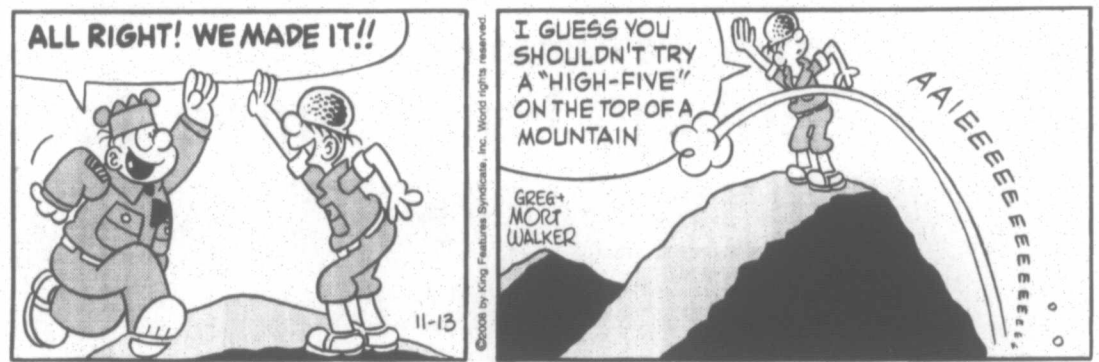
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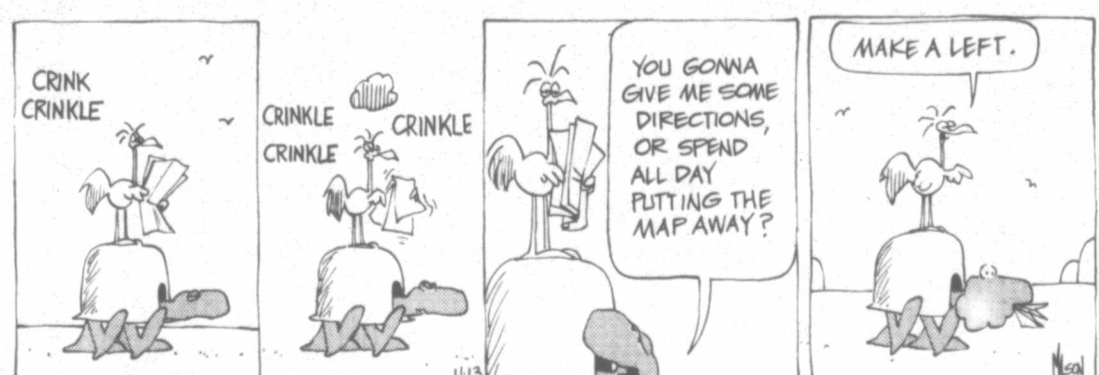
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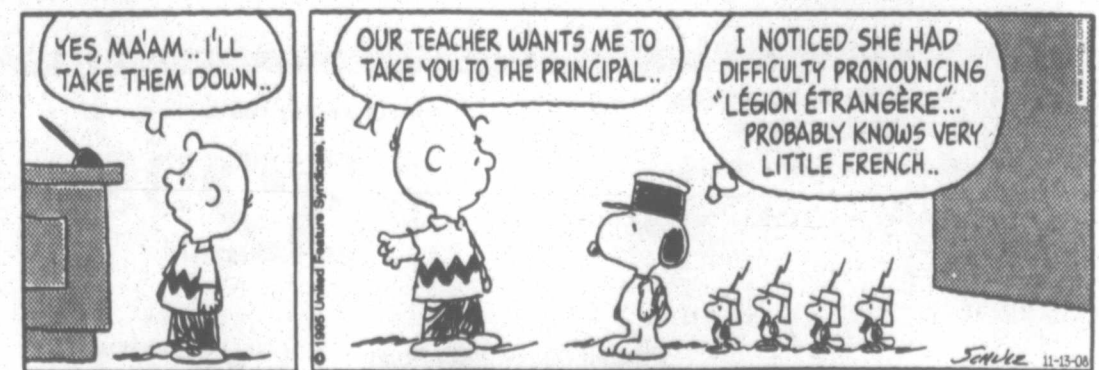
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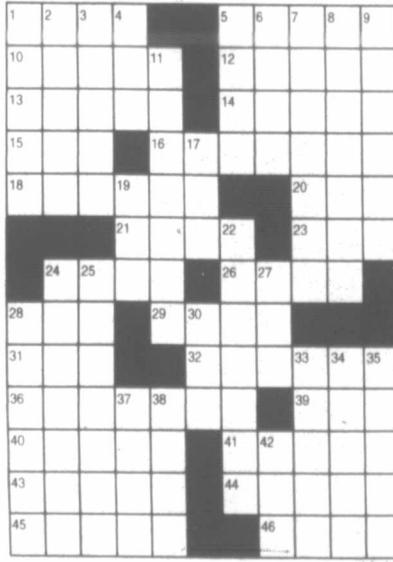
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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  - 1 Rum mixer
  - 5 Foot parts section
  - 10 Sung story
  - 12 Insurance seller
  - 13 Baltimore player
  - 14 Knack
  - 15 Rap's Dr.
  - 16 U2 guitarist
  - 18 Discard
  - 20 Thurman of "Kill Bill"
  - 21 Army level
  - 23 Tennis star
  - 24 Berth place
  - 26 Lawman
  - 28 Swindle
  - 29 Convene
  - 31 Towel word
  - 32 Grazing spot
  - 36 Pays for a hand
  - 39 As done by
  - 40 Kitchen fixture
  - 41 Rainy month
  - 43 "West Side Story" heroine
  - 44 Impetus
- DOWN**
- 1 Appliance parts
  - 2 Dizzying designs
  - 3 Jimmy, e.g.
  - 4 Common verb
  - 5 Ump's call
  - 6 Eyeball
  - 7 Preparations
  - 8 Puzzles
  - 9 Brook
  - 11 Sand-and-glass contraption
  - 17 Brood watcher
  - 19 Fury
  - 22 Patella protector
  - 24 Indicate
  - 25 Yet to come
  - 27 Pilot's guess
  - 28 Deep ravines
  - 30 Big bird
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5	2	9	1	3	4	7	6	8
7	6	3	8	5	2	1	4	9
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## Sudoku

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## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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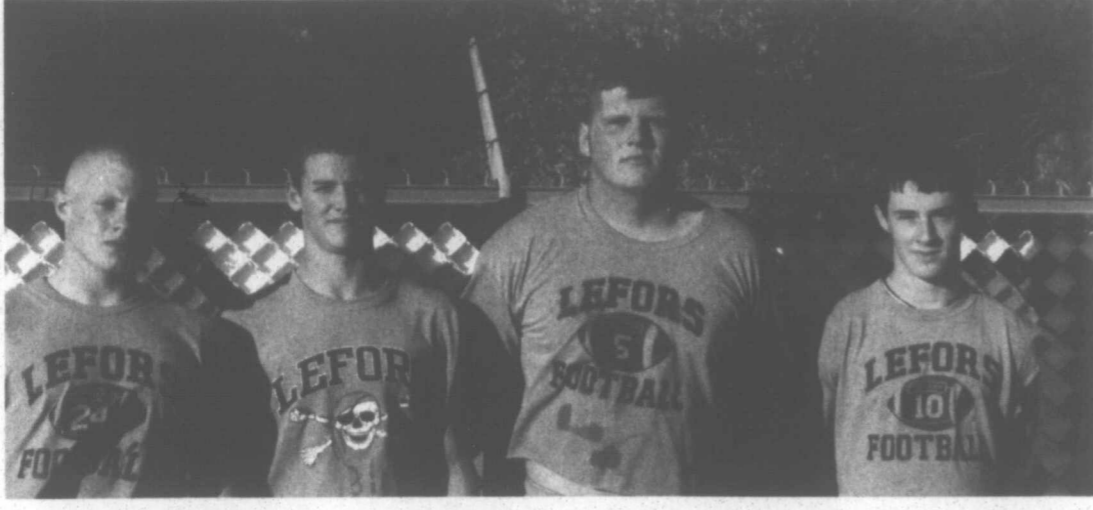


## Blondie



# Sports

## Lefors Seniors to Take Field One Last Time



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Left to right: Lefors High School Football Team seniors Payton Johnson, Brandon McBee, Dustin Forsyth and Nick Hess will take the field one last time Friday night with the goal to play football in December. There will be a community wide hamburger cookout this Thursday at 5:30 at the football field. Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Pirates.

## Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble  
Hidden Hills  
Golf Course  
Jan. 30, 2008

**1st Place (61)**  
J. Brashears  
B. Epperson  
W. Haynes  
B. Briley

**2nd Place (63)**  
P. Montoya  
R. Davenport  
R. Covalt  
B. Baldriges

**3rd Place (41)**  
R. Parnell  
A. Bolton  
J. Magry  
C. Lacy

**4th Place (65)**  
B. Hammer  
J. Gilbert  
J. McGuire  
G. Kahl

**5th Place (65)**  
E. Maxwell  
N. Lancaster  
G. Brewer  
J. Lee

**6th Place (65)**  
B. King  
C. Johnson  
T. Johnson  
O. Sargent

**7th Place (66)**  
R.D. Stephens  
B. Swope  
H. Malone  
B. Lyle

**Cloest to the Pin**  
P. Montoya (#8)  
E. Maxwell (#15)

## College Football

# Dixon Adjusts to New Role on A&M Defense

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — The toughest challenge for Alton Dixon moving from safety to line-backer on Texas A&M's defense is overcoming the weight difference.

"The hardest thing is being 209 pounds and playing against some 300-pound monsters," said the senior, second on the team with 71 tackles. "To my advantage, I just have to use my quickness."

Dixon seems to have figured it out. He leads the team with 21 tackles since switching positions before the Aggies' Oct. 18 game against Texas Tech.

Defensive coordinator Joe Kines thought Dixon's instincts and speed made him a good fit for line-backer. He said Dixon never griped about getting a new assignment so late in his career.

"That's got to be one of the most unselfish moves I've seen a senior make in a long time," Kines said. "A guy can say, 'Oh no, Coach, I've got four or five more games, I know what I'm doing here, I've got my position nailed down. Why would I want to do that?'"

"The reason he agreed to do it was to help the football team," Kines said. "Any time you've got that going on, somebody's headed in the right direction."

But it's not like Dixon hates playing his new position.

"The fun part is just getting to go — pin your ears back and just ride through there and get some of those blitzes going on," he said. "I really like the aggressiveness of Coach Kines' defense. It really attacks. If you've got the guys, it really is effective."

The Aggies (4-6, 2-4 Big

12) play at Baylor (3-7, 1-5) on Saturday.

GRAY MATTERS: Freshman Cyrus Gray was named the Big 12's special teams player of the week after running for a school-record 261 yards on kickoff returns in last week's 66-28 loss to Oklahoma.

Gray's day included a 98-yard return for a touchdown, A&M's first since Kerry Franks ran back a 99-yarder against Texas Tech in 2006. Gray has 988 kickoff return yards this season and needs only seven against

*'The hardest thing is being 209 pounds and playing against some 300-pound monsters'*

— Alton Dixon  
Texas A&M Defensive player

Baylor on Saturday to set a Big 12 record.

The 5-foot-10, 188-pound former DeSoto star worked as a backup running back in the preseason, and Coach Mike Sherman said Gray took some time to learn how to return kickoffs. Now, Sherman said, it seems like Gray has found his niche.

"Just initially, he didn't seem to have any instincts back there," Sherman said. "But the more he's seen it and the more he's been in the return game, the better his vision has become evident to me. Now I think, not just because of the touchdown he ran back, that he's been improving all along throughout the second half of the season."

Sherman also continues to use Gray at running back and he ranks sixth in the Big 12 in all-purpose yardage, averaging 138.2 per game. He needs only 46 yards to crack A&M's top-10 in all-purpose yardage for a season.

"I thought he was almost looking to get tackled sometime early (in the season) there, just kind of running into traffic," Sherman said. "Now he's seeing things so much more clearly."

INJURY UPDATES: Sherman expects freshman receiver Jeff Fuller and sophomore receiver Terrence McCoy to return this week after they missed Saturday's 66-28 loss to Oklahoma with injuries.

Fuller strained a quadriceps muscle and McCoy sprained his foot last week. "I expected them to play last week and was disappointed when they weren't able to play," Sherman said. "They didn't practice much, so I should have kind of expected it."

Sherman also expects junior running back Mike Goodson to be ready for Saturday's game as he continues to recover from a sprained left knee. Sherman was less confident about the status of freshman safety Trent Hunter, who left the Oklahoma game with a sprained ankle. Hunter is A&M's third-leading tackler.

"We'll see if he's going to be able to contribute this week," Sherman said. "Based on where it was on game day (Saturday), I'd say that's going to be a difficult challenge. But he's a fast healer and some guys can do it, some guys can't."

# Wednesday's Sports in Brief

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Joe Maddon easily won the American League Manager of the Year award after guiding the Tampa Bay Rays from baseball's basement to the World Series. Lou Piniella of the Chicago Cubs took the NL honor.

Maddon, who succeeded Piniella as Tampa Bay manager in 2006, was a runaway winner in balloting by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. He received all but one of the 28 first-place votes — the other went to Minnesota's Ron Gardenhire.

There has never been a unanimous winner for Manager of the Year.

Piniella led the NL Central champion Cubs to the league's best record and beat out Charlie Manuel of the World Series champion Philadelphia Phillies to earn his third Manager of the Year award and first in the NL.

The fiery Piniella also won in 1995 and 2001 with Seattle.

This time, he got 15 of 32 first-place votes and totaled 103 points to 67 for Manuel, listed first on eight ballots. Florida's Fredi Gonzalez finished third with five first-place votes and 48 points.

Two other managers garnered first-place votes: Joe Torre of the Los Angeles Dodgers (three) and Tony La Russa of the St. Louis Cardinals (one).

**CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP)** — North Carolina coach Roy Williams said reigning national player of the year Tyler Hansbrough is "extremely doubtful" for Saturday's season opener for the top-ranked Tar Heels.

In a statement from the school, Williams said the team will keep Hansbrough out of practice a little longer as he recovers from a stress reaction in his right shin. Hansbrough hasn't practiced for two weeks, which could be a precursor to a stress fracture.

Hansbrough has played in all 108 games in his three-year career, though he missed Saturday's exhibition win against North Carolina-Pembroke. It was the first time North Carolina played without him since its win against Illinois in the 2005 NCAA championship game. He missed just one practice last year — one day after playing 47 minutes in a double-overtime win against Clemson despite an infected toe — before this injury.

The school had said Hansbrough would be out indefinitely and that it was unclear whether he would miss any regular-season games.

**OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)** — The Oakland Athletics completed their trade with the Colorado Rockies for star outfielder Matt Holliday, adding a big bat

to the middle of their lineup.

The Rockies received right-handed reliever Huston Street, lefty starter Greg Smith and promising outfielder Carlos Gonzalez from the A's. The clubs reached a tentative agreement Monday, but had to wait for the results of physicals and other details to be worked out.

This is a major move by an A's team that began rebuilding last winter and is more accustomed to losing star players than acquiring them.

Holliday, a two-time All-Star and runner-up for 2007 NL MVP award, is set to make \$13.5 million next season and then will be eligible to become a free agent.

He has 128 homers and 483 RBIs in five big league seasons. His best year was 2007, when he won the NL batting title with a .340 average. He also had 36 homers and a league-best 137 RBIs in helping the Rockies reach the World Series. He finished second to Philadelphia shortstop Jimmy Rollins for NL MVP that season.

**MIAMI (AP)** — Greg Oden returned to the Portland Trail Blazers for a matchup with the Miami Heat following a six-game absence because of a sprained right foot sustained in the season opener.

# McNair Says Kubiak is 1 to Turn Around Texans

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Texans owner Bob McNair is confident in coach Gary Kubiak, and the billionaire's goal for this season remains seeing his team in the playoffs for the first time.

"Right now we're still trying to make the playoffs and until mathematically we cannot do it, that's our goal and that doesn't change," McNair said Wednesday. "And so that's all we think about and nothing else matters."

That goal is looking pretty unlikely for the Texans (3-6), who are coming off a 41-13 loss to the Ravens and play

Indianapolis on Sunday. They are in last place in the AFC South, but hold out hope for a wild-card spot with some normally strong teams posting mediocre records so far.

After last year's 8-8 finish, many expected Houston to get over the hump and get its first winning record. Instead, the Texans struggled from the start, losing their first four games. They rebounded with consecutive wins over Miami, Detroit and Cincinnati, but followed that streak with two losses.

Sunday's defeat, in which

Sage Rosenfels threw four interceptions, had some fans thinking Kubiak should be fired. Despite the recent poor performances, McNair believes Kubiak is the one to turn around his team.

"There's no reason he can't," McNair said. "He's a very capable coach. He's smart. He's hardworking. The players relate to him. They play hard for him. They respect him and he treats them fairly. And those are the things that players are looking for and really that's all you can ask of your coach."

McNair did acknowledge he'd like to see more from the players.

"The players have to do it out on the field and they know that they're held accountable for that," he said. "So it's a difficult time for us because we all thought we'd be doing better than we are. So we just have to go out there and our players have just got to play better."

McNair isn't interested in pointing fingers or trying to find blame for Houston's predicament. That, he says, takes away from what he and his team should be focusing

on. Kubiak has brushed aside questions about his job security, saying he is only worried about Indianapolis. That's what McNair wants to see.

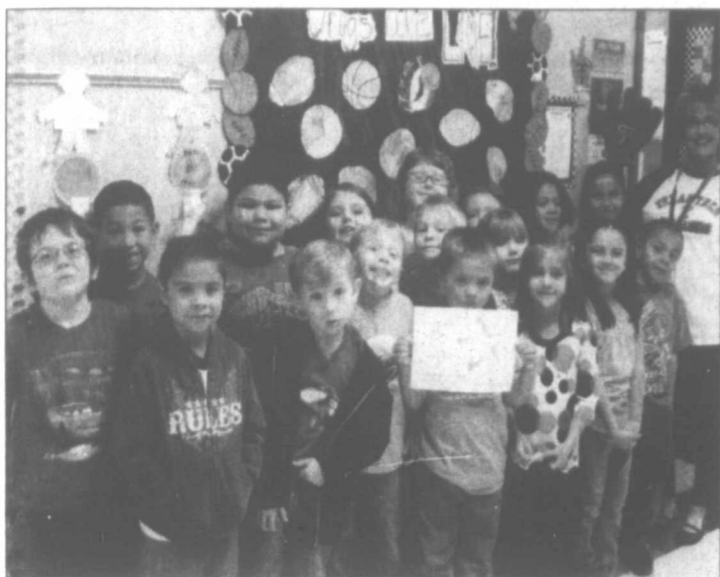
"He should be focused on preparing for this game and not even be concerned about the other because all that counts is performance," McNair said. "We're all judged based on performance. So you can't pay any attention to anything that would distract you from performing. Sidebar conversations or thoughts don't contribute anything to the proba-

bility of success."

Since Houston began play in 2002, McNair has been waiting for the time when the Texans would be successful. In the seventh season, he's getting a bit antsy.

"I'm impatient. I have been patient, but I'm impatient," he said. "I thought we would be doing better at this point in time and we're not and I'm disappointed about it. So then the next question is: 'What are you going to do?' Well, the first thing you can do is go out and win this Sunday."

## Ice Cream Party



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Mrs. Dyson's first grade class at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School recently sold the most discount cards of any class at Wilson. The class was rewarded with an ice cream party. Above: (back row) Taylor James, Chase Landers, Brian Bibiano, Mackenzie Batman, Dreyton Pittman, Devin Hieronymus, Tori Gosslin, Deja Scott, Alejandra Hernandez; (front row) Fernando Perez, Layne Richards, Ryan Mayberry, Tyson Crain, Destini Woods, Avery Sprinkle, Ashlynn Mulanax, Anthony Viramontes and Ms. Dyson.

## Events calendar

**Texas World Organization of China Painters** will stage its biennial convention Nov. 12-14 at Campana Art Co., 721 W. Wilks. The guest artist will be Brenda Morgan-Moore of Oxnard, Calif. She will conduct a three-day painting seminar. Work by members will be on display. A public display may be viewed in the lobby windows of the Combs-Worley Building downtown. For more information, call 665-3618 or 665-4651.

**The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. 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., Nov. 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

**Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 20 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center for lunch and a program. Guests are welcome. For more information, call 669-9297 or 665-3617.

**Amarillo College's Lamplight Youth Theatre Co.** will present "The Christmas Doll" by Joan Cushing at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 21-22 and 2:30 p.m. Nov. 22-23 on stage at AC. Set in London in

the 1840s, "The Christmas Doll" is a musical drama. The cast includes 54 youth between 7 and 18 years of age. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for college/senior citizens and \$5 for children. For more information, call (806) 371-5353.

"Harvest Baskets" are being accepted at Tralee Crisis Center to benefit needy families of domestic violence and/or abuse. The baskets must arrive at the Tralee office the morning of Nov. 24 for delivery by organizers the next day. Donation baskets can be filled with frozen turkey or ham, dressing, pies, rolls, cranberry sauce and dessert. This year 20 new families will receive a basket. Donations to fill the basket will be accepted. More than one basket can be submitted by donors. Anyone wishing to prepare and provide a donation basket or make a donation to purchase a basket, may contact Tralee at 669-1131.

**Tralee Crisis Center** of Pampa will launch its annual Tree of Blessing program Dec. 1 to benefit victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. Client families are screened and submit "wish lists." Paper ornaments are made for each item requested and hung on the tree. Families are kept confidential. Persons interested in picking up an ornament and purchasing the item listed may contact Tralee beginning Dec. 1. The deadline to return all items unwrapped to the office is Dec. 19. All ornaments must be returned even if an item is not provided so that organizers can purchase what was not purchased. For more information, contact Tralee Crisis Center at 669-1131.

## Oprah hoax fools Victoria school

VICTORIA, Texas (AP) — School officials and a student who successfully battled a life-threatening illness spent six months thinking Oprah Winfrey was coming to Victoria to tell the eighth-grade girl's story.

It turns out they were victims of an apparent hoax.

The buzz started in April when Victoria school district officials received a packet that appeared to come from "The Oprah Winfrey Show." In it, they were invited to be part of a project that focused on schools and students, said district spokeswoman Diane Boyett.

Follow-up e-mails led school officials to believe they were negotiating for the use of the school and the need for publicity releases for children

involved in the filming, Boyett said. But one of the key purported correspondents by e-mail or mail was a former Winfrey executive producer who hadn't produced a show in five years, Winfrey spokeswoman Angela DePaul said in Thursday's editions of the Victoria Advocate.

No one from the school district actually spoke with Harpo staff members, Boyett said.

DePaul said Winfrey wasn't coming to Victoria to film a show.

"Nor had she planned to," DePaul said.

The apparent hoax fell apart when claims of connections to the Children's Miracle Network, which grants wishes for sick children, turned out to be false.

## Dance Masters



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Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center of Pampa will send dancers to compete at Dance Masters of America competition Saturday, Nov. 15 in Albuquerque, N.M. The local dancers will be competing against dancers from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The competition will consist of an interview portion as well as auditions in ballet, tap, jazz and acrobatics. Title-winners represent their region at the national Dance Masters competition in Washington, D.C., in the summer of 2009. TOP: (Back row, left-right) Caylee Steward, Jenna Munsell, Elyssa Clements; (middle) Jenna Gee, Danielle Zuniga; and (front) Marlee Richardson. BOTTOM: (Back row) Danielle Zuniga, Jenna Munsell; (front) Makayla King, Blayke Breeding and Kirrah Powell. Zuniga and Munsell will both be vieing for area Miss Dance. Gee will compete for the title of Junior Miss Dance, and King, Breeding and Powell will be participating in the Petite Miss Dance competition. Also competing will be Caylee Steward in Teen Miss Dance and Addison Hinkle in Petite Miss Dance.

## Red Cross



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The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross recently recognized the Pampa Fire Department with a certificate of appreciation for assisting the Red Cross in educating the public in CPR/First Aid. Above, from left: Fire Chief Kim Powell, Eastern Panhandle American Red Cross Executive Director Jana Gregory, Red Cross volunteer Chris Yates, PFD Captain Jesse Hanes, firefighter Jay AleJandre and equipment operators John Evans and Robert McDonald.

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# United Way

## Genesis House serves area youth since 1971

The following article was provided by Genesis House and is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information was submitted by Pampa United Way as part of its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up" fund-raising campaign.

Genesis House is a residential program serving Pampa and area youth since 1971. Genesis House first opened its door to girls in June 1971 and added a home for boys in 1975. Genesis House offers out-patient substance abuse treatment for local and area youth who are struggling with drug and alcohol issues. The out-patient program consists of an eight-week, 16-session course that meets twice weekly.

Genesis House has gone through a transition over the past year, moving away from a residential substance abuse facility to more of a group home environment,

servicing primarily youth placed by Texas Department of Family & Protective Services, also referred to as Children's Protective Services.

Referrals for the residential program are accepted from this state agency as well as local and area juvenile probation departments.

The current facility is comprised of a girls' home and a boys' home, each with a capacity for eight residents, a large activity building and an administrative office.

Genesis House strives to be a good community partner by participating in several community projects such as Keep Pampa Beautiful, Pampa Meals on Wheels and the summer Lunch in the Park program.

With your continued support of Pampa United Way, Genesis House will be able to continue to help local and area youth who need the opportunity to get on a path to success. The following story describes the journey

of one young lady we will call "Miss T":

Miss T came to Genesis House late in 2007. She was a charming young lady who used her childish charm to get people to do as she wished. Miss T was left at her great-grandparent's home at an early age due to both her parents being in prison.

By her teen years, Miss T had become rebellious to the point that her aging great-grandparents could no longer cope with her behaviors. She was staying out all night with her friends, skipping school, fighting and doing drugs.

After her great-grandfather's death, Miss T began cutting herself to deal with the emotional pain. Because of her escalating behaviors,

she was removed from her great-grandmother's home and placed in CPS care.

Miss T ran away from several placements prior to being placed at Genesis House.

Miss T began her stay at Genesis House as charming and compliant, but when Miss T did not get what she wanted and her childish charms did not work she would resort to a childish temper tantrum.

The first time Miss T was confronted about some of her negative behavior she escalated to the point of yelling, swearing and threatening to run away. Afterwards, she was found curled up, hiding in her closet.

Genesis House staff began to impress upon Miss T the importance of good social and coping skills

which at first she did not like. She became stubborn and refused to complete an assignment on the topic.

She was confronted several times over her negative behaviors, with her handling each one a little more appropriately, as she progressed in the program. She slowly improved her basic social and coping skills. She began to share her feelings in groups and in individual sessions with her counselor.

She was enrolled in Pampa High School. The Genesis House staff placed particular emphasis on the importance of education. When any of her grades fell below a 'C,' she was assigned an additional hour of study time until her grades improved.

She had started writing poetry prior to coming to Genesis House to express her feelings. Most of the poetry was morbid and depressing, but she showed talent and enjoyed writing. Eventually, she used her poetry to build on her self-

esteem instead of using it primarily as emotional relief.

Miss T was awarded an Academic Achievement Award in English from PHS. She also chose to remain at Genesis House after her 18th birthday to complete the school year. She considered staying an additional year to complete her senior year of school, but she felt the need to return to her elderly great-grandmother's home to help take care of her. Her great-grandmother's health had deteriorated while Miss T was at Genesis House.

Due to her history of abusing drugs, Miss T was placed in the Genesis House Outpatient Program for Substance Abuse. She completed the program successfully. Before leaving Genesis House, Miss T began to talk about completing her education and living a drug-free lifestyle due to her improved decision-making and basic social skills.



## Association accepted into national epilepsy foundation

AMARILLO — In recognition of November as Epilepsy Awareness Month, High Plains Epilepsy Association, recently renamed Epilepsy Foundation West Texas, is the newest chapter of the Epilepsy Foundation of America.

The Amarillo chapter will host a proclamation with Lee Ann Shaw, director, at 3 p.m. Nov. 18 at Amarillo City Hall. A reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 25 in the Lone Star Room of First United Bank in Amarillo.

The association has been serving West Texas for more

than 30 years, growing from representing 26 to 79 counties.

Before accepting the association as a member, Epilepsy Foundation of America conducted an evaluation into organization and high standards.

"Not much will change about our organization besides the name," a press release from the association stated, "all of our services, assistance and education programs will remain the same. This is exciting news for our organization because all our hard work over the years is being rewarded with national recognition and

opportunities to fund research about epilepsy. HPEA has done all the ground work for Epilepsy Foundation West Texas. This

next chapter will help develop our organization with funding and day-to-day name recognition."

Epilepsy is a neurological

disorder that can affect anyone at any age and currently affects, the news release reported, one in 100 people or one in 34 children in

Texas alone. Epilepsy Foundation West Texas provides a full-range of epilepsy related services to the Panhandle.

### Cake Walk



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Pampa Nursing Center recently held a carnival to celebrate Halloween. PNC resident Carolyn Rutherford and her son Steven Rutherford won a cake in the cake walk.

### Ex-con from NY to die for soldier's slaying

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Twice-convicted robber Denard Manns says he planned to get a new start when he was paroled from a New York prison and moved to Texas to join his half brother.

It didn't work out. Within months, Manns was locked up and charged with robbing, raping and fatally shooting an Army medic at her apartment near Fort Hood in Killeen in Central Texas.

Manns, 42, was set to die Thursday in Huntsville for the Nov. 18, 1998, death of Michelle Robson, 26.

He'd be the 17th Texas inmate executed this year and

the second of two on consecutive nights this week in the nation's busiest death penalty state. George Whitaker, 36, was given lethal injection Wednesday evening for gunning down the sister of his ex-girlfriend and seriously wounding his victim's mother and another sister at their home in Crosby, east of Houston, nearly 14 years ago.

Earlier Wednesday, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles cleared the way for Manns' punishment by refusing a petition asking his death sentence be commuted to life in prison. Other appeals had been exhausted.

#### LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, will be closed all day Wednesday, Nov. 19 for staff training.

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