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Texas Today

State officials require prior approval of rates

AUSTIN (AP) — State Farm, the largest home insurer in Texas, must continue to get prior approval from the state before making rate changes because the company is overcharging customers, the Texas Department of Insurance said Wednesday.

Regulators issued the order to the company this week, making State Farm the only insurance company in Texas that must get prior approval for what it charges on homeowners policies.

State Farm spokeswoman Sophie Harbert, whose company has had an ongoing battle with regulators, said its rates are "competitive, fair and justified" and have not changed since June 2003. She said State Farm was still evaluating the state order.

Harbert declined to say whether or not State Farm had planned for rate changes in 2005 but said "We're always evaluating our rates."

The prior approval requirement used to be mandated for all companies. But as of Dec. 1 companies have been allowed to charge new rates while they are under review by regulators.

Ex-officer gets jury award of \$8.7 million

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A former Army major left paraplegic after a rollover crash in Saudi Arabia has received more than \$8.7 million in a federal damage award.

Ford Motor Co. was responsible for a defect in the roof design of a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, and that it contributed to spinal injuries sustained by Barry Muth in 1999, an eight-member jury decided on Wednesday.

Muth, 46, of San Antonio and family members — his wife and three children — should receive almost half of the \$17.6 million his lawyers requested in closing arguments, jurors found after deliberating about two hours.

Ford plans an appeal. But the 18-year Army veteran, who was stationed at tiny Eskan Village with the Army's Tank Automotive Command, out of Detroit, at the time of the crash said he was satisfied with the award.

Troopers hit on marijuana haul

DPS traffic stop on I-40 nets 656 lbs.; earlier stop yields \$1.4 million in cocaine

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Almost \$400,000 worth of marijuana was reportedly found by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers yesterday when they searched a vehicle traveling eastbound

on Interstate 40 near McLean.

Troopers stopped a 2004 GMC truck for an alleged traffic violation at 3:48 p.m. Wednesday. After questioning the occupants, consent to search the vehicle was given, said Trooper Wayne Beighle

of Amarillo in a news release.

Seven large boxes located in the cargo area of the truck were found to contain 656 pounds of marijuana, according to the release. The boxes were amidst a load of furniture.

Estimated value of the

marijuana seized by troopers is \$386,384.

Two Arizona men arrested in connection with the seizure are Jose Jaime Rodriguez Godoy of Surprise, and Daniel Ines Martinez of Phoenix, both 24 years old.

Both were booked into Gray County Jail and charged with possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds.

Bond for each was set at \$20,000, and both remained

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City mgr. undergoes surgery

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Richard Morris, director of public works for the City of Pampa, is expected to be appointed interim city manager at the Dec. 14 meeting of city commissioners, to serve during the medical leave of City Manager John Horst, according to City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers.

Horst was admitted Tuesday to Baptist-St. Anthony Hospital in Amarillo, where he underwent surgery for five heart bypasses yesterday, Jeffers said.

"The doctor was pleased with the outcome of the surgery, and John is doing well," she said.

The action item to name an interim city manager has been placed on the agenda of next Tuesday's 3 p.m. regular meeting.

The meeting was moved up from its regular 4 p.m. time slot due to a conflict with a town hall-style meeting to be held at 4 p.m. by State Senator Robert Duncan of Lubbock.

Duncan will be at Gray County Courthouse as part of a four-city tour on that date, also visiting Knox City, Quanah and Clarendon.

Horst was named city manager Nov. 9, after serving as interim city manager upon the resignation of Mitch Grant on June 29.

An 18-year veteran of the city staff, Horst has continued his duties as finance director as well, the position he held at the time of Grant's resignation.



Stuart Smith, PHS athletic trainer, left, and J.J. Slatten, school nurse, practice using an AED on Joe Wheely, a director for North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council.

AED... Peace of mind in a box

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Through the generosity of several local organizations, Pampa Independent School District's athletic department now has state-of-the-art life-saving knowledge and equipment on hand in case of an emergency.

Pampa's Automatic External Defibrillation (AED) project provides students, coaches, athletes and teachers

with training in life-saving techniques and provides the equipment needed to save lives in the event of an emergency.

"It's one of those machines you hope never to have to use, but it gives you peace of mind just knowing it's available," said Stuart Smith, the school district's athletic trainer.

"We have three machines — one at Pampa High School, one at Pampa Junior High and one in the training room," said Smith, adding that he also

has a "dummy" machine used for training.

Pampa's AEDs are made by Cardiac Science and cost approximately \$1,800 each.

In addition to the required basic CPR and First Aid, all coaches and student athletic trainers will receive training in the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator or AED device, Smith

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Accident scene

Pampa Police Department and Guardian EMS ambulance service responded to a vehicle accident call at about 8:30 a.m. today concerning the Dodge Dakota pickup shown above. The pickup came to rest westbound in the intersection of Somerville and Browning streets. At least one person involved in the accident was transported by Guardian EMS. The pickup appeared to have been hit broadside on its passenger side, where damage was apparent. The left front tire was also off its wheel. Further information was not available by press time today.

Police investigate poodle shooting

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A small apricot-colored poodle was found in the 400 block of Rose yesterday morning with a gunshot wound to its left side.

Pampa Police Department was called to the area at 10:37 a.m. concerning an animal cruelty report. Officer Heather Ratzlaff met with Animal Control Officer Monty Montgomery at the scene.

The dog appeared to have been shot with a .22-caliber gun or with a high-powered pellet gun, said a police spokesperson. The dog was wearing a collar.

No suspects have been identified as of press time today.

Residents in the vicinity who were at home at the time all said they did not hear a gun being fired, the spokesperson said.

The dog's owner had not been identified as of this morning, according to police reports.

No further information was available from the police department concerning the dog's condition.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, Dec. 7

Theft of Internet services was reported in the 700 block of Scott. Estimated value of loss is \$279.60.

Centramedia, 112 E. Francis, reported theft of services at the following locations: 700 block South Barnes, value \$320; 700 block South Ballard, \$186.40; 2700 block North Hobart, \$140.40; 400 block North Russell, \$125.66; and 400 block North Russell, \$173.45.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Wells. Approximately 40 gallons of gasoline valued at \$85 was stolen.

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Cruelty to an animal was reported in the 400 block of Rose. A small dog was shot. Erica Dawn Helms, 20, 603 E. Foster, was arrested on a *capias* pro fine for no insurance.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Dec. 8

Toby F. Hernandez, 39, 1829 N. Dwight, was arrested on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Jose Jamie Rodriquez Godoy, 24, Surprise, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds

and under 2,000 pounds, and is being held for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Daniel Ines Martinez, 24, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana over 50 pounds and under 2,000 pounds.

Fire

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

Wednesday, Dec. 8

8:04 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Dec. 8

9 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

8:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

Bush rules out raising payroll taxes to confront Social Security shortfall

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush on Thursday flatly ruled out raising payroll taxes to ensure the solvency of Social Security as he began a push for historic changes in the retirement program.

Bush renewed his call for legislation that would let workers create private retirement accounts within the government-run program.

"We will not raise payroll taxes to solve this problem," Bush said as he met in the Oval Office with a panel of advisers on the Social Security issue.

Bush sidestepped questions about whether the nation can afford to borrow in order to confront a shortfall in the trillions of dollars.

"I will not prejudice any solution," Bush said.

At a time of record deficits, estimates of the money needed range from \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion or more over a decade. Bush said the total unfunded liability is \$11 trillion.

"Does this country have the will to address this problem? I think it must," Bush said, sitting next to Treasury Secretary John Snow and the members of his panel.

"There is a recognition among the experts that we have a problem, and the problem is America is getting older and that there are fewer to pay into the system to support a baby boomer generation which is about to retire," Bush said. "We have a responsibility to solve problems before they become acute."

The call for private accounts is the most controversial element of Bush's

vision for a remodeled Social Security. Administration officials had signaled previously that they were leaning toward borrowing to finance the changes, rather than raising taxes.

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—George W. Bush
U.S. President

government benefits.

Bush and lawmakers of both parties generally agree on the need for eventual changes in Social Security to shore up its solvency.

They disagree sharply on the urgency of the task and the wisdom of letting workers channel a portion of their payroll taxes into private accounts.

Workers generally pay a 6.2 percent payroll tax on income up to \$87,900. Their employers match the payment, and the combined tax finances monthly Social Security retirement checks.

Apart from borrowing, another option for covering costs is to increase the retirement age, which is gradually rising to 67 under legislation approved nearly two decades ago.

Bush wouldn't say how he would pay for the changes.

Though many blue-ribbon panels have tackled the Social Security issue over the years, Bush said he planned to wait for the recommendations of his trustees before he seeks legislation.

"I have articulated principles in the course of my campaign that I think are important, and it's very important for those who have retired to recognize that nothing is going to change when it comes to Social Security," Bush said.

On the Net:

Social Security: <http://www.socialsecurity.gov>

White House: <http://www.whitehouse.gov>

A presidential commission in 2001 proposed allowing individuals to place up to 2 percent of their payroll into a private account to be invested for retirement.

Any such plan depends on a large infusion of cash to replace the tax money that would otherwise fund the

U.S. Economy

Jobless claims increase for second straight week

WASHINGTON (AP) — New claims for jobless benefits moved higher last week, a possible sign that employers haven't completely let go of their caution and are looking to cut costs.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that the number of new applications filed for unemployment insurance rose by a seasonally adjusted 8,000 to 357,000 for the week ending Dec. 4. That marked the highest level since late September.

Last week's increase followed a sharp rise in claims — of 25,000 — in the prior week.

The newest snapshot of labor market activity was a bit disappointing to economists. They were forecasting claims to drop to around 335,000 for last week.

Higher energy bills and expensive health care costs may

be taking their toll on some companies.

"All of these issues — higher energy, commodity and material prices and skyrocketing health care costs — eat into the bottom line, which ultimately result in staff reductions," said Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research.

On Wall Street, the report, along with rising crude oil prices, helped to push stocks lower. The Dow Jones industrials were off around 57 points and the Nasdaq was down 27 points in morning trading.

New claims have gone up for two straight weeks. A Labor Department analyst said some of the rise may reflect seasonal adjustment difficulties surrounding the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Santa's mock portfolio sees modest gains

HOUSTON (AP) — Santa's hypothetical stock portfolio in 2004 split the difference between big returns in 2003 and a 17 percent decline two years ago, analysts at the Southwest Bank of Texas said Thursday.

For the third consecutive year, the bank's investment management group tracked yearly performances of stocks they assume St. Nick would probably hold.

The retail-heavy, though slightly reshuffled portfolio, with \$1 invested in each

stock, reaped a year-to-date return of 26 percent, compared to a 41 percent gain in 2003.

"Santa's been a good boy this year by learning the value of diversification," said Robert Heintz, senior vice president and chief investment officer of the bank.

He was referring to Santa's reinvestment of previous gains in a mix of iShares exchange traded index funds for the S&P 500 Large Cap, S&P 400 MidCap and S&P 600 Small Cap.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. Windy, with a northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph.

Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 23 and 28. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 62. Wind

chill values between 22 and 28. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 32. Wind chill values between 23 and 28. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 58. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. Northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 43. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 27.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 49.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54.

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Wheat	3.12
Milo	3.20
Corn	3.73
Soybeans	4.59

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	55.13	+0.38
BP PLC ADR	58.82	-0.28
Cabot Corp	36.60	-0.48
Cabot Oil Gas	44.24	-0.25
Coca Cola	40.42	+0.03
VLO	43.25	+0.11
HAL	38.72	+0.37
TRI	36.25	-0.04
NOI	33.99	+0.36
KMI	69.62	+0.47
XCEL	17.92	-0.03
Kerr McGee	57.71	-0.06
XOM	49.81	-0.21
Limited	23.63	-0.21
Williams	15.23	+0.03
MCD	31.42	-0.08
Atmos	26.80	-0.08
Pioneer Natl	33.80	-0.11
JCP	39.73	-0.06
COP	85.72	+0.10
SLB	62.40	+0.11
Tenneco	15.69	-0.46
CVX	52.64	-0.05
Wal-Mart	52.31	-0.20
OKE	27.24	+0.09
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PHS student athletic trainers pose with Marietta Bender, center back, of Ronald McDonald House Charities: back row from left, Coach Stuart Smith, Bender, Drew Morrison, and Tyrell Bolin; front row from left, Natasha Bailey, Katie Holmes, Kailee Patton, Kenzie Clendennen, Hall Christopher (holding an AED), Ashley Winkleblack and Sarah Smith.

AED

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said. Establishing an AED training program is an important step toward preventing death from sudden cardiac arrest which can occur at our schools, sporting events and in the community, said John Crowell of the North Rolling Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council. Crowell helped write grant requests to raise \$6,400 to purchase the AEDs. Project donors included Wal-Mart, Celanese, North Rolling Plains RC&D, Ronald McDonald House Charities and an anonymous donor, Smith said.

More than 1,000 people die every day from cardiac arrests, according to information provided by the RC&D. These deaths are not limited to older adults. Several cases of cardiac arrest in children have occurred across the nation.

Smith said that if the erratic heartbeat (which often precedes cardiac arrest) can be stopped within four minutes, survival chances soar.

A recent case occurred at Pflugerville, Texas, Middle School when an 11-year-old student collapsed from an apparent cardiac arrest.

The School Resource Officer Chet Vronka, along with the school nurse, Wendy Ruff, used an AED to resuscitate the young man. Seeing the effectiveness of the AED, Pflugerville school officials immediately bought AEDs devices for the school district.

Two months later another Pflugerville student, a high school girl, collapsed and was revived by an AED.

"She was the second save within two months," Smith said.

Last year, at Clarendon, a high school boy suffered sudden cardiac arrest and died on the basketball court, Smith said. If an AED had been available, the student

might have been saved, he said.

Statistics gathered from the Centers for Disease Control show that, without rapid access to an AED, 95 percent of all cardiac victims die. However, with AED treatment within the first five minutes more than 60 percent of victims live.

Training has already been given to the coaching staff and to the seven student athletic trainers who work directly with other students. Training will also be given to teachers and office personnel from each campus administrative office, then to all health teachers in their classes.

"The neat thing about these (AEDs), is they're simple to use," Smith said. "Once you open the lid, the instructions begin."

He said the device gives loud and clear verbal instructions for each step of the process, along with diagrams.

"The instructions are concise and to the point," he said.

Included with the AED is a kit containing a CPR mask, a razor to shave the area where electrode pads would be placed, scissors to remove clothing if necessary, and alcohol pads to clean the skin before placing the pads.

Special pediatric pads are also included for children 60 pounds and under, Smith added.

Smith said that, as far as he knew, Pampa ISD and Dumas ISD are the only districts in this area that have AEDs. He hopes to raise funds to buy more AEDs for Pampa.

"We plan to get one on every (PISD) campus and get someone on every campus trained," he said.

Pampa's athletic trainer said that in the time he's been here he's never had the need to use an AED and he hopes he never will.

"I hoped I wasn't jinxing myself just by getting them," he admitted. "But it's better to have it and not need it. It just gives you a little more security and peace of mind."

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in jail in lieu of bond as of press time today, according to jail records.

Troopers believe the marijuana load originated in Phoenix and was destined for Detroit, Mich.

Two other men were arrested during a traffic stop by DPS troopers yesterday, this time for possession of cocaine.

At 11 a.m., troopers stopped a 1997 Ford pickup traveling eastbound on I-40 near Groom for an alleged traffic violation. The two men were questioned, and they gave consent to search

the vehicle, Beighle said.

Troopers reportedly found a false compartment which had been built into the right front fender and fire wall. Inside the compartment were 17 plastic vacuum sealed bundles of cocaine, with an estimated value of \$1,400,000, Beighle said.

John Donald Jennings, 36, Cathedral City, Calif., and Sergio Ismael Aguirre Jr., 24, Ontario, Calif., were arrested in connection with the incident and booked into Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug charges.

DPS officials believe the load of cocaine had originated in Ontario, Calif., and was headed for North Carolina.

Country music show set Dec. 11 for local fire dept.

WHITE DEER — White Deer Fire Department is sponsoring a Family Style Country Music show on Saturday, Dec. 11, at 7p.m. at the White Deer School. For further information, call 806-664-3128.

Five die as gunman opens fire at concert

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A gunman charged onstage at a nightclub and opened fire on the band and crowd, killing top heavy metal guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott and three other people before a police officer shot him to death, authorities said.

The gunman had a hostage in a headlock and appeared to be preparing to kill him when the officer fired, police spokesman Sgt. Brent Mull said. The hostage escaped uninjured, Mull said.

Two other people were hospitalized. Police said one was in intensive care and the other stable.

Police identified the gunman as Nathan Gale, 25, of Marysville, 25 miles north-

west of Columbus. Police said they had no information on a motive or any connection to Abbott or his band, the Texas-based group Damageplan.

Damageplan had just begun its first song at Alrosa Villa club Wednesday night when the gunman climbed onstage, started yelling and shot Abbott five or six times at point-blank range, witness Chris Couch said.

Mull said the gunman's exact statement was unclear because of the loud music. He said some witnesses reported hearing an accusation about Abbott breaking up his former band, thrash-rock pioneer Pantera, but it could not be confirmed.

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Viewpoints

Tradition lives on in 2004 Pampa Harvesters

It has been my pleasure these past few weeks to have been around the 2004 Pampa Harvester football team and coaches. Some of us in the Kiwanis Club had the opportunity to prepare breakfast for the team on Friday morning before their game.

My wife and I love to follow the Harvesters, and try to attend all the games we can, so it was a pleasure for me to participate in this endeavor. However, I was really not prepared for what I saw as these young men came in to eat with us.

Coach Heath Parker was usually already there when the team members started coming in. After each young

man paid for his meal, (UIL rules), he would be greeted, by name, with a handshake and an individual word from Coach Parker.

And just in case you might think this was something that was being done for the benefit of the other people in the room, let me assure you it was not. It was obvious that Coach Parker was genuinely interested in each of the players, and appreciated their hard work during a long football season.

The young men were uniformly dressed, and each one courteous in their dealings with us. They sat together quietly, enjoying their breakfast. When the time came,

one of the players said a blessing over the meal.

When it came time to go, Coach Parker called the team to order, never having to raise his voice. He gave them a few final instructions, and then dismissed them for school.

Without exception, these young men would come by those of us who had cooked the meal, and would express their thanks, shake hands, or acknowledge us in some way.

After seeing this, it was

even more enjoyable to go to the game and watch these same young men work together as a team. It was easy to see that they were well coached and prepared for their game.

As a law enforcement officer, I see so many young people who have spurned efforts at teamwork, who have never had any discipline in their lives, and probably have never had any encouragement or accomplishment at all.

That is why it is heart-

warming to see educators, such as Coach Parker and his staff, who care for these young people, and who give respect to, and in turn receive the utmost respect from these young men.

The school has a motto for the school year, "Protect the Tradition." Does this mean that the tradition is to win football games? No, that is only a bi-product of a program that teaches discipline and respect by working together to achieve a common goal.

The "tradition" is evident in all extracurricular activities at Pampa High School, as we watch these young men and women represent

their community in sports, music, theater, or whatever the occasion.

To the 2004 Pampa Harvester football team, you did your part in "Protecting the Tradition." Not because you went to the regional round of the playoffs, but because you represented your school and community with pride and dignity, determination and spirit. We thank you.

The tradition lives on.

Kelly Rushing serves as chief deputy of the Gray County Sheriff Department. He writes poetry, songs and an occasional column for the News.



Kelly Rushing
Columnist

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Dec. 9, the 344th day of 2004. There are 22 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 9, 1854, 150 years ago, Alfred, Lord Tennyson's famous poem, "The Charge of the Light Brigade," was published in England.

On this date:

In 1608, English poet John Milton was born in London.

In 1907, Christmas seals went on sale for the first time, at the Wilmington, Del., post office; proceeds went to fight tuberculosis.

In 1940, British troops opened their first major offensive in North Africa during World War II.

In 1942, the Aram Khachatryan ballet "Gayane," featuring the surging "Saber Dance," was first performed by the Kirov Ballet.

In 1958, the anti-Communist John Birch Society was formed in Indianapolis.

In 1965, Nikolai V. Podgorny replaced Anastas I. Mikoyan as president of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet.

In 1979, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, the religious broadcaster, died in New York City at age 84.

In 1984, the five-day-old hijacking of a Kuwaiti jetliner that claimed the lives of two Americans ended as Iranian security men seized control of the plane, which was parked at Tehran airport.

In 1990, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa won Poland's presidential runoff by a landslide.

In 1993, the Air Force destroyed the first of 500 Minuteman II missile silos marked for elimination under an arms control treaty.

Ten years ago: Representatives of the Irish Republican Army and the British government opened peace talks in Northern Ireland. President Bill Clinton fired Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders after learning she'd told a conference that masturbation should be discussed in school as a part of human sexuality.

Five years ago: In Worcester, Mass., six firefighters who had died in a warehouse blaze were honored as fallen heroes by thousands of their brethren from around the world.

One year ago: The owners of a Rhode Island nightclub and the tour manager for the rock band Great White were indicted on charges related to a fire the previous February that killed 100 people. A suicide bomber killed five victims outside an exclusive Moscow hotel.

'One half of the world cannot understand the pleasures of the other.'

— Jane Austen
English author



Problem isn't Annan, it's the U.N.

Minnesota Senator Norm Coleman wants U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan to quit his job, retiring U.S. Envoy John Danforth thinks the U.N. is not doing its job, and Pat Buchanan and conservative guru Paul Weyrich want the United States to get out of the scandal-ridden international organization.

As usual, Buchanan puts it about as bluntly as it can be put. "The enemy is not Kofi, who will become a Third World martyr if forced out in the absence of proof of personal corruption. Let him stay seated atop his compost

heap until the aroma grows so great Americans demand it all be bulldozed into the East River as a public nuisance," Buchanan wrote in his column today.

Both he and Weyrich make a good case for their demands. The oil-for-food scandal at \$21 billion plus is the largest rip-off in international history and at the very least it demands that the man in charge should either quit or be tossed out — something

that this gutless bunch cannot bring themselves to do despite the growing evidence that Annan's son Kojo was up to his ears in the looting of the oil-for-food scam.

Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Coleman charged that Saddam Hussein defrauded the oil-for-food program of \$21 billion that was supposed to go for humanitarian aid.

"We have obtained evi-

dence that Saddam doled out lucrative oil allotments to foreign officials, sympathetic journalists and even one senior U.N. official," he wrote. "We are gathering evidence that Saddam gave hundreds of thousands — maybe even millions — of oil-for-food dollars to terrorists and terror organizations ... under the supposedly vigilant eye of the U.N."

The "senior U.N. official" Coleman mentioned is Benon Sevan, Kofi's hand-picked head of the oil-for-food program, who he insists

Michael Reagan
Columnist



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Intelligence bill best for Americans

Editor's Note: This editorial was written on Monday. The bill passed the Senate Wednesday afternoon.

If Sunday's intelligence spending compromise holds up, President Bush, GOP Rep. Duncan Hunter and the American people all get a big victory in Congress this week.

Given the threat Americans face in places like Saudi Arabia, where terrorists just struck again, the agreement could not be more timely. Mr. Hunter had worried that creating an intelligence czar would make it harder for the average grunt on the ground in Iraq to do his or her job.

The powerful House

Armed Services Committee chairman argued that a new national intelligence director could end up with too tight a grip on the information that

needs to flow up and down the chain of command. But his concerns have been remedied in negotiations among the White House, Senate Republicans and House GOP leaders.

The essentials of the deal are that the new national intelligence director will get budget authority over the nation's 15 spy agencies; the Pentagon will keep control of data from spy satellites,

which commanders in the field need quickly and accurately. That strikes us as a sensible arrangement and very close to what the Senate

had argued all along. To be sure, another obstacle looms.

Late yesterday, James Sensenbrenner still wanted the bill to require people in all states to document their residency before getting a driver's license. But that has nothing to do with intelligence gathering, and legislators should not let it stall the bill one minute longer. Americans need one person

to immediately start overseeing the spider-like intelligence apparatus. The director needs to start "breaking down barriers," as 9-11 commission member and former Reagan Navy Secretary John Lehman told us yesterday.

The attacks on America three years ago occurred partly because of intelligence failures. FBI agents were warning Washington about Arab suspects in flight schools, but no one took them seriously.

The nation can't wait for another miscue like that. It must do intelligence work differently and better. Sunday's compromise will help immensely, and Texas legislators should embrace it.

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Nice Grinch

Robert Hutchison dresses up as the Dr. Seuss character, the Grinch from "The Grinch Who Stole Christmas", to ride on the City of Pampa float. Surrounded by gifts, Hutchison obviously plays the Grinch after his heart grew.

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"reportedly received bribes from Saddam."

"As long as Mr. Annan remains in charge, the world will never be able to learn the full extent of the bribes, kickbacks and under-the-table payments that took place under the U.N.'s collective nose," Coleman said.

But the scandal, as shockingly corrupt as it is, is not America's real problem with the United Nations.

That problem is the United Nation's hostility to the concept of national sovereignty. Deep in its collective breast the United Nations believes it should be the world's ultimate authority and all nations should bow before it.

As Pat Buchanan put it, the United Nation's hidden agenda - the International Criminal Court, (ICC) the World Trade Organization and the Kyoto Protocol - is to curtail America's freedom to act in its own interests and to create a world government erected on a one-man, one-nation, one-vote principle.

Buchanan notes that under a one-world government, India and China, with 2.5 billion people, would be the dominant powers.

"Global democracy," he warns, "is the death of the West."

"With the idea of global governance out of the closet, with the European Union the model - with the United Nations the embryo - the real threat to America comes into view: a loss of sovereignty and eventually the loss of independence."

Indeed, the United Nation has proven to be especially hostile to America's refusal to surrender our sovereignty in such matters as the International Criminal Court (ICC) which would have overridden the Constitutional rights of Americans and subjected us to the jurisdiction of a foreign judicial body had not President Bush wisely revoked the treaty signed by former President Clinton embracing the authority of the ICC.

I agree with Senator Coleman - Kofi Annan must go. And I agree with Pat Buchanan and Paul Weyrich: It's time for the U.S. to quit this toothless organization of corrupt, power-hungry bureaucrats.

I like the way Paul Weyrich put it: "The current U.N. cannot live without the United States. We pay about a quarter of its budget and for what? To have us slapped down by a group of blood-thirsty dictators who hate

our system of government? To have human rights abuses investigated by a committee composed of the worst human rights violators on the face of the earth? To have U.N. people run for cover as soon as the situation gets tough in Iraq? For the life of me I can't figure

out any benefit to staying in the U.N."

Neither can I.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Lost wing probe focus in fatal plane crash

HOUSTON (AP) — A lost wing will be a focus of a federal investigation of the crash of a vintage plane near Lake Conroe that killed its pilot and a passenger, officials said.

The crash occurred near the site of another crash involving a similar plane that also lost a wing, killing the president of Texas Air Aces. The aerobatics company also employed the pilot involved in the latest crash. It was the third in five years involving T-34s that lost wings in flight.

The wing that fell off the 1953 Beechcraft A-45, a craft with the military's T-34 designation, is one focus of a federal investigation into Tuesday's crash.

The left wing that witnesses said fell from the single-engine plane following take-off was recovered by National Transportation Safety Board and Federal Aviation Administration officials.

An NTSB investigator says the latest crash's cause

remains unknown.

Conroe pilot Richard Gillenwaters, 51, and passenger Pietro Migliori of Venezuela were killed in the crash.

Crews were expected to remove the wreckage Thursday and take it to Air Salvage in Dallas, where investigators will examine it. The plane's history and maintenance record will also be examined by investigators.

The plane was operated by Spring-based Aviation Safety Training, whose owner Don Wylie was killed in a

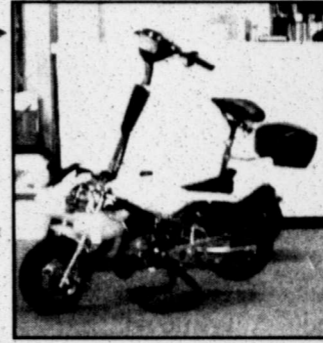
November 2003 crash.

Witnesses in both cases reported seeing a wing come off during aerial maneuvers.

After a 1999 crash of a T-34 in Georgia killed both occupants when a wing separated from the craft's fuselage, the FAA ordered all such planes to undergo rigorous inspections of wing spars.

The Houston Chronicle had requested inspection and maintenance records of all T-34s flown by Wylie's companies from the FAA two days after Wylie's crash.

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Calendar of Events

• **Tralee Crisis Center** has recently instituted its Christmas Tree Project. Crisis center officials say a number of parents and children are in need this year. Drop by the office at 310 S. Cuyler to pick up a card and help a needy family out.

• **Pampa Meals on Wheels** is insituting a special holiday program that allows individuals to pay for patrons not presently receiving meals or who can only pay the minimum 25-cents for meals. With increased gasoline and food prices, MOW officials say each meal is averaging \$4.

For more information, contact MOW. Individuals may sponsor a patron for one week at \$20; one month at \$80; or one year at \$960.

• **Amarillo College's Youth Theatre** will present "A Toby Show" by Aurand Harris at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11, and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 12 at AC's Ordway Hall-Washington Street Campus. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets, call (806) 371-5353.

• **Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club** will present its annual Christmas Tour of Homes

from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12 in Pampa. The cost to tour all three homes is \$10. Tickets will be available at the door of each home.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles dance** is scheduled from 8 p.m.-12 midnight Saturday, Dec. 18 at M.K. Brown Auditorium with Indian Summer. Admission is \$6 per person. No smoking or alcohol allowed. Snacks welcome. For more information on this dressy occasion, call 665-7059.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Dec. 23 and Jan. 31, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination.

Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.



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U.N. members give Annan ovation

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Kofi Annan won a standing ovation from the U.N. General Assembly, a rare public display of support in response to recent calls for his resignation from several U.S. lawmakers.

U.S. deputy ambassador Patrick Kennedy joined fellow diplomats as they rose to their feet Wednesday, despite President Bush's refusal to support the U.N. chief pending the results of an investigation into alleged corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program in Iraq.

The applause broke out after Annan presented a report by a high-level panel that calls for the most sweeping reforms of the United Nations since its founding in 1945.

But the warm response had more to do with the fact that Annan was making his first appearance before representatives of the 191 U.N. member states since several U.S. lawmakers demanded

his resignation. Algeria's Ambassador Abdallah Baali, the current Security Council president, said the ovation was "a clear expression and manifestation of support to the secretary-general in this particular context where he's been attacked and the object of a ferocious press campaign."

"In 15 years I've spent at the United Nations, this is the second time that the General Assembly had a standing ovation for a leader," he said. The last time was in September 1998 when President Bill Clinton addressed the General Assembly "when he was a beleaguered president, under attack on the Monica Lewinsky case."

While Bush is withhold-

ing support for Annan, the secretary-general has received strong backing from the 54-nation African Union, the 25-member European Union, Arab nations and many other countries.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was the latest world leader to give Annan his support, phoning the U.N. chief on Wednesday, according to U.N. diplomats. The leaders of Britain, Germany, France also have called.

Cuba's Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said in a note published Wednesday that the United States "doesn't have moral or any other kind of authority to judge the secretary-general of the United Nations."

Annan has rejected the

calls to resign, saying he would "carry on" and concentrate on U.N. reform in the last two years of his term.

"I think I'm working well with the member states," the secretary-general told reporters Wednesday. "I think the report is appreciated and we do have quite a bit of work to do."

The standing ovation appeared to be well-choreographed.

Immediately after the applause died down, the General Assembly's president Jean Ping stepped to the microphone and told Annan: "You've just received the rare and valuable homage of the General Assembly."

"I interpret this long ... ovation as an acknowledgment of your actions, and also an expression of confidence in yourself, and also of the work you've undertaken at the helm of the United Nations," said Ping, who is also Gabon's foreign minister.



Tralee honoree

Karen McGahen, left, of Tralee Crisis Center congratulates David Cooper for earning, along with Walt Williams, Tralee's "Most Honorable Man of the Year" honors. Cooper was nominated by Wanda Watson who said, "David Cooper, retired, donates much time to church, a deacon, Sunday school teacher, volunteer, visits the sick, and raises (his) granddaughter. David stayed with our son with an emergency." As a winner, Cooper received a gift from Tralee and will be invited to various functions sponsored by the agency throughout the year.

Election brouhaha

Opposition supporters leave tent camp in Kiev, but many plan to stay

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Many opposition supporters prepared to leave Kiev Thursday, following parliament's adoption of electoral and constitutional changes, but others pledged to keep up their vigil to make sure Viktor Yushchenko wins a new presidential election and is sworn into office.

The protesters, who have spent more than two weeks in the streets to protest electoral fraud they said robbed Yushchenko of victory in the Nov. 21 presidential runoff election, expressed hope that the parliamentary decisions would lead to a fair ballot in the repeat vote on Dec. 26.

"We have won and now it's time to go home and help Yushchenko's campaign," said Oksana Shtor, 35, a teacher from the city of Dubno.

Many other protesters were seen leaving

the tent camp stretching along Kiev's main avenue. More than a dozen tents were dismantled and packed in canvas bags.

"One never knows, maybe we will need tents again after the rerun," said Viktor, a long-haired Kiev native, dressed in an orange poncho — Yushchenko's ubiquitous campaign color. He would only give his first name.

On Wednesday, Yushchenko praised pro-

testers for 17 days of round-the-clock demonstrations against electoral fraud.

"During these 17 days we have gotten a new country," Yushchenko told roaring throngs of supporters in Kiev's main Independence Square. "We have realized that we are a European nation."

Yushchenko said the peaceful protests, dubbed the "Orange Revolution," had managed to cancel the fraud-tainted victory of

'We have won and now it's time to go home and help Yushchenko's campaign.'

— Oksana Shtor
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Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich in the presidential runoff and force legal changes to avert the rerun from being rigged.

"We have done all that without spilling a single drop of blood," Yushchenko said. "Our conscience is clear."

He urged his supporters to focus on campaigning for his Dec. 26 repeat contest against Kremlin-backed Yanukovich, urging demonstrators to join local election commissions and become ballot monitors.

But Yushchenko did not call on his supporters to withdraw their blockades from around government buildings.

He said the tent camp would be reorganized, but not disbanded.

"Those who are ready to continue their vigil in tent camps and pickets will stay," he said.

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Hand recount starts in Washington governor's race

SHELTON, Wash. (AP) — Sitting at a folding table under fluorescent lights, Republican Lloyd Haskins Sr. held up ballots for Democrat Carl Brownstein to see, and they both marked their running totals on white scrap paper.

They took part Wednesday in a hand recount of 2.9 million votes to determine the winner of

the closest gubernatorial race in state history.

A machine recount found Republican Dino Rossi to be the winner by 42 votes over Democrat Christine Gregoire. The hand recount is the final tally allowed by state law.

The recount went quickly in Shelton, southwest of Seattle, where workers were fueled by coffee, soda and

cookies supplied by Mason County.

Each paid team of two vote-counters and one recorder included one person recruited by the local Democratic Party and one recruited by the GOP.

Both Brownstein, a high school teacher, and Haskins, who is unemployed, got involved in politics this year because they felt strongly

about the presidential election — but never guessed they'd be counting votes in December.

"This was beyond anyone's imagination," Haskins said.

Political observers hovered over their shoulders as the count proceeded.

"At the end I really wanted to turn around and tell people to go away,"

Brownstein confessed.

Six of the state's 39 counties started the recount, with the rest to begin Thursday.

The first county to report results showed no change from the earlier machine recount. Garfield County, in eastern Washington, reported results in the early afternoon after hand-counting 1,293 votes: 65 percent for Rossi, 33 percent for

Gregoire and 2 percent for Libertarian Ruth Bennett. Mason County also finished its hand recount, reporting a net gain of three votes for Rossi.

Meanwhile, the state Supreme Court scheduled a Monday hearing on the state Democratic Party's motion to reconsider ballots that were previously invalidated.

Lamplight Theatre to present 'Toby Show'

AMARILLO — Amarillo College's Lamplight Youth Theatre will stage "A Toby Show" by Aurand Harris, its second production of the season, Dec. 10-12, AC's Ordway Hall Auditorium-Washington Street Campus.

The cast, drawn from the theatre's Center Stage Company, is directed by Cyndie Koetting.

"A Toby Show" is a Vaudevillian version of Cinderella. Toby was a popular figure in vaudeville skits and stage productions. In this story, Toby emerges as the "Fairy Godmother" character.

His country style and childish antics make him loveable and fun to watch.

Toby is played by Michael Rowley. Other principal characters include Cindy (Mandy Alling), Prince Burtock (Beau Rice), Mrs. Van Undersquire (Annell Brodeur), Sophia the stepsister (Nicole Barnes), Mauderina the stepsister (Kaitlin Brown) and Colonel Dinwiddie (Rhett Morgan).

Other cast members include Blake Talley, son of Kendra Blades and grandson of Carl and Pat Kennedy, all of Pampa.

Emily Elliott, daughter of Brad and Judy Elliott of Pampa, is on the production crew, handling sound for the play.

The show will be performed at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 10, and Saturday, Dec. 11, and 2:30 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 12. Sunday, December 12, 2:30 p.m.

Tickets are available at a charge of \$8 for adults and \$5 for children pre-K through 12th grade. For further information or to purchase tickets, call (806) 371-5353.

More information on the Amarillo College Lamplight Youth Theatre Company, including a schedule of upcoming shows, can be found at www.amarillo.tv/lamplight.



Amarillo College's Lamplight Theatre will present "The Toby Show" Dec 10-12, AC's at Ordway Hall Auditorium. Above: (back row, left-right) Mandy Alling as Cindy, Annell Brodeur as Mrs. Van Undersquire, Michael Rowley as Toby, Rhett Morgan as Col. Dinwiddie; (front) Nicole Barnes as Sophia, Beau Rice as Prince Burtock and Kaitlin Brown as Mauderina.

Ohio: Gunman opens fire at heavy metal concert

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A gunman charged onstage at a packed nightclub and opened fire on the band and the crowd, killing top heavy metal guitarist "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott and three other people before a police officer shot him to death, authorities and witnesses said.

Columbus police spokeswoman Sherry Mercurio identified three of the victims of Wednesday's shooting as Abbott, guitarist with the heavy metal rock band Damageplan, and two other men, Nathan Bray and Erin Halk.

Damageplan had just begun their first song at the Alrosa Villa when the man opened fire, first targeting Abbott, shooting him multiple times at point-blank range, a witness said.

Abbott, 38, one of metal's top guitarists, and his brother, Damageplan drummer Vinnie Paul Abbott, were original members of Grammy-nominated thrash rock pioneers Pantera, one of the most popular metal bands of the early 1990s.

The witness, 22-year-old Chris Couch, said he was standing about 30 feet away from the stage when he noticed a man wearing a hooded sweatshirt and hockey jersey walk up to the stage, followed by a bouncer and another club employee.

The man in the jersey climbed onto the stage, started yelling and shot the guitarist five or six times at close range, Couch said. He said the gunman also shot a bouncer who pulled him off the musician.

Columbus police spokesman Sgt. Brent Mull said that after shooting at members of the band, the gunman fired into the crowd. Mull said a police officer who arrived shortly after the shooting began shot and killed the gunman.

"If the officer wasn't as close as he was, I think this would have been a lot worse," he said. "It was a chaotic scene, just a horrific scene."

Mercurio said the officer who killed the suspect was patrolling nearby when he heard the call go out. He entered the club through a back door and was directed to the stage, where he saw one person lying dead and the suspect holding onto another person, Mercurio said. The officer shot and killed the suspect.

The suspect's name and that of the fifth person killed were not immediately released. Mercurio said their family members are still being notified.

After the shooting began, Couch and a friend headed for the exit along with a tide of hundreds of fans.

"It was definitely a grudge. It was against something," Couch said.

Peterson's mom testifies in penalty phase of trial

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Scott Peterson's mother testified that Laci "became like a daughter to us," adding that the 27-year-old school-teacher was a perfect match for her son.

"The two of them were inseparable," Jackie Peterson said. "I loved Laci as much as Sharon (Laci's mother) loved Scott."

Her tearful plea to save her son's life moved at least two jurors in Scott Peterson's murder trial to tears Wednesday.

While defense lawyers flashed Peterson family photographs on a large screen, Jackie Peterson, who uses a portable oxygen tank for a lung ailment, begged jurors to see the good in her son.

"He's an exceptional young man and he's my son," Jackie Peterson said during about 40 minutes of testimony. "I know he's not perfect ... but he is genuinely a loving, caring, nurturing, kind, gentle person."

Defense lawyers are trying to convince jurors that Scott Peterson deserves life in prison, not the death penalty. The 32-year-old former fertilizer salesman was convicted Nov. 12 of two counts of murder for killing Laci and her fetus.

Prosecutors say he killed Laci in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then dumped her body into San Francisco Bay. The remains of Laci and the fetus were discov-

"I know he's not perfect ... but he is genuinely a loving, caring, nurturing, kind, gentle person."

— Jackie Peterson
Scott's mother

ered about four months later a few miles from where Peterson claims to have been fishing alone the day his wife vanished.

Defense attorneys have called 39 witnesses over seven days in the penalty phase of the

trial. Prosecutors called just four of Laci's family members on the first day, Nov. 30.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi said one additional defense witness may testify Thursday morning before closing arguments. Jurors will then be

sequestered in a hotel for the duration of deliberations.

Earlier Wednesday, a family friend broke down in tears when asked how a death sentence for Peterson would affect her life.

"It's just going to be an extremely sad day if that's what happens. It's not going to bring back Laci and it's not going to bring back Connor. All it's going to do is add another tragedy," said Shelly Reiman, who met Scott and Laci Peterson while the couple attended college in San Luis Obispo.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My in-laws, who live seven hours away, spent last night in our guest room. They arrived late and had already eaten dinner on the road. My husband was away on business, and my in-laws and I had fun talking, laughing and sharing stories.

This morning I got dressed, spoke with them for a few minutes and left for work. They had the run of the house. I encouraged them to sleep late, help themselves to whatever was in the kitchen, and lock the door behind them when they left.

When I returned from work I noticed they had left a sweet note and a \$50 bill! My husband says they did it to be nice and I should accept the money. My mother says I should take the money and buy new sheets for the guest room.

I feel terrible. I don't know why they left the money. My husband and I both work and earn good money. Our house isn't as nice as theirs, but we've been married for only two years. My first reaction was to return the money with a brief note explaining that we don't charge for hospitality. My husband says that would be cruel. Your thoughts, please. -- HURT IN WISCONSIN

DEAR HURT: I'm sure no insult was intended. The money was a gift, so accept it graciously in the spirit it was given. Your mother's suggestion to put it toward new sheets for the guest room is a good one. The next time your in-laws visit, show them that you used the money to make them more comfortable. I'm sure they'll be touched.

DEAR ABBY: I am operations manager of the maintenance and custodial department of a large university. It angers me to see how shabbily custodians, food workers and laborers are treated by individuals who think that,

because they're college educated, they're above picking up after themselves. They're NOT. Please sign me ... PROUD OF OUR STAFF

DEAR PROUD: Thank you for the important reminder that there is dignity in all work. Respect for others is one of the greatest gifts that can be given year-round -- and it doesn't cost a dime. We are in the season of giving. Take the time to learn the names of people who are too often overlooked and thank them for their efforts.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Victoria," is 20. She attends college and is engaged to a 27-year-old man I'll call Albert. They have been engaged for about a year and have lived together for two. They plan to be married in the fall of 2005.

Victoria and Albert think I should pay him for her rent and other expenses for the two years she has been living with him. It adds up to about \$8,000. I think that since Victoria is living with him, Albert should be the provider. My daughter is an adult, and I know I am not obligated to support her. But I want to do the right thing. Frankly, I do not approve of their living arrangement.

Neither of them is speaking to me because I haven't given them the money. Should I pay for something I don't agree with? -- CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CONFUSED: May I be frank? I have wracked my brain trying to come up with one single reason why you should -- and I can't come up with even one. And if your daughter's fiance were much of a man, he wouldn't ask you to. Please don't submit to blackmail. If you do, it will be only the beginning.

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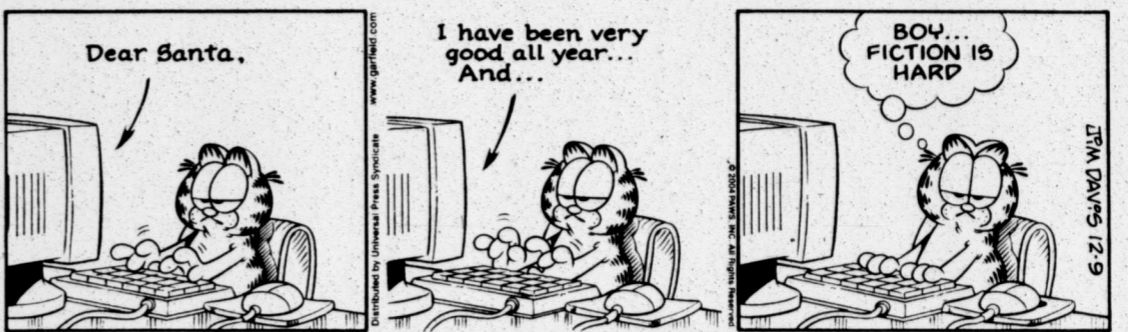
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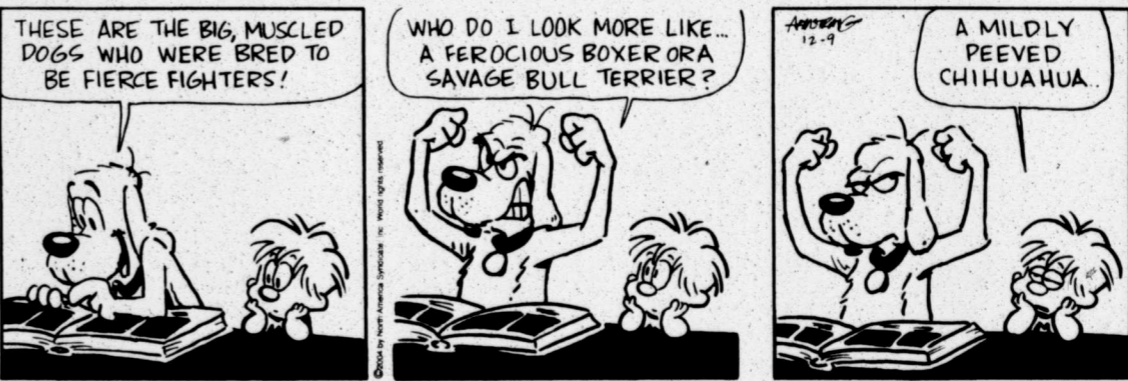
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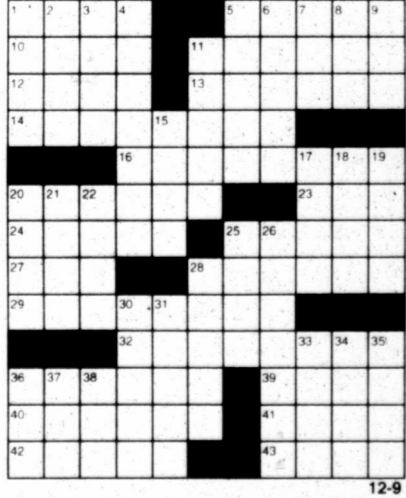
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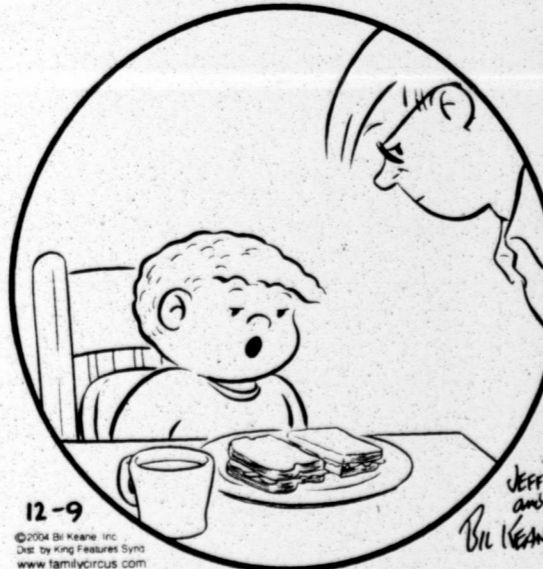
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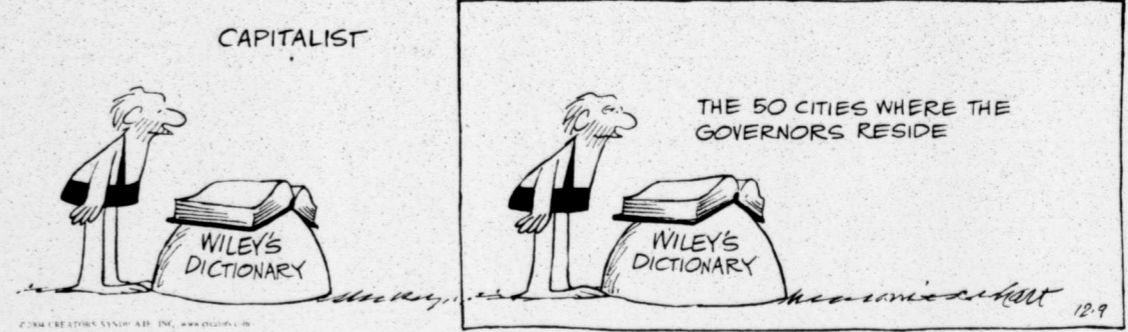
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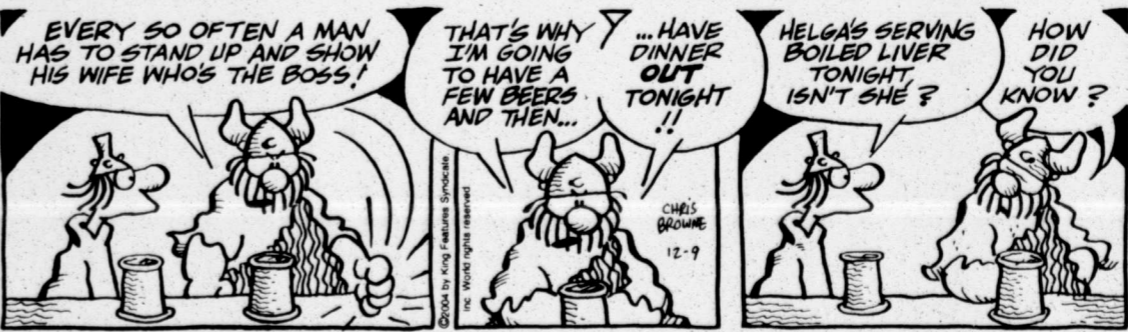
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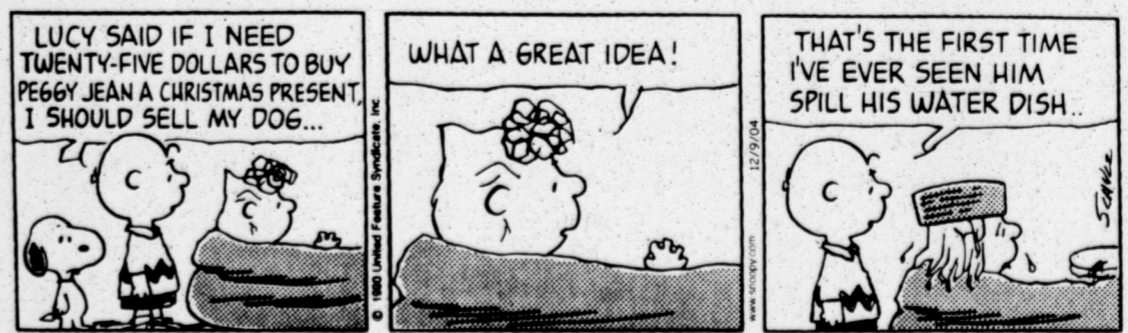
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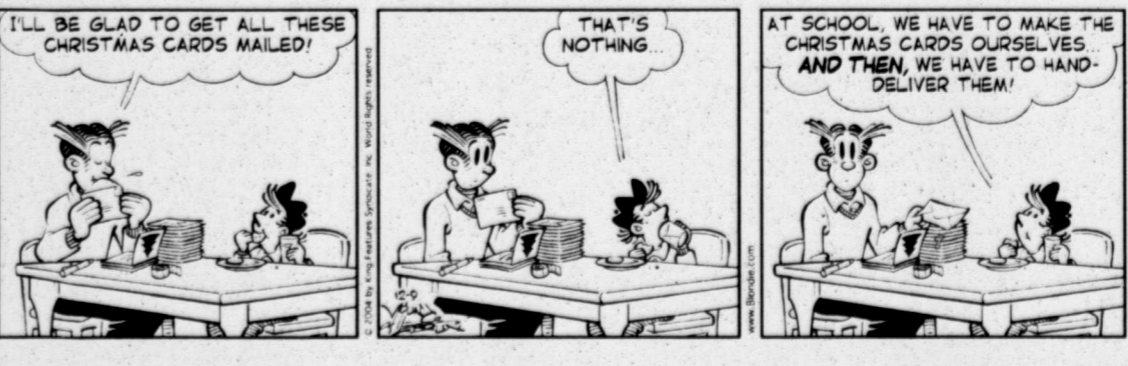
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WHAT IF EVERY ONE JUMPED OFF A CLIFF?

Steroids in sports: Majority should not rule

"They say some of my stars drink whiskey. But I have found that the ones who drink milkshakes don't win many ball games."

-Casey Stengel

I cannot tell you how many times I started to write this column. I have made countless efforts since the testimony given by Jason Giambi and Barry Bonds last year was recently leaked to the public. But each time I began writing, it exceeded 'column' and bordered on 'mini novel'.

Still, I would be less than the novice Sports Editor I am if I didn't make some kind of offering on the matter. So I give you this.

In short, any one who has to use steroids to enhance his/her ability to perform is pathetic. Worse yet are those who hide behind the plausible deniability clause of "Yeah, I used The Clear and The Cream but I had no idea what it was." *Hint — Any drug that begins with the word 'The' is almost certainly illegal.*

Though still wrong, at least Giambi admitted to what he did.

The problem here is too many athletes take steroids. It is nothing new. Steroids have been around for decades. I can recall a high school teammate who would take a few

drops of something from a little brown bottle and place them under his tongue. It was some type of anabolic steroid. Me, despite my Michelin Man physique, I have always been leery of anything more powerful than aspirin. In my day, I drank this stuff I bought at the grocery store called Tiger's Milk. I wasn't even sure what it did. But it sounded cool to say to people, "I drink a glass of Tiger's Milk everyday to keep me strong and ready to play."

The other problem is that sport has allowed corporate money to impact disciplinary measures taken against all drug policy offenders. If you or I were to be caught with the same substance Giambi admits to taking would be a felony. But you and I do not help generate millions of dollars in corporate sponsorship. All we do is spend our hard earned money on the tickets that, as I have said before, allow the athlete to live the life we only dream of. Yet they (the athlete) are forever getting away with drug use, drug possession and worse. That's just wrong, isn't it?

ESPN's Mike Golic said earlier this week, "Just because he took steroids to help make himself stronger does not mean he

doesn't love the game." He was talking about Bonds of course. Allow me to remove Golic's blinders. By taking the steroids, Giambi, Bonds, Marion Jones, Smarty Jones, Tom Jones, Me & Mrs. Jones — any one — admits he/she values the money and the glory more than they do the sport or the fan. If they can pad their stats, they may be able to cash in on incentives and bonuses.

Can you imagine the riches Bonds will receive when he breaks Hank Aaron's home run record? It will be wrong when he does. To the purist, it will be a travesty. Problem is too many people simply do not care.

That in itself is tragic. Bonds will not have earned the record. He will have stolen it and cheapened it in the process. Don't take the word of a small town sports writer. Look into what Aaron has to say about it.

So if every one is taking steroids, does that make it right? Ummm...Nope. But you will never be able to completely or effectively police it. Ain't gonna happen. And more amazingly, the public is growing to accept this behavior more and more. There has been no great outcry from John Q. Lunchbucket. He seems to have accepted steroid use by his heroes.

My suggestion? Don't laugh because I am being serious here. There must be a P.T. Barnum out there somewhere that can gather the resources to start a competitive professional baseball league to go head-to-head with Major League Baseball. I would suggest The Natural Baseball League to start. That name will eventually evolve into something more suitable for corporate sponsorship and support. To start anew would allow you to put stiff policies in place from ground zero. You would be able to bill the league as 'Drug Free'. But you must never compromise the league. You cannot bend. You cannot waver. Players? Please forgive me but, if you build it, they will come.

Lastly, there seems to be a big story no one is talking about concerning the release of the testimony given by Bonds, Giambi and others. Considering it was testimony given during a federal investigation, one would think such testimony was offered in good faith and with the thought of knowing it would not be made public.

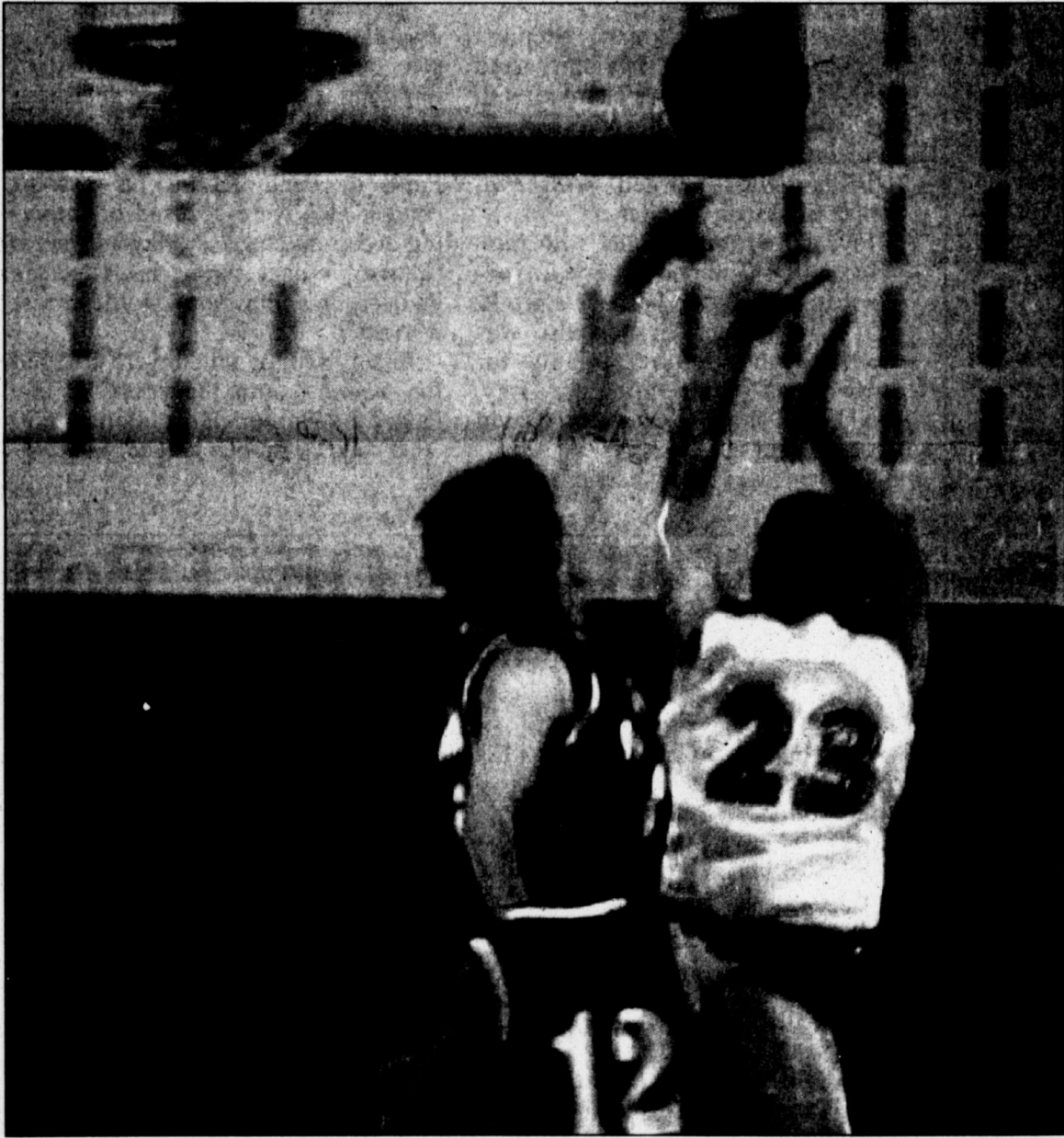
So how is it that the firewall put in place to protect this testimony was breached? Who leaked it? And how did the San Francisco Examiner obtain it?

If there isn't one already, you can bet an investigation into that will soon be underway as well.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Nice try



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With teammate Braydon Barker #12 looking on, Pampa's Jarett Kotara rejects a layup attempt by a Randall player in last Saturday's game against the Raiders. Pampa will be in Amarillo tomorrow to face Trinity Fellowship.

Coach Cadenhead preparing his team for Tiger Invitational

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School wrestling team will be in Ulysses, Kan. this weekend to compete in the Tiger Invitational.

The team opted not to compete in a meeting Tuesday at Amarillo High so as to rest, heal and prepare for the trip to Kansas.

As Tuesday's meeting was a non-district match, Pampa Head Coach Josh Cadenhead was asked if the only thing lost by not competing was mat time. "Yes, we did lose some mat time." Cadenhead added, "But as a coach, I felt it was more important to regroup and focus on this week's tournament. Last weekend was our first varsity tournament and it was a great learning experience for our team." The tournament Cadenhead referred to was the Raider Duels in Canyon.

Pampa, despite an opening round win against Lubbock Monterey, had a tough time in its following matches against Lubbock High and Dumas. Did this have anything to do with canceling Tuesday's

meeting? "We got beat up a little and I felt our confidence was beat up as well," said Cadenhead. "We needed to focus on our selves and regain what we lost and get ready to go wrestle this weekend. I really am excited to go against competition other than the teams in the panhandle."

So far as injuries, Cadenhead points out, "Ross Andreen suffered a mild concussion. It was something that first occurred last year. He will not be wrestling this weekend until he is cleared by a doctor." Cadenhead also noted, "Keith McKean has suffered from asthma and had problems this past weekend. He too will be out this weekend. We had several other mild injuries, lower back and neck pains, shoulders, nothing we have not been able to work through during our practices."

Matt Parks has joined the team and will wrestle in the 275 pound weight class.

This will be Pampa's third year at the Tiger Invitational, which features teams from Kansas, Colorado and Texas.

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"I really am excited to go against competition other than the teams in the panhandle."

— Josh Cadenhead
Head Coach, PHS Wrestling

PJHS 7th grade girls lose to Plainview, at Canyon today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High School 7th grade girls' basketball teams were in action Monday against Plainview.

The A team had a slow start and was down 10 - 1 early, but by cut the deficit to just two points half time. Pampa fought hard but in the end lost the game 35-45.

Said Coach Deanna Polasek afterward, "Everyone played so hard. They never gave up."

Carlyn Teichmann led all Pampa scorers with 12 points while Ashley Facio had 11 points.

Emilie Troxell, Brooklyn Barker, Shelbie Watson, Lariat Lowrey, and Kara Stephens also scored in the game.

Whitney Wade, Sammie Pearson, and Serina Wagner contributed with rebounds, assists and steals.

The B team started out strong in its meeting with Plainview. Pampa held a narrow lead at the break but couldn't hold it, losing the game 16-27.

"They hustled the whole game," said Polasek.

Kimberly Curtis led Pampa scorers with 8 points. Cheyanne Collins tossed in 4 points. Gabby Powell, Andi Hutto, and Kelsey Watson also scored.

Rachel Heuston, Kristin Bivins, Savannah Hoover, Ashley Williams, Faby Soria, Kayla Ware, and

Keonti Nickleberry aided in assists, rebounds, and steals.

Both the PJHS 7th grade boys and girls teams will be taking part in the tourna-

ments beginning today. The boys' A and B teams will visit Plainview. The girls' A and B teams will travel to Canyon.

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The Harvesters took third in the varsity heavyweight division last year and placed two more in the junior varsity division. "I'm looking forward to this tournament because of who we will have a chance to wrestle," said Cadenhead. "Some of the guys will wrestle varsity, and the others will be wrestling on JV."

When asked for some final thoughts heading into the Tiger Invitational, Cadenhead responded, "John Burns, Richard Leal, Chris Veal are three wrestlers that I have a lot of confidence in right now. These guys have been practicing really hard and pushing their teammates." He added, "They are emerging as leaders of this team. They will be wrestling varsity this weekend. I really believe that at least one of these guys can make it to the finals and bring home a medal, possibly first place."

Club officers



The Thunder 890 soccer team featuring, from left to right, Tanner Dyson, Coach Jim Richey of Borger, Mitch Kelley and Rusty Snider, took first place in the under 16 division of the North Texas Tournament of Champions in Arlington this past weekend. The team won six games in en route to the championship. Dyson, Kelley and Snider are freshmen at Pampa High School.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Dec. 10, 2004:

You have a way of expressing your thoughts so that others receive and understand your message. Others often use you as a source. Know when to set boundaries, or else others might always be knocking on your door. Investments, especially concerning property and real estate, need to be checked out carefully. You might not see the results or gains you want. Depend on a key associate who might be more conservative than you are. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. The issue will be picking the right person. Friends could be instrumental. If you are attached, let your sweetie play a greater role in your decisions and life. SAGITTARIUS can nudge you into a risk.

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) ***** A discussion in the morning furthers understanding between you and a key associate. Later in the day, take the initiative to investigate options, whether it is calling in an expert or hopping on the computer. Tonight: Take some thinking time for yourself.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Others suddenly move into a new style of relating. Whereas group meetings had been in demand, suddenly everyone wants private time. You might want to clone yourself. A relationship needs time if you want it to work. Tonight: Find some mistletoe.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others seek you out midday.

Obviously the weekend spirit floats through your workplace. You might as well give up getting any quiet work done. Network and catch up on news. Someone in charge could be hard on you. Tonight: Ever popular.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Slow down. In fact, if you can do less physically and more mentally, you will gain. Use shortcuts, delegate and ask for others' support. Your mind adds an imaginative touch to any situation, conversation or plan. Tonight: Get some R and R.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your energy swings midday, allowing more freedom, imagination and humor into your life. A childlike quality emerges from you. Just be sure you don't give someone you care about too much a jolt. Tonight: Spice up your night.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Keep information close to your heart and don't share much. Your focus might be on building greater security and well-being. A purchase might not be OK with a close associate. Think about this person carefully as you choose. Tonight: Weave your way home.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** What you say makes a difference. If you are feeling jittery or uptight, take a walk or try another type of stress-buster. If you cannot concentrate, don't try; instead, make calls and reach out for others around you. Tonight: Eggnog with your pals.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Use the morning for anything you think is key and important. You have a great sense of timing, except with a creative matter that might involve a risk. A child or new

friend could act up. Go with the flow. Tonight: Work on holiday gifts.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** From a very laid-back position you reverse gears midday and charge onward. Some might do a double-take. Handle a domestic or personal matter before it handles you. Your magnetism soars. Tonight: Do what comes naturally.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Use the morning for meetings and whatever you are vested in. You are most likely to succeed with others in the a.m. Close your door and get as much done as you can in the afternoon. You might need to chat with a trusted adviser. Tonight: Toss plans to the wind if you want.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Take a vision or unusual idea and make it a reality. Express your thoughts and ask those who are more practical to help. You might be surprised by another's thoughts. Together you'll come up with a winner. Tonight: Out on the town.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** You manage to toss others' plans and generally agreed-upon concepts in the air. First, an associate reacts. How others have learned to view personal matters could change dramatically. You are subconsciously helping others think outside of the box. Tonight: Out and about.
BORN TODAY
 Actress Susan Dey (1952), poet Emily Dickinson (1830), actress Raven-Symone (1985) ***
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Five Pacers players, seven fans charged in basketball brawl

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — Five Indiana Pacers and seven fans were charged in the melee that broke out at the end of a nationally televised game against the Detroit Pistons last month, one of the worst brawls in U.S. sports history.
 Players Ron Artest, Stephen Jackson, David Harrison and Anthony Johnson were charged with one count of assault and battery. Jermaine O'Neal, a three-time NBA All-Star, was charged with two counts of assault and battery.
 Five fans were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery, including Pistons star Ben Wallace's brother, David. Bryant Jackson also was charged with felony assault for throwing a chair into the fray, Oakland County prosecutor David Gorceyca said.
 The misdemeanor carries up to three months in jail and a fine of up to \$500, and the felony carries up to four years in prison, although Jackson could face more time because he has a prior criminal record, Gorceyca said.
 Spectator John Green faces two assault counts. Green, who also has a prior criminal record, is accused of throwing a cup at Artest, splashing him and sparking the brawl.
 John Ackerman and William Paulson, each facing an assault charge, also were accused of throwing a cup or liquid in players' faces. (Paulson's last name is listed as Paulson and Pawlson on the arrest warrant.)
 In addition, two men were charged for walking onto the court at The Palace of Auburn Hills. Police said other fans could be charged, too.

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	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. San Jacinto-Central, Texas (12)	13-0	135	3
2. Western Nebraska CC (2)	13-0	112	5
3. Arizona Western (1)	8-0	90	4
4. Southern Idaho (1)	10-0	82	9
5. Iowa Western CC	13-1	71	12
6. Arkansas-Fort Smith	12-1	64	14
7. Lon Morris, Texas	10-1	55	11
8. Moberly Area CC, Mo.	11-2	46	1
9. Chipola, Fla.	11-1	40	13
10. Redlands CC, Okla.	10-2	33	6
11. Santa Fe CC, Fla.	11-0	26	15
12. Salt Lake CC, Utah	11-0	22	—
13. Temple, Texas	11-0	20	20
14. Hutchinson CC, Kan.	9-2	18	10
15. Highland CC-Illinois	7-0	17	16
16. Dixie State, Utah	9-2	15	2
17. Truett-McConnell, Ga.	9-0	13	—
18. Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.	8-2	10	8
19. Frank Phillips, Texas	12-1	8	—
20. Southwestern Illinois	8-1	7	—

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Northeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Fort Worth	12	4	2	26	61	51
Bossier-Shreveport	9	6	3	21	52	47
Memphis	10	12	0	20	65	76
Tulsa	9	9	1	19	66	67
Oklahoma City	7	9	4	18	55	57

Northwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
New Mexico	12	5	2	26	64	54
Wichita	12	5	1	25	55	44
Colorado	9	3	4	22	57	40
Topeka	7	13	1	15	56	74

SOUTHERN CONFERENCE
Southeast Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
Corpus Christi	10	6	3	23	71	65
Laredo	8	9	1	17	55	49
Austin	8	10	1	17	54	65
Rio Grande Valley	6	11	1	11	39	68

Southwest Division

	W	L	OTL	Pts	GF	GA
San Angelo	12	5	1	25	54	52
Lubbock	11	6	0	22	52	41
Odessa	8	7	2	18	50	49
Amarillo	7	8	2	16	49	56

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a win, one point for loss in overtime or shootout. Overtime or shootout losses are only denoted in the OTL column, not the loss column.
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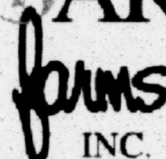
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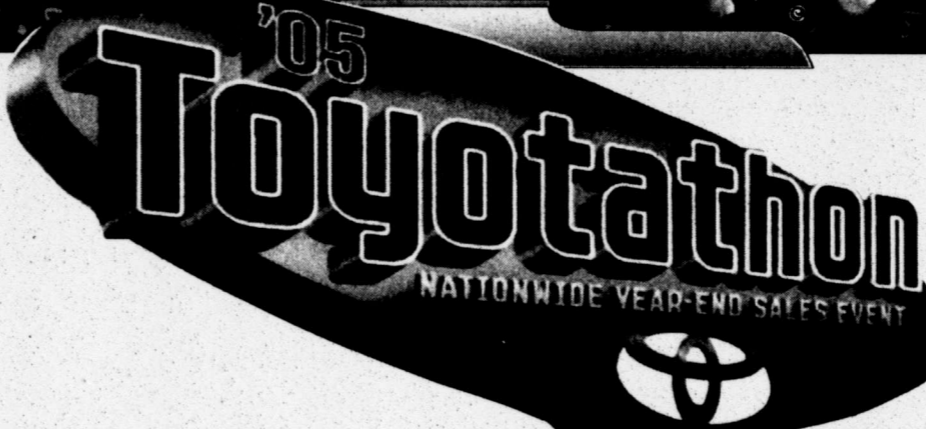
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White Deer Land Museum

Heritage Tree: Unique gift-giving opportunity

White Deer Land Museum officials are currently promoting the museum's Heritage Tree project as a unique gift-giving option during this busy Christmas season. "The White Deer Land Museum 'Heritage Tree' presents a unique and enduring way to remember special people and events," a press release from the museum read.

According to the press release, the Heritage tree project dates back to a museum advisory board meeting on Oct. 28, 1998. The advisory board consisted of Donna Burger, Jean Duncan, Howard Graham, William Hallerberg, Iris Ragsdale, Mary Sturgeon, Michael Trimble, Mark Warner, Cynthia West, Helen Wilson, Gerald Wright and Anne Davidson, museum director.

Through the efforts of then-Memorial Committee members Sturgeon, chair, Burger, Hallerberg, Ragsdale, Trimble, Warner and West, the concept was developed along with the idea of setting up a system of matching donations for a small Museum Memorial Fund cash on hand balance.

Several companies were contacted for information and cost.

FirstBank Southwest donated \$200 toward the project, and, at the Dec. 15, 1998, board meeting, Jean Duncan moved the tree be named "Heritage Tree." The name was unanimously accepted.

On April 19, 1999, a request was made to M.K. Brown Foundation for a matching grant of \$5,000 to finance the project. The funding eventually came through, as announced at an Oct. 19, 1999, board meeting, and an order was placed with W&E Baum Bronze Tablet Corporation in Brooklyn, N.Y., for an 8-foot by 9-foot bronze 500 leaf tree.

A contract, the press release said, was signed Oct. 21, 1999, for the Tree of Life Model #410 with 500 satin brass leaves in two sizes, 125 large and 375 small leaves mounted on multi-lavation clear Plexiglas islands. The base and branches of the tree are of carved oak. It hangs on the south brick wall of the entrance to the museum's Holland Wing.

The selection of an engraving company fell to the January 2000 board members consisting of Burger, Wanda Carter, Duncan, Jerry Foote, John Forister, Lee Fraser, Graham, Dawson Orr, Ragsdale, West, Joe Wheeley and Davidson.



White Deer Land Museum's Heritage Tree

The board wanted to start, and finish, with one engraver with consistency its primary goal. On Feb. 10, 2000, the board selected Elite Engraving of Amarillo.

In March of 2000, members of the board approved the purchase of a 4-inch by 20-inch engraved name plaque from W&E Baum for \$75, thus titling the tree. The board later decided to add the purchase of several large and small rocks to place along the base of the tree.

The Memorial Committee announced at the June 16, 2000, meeting that the complete tree was fully installed at a total cost of \$13,311.76.

For \$150, a 2-inch by 4-inch leaf with up to four lines may be purchased (26 characters per

line). A 1 1/2-inch by 3 1/2-inch leaf with up to three lines (22 characters per line) sells for \$75, a 5-inch by 7-inch rock (no limit on engraving) for \$1,000 and a 3-inch by 4-inch rock for \$500 (also no limit on engraving).

According to the press release, a recent memorial fund report listed 37 small leaves, 49 large leaves, eight small rocks and seven large rocks as purchased. Due to spending restrictions, the press release said, the fund can only be used for museum artifacts or exhibits.

Another item on sale at the museum, "M.K. Brown and His Legacy to the People of the Texas Panhandle," sales for \$19.95 and may be the perfect gift for that hard-to-

buy for relative or friend.

For more information, stop by the museum at 116 S. Cuyler between 1 and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday or call 669-8041 during business hours and place your order.

Besides the Memorial Committee, the museum has four working committees — Collection/Exhibits Committee, Facilities Committee, Memorial Committee, Nominating/By-Laws Committee and Program/Promotion Committee.

Current board members and/or staff are Kelley Baker, Carter, Nancy Coffee, John Curry, Jean Duncan, Sue Fatheree, Forister, Fraser, Duane Harp, Angela Spearman and Wheeley.

Nominee sold stun guns to agency

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bernard Kerik, President Bush's choice to run the Homeland Security Department, made \$6.2 million by exercising stock options he received from a company that sold stun guns to the department — and seeks more business with it.

Taser International was one of many companies that received consulting advice from Kerik after he left his job as New York City police commissioner in 2001, when he was earning \$150,500 a year.

Kerik remains on Taser's board of directors, although the company and the White House said he planned to sever the relationship.

Partnering with former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and also operating independently, Kerik has had business arrangements with manufacturers of prescription drugs, computer software and bulletproof materials, as well as companies selling nuclear power, telephone service, insurance and security advice for Americans working abroad.

The man who led the New York Police Department on Sept. 11, 2001, has been effusively praised by Senate Republicans and Democrats for his management during and after the attacks.

He served the Defense Department in Iraq in 2003 as interior minister under the former U.S. occupation authority.

Federal ethics rules state that execu-

tive branch employees should avoid participating in decisions where their impartiality could be questioned,

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— Tom Smith
Taser International president

unless they receive approval from an agency ethics official.

Kerik's office said he was not available for comment for this story, but a White House spokesman, Brian Besanceney, said the nominee would avoid any possible conflict of interest.

"Commissioner Kerik is committed to the highest ethical standards and will divest all his holdings in Taser upon Senate confirmation to avoid a conflict of interest," Besanceney said. "In order to avoid even the appearance of a conflict he will comply with all ethics laws and rules to avoid actions that affect former clients or organizations where he served as a director."

Kerik and other former New York City officials joined the ex-mayor in Giuliani Partners, a consulting firm. In 2003, Kerik became chief executive officer of an affiliate consulting company, Giuliani-Kerik. Many of the clients needed security expertise.

Michael Hess, senior managing director of Giuliani Partners, said Kerik will be severed from Giuliani Partners and Giuliani-Kerik shortly. Neither company has federal contracts and neither does lobbying work, said Hess, a New York corporation counsel under Giuliani.

Taser International President Tom Smith, in an interview, said the company has sold Homeland Security between 300 and 500 Taser guns, which fire an electrical charge that disables a person. He said the cost was about \$1,000 each, including holsters, batteries and cartridges.

"We're obviously hoping for further expansion," Smith said. "I don't see how it's going to be a conflict because he will be retiring from the board. I'm sure we're going to get questions, but I don't expect we'll get preferential treatment."

Taser's chief executive officer, Patrick Smith, said Kerik has been a speaker for Taser at law enforcement conferences, presented checks on behalf of the company to families of fallen police officers and advised Taser on making sales presentations to police chiefs.

Houston launches review of contracts

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston city officials are reviewing airport and energy services deals after a prosecutor advised of allegations involving a former city administrator.

A federal prosecutor told city officials that an Ohio consultant linked to bribery allegations against former Houston Parks Director Oliver Spellman won a shuttle bus contract at Bush Intercontinental Airport.

The shuttle contract was awarded by a consortium that operates at the airport under a city contract, officials said.

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