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Texas Today

Man convicted of 1987 rape may be released

EL PASO (AP) — An inmate imprisoned almost 17 years for a West Texas woman's rape should be freed following new DNA testing, a prosecutor says. El Paso County District Attorney Jaime Esparza and the Innocence Project at the Benjamin Cardozo School of Law planned to request Brandon Lee Moon's release in a hearing Tuesday.

"I would like to convey my apologies to Mr. Moon on behalf of the state of Texas and acknowledge that an apology at this time is inadequate, but that my office and the state of Texas, in the interest of truth, recognize the injustice Mr. Moon has suffered," said Esparza, who was not district attorney at the time Moon was convicted in 1988.

The prosecutor said he expected Moon to be freed after the hearing, when he was likely will back the motion to free the former University of Texas at El Paso student, who has been serving a 75-year sentence.

The motion was based on recent DNA tests by the Texas Department of Public Safety, which defense attorneys and Esparza say prove that Moon did not commit the April 1987 aggravated sexual assault.

Great year for beef

LUBBOCK (AP) — Consumers continued to scarf up steaks and burgers in 2004 even in the aftermath of the country's first-ever mad cow case and Texas beef producers weathered temporary price drops at auctions and commodity markets.

"This has been a humdinger of a year considering we started out with the announcement of a (mad cow) case that certainly set the markets on a rollercoaster and one that had breathtaking drops for a bit," said Matt Brockman, spokesman for the Fort Worth-based Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

Insurgents attack Mosul base

Rockets strike mess tent at military base as soldiers sit down to lunch

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Rockets struck a mess tent at a military base in Mosul where hundreds of U.S. soldiers had just sat down to lunch Tuesday, and military officials said at least 20 people were killed and more than 60 were wounded. A radical Muslim group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, claimed responsibility.

The dead included U.S. military personnel, U.S. contractors, foreign national contractors and Iraqi army, said Brig. Gen. Carter Ham, commander of Task Force Olympia in Mosul.

The attack came the same day that British Prime Minister Tony Blair made a surprise visit to Baghdad and described the ongoing violence in

Iraq as a "battle between democracy and terror."

Jeremy Redmon, a reporter for the Richmond, Va., Times-Dispatch embedded with the troops in Mosul, reported that 24 were killed in the attack at Forward Operating Base Marez, including two from the Richmond-based 276th Engineer Battalion, which had just sat down to

eat. He reported 64 were wounded, and civilians may have been among them, he said.

One Pentagon official put the death toll at 22; another military official said it was around 20.

Officials could not break down the toll of dead or wounded among the

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Official: 22 dead, 50 hurt

WASHINGTON (AP) — At least 22 people were killed and 50 wounded Tuesday in an attack at a U.S. and Iraqi base near Mosul in Iraq, a Pentagon official said.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that unknown assailants used rockets and mortars to attack a U.S. and Iraqi forward operating base in Mosul. The official said it was believed that the dining hall at the base was struck.

It was unknown whether the casualties were U.S. or Iraqi personnel, the official said. The base is used jointly by the United States and Iraq.

The attack occurred a day after President Bush acknowledged that a wave of deadly attacks has raised questions among Americans about whether Iraqis will one day be able to take over from U.S. forces.

The killings were the latest violence in the city, which was initially peaceful after the U.S.-led invasion but became a worrisome trouble spot since U.S. and Iraqi troops invaded the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, in November.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Sharing the light

Debbie Brame, left, lights her candle from that of her daughter Kori Brame, right, during the Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service Monday evening at Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum.

U.S. election voted top news story of 2004

NEW YORK (AP) — The Iraq war and terrorism dominated the 2004 list of top stories in an annual Associated Press survey, but it was President Bush's election victory that editors and news directors chose as the biggest story of the year.

The war itself was the No. 2 choice, and four other stories

in the Top 10 involved either Iraq or terrorist attacks.

The election, in which Bush defeated Democrat John Kerry and the Republicans strengthened their hold on both chambers in Congress, received 137 first-place votes out of 234 ballots cast. Iraq, voted the

No. 1 story in both 2002 and 2003, was runner-up this year, with 79 first place votes.

Here are 2004's top 10 stories, as voted by AP members:

1. U.S. ELECTION: After vanquishing Howard Dean, John Edwards and other Democratic rivals, Kerry

seemed to have a strong chance of ousting Bush. But the Massachusetts senator struggled to explain his stance on Iraq, underestimated the sting of negative ads and — in the end — narrowly lost the pivotal swing state of Ohio after a campaign in which Bush, over and over, insisted he was best quali-

fied to be commander in chief at a time of complex challenges to national security.

2. IRAQ: Throughout 2004, Iraq was a striking mix of bloody turmoil and tantalizing promise. Anti-American insurgents

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NIH suspends Alzheimer's study

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Alzheimer's disease prevention trial was suspended after researchers said there were more heart attacks and strokes among patients taking naproxen, an over-the-counter pain reliever in use for 28 years and commonly known under the brand name Aleve.

The study, involving some 2,500 patients, was to test whether naproxen or Celebrex, both pain relievers, could reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease among healthy elderly patients who were at an increased risk of the disease.

Officials at the National Institutes of Health said the study was suspended after three years when it was found that patients taking naproxen had a 50 percent greater incidence of cardiovascular events — heart attack or stroke — than patients taking placebo.

Another factor, officials said, was the announcement last week that advertising for

Celebrex was being halted after a study found that high doses of the drug were associated with an increase in heart attack risk. Preliminary data from the Alzheimer's study, however, did not indicate an increased risk for heart attack or stroke for Celebrex, officials said.

Lester Crawford, acting commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, acknowledged Tuesday that the conflicting studies are confusing and call for continued evaluation. For now, he recommended following the dosage recommendations for the drugs.

"Any drug taken long enough and at high enough dosage can cause some difficulty," Crawford said on NBC's "Today."

— Lester Crawford
 FDA acting commissioner

"It would be premature to say what we're going to do with either one of these

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Family plans vigil for missing woman

Family plans vigil for missing woman

On Saturday, Dec. 25, (Christmas Day) at 8 p.m., there will be a candlelight vigil in honor of Monica Lynn Appleton at the corner of Purviance and Francis streets in Pampa.

Appleton has been missing since Oct. 13, 1999. She was last seen by family at the intersection of 17th and Hughes streets in Amarillo and has not been heard from since.

"This Christmas marks the fifth Christmas without Monica," said Donny Brown, her brother. "Everyone is asked to come out and show your support for the family and to show that Monica may be gone but not forgotten."

For more information visit the web site at <http://www.findmonicaappleton.com>



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groups. Reports also differed as to whether mortars were used in the attack on the camp, which is based outside the predominantly Sunni Muslim city about 220 miles north of Baghdad.

The base, also known as the al-Ghizlani military camp, is used by both U.S. troops and the interim Iraqi government's security forces.

The force of the explosions knocked soldiers off their feet and out of their seats as a fireball enveloped the top of the

tent and shrapnel sprayed into the area, Redmon said.

Amid the screaming and thick smoke in the tent, soldiers turned their tables upside down, placed the wounded on them and gently carried them into the parking lot, Redmon said.

Scores of troops crammed into concrete bomb shelters, while others wandered around in a daze and collapsed, he said.

"I can't hear! I can't hear!" one female soldier cried as a friend hugged her.

The shelling blew a huge hole in the roof of the tent, and puddles of blood, lunch trays and overturned tables

and chairs covered the floor, Redmond reported.

Near the front entrance, troops tended a soldier with a

'It is indeed a very, very, sad day.'

— Brig. Gen. Carter Ham
Commander of Task Force Olympia

serious head wound, but within minutes, they zipped him into a black body bag, he said. Three more bodies were in the parking lot.

"It is indeed a very, very sad day," Ham said.

It made no difference

whether the casualties were soldiers or civilians, Americans or Iraqis, Ham said. "They were all brothers

of Volunteers formed in 1652. George Washington and Patrick Henry were two of its early commanders. Henry created the unit's motto, "Liberty or Death."

The Ansar al-Sunnah Army claimed responsibility for the attack in a statement on the Internet. It said the attack was a "martyrdom operation" targeting a mess hall in the al-Ghizlani camp.

Ansar al-Sunna is believed to be a fundamentalist group that wants to turn Iraq into an Islamic state like Afghanistan's former Taliban regime. The Sunni Muslim group claimed responsibility for beheading 12 Nepalese

hostages and other recent attacks in Mosul.

Mosul was the scene of the deadliest single incident for U.S. troops in Iraq. On Nov. 15, 2003, two Black Hawk helicopters collided over the city, killing 17 soldiers and injuring five. The crash occurred as the two choppers maneuvered to avoid ground fire from insurgents.

Mosul, Iraq's third-largest city, was relatively peaceful in the immediate aftermath of the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime last year. But insurgent attacks in the largely Sunni Arab area have increased dramatically in the past year.

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wreaked havoc with car bombings and videotaped beheadings of hostages; the death toll for U.S. military forces passed 1,300, and the toll of Iraqi civilians was many times higher. Yet Iraq's interim leaders doggedly proceeded with plans for national elections early in the new year.

3. FLORIDA HURRICANES: Four major hurricanes — Charley, Frances, Ivan and Jeanne — devastated Florida and other southern states in August and September, killing 117 people in Florida, destroying 2,500 homes and causing more than \$22 billion in insured losses.

4. ABU GHRAIB SCANDAL: Photographs came to light showing U.S. military guards at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad forcing naked Iraqi detainees to pose in humiliating positions.

5. SEPT. 11 REPORT: A commission formed to investigate the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, concluded that America's leaders failed to grasp the gravity of terrorist threats before Sept. 11 and recommended creation of a national intelligence director to oversee civilian and military intelligence agencies.

6. GAY MARRIAGE: Massachusetts became the first state to have legal, same-sex weddings, and local officials in several places — including San Francisco and Portland, Ore. — also wed gay and lesbian couples before courts intervened. However, each time the issue reached the ballot — in 13

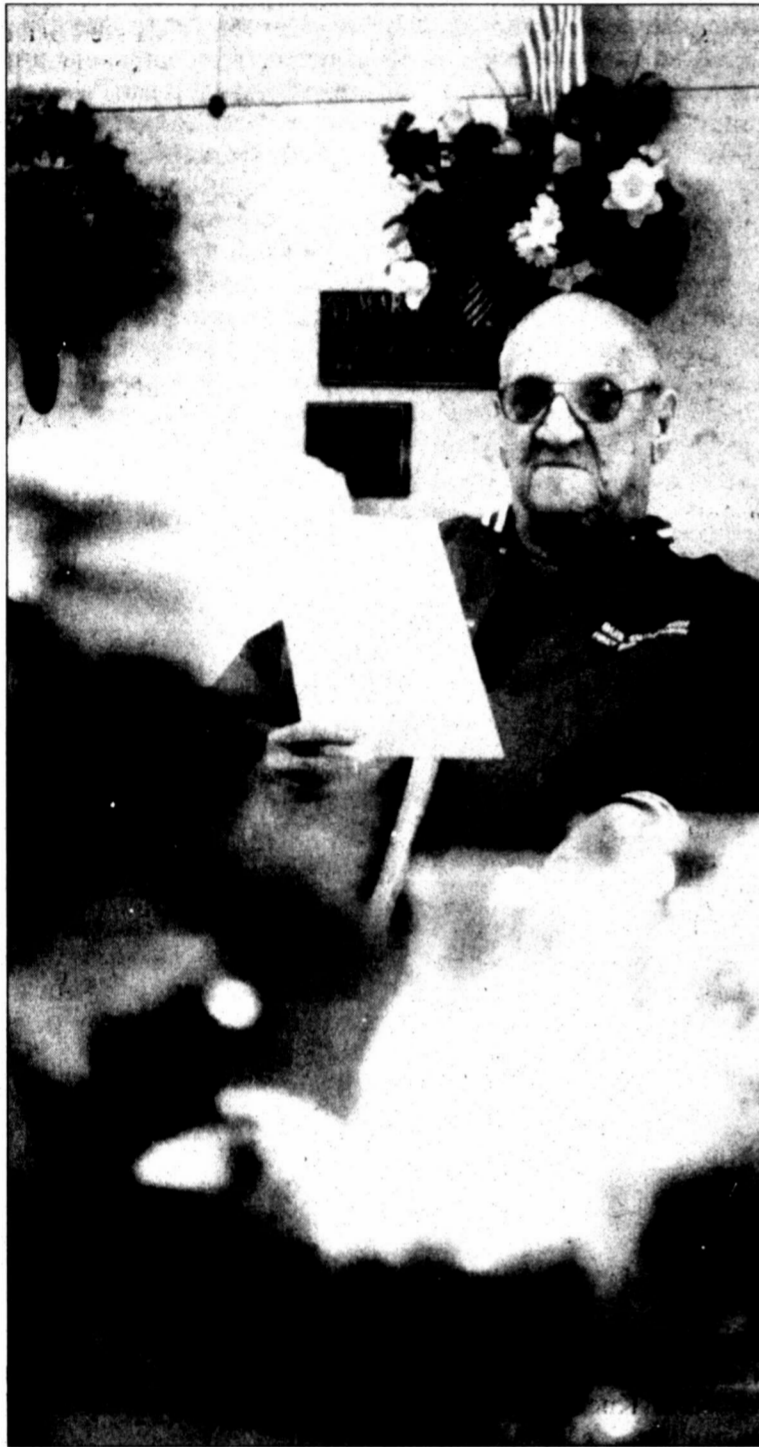
states in all — voters decisively approved constitutional amendments banning gay marriage.

7. ARAFAT DIES: Yasser Arafat's death in November, at age 75, triggered emotional mourning among Palestinians but also sparked hopes of a breakthrough in efforts to end their long, bloody conflict with Israel.

8. REAGAN DIES: When the nation's 40th president died in June, at 93, Americans responded with an outpouring of affection and respect. His stately funeral in Washington brought the country together at least briefly in a year otherwise marked by bitter partisan divisions.

9. RUSSIAN SCHOOL SEIZURE: A band of terrorists, believed led by a Chechen warlord, took more than 1,000 people hostage at a school in September. When the seizure ended, amid explosions and gunfire, more than 330 hostages had been killed — most of them children.

10. MADRID BOMBINGS: In March, 190 people were killed after bombs hidden in backpacks exploded on four commuter trains during Madrid's morning rush hour. Soon after the attack, which was blamed on Islamic militants, angry voters unseated Spain's pro-American conservative government.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Reflections

Mike Porter, who gave the opening prayer at the Christmas Candlelight Memorial Service Monday evening, reflects on the past year as the service begins at Memory Gardens Cemetery and Mausoleum.

Study

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drugs, Celebrex or Aleve," he said. "However, we will keep all regulator options open and make some determinations as quickly as possible based on the data."

Celebrex, a prescription drug, and naproxen are both commonly used to treat the joint pain of arthritis. Naproxen has been approved for sale, first as a prescription and then as an over-the-counter drug, since 1976. Celebrex is in the same class — COX2 enzyme inhibitors — as Vioxx, an arthritis drug recently taken off the market by its manufacturer after it was linked to an increase in heart attack and stroke.

Officials acknowledged that the implications for the continued use of naproxen are not clear and will require further study.

Dr. Sandra Kweder of the FDA said the NIH study is the first to show that naproxen might increase the risk of heart attack or stroke and that the findings are "confusing." No immediate action, however, is expected toward naproxen, she said.

"We are not contemplating any specific regulatory action over the next few days," Kweder said. "We will be working with the NIH to try to understand the data better and determine what will be appropriate from there."

Patients who routinely take naproxen should follow the drug package instruc-

tions carefully, Kweder said, including the directions to not take it for more than 10 days, and to consult a doctor if pain persists.

Efforts to obtain reaction Monday night produced no answers at phone numbers for Bayer Healthcare, the maker of Aleve.

In the earlier studies of the COX2 drugs, an increase in cardiovascular events was noted only after a long-term use of the medications.

The Alzheimer's disease study was being conducted by the National Institute on Aging, an arm of the NIH. It called for 2,500 patients aged 70 or older and who had a family history of Alzheimer's, to take either Celebrex, naproxen or a placebo.

The group was divided and each division, or arm, was assigned to receive one of the drugs or placebo.



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Viewpoints

Government should butt out of Christmas

Christmas is almost here. Once again, it has at times seemed like a scene from the days of the Roman emperor Caligula, who ruled the Empire shortly after Jesus' crucifixion. Christians were sometimes put to death in those days, and at the least, they faced suppression, suspicion and slander.

Nothing much has changed, except for the lack of Christian-eating lions.

I have been following stories concerning uproars over holiday displays and activities which either imply or blatantly express Christianity. I have decided that we have gotten older, but not necessarily wiser.

I think the separation of

church and state is a good thing. None of us wants our government to dictate where and how we do or don't practice religion, if any.

I think it should go one step further, however. I believe the authors of the Constitution meant exactly what they said concerning passing no law respecting religion. In this case, "respecting" means "concerning."

I believe government should butt out and stay out of any religion's holiday and other observances, as long as they do not infringe on anyone else's life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.

For example, I heard that, in Florida, county officials

banned the display of Christmas trees from public property and buildings, and had had all of them removed by last week. The county attorney reversed the officials' decision. The attorney said the Supreme Court had never said Christmas trees were religious symbols.

Also in Florida, a resident of one town offered to donate a Christmas Nativity scene to put alongside a public Hanukkah display. Town officials turned her down, and she took the issue to fed-

eral court, where a judge agreed with her.

Is it just me, or is there something wrong with these two situations? Why are those governmental bodies getting so uptight over something they are constitutionally not supposed to stick their noses in, namely, religious symbols? And why was a symbol of one religion okay for public exposure, while a symbol of another religion was taboo?

Government officials aren't the only ones who appear to be restricting free-

dom of religion and speech. Some of us don't need public leaders telling us what to do. We do it anyway.

In one New Jersey town, for example, any holiday songs mentioning religious figures such as angels or Jesus have been banned from this year's choral concerts, all because a few people who were non-Christians said they felt "left out" at last year's songfest.

A year or so ago, a small Connecticut town canceled its Christmas parade after one non-Christian family protested its being held.

If everyone is so sensitive and easy to offend, why are commercials for various religions allowed? That seems

to me to be more invasive than a parade. After all, it's coming right into your home.

What if I were to protest the annual rodeo parade and rodeo banners that appear each summer? I could say that since I am not a rodeo participant and do not engage in rodeo-type activities, I felt "left out." I wonder if the Top O' Texas Rodeo would be canceled?

Nah. They'd probably just think I was a new rodeo clown and throw me into the arena with the Brahma bulls.

One thing that everyone seems to be forgetting is that no one can force anyone else

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Marilyn Powers Staff Writer

Today in History

By the Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 21, the 356th day of 2004. There are 10 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 21, 1620, Pilgrims aboard the "Mayflower" went ashore for the first time at present-day Plymouth, Mass.

On this date:

In 1804, 200 years ago, British statesman Benjamin Disraeli was born in London.

In 1898, scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered the radioactive element radium.

In 1914, the first feature-length silent film comedy, "Tillie's Punctured Romance," was released.

In 1945, Gen. George S. Patton died in Heidelberg, Germany, of injuries from a car accident.

In 1948, the state of Eire (formerly the Irish Free State) declared its independence.

In 1954, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, an osteopathic surgeon, was convicted of murdering his pregnant wife, Marilyn, and was sentenced to life in prison. (Sheppard spent 10 years in prison before the Supreme Court overturned the verdict; he was acquitted at retrial in 1966 and died four years later.)

In 1968, Apollo 8 was launched on a mission to orbit the moon.

In 1971, the U.N. Security Council chose Kurt Waldheim to succeed U

Thant as Secretary-General.

In 1978, police in Des Plaines, Ill., arrested John W. Gacy Jr. and began unearthing the remains of 33 men and boys that Gacy was later convicted of murdering.

In 1988, 270 people were killed when a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pam Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, sending wreckage crashing to the ground.

Ten years ago: A firebomb exploded on a crowded New York City subway train, injuring 48 people. (Unemployed computer programmer Edward Leary was later convicted of attempted murder and sentenced to 94 years in prison.)

Five years ago: Amid heightened concerns about the possibility of a holiday terrorist attack, security was ordered tightened at American airports and the Pentagon said it was taking "appropriate action" to protect U.S. forces overseas.

One year ago: The government raised the national threat level to orange, indicating a high risk of terrorist attack (it was lowered back to yellow the following Jan. 9). More than 150 people were killed in mudslides in the Philippines. Soviet diplomat Oleg Troyanovsky died at age 84.

Today's Birthdays: Former Austrian president and former U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is 86.

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The best Social Security: Work

Could we raise as soon as possible the typical age for beginning to draw Social Security to 70, with charitable exceptions for those who need immediate help?

President Bush was right to say last Saturday, "If we do not act soon, Social Security will not be there for our children and grandchildren." I prefer his proposal, particularly the semi-privatizing part, to raising payroll taxes. But it still spills red ink as far as the eye can see.

That doesn't have to happen if we understand how much has changed since Social Security came into

being almost 70 years ago. Life expectancy was lower, the physical expectations of most jobs higher, and the wear and tear on most individuals greater.

A Social Security stipend for those who made it to 65 was a present and sometimes a lifesaver for those worn out by factory work. Today, though, with improved health care, most people make it to 65 (or 66, scheduled to be the vesting

age for most baby boomers) fit as only a slightly dented fiddle.

It's likely that the average person at 70 today is healthier than the average person at 65 back then, so raising the age to 70 would not be an undue hardship. The harder question, though, is whether such a change would be cheating people out of retirement.

In considering this question, we should realize that

retirement is not a happy time for millions of individuals. Too many people who retire feel useless. Some exacerbate the problem by deliberately moving far away from children and grandchildren into elderly-only apartments and condominiums.

Ask yourself about the happiness of the people between 65 and 70 that you know: Are those who are working, perhaps on a part-time basis, perhaps in a different career, less happy than those who wonder how to

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Marvin Olasky Columnist



Salvation Army is a true charity

In our time, it is difficult to find a truly charitable charity that doesn't take the cream off the donations it receives to pay fat salaries and provide plutocratic benefits to its top executives.

There is one, however. It's the Salvation Army. Its top dog pulls in less money than most working people. It's the one charity left where you can be certain that what you give to it will do good work for people who are in need.

It's a Christian organization that was founded in 1865 by a Methodist minister, William Booth, in London. In 1878, it was

reorganized along its present lines of a pseudo-military organization. In 1880, a branch was established in New York, and today it operates in 94 countries using 173 languages and dialects. There are more than 2 million members.

It is an evangelical Christian organization, but it provides food, housing, clothing, training and counseling to people without regard for their race or creed.

All of its people are in the trenches, so to speak, working with the poor and the hurting. There are no condos with gold-plated fixtures or six-figure salaries in this outfit.

These people not only profess Christianity, but they practice it just as Jesus would if he were here today. If he were here, I'd expect you'd find him with the Salvation Army rather than in any of these multimillion-dollar church outfits.

A lot of charities these days justify their unjustifiable high-priced executives with the claim that, like corporations, they need top talent and have to pay the market price. Phooey. Not a one of them is as efficient in providing for the needy as the Salvation Army.

Today, some businesses are not allowing the Salvation Army bell ringers to stand in front of their stores. Target Corp. is the latest to ban them. Well, the Salvation Army reacted in a quiet, Christian manner, saying it understood. I'm not as

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Charley Reese Columnist



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A gift of warmth

Tuesday Morning Group at Pampa's First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, made lap robes recently for local nursing homes and for church shut-ins. The group completed a total of 67 robes. Presenting the robes to Kristie Fuller, second from far right, activity director at Pampa Nursing Center, were (left-right) Margaret Washington, Sid Sloan, Bennie Quillen, Mardell Gamblin, Kay Rogers and the Rev. Barry Loving. Not pictured: Shirley Winborne.

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to believe anything. You may be able to get another person to say they believe something, but whether they really do or not is strictly up to them,

not you, no matter what drastic forms of persuasion you use.

I haven't heard a peep out of anyone saying that, say, Hanukkah offends them and no one should display any Hanukkah symbols. That dubious distinction seems to be reserved for Christians, at least these days and in this country.

I will defend anyone's right to believe what they wish and practice whatever religion they choose, short of extremes such as human sacrifice, or to refrain from practicing any religion if that is their choice. I just think that same courtesy should extend to all religions, and if anyone feels "left out," they're welcome to join.

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fill up their days? And if you believe in God, ask whether it's right for a healthy person to stop using the occupational talents God has bestowed on him.

I think of Tetsunao (Ted) Yamamori, born in 1937 in Japan and the head of the relief organization Food for the Hungry since 1981. Over the next 20 years, he grew the organization enormously until he "retired" in 2001. Since then, he has written two books on China and co-authored or edited three more. He consults widely and will be a guest professor at three seminaries or universities in 2005 and 2006. He says, "There is no retirement for a Christian worker."

Not everyone can be a world traveler like Ted. But I also think of Bea Crow, who was food service director at Alpine Camp in Mentone, Ala., for 69 years, starting when she was 17. When she turned 65, she stayed on and enjoyed it so much that she stayed on past 70 and past 80.

A doctor decreed a year ago that at age 86 Mrs. Crow could no longer face the stress of feeding 350 hungry people three times a day. She reluctantly left the camp kitchen, but as if to show that the doctor was at least part-wrong, she went out and planted the largest vegetable garden in the county.

We should remember that the

tragedy described in chapter three of Genesis ("the fall of man") made working conditions much harder than they would otherwise have been, but the opportunity for productive labor is a blessing from God, who commands us to labor on six-sevenths of the days.

Those who believe in the importance of serving others should lead the way by fighting against the temptation we all have, and maybe especially as we age, to close in upon ourselves. Maybe the rest of the country will then follow, and Social Security will focus on those who really need it.

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'There is no retirement for a Christian worker.'

—Tetsunao "Ted" Yamamori
Consultant, professor

Charity

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forgiving. I will never shop at a Target store, and I hope most Americans will not. There isn't much that's genuine in our market-driven culture these days, so I think people ought to defend the last of the genuine charities that don't rip off their donors.

The YMCA started as a religious organization, but today, while still sucking up donations, it competes with commercial health clubs. Even the Boy Scouts charge kids an arm and a leg for their uniforms, and they even have to pay for their badges. I think you would have to look a long time to find a really poor kid in either one of those outfits in most cities.

United Way is probably at the apex of bad charity ideas. It was, after all, just a scheme by businesses to keep solicitors out of their hair. By the time your dollar gets nicked to pay for the

United Way national people, its local paid executives and then the executives of outfits that are members, well, you'd do better just to hand your money to a beggar on the streets.

When you give to United Way, you are supporting three levels of paid executives in what has become a politically correct organization.

So, OK, I've gotten cranky about our overhyped, overcommercialized, overmarketed society. I'm thirsty for the real and hungry for the genuine. While I don't agree with its religion, the Salvation Army is real and genuine. It takes care of some people I frankly wouldn't touch with a pole. I've never seen a Salvation Army officer at a country club or a highfalutin private club, but I've seen them in waterfront bars and at jails. If you're down, dirty, desperate,

cold and hungry, the Salvation Army is there for you.

The Salvation Army people are not the only ones who do good work. Some churches do. Some private charities do. When you know of such people, you should support them. Some people these days seem to think Christianity is all about sex, but the message of Jesus had nothing to do with sex. He said feed the hungry, tend to the sick and clothe the naked.

That's what the Salvation Army does and always has done better than anybody else. Wherever the Salvation Army is not welcomed, I won't go. They are far, far too good a people to be spit on by greedy corporations peddling junk made in China.

Charley Reese is a retired journalist and syndicated columnist living in Florida.

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Calendar of Events

Breast Cancer 101. The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center sponsors "Breast Cancer 101," an intensive education and supportive introduction to breast cancer, monthly at Harrington Cancer Center Amphitheatre in Amarillo. The series repeats the following topics each month: "Breast Cancer Overview and Surgical Options"; "Chemotherapy and Radiation Therapy for Breast Cancer"; "Women in Touch Support Group"; and "Body Image and Sexuality" (spouses invited). For more information call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173 or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

Cancer Survivors Network. CSN, created by American Cancer Society, is a community/support network for cancer survivors and caregivers. The link to the network is located on ACS's web site at www.cancer.org. People may also call 1-877-333-4673 (HOPE).

By logging onto the site, cancer survivors and caregivers can listen to, read or download prerecorded personal stories and discussions among survivors and caregivers. They may also explore and contribute to the Expressions Gallery, a compilation of survivor's stories, poems and songs.

COAF Web Site. The Children of Alcoholics Foundation, an education-prevention arm of Phoenix House, recently launched a website (www.coaf.org) for children of substance abusers of all ages. The web site is designed to help educators, physicians, social workers and other professionals. The site includes sections for teens and adults who have grown up with an alcoholic or drug addicted parent as well as information for teachers, social workers and others.

2005 Lake Meredith boat permits available

FRITCH — Karren Brown, park superintendent for Lake Meredith NRA & Alibates Flint Quarries, recently reported 2005 boat permits are available for purchase for Christmas gifts.

Annual permits are \$40. Fee Program Manager Rhonda Terry said the new permits sport a whole new look.

In the past, Terry said, the

permit has been valid by calendar year. All 2004 permits expire at midnight Dec. 31, 2004.

Permits are available at park headquarters and other select locations.

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For more information, call the park at (806) 857-3151.

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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Kwanzaa

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A Seven Day Celebration

This year, more than 20 million people are expected to celebrate Kwanzaa, a non-religious event honoring African-American culture and community. The holiday is celebrated for seven days, starting on December 26 and ending on January 1.

Kwanzaa centers around seven principles:

- Umoja (unity)
- Kujichagulia (self-determination)
- Ujima (collective work and responsibility)
- Ujamaa (cooperative economics)
- Nia (purpose)
- Kuumba (creativity)
- Imani (faith)

The holiday was created in 1966 by Maulana Ron Karenga, an African-American scholar. Karenga created this special holiday to honor African-American heritage in a celebration of family and community.

The word **Kwanzaa** means **first fruits** in Swahili, an East African language.

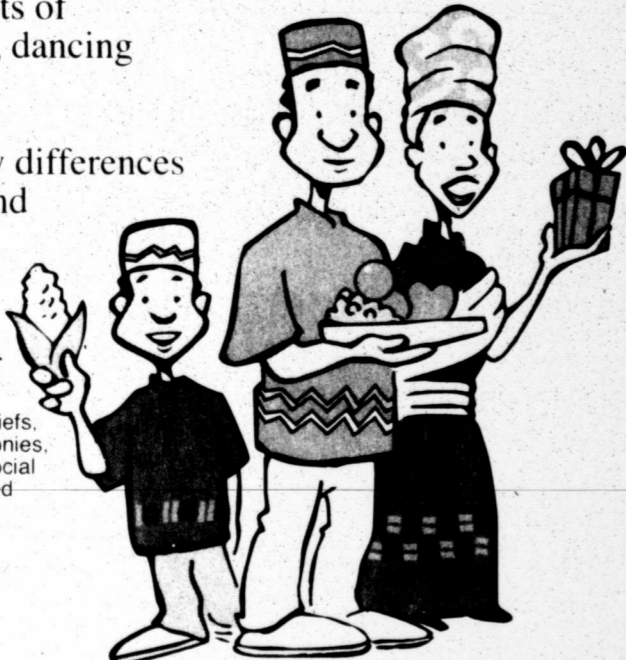
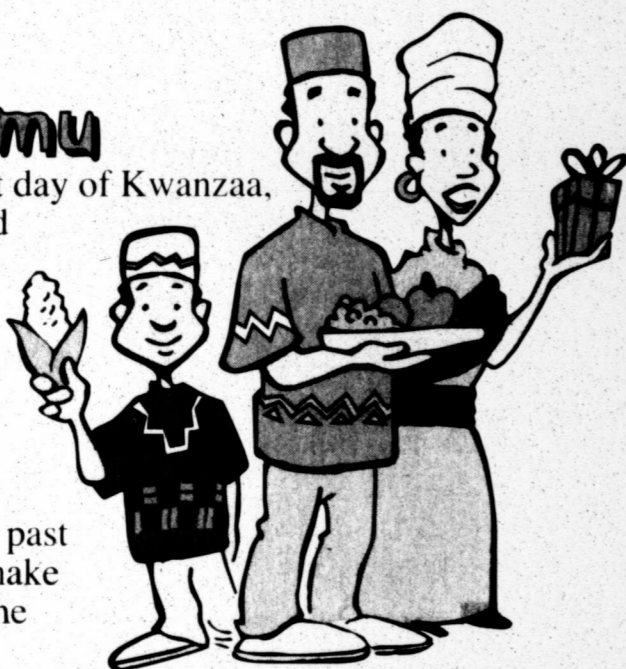
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On the last day of Kwanzaa, friends and relatives gather for a feast. People come to honor ancestors, review the past year and make plans for the new year.

There is lots of good food, dancing and music.

How many differences can you find between these two pictures?

Standards Link: Social Studies: Compare the beliefs, customs, ceremonies, traditions, and social practices of varied cultures.



Habari Gani?

Do you know what that means? **Habari Gani** is how you say, **What's the News?** in Swahili. One day you may hear this holiday message as often as you hear Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, or Happy New Year. **Habari Gani?** is the ritual greeting of Kwanzaa — the world's fastest growing holiday.

Symbols of Kwanzaa

Christmas symbols are the wreath, tree, holly, and more. Hanukkah symbols include the menorah, latkes and gelt. Follow each of the seven mazes below to find the meaning of the seven Kwanzaa symbols.

The seven candles

The candleholder represents the stalk of corn from which the family grows

An ear of corn for each child represents the child's potential

A straw placemat

The cup of unity

A variety of fruits represent the harvest

Modest gifts to encourage creativity

Extra! Extra!
Kwanzaa Scavenger Hunt
Look through the newspaper for pictures, articles or phrases that show the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

1 MISHUMA
2 KINARA
3 MKEKA
4 VIBUNZI
5 MAZAO
6 KIKOMBE CHA UMOJA
7 ZAWADI

Standards Link: Physical Education: Eye-hand coordination.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Weekly Writing Corner

For the Whole World

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would give them a big teddy bear hug because I like to hug teddy bears.

Emily, 3rd Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would give freedom, because the soldiers in the war are all dying. That is why I would give freedom for the world.

Eddie, 6th Grade

If I were to give the world one gift, I would give the world a mom and dad.

Julia, 3rd Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would educate everyone about all the bad things that cigarettes can do. I would do that to prevent so many people dying from smoking cigarettes each year.

Cass, 6th Grade

If I could get the whole world a gift, I would give everyone cell phones. I think that once in a while, everyone wants to call up a friend. Don't they? Besides, everyone likes cell phones and also they'll be happy too. That's the gift I would give to the whole world.

Jerri, 6th Grade

I would make the world a drug-free world.

Savannah, 6th Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would give the world more plants and take away the pollution in the air so lungs won't be destroyed and plants won't die.

Emily, 6th Grade

I would make this a world with no racist people.

Cameron, 6th Grade

If I could give the whole world a gift, I would make it be happiness and joy. I would choose this gift because what is a world with no happiness or joy?

Kathleen, 3rd Grade

I would like to give out lots and lots of money to everyone in the world.

Dominic, 5th Grade

Write On!

If I Were President
What would you do if you were president? How would you spend your days? Why would you want to be president?

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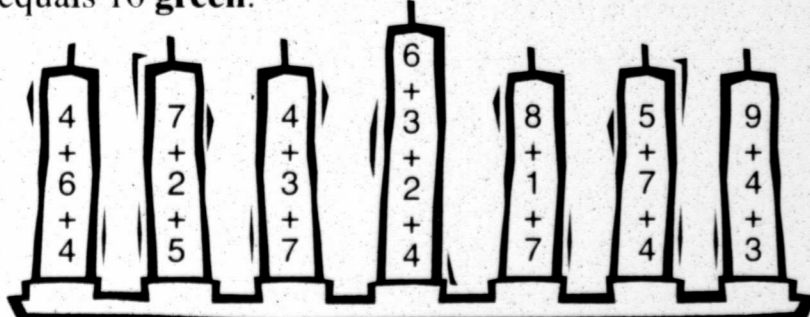
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Attention: Weekly Writing Corner

Please include your school and grade.

The Light of Tomorrow

Each night of Kwanzaa, a candle is lit in the Kinara. There are seven candles, one for each night. The candles are called the **mishumaa**. It is said that the Kinara holds the light of tomorrow.

Do the math. Color each candle that equals 14 **red**. Color each candle that equals 15 **black**, and each candle that equals 16 **green**.



Black is for Africa, the continent African-Americans came from.

Red is for blood, not shed in vain.

Green is for hope and knowledge.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- KWANZAA
- SWAHILI
- AFRICAN
- AMERICAN
- CULTURE
- CANDLE
- KINARA
- ZAWADI
- IMANI
- DANCING
- HABARI
- UJIMA
- GANI
- MKEKA

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

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

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Give the World a Gift

If you could give one gift to the world, what would it be? Write a letter to the editor telling about the gift you would give.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Writing Applications: Write formal letters.



If you were in a dark room with a candle, a wood stove, a lantern and just one match, which would you light first?

ANSWER: The match!

Business Review

Innovative Staffing Solutions expands services

A career change eight years ago for a former Stramitt employee in Perryton and the former economic development director in Perryton led to a business that has grown to five area offices.

In August of 1996, Regina Partain, owner and manager of Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC, and Dr. Myron McCartor, former economic development director in Perryton, partnered together and created Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC (Innovative) to be "beneficial to the community."

Innovative specializes in the hiring of long-term employees in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles.

They provide agricultural, industrial, oilfield, clerical, administrative, medical and sales personnel.

Specializing in the best fit for the client, regardless of the industry, is one of the things that makes Innovative different from other staffing companies.

Screening processes to ensure the best fit include reference checks, skill testing, cognitive abilities testing, and personality assessment, two levels of interview, drug screens and background checks as needed.

Additionally, through its Human Resource Consulting department, Innovative offers education to employers and other community groups.

Some seminars and workshops include "Hiring Legally and Effectively," "Gender Diversity in the Workplace," "Team Building," and "Workplace Ethics." Other courses can be customized depending upon the needs of the client.

Safety of employees is a major concern. Innovative has invested in training for a Safety Coordinator who works with both employees and clients to ensure that all employees work in a safe environment and in a safe manner.

Upcoming events in the safety program will

include Defensive Driving courses and CPR courses to be offered to the general public.

Also, some of Innovative's staff members have been certified through the University of Utah to train substitute teachers in classroom management, how to follow a lesson plan, and how to be a valuable asset to school districts. Courses will be available later this year for interested persons.

Five offices serve the Panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma. They are located in Perryton, Pampa,

Hereford, Dumas and Amarillo. Innovative's newest venture is Innovative PRN Medical Staffing located at 301 S. Polk, Suite 750, in the Amarillo Building in Amarillo. Pampa office hours are from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Innovative Staffing Solutions is built upon the



Jamilou Garren, Senior Regional Personnel Consultant



Rosa Rivera, Staffing Coordinator



Jami Rodriguez, Staffing Coordinator

concepts of Integrity and Teamwork. The company is excited to be in Pampa and to be a part of the community. Innovative is thrilled to have the wonderful staff locally to provide solutions to clients' needs.

Stop in, when you have a chance, and visit with Innovative's excellent staff: Jami Rodriguez, Staffing Coordinator, Rebel Fulton, Staffing Clerk, and Jamilou Garren, Senior Regional Personnel Consultant. They look forward to visiting and working with each of you.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Able" but Unwilling in Alabama; whose mother and sister are urging him to "lend" money to his spendthrift brother. "Able" said he and his wife had always lived frugally and have saved diligently, while his brother and his wife lived far beyond their means. You responded that if "Able" was comfortable with his decision, he wouldn't have written to you.

He should stick to his guns. The brother and sister-in-law will be siphoning money from here to eternity. Just like an alcoholic, if you give money to folks like that, they'll take and take until the money is gone. I know -- I was one of those takers. I was never taught how to handle money.

I'll bet you get a lot of letters on that one, Abby!

-- HOPEFULLY DOING BETTER IN FLORIDA

DEAR DOING BETTER: You're right. I did get mail from readers who felt I should have encouraged the writer to stand firm. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It's time for that brother and his wife to grow up and learn to budget their own money. If "Able's" mother and sister aren't willing to put THEIR money where their mouths are, they should keep quiet. It never makes sense to loan money to a bottomless pit.

Strange, how "Able," the responsible son, is criticized, while the spendthrift, spoiled son runs to Mom and Sis to lay guilt and put pressure on the responsible brother. If the situation were reversed, would the big spender help his brother. I wonder? I don't think so. His selfish lifestyle should not be rewarded. The irresponsible brother should end the pity party and go to work! -- HARD-WORKING MOM IN

PROVIDENCE, R.I.

DEAR HARD-WORKING MOM: More readers agreed with you than with me.

DEAR ABBY: The brother made his choices and is reaping the "rewards." If "Able" bails him out, it won't be a one-time thing. It will open the door to keep the money flowing. There is a children's story about the Little Red Hen. The little hen asked for help to plow the garden, plant the seed and pull the weeds. The rest of the farm animals refused. However, when it came time to eat the bread, they all wanted some. Little Red Hen then said "no," because they had done nothing to help.

It's the same with saving money; we go without to build savings to cover our needs in leaner times. -- BRENDA IN AURORA, COLO.

DEAR BRENDA: That's a lesson many people need to learn. Too many are living on credit and accruing a mountain of debt while trying to keep up with the Joneses.

DEAR ABBY: "Able" should insist that his mother and sister co-sign the loan he gives to his brother. That way, if the brother doesn't repay, then they must! But first, that free-spending brother should downsize his expensive house, replace his luxury cars with subcompacts, sell all items that have no sentimental value, and both husband and wife should get out and look for jobs.

It is possible to be supportive of the brother without "Able" handing him money and possibly putting his own retirement at risk. -- BEEN THERE, DONE THAT, IN WASHINGTON *****

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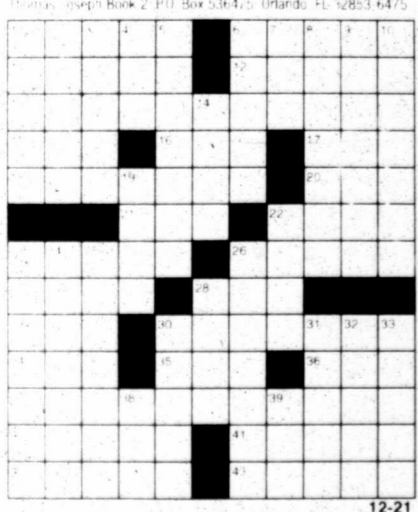
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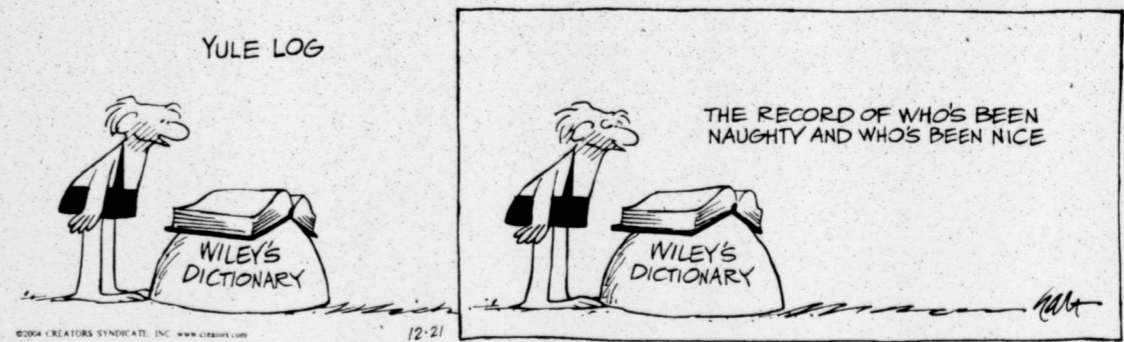
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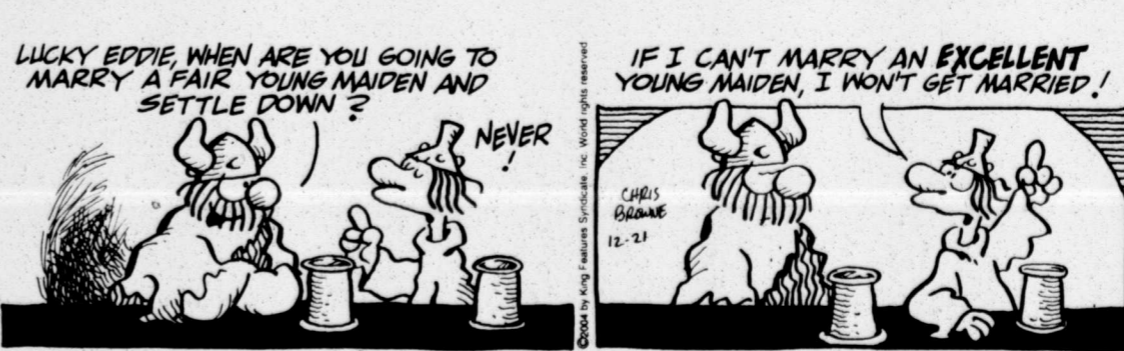
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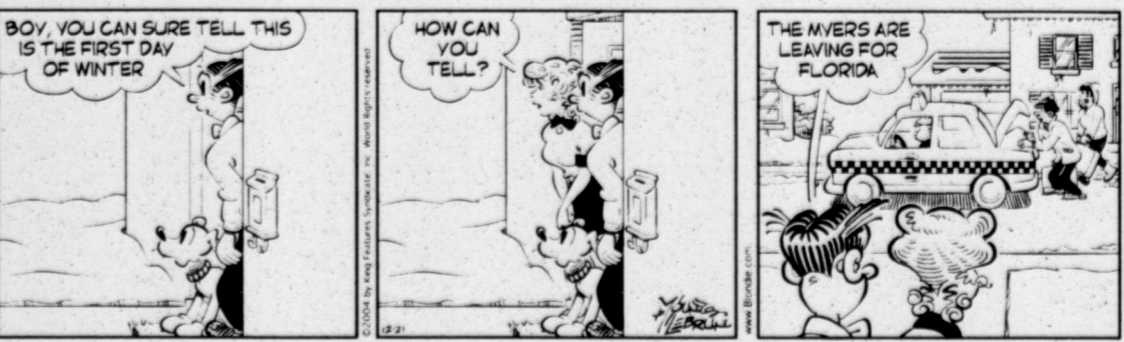
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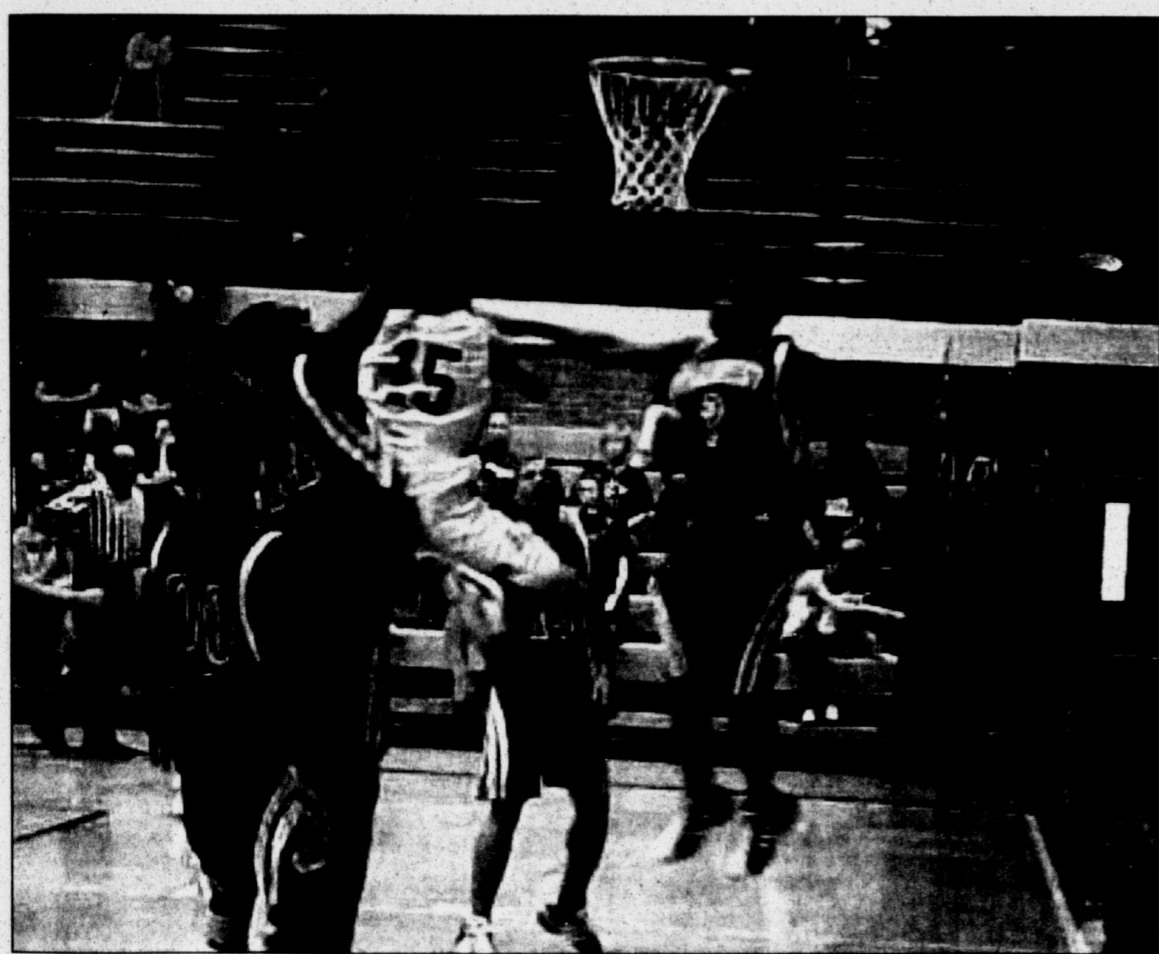
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Sports Day



Clayton Hall #15 (above), splits a couple of Bulldog defenders in flight on his way to the basket. Jarrett Kotara (right) gets the game started with the tip-off. Pampa defeated Plainview at McNeely Field House last night by a final score of 65-62. The Harvesters take to the court next on the road in Clovis during the Milk Cow Classic Dec. 27-29.



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Hustlin' Harvesters hang on for exciting 65-62 win over once-beaten Plainview

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Less than a week ago, the Plainview Bulldogs were riding a 12-game win streak and ranked 17th in the state. Last Friday night, that all ended in Amarillo when the Sandies defeated them, 59-56.

The Bulldogs entered The Pit last night, stinging from that loss and with a record of 12-1.

Pampa was coming off a loss as well. The Harvesters lost to Clovis on the road Saturday night, 53-60. The game was close, and the Harvesters had the Wildcats out of rhythm most of the night.

Despite the loss, Pampa's confidence level should have been high, giving them reason to believe a win against Plainview last night was not only possible, it was within reason.

Plainview controlled the tip off and the slugfest was afoot. Pampa pulled out to an early lead, only to see the Bulldogs make run after run. At on point in the first period, Pampa led Plainview by 10 points. However, as the period drew to a close, the Bulldogs tied the game at 21.

The second period is where the Harvesters opened a little breathing room. Coach Reed called for a defense that would force Plainview to take some forced shots. He set the offense so as to allow Clayton Hall to set up on the base line, where he took passes and drove to the bucket. The offense managed 15 points in the second period while holding Plainview to just seven.

At the half, Pampa held a 36-28 lead and, it seemed, plenty of home court momentum.

Despite solid offensive performances by Jarrett Kotara, Clayton Hall and Sharod

Young, the Bulldogs outscored the Harvesters 19-14 in the third period and cut the Pampa lead to just three (50-47) as the fourth and final period got underway.

Plainview managed to pull within a single point throughout the period but just could not take the lead away from Pampa. Kotara, Hall and Brittin East were big under the boards, grabbing rebounds and finding the outlet. Young's speed and ability to slice his way between defenders netted a few Harvester points.

As time ran out, it was free throws that both, kept Pampa ahead but allowed the Bulldogs to stay within striking distance. Pampa would miss the front side of some one-and-one's, while converting the second shot. It came down to the wire, but Pampa held on to claim a big win.

Afterward, Harvester Head Coach Jeff Reed said, "This was a big game for us. They (Plainview) are a very good team. A well coached team." Reed went on to say, "Dumb mistakes. We made lots of dumb mistakes and still won."

According to Reed, Pampa appears to have Plainview's number. Last night's win was the fourth in a row for the Harvesters. "We will face them again in their place. I am sure they will be ready for us."

Pampa played a solid game last night. However, they allowed Plainview too many second and third chance shots. Reed also sees a need for improvement in the half-court. "We gotta get better on defense," he said. "We need to work on our ball handling skills in the half-court."

Pampa's next game will be in Clovis, where they will compete in the Milk Cow Classic Dec. 27-29. The Harvester's open the tournament against Abilene Cooper at 10:45 a.m.

'Dumb mistakes. We made lots of dumb mistakes and still won.'

— Jeff Reed
Head Coach, PHS Boys' Basketball

Lady Harvesters unable to rein in Lady Bulldogs

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters fell to 6-10 following a 47-30 loss to the Lady Bulldogs of Plainview at McNeely Field House last night.

Pampa had a tough time overcoming a first period during which they only scored five points, while allowing Plainview to post 14 points.

Pampa's production picked in the second period, scoring 13 points to hand in there with Plainview's 16.

The Lady Harvesters entered the locker room behind 30-18 at the break.

Both teams struggled to find the basket in the third period. Pampa held Plainview to just eight points. However, they only scored five of their own in the period.

Entering the fourth period, The Lady Bulldogs had built a 38-23 lead. One which they would not surrender, leading to the 47-30 win over the Lady Harvesters.

Pampa is off until the Caprock Tournament scheduled for Dec. 29-31 in Lubbock.



Lady Harvester Callie Cobb #20 hustles for a loose ball early in last night's home game against the Lady Bulldogs of Plainview. Pampa lost the game 47-30. The Lady Harvesters are off until the Caprock Tournament in Lubbock Dec. 29-31.

Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

TERRELL A GROUNDED EAGLE

Owens out for regular season, won't return until possible Super Bowl

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Long-suffering Eagles fans would never be so foolish to think a trip to the Super Bowl was a lock, even though their Birds are clearly the best team in the NFC this season.

"Something could still happen," is a dreaded, but not uncommon thought among loyalists.

Something did. Star receiver Terrell Owens will miss the final two games of the regular season and the playoffs and possibly the Super Bowl because of a sprained right ankle, a devastating blow for a team that has lost three straight NFC title games.

"I was looking forward to the playoffs, really trying to get this team to the Super Bowl," Owens said. "I think without me, still, they achieve that goal."

"There's no reason for the city of Philadelphia to get down because I'm not there," he said. "Obviously, my presence will be missed, but we have the guys to get it done."

Perhaps, but it's going to get a whole lot harder without Owens. The NFC East champion Eagles (13-1) are left without their biggest offensive threat, their most animated player and the man simply known around this Eagles-crazed town as TO.

"He's a great player, but can the

offense go on? Absolutely," coach Andy Reid said Monday. "We have some pretty good players on this offensive unit, so it'll still function and do very well this week."

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— Andy Reid
Head Coach,
Philadelphia Eagles

But without Owens, the Eagles will be left with basically the same lackluster receiving corps that has disappeared when needed in the title games. Freddie Mitchell or Greg Lewis could join Todd Pinkston as the other starting wideout. Those three have a combined 60 catches for 1,073 yards.

Pinkston has an injured knee. Reid said the Eagles will activate wide receiver Billy McMullen.

"Freddie's going to get his chances to make plays," Owens said. "There shouldn't be any more excuses as to why he's not getting the ball. Now he

gets his chance." Donovan McNabb, now without his No. 1 target, said the Eagles would survive.

"I feel for Terrell," McNabb said. "He's worked hard, we've all worked hard, to try and bring a championship to Philadelphia. I know he will do everything he possibly can to get better and be a part of what we want to accomplish."

"In any event, we have to move forward."

Owens will have surgery Wednesday and stands only an outside shot at being able to play in the NFL's championship game on Feb. 6 — if Philadelphia makes it that far — head trainer Rick Burkholder said.

"I'm behind them. I'm going to be their biggest cheerleader," Owens said.

Owens, who has 77 catches for 1,120 yards and the team-record 14 touchdowns, also has a fracture a few inches below his knee. But Burkholder still didn't rule out the chance that Owens would be able to run in five weeks — the weekend of the NFC title game.

"The scenario I painted is the best-case scenario, but it is realistic," Burkholder said.

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Houston 114, Toronto 102

HOUSTON (AP) — Yao Ming scored a season-high 40 points and Tracy McGrady added 34 points and 12 rebounds, leading the Houston Rockets to a 114-102 victory over the Toronto Raptors on Monday night.

The Rockets have won nine of 10 home games against the Raptors, whose only win in Houston was nearly five years ago.

The point-total was a season high for the Rockets, who shot 51.9 percent from the field (41-of-79), their second-best mark of the season.

Chris Bosh had 16 points to lead seven Raptors in double figures. Toronto has lost nine of its last 11 games.

Yao added 10 rebounds and recorded his eighth double-double of the season.

Houston took a 12-3 lead in the first quarter as Toronto missed seven of its first eight shots. Yao had six of his 10 first-quarter points in that span.

But Bosh and Morris Peterson each had six, including a three by

Peterson with 24 seconds left, to help the Raptors tie it at 24 at the end of the first quarter.

McGrady scored 12, including two three pointers, in the first two minutes 48 seconds of the second quarter to lift Houston to a 36-29 lead.

But Milt Palacio's six points led a 13-4 run that gave Toronto its first lead at 42-40 with 3:57 left in the first half.

McGrady had 18 points and Yao 17 as Houston led 51-46 at the half.

Houston led by as many as 10 in the third quarter as McGrady added 11 more points and Yao eight.

Notes: Jim Jackson went 0-for-6 from 3-point range, ending his string of at least one 3-pointer at 23 games — matching a club record. ... The Rockets reached 100 points for the third straight game. ... It was the first time this season McGrady and Yao have hit 30 or more apiece in the same game and the seventh time they have each had 20 or more.

... Aaron Williams and Eric Williams each made their Raptor debuts Monday.

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"There's a lot of hurdles that have to be taken on before he can ever get to that point."

Owens was hurt on the second play of the third quarter of Philadelphia's win over Dallas on Sunday when he was dragged down from behind by Roy Williams on a 20-yard reception. Owens immediately grabbed the back of his leg, which was bent backward. The Eagles went on to win 12-7 and clinched home-field advantage through the NFC playoffs.

Tests revealed a sprained delto-

id ligament. A screw will be implanted to stabilize and strengthen the ankle joint. Burkholder said there was a "tremendous amount of damage" to the ankle.

Owens had an MRI at the Eagles complex Monday morning, and complained of pain in his lower leg. He then saw an ankle specialist in Baltimore.

"I went down there optimistic, hoping for the best, and I got the worst of news," Owens said. "Things happen. You've just got to move on from it."

Burkholder said the fracture is not as serious, and will be allowed to heal on its own.

Burkholder said if Owens, who has injured the ankle before, doesn't respond well to rehabilitation, he could rest for three months before the screws

come out.

"I feel I'm a pretty good healer, believe me," Owens said. "I've already moved my hyperbaric (oxygen) chamber down to my living room. I'll be in that trying to get myself back on the field as soon as I can. I'm going to be smart about the situation."

Owens has missed just seven games in his nine-year career. Acquired in an offseason trade, he has provided a spark to an offense that often stagnated late in the season — even though Philadelphia made the NFC championship game the last three years without him. The Eagles finished first in the conference three straight years, but couldn't

take advantage of playing at home in the last two NFC championship games, losing to Tampa Bay and Carolina. The Eagles also lost in the NFC title game in 2002, in St. Louis. Owens delivered everything expected, from the electric playmaking to the outrageous antics — including a steamy segment with actress Nicollette Sheridan for the intro to "Monday Night Football."

Owens' 14 touchdown receptions leave him one short of winning his bet with Reid that would've required the beefy coach to wear black spandex tights. "I made that very clear. The tights are on hold," Reid said, managing a smile. "Now if he can come back and get one in the Super Bowl, I'll don the tights."

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— Terrell Owens
Receiver, Philadelphia Eagles

Hey Culligan women



The third and fourth grade Optimist Girls' basketball team, the Culligan Waterdogs, recently wrapped up the regular season by going 6-2, good enough for second place. The girls also competed in a tournament, during which they went undefeated (3-0). The Waterdogs are Hanna Owens, Caitlyn Eades, Renee Baggerman, Taylor Smith, Arin Rice, Bailey Wichert, Dakota Watson and Cecily Pereira. The team is coached by Darin Rice.

Dolphins stun Patriots, 29-28

MIAMI (AP) — Tom Brady threw a dumb pass and A.J. Feeley threw a beauty, finally giving the Miami Dolphins something to savor in this long, miserable season: an upset of the New England Patriots.

With Brady's ugly interception providing an opening, Miami scored two touchdowns in the final 2:07 to stun the Patriots 29-28 Monday night.

The much-maligned Feeley threw for the game-winning score, a 21-yard touchdown pass to Derrius Thompson on fourth-and-10 with 1:23 left.

The stunning victory rivaled the biggest in Dolphins' history, because they've rarely been so woeful. With the win, Miami (3-11) avoided being swept by AFC East opponents this season.

New England (12-2), which has already clinched the AFC East, lost ground to Pittsburgh (13-1) in the race for a first-round playoff bye and home-field advantage. The defeat was just the second in 29 games for the defending

Super Bowl champions.

The Patriots appeared to clinch the win when Brady threw his third touchdown pass, a 2-yarder to Daniel Graham for a 28-17 lead with 3:59 left.

But the Dolphins drove 68 yards to score on Sammy Morris' 1-yard run with 2:07 remaining, and then came Brady's uncharacteristic mistake.

On third down, he threw as he was being sacked by Jason Taylor. The ill-advised, off-balance pass sailed directly to linebacker Brendon Ayanbadejo, giving Miami a first down at the Patriots' 21 with 1:45 left.

Three plays later, on fourth and 10, Thompson beat Troy Brown — a receiver who doubles as a fifth cornerback — and made the winning catch in the end zone.

Brady's fourth interception, a desperation throw picked off by Arturo Freeman with 58 seconds left, sealed the upset. New England lost after leading at halftime for the first time in 32 games.

Beltran to meet with Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Beltran will get to meet George Steinbrenner on Tuesday.

The free-agent center fielder will travel to Tampa, Fla., to talk with the New York Yankees owner, who wants to add another high-priced All-Star to his collection.

Steinbrenner planned to attend the meeting with Yankees president Randy Levine and general manager Brian Cashman.

Beltran finished the season with the Houston Astros, who would like to re-sign him. It's also possible that the Chicago Cubs and Los Angeles Dodgers could pursue him.

There were no developments in the big three-way trade that would send Randy Johnson from Arizona to the Yankees, a deal that would have outfielder Shawn Green go from Los Angeles to the Diamondbacks.

Los Angeles still has not signed off on

the trade, which then must be approved by commissioner Bud Selig. Once that happens, New York wants a 72-hour window to negotiate a contract extension with Johnson.

Johnson, a five-time Cy Young Award winner, is owed \$16 million in the last year of his contract. New York also would get left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii.

Los Angeles would receive right-hander Javier Vazquez from the Yankees along with two top prospects, catcher Dioner Navarro and third baseman Eric Duncan, and the Dodgers would get pitcher Mike Koplove from Arizona.

Arizona would get Green and pitchers Brad Penny, Yhency Brazoban and Brandon Weeden.

Johnson and Green have no-trade clauses. Johnson wants to play for the Yankees — Green has not yet waived his right to block a trade.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Dec. 22, 2004

You have a very creative and dynamic mind. When you apply your mental talents constructively, you can do nearly anything you want. You are prone to financial scheming and daydreaming more than ever. Your work, your communication, whatever you do has a unique quality about it. You flourish, especially if you are in an artistic or creative field. If you are single, you want to be in a relationship, and probably will meet someone special through work or friends. Be open to someone very different. If you are attached, add the sizzle back into your bond. Discuss how to do this with your sweetie. You could fall in love all over again. TAURUS likes you.

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) ***** You naturally tumble into the holiday mood, even if you were originally a bit bah humbug. Friends join in the celebration, be it caroling or sipping eggnog. Remember to get an extra present or two for those unexpected visitors. Tonight: Out spending as if there is no tomorrow.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** You beam wherever you are, even if you have to work. Relax and enjoy those around you, even if someone is quirky or funky. Your charisma peaks. Note who leads you toward the mistletoe. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ** You might be withdrawn and/or trying to keep a secret. Other Twins need to slow down and enjoy the

moments leading up to the holiday celebrations. If you are daydreaming about a certain someone, pick up the phone and reach out. Tonight: Cocoon.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You have a lot to smile about, especially as you look around and see your friends and family so close. Don't wear rose-colored glasses regarding a key loved one. Realism works better and will make you happier ultimately. Tonight: Start the party circuit.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Take care of those who affect your day-to-day life before you head toward family. A last-minute office party might be more important than you realize. Remember a special person who makes your life more pleasant. Tonight: Could be a late night.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Some of you cannot get your mind off upcoming plans. You are overwhelmed. If you can, leave work early. Touch base with the person your mind keeps thinking about. Plan to get together in the near future if you haven't already. Tonight: Make calls and invite a last-minute guest for the holidays.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** What you dream of happening might not occur if you don't take action. Be realistic and remember that a relationship is a two-way street. Make an effort to connect with that special someone. Worry less about presents. Express your feelings. Tonight: Snuggle in.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Though you might want to be home, you have to be out, be it at work or for some other key reason. Socialize and worry less about what you have to do. Join in the lightness and laughter of

the moment. Tonight: Accept a dinner invitation.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** You are the one left holding the bag and finishing last-minute details, at work and at home. Your mind easily could drift. Concentrate and remain anchored. Others depend on you. An intuitive feeling is right-on. Tonight: Running errands again.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You cannot and will not restrain yourself any longer. You're in the mood for winter sports, holiday music and other goodies associated with the season. Even if you are at work, you get little done. Go and play. Tonight: Walk into the whirlwind of activity.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You certainly aren't present in the moment. Whether daydreaming or planning the next few days, others find it difficult to chat and share with you. Demands on the home front keep you more than occupied. Tonight: Wrap presents.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Your mind says one thing, but what you need to do pushes you in another direction. Do be practical right now. Whether clearing your desk or taking care of last-minute errands, you are busy. Make time to visit with a neighbor or friend. Tonight: Racing around.
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