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A touch of winter



Pampa News photo
by MARILYN POWERS

Green blades of grass and brown autumn leaves, above, got a layer of snow Monday afternoon as a quick blast of wintry weather traveled across the Pampa area. Enough snow fell to cover the ground and give a thin coating of white to tree trunks, vehicles, roofs and bushes. At left, a bird perches in a tree whose branches sport leaf buds as the snow begins to fall in earnest. Recent weeks have brought unseasonably warm weather to the area, and the milder temperatures were forecast to return today, with highs in the 50s predicted.

Urban fishing program stocking trout in Amarillo

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will stock 553 trout in Medical Park South Lake in Amarillo on Thursday as part of the Texas Urban Fishing program. TPWD will stock approximately 5,000 rainbow trout that will average 14 inches in length during the winter of 2005-2006. There will be 553 rainbow trout stocked every other Thursday through March 23, 2006.

These nine stockings of rainbow trout are a new addition to the Texas Urban Fishing program, now in its third year. The primary objective of

the program is to create a stocking program which will provide family fishing opportunities in urban areas that will last year around. These stockings will replace the one time stockings of trout into Martin Road Lake and Medical Center North Lake that has taken place in past years.

Rainbow trout are a very popular coldwater game fish that offer a great winter fishing opportunity. Rainbow trout are prized for both their fight and their quality as fine table fare.

Rainbow trout can best be caught

during early morning and late evening periods. Trout often display selective feeding habits, and sometimes prefer lures and baits of a wide variety. Small minnow-type plugs, spinners, small crankbaits, spoons and small jigs are good.

Some natural baits that have proved to be effective for catching trout include night crawlers, minnows, and meal worms or wax worms. Other popular baits are marshmallows, canned corn, salmon eggs and commercially prepared dough baits.

Many anglers use a combination

of two baits consisting of a marshmallow and either a night crawler, a few kernels of corn, or salmon eggs on the tip of the hook. Baits should be presented from the bottom of the lake using hooks ranging in size from 6 to 14 and a light weight sinker. Also, a variety both wet and dry flies maybe effective for those using fly fishing gear.

Anglers are reminded that Community Fishing Lakes do have special regulations for rainbow trout: the bag limit is 5 fish per day

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Suspect sought in disabled man assault

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man who allegedly injured a disabled person in the victim's home Sunday night, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

At about 9 p.m. Sunday, deputies were dispatched to the 200 block of East Tuke after the victim called to report an assault. The victim, a 51-year-old disabled man, said a man had knocked on his door, came into his house and assaulted him, Hoard said.

"This person is disabled, and the person who came in hit him, knocked him out of his chair, and kicked him," Hoard said.

The victim went to the

hospital by private conveyance, Hoard said, and the extent of the victim's injuries were not known as of press time today.

Nothing was taken from the home at the time of the incident, and nothing was damaged, Hoard said. No weapon was used in the assault; the attacker used his fists and feet.

"The victim and suspect know each other," Hoard said, but declined to give further information on the incident.

The identity of the man being sought in connection with the assault is being withheld pending an arrest.

Injury to a disabled person is a third degree felony, Hoard said.

2 men arrested on I-40 with 50 pounds of pot

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Two California men remain in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$25,000 bond each on a charge of possession of more than five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers booked Omar Adam Eladli, 23, Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., and Joseph Hyle Horvath, 36, Hermosa Beach, Calif., into the jail between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. Monday, according to jail records. The charge against them is a third degree felony.

Troopers stopped the pair for allegedly speeding at about 9:50 a.m. Monday as they were traveling eastbound on Interstate 40 near McLean in a 2006 GMC Envoy.

A free air search by a canine drug dog resulted in a positive alert by the dog on the Envoy, giving troopers probable cause to search the vehicle.

About 50 pounds of marijuana were found in luggage inside the vehicle, according to DPS reports.

Troopers believe the load originated in Tempe, Ariz. and was being taken to Chicago, Ill.

Icy roads take life of Georgia man

A Georgia man died Monday when he lost control of his pickup on Interstate 40 in Wheeler County, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Miguel Santana, 49, of Lake Park, Ga., traveling west on I-40, skidded on ice

and snow and slid across the median into the eastbound lanes where a semi-trailer struck him.

Aaron Melvin Harper, 79, of Dumas was driving the semitrailer. He was treated for minor injuries at Shamrock General Hospital.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Four traffic stops were made, one of which resulted in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2700 block of Cherokee, the intersection of Brown and Cuyler streets, the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 and the 1100 block of Christine.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

Warrant service was attempted at three locations, resulting in at least one arrest.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. The item, a handgun valued at \$1,500, was later found.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of South Ballard.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Forgery was reported at Pizza Hut Delivery, 1500 N. Banks, and at Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 200 block of Canadian. Two ladders were taken, for an estimated loss of \$275.

Theft was reported at Best Western Northgate Inn, 2831 Perryton Parkway. Two blankets were taken, for a total estimated loss of \$70.

by GCSO for PPD for unsafe backing and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Omar Adam Eladli, 23, of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of over five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Joseph Hyle Horvath, 36, of Hermosa Beach, Calif., was arrested by DPS for possession of over five pounds but less than 50 pounds of marijuana.

Zachary David Cordova, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for failure to appear.

Jessica Carol Smith, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Sirocco by PPD on a capias pro fine for minor in possession of tobacco.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Monday, Jan. 9

1 a.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a properly parked 1995 Geo Tracker, owned by William Greg Sims, 2703 Cherokee, in the 2700 block of Cherokee. The unknown vehicle and driver then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

1:05 p.m. — A 1994 Dodge Ram 2500, driven by Manuel Portillo, 33, 1304 Garland, and a 1994 Isuzu Rodeo, driven by Sabas DeLeon Chavez, 46, 821 Denver, collided in the 400 block of South Cuyler. No injuries were reported. Portillo was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Jan. 9

Alexis Warren Hembree, 22, of McLean was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by Pampa Police Department for expired motor vehicle inspection, failure to display driver's license and failure to appear. Astin Franklin Yearwood, 18, of Pampa was arrested

for failure to appear. Tuesday, Jan. 10
Jeremy Wayne Barnes, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of East Atchison for no driver's license, failure to appear, and open container.

Fire

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

Monday, Jan. 9

7:47 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of North Charles on a medical assist.

4:26 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of North Charles on a medical assist.

6:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Highways 60 and 70 on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

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Obituaries

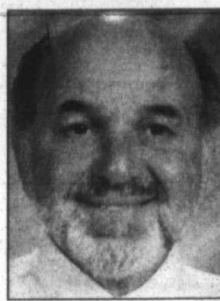
Anthony M. Durso, 67

Anthony M. Durso, 67, died Friday, Jan. 6, 2006.

Memorial Mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

Mr. Durso was born on June 28, 1938, in Union City, N.J., to Michael and Angela Durso. He was raised as a child in Weehawken, N.J., and was employed as a banking and insurance executive.

He left the corporate world to return to his passion in education and began serving as an Education Principal for the Catholic Diocese. He served as the principal of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Elementary School. He loved his dogs and Notre Dame football. He will be missed by his family and friends.



Durso

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Marie Durso.

Survivors include his wife of 20 years, Vicki Durso of the home; two daughters, Melinda Lyons of Beverly, Mass., and Christina Marie Durso of Meriden, Conn.; one sister, Eleanor Sangillo of Sarasota, Fla.; three brothers, Leonard Durso of Falls Church, Va., Richard Durso of Philadelphia, Pa., and Francis Durso of Merritt Island, Fla.; one stepdaughter, Lisa Kreisher of Spotsylvania, Va.; one stepson, Shawn Demyan of Austin; and seven grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School, 2300 N. Hobart, Pampa, TX 79065.

Laura Gibson, 85

WOODWARD, Okla. — Funeral services for Laura Gibson, 85, are scheduled at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Garden Chapel at

Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service with the Rev. Tim Mascarenas officiating. Interment will follow in Elmwood Cemetery.

John P. King, 76

SHAMROCK — John P. King, 76, of Shamrock, died Jan. 8, 2006, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in Calvary Christian Fellowship Church with the Rev. Joe G. Jernigan, pastor of the church, officiating.

Burial will be in Shamrock Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Directors of Shamrock.

Mr. King was born June 20, 1929, at Whiterock, Ark., to Emmitt and Effie Johnson-King. He married Marilyn June Maxwell on July 24, 1948, at Clayton, N.M.; she died June 29, 2004.

Mr. King moved to Shamrock in 1951 and was a welder for Ashland Chemical for 33 years.

Survivors include three sons, Rick King of Plano, Terry King of Pampa and Kevin King of Shamrock; two daughters, Melanie Admire of Waxahachie and Andrea Green of Lubbock; three sisters, Susie Duncan of Ozark, Ark., Irene Keaton of Springdale, Ark., and Louise Brawner of Fayetteville, Ark.; two brothers, Champ King of Mulberry, Ark., and Jimmie King of Mountainberg, Ark.; 12 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Thomas Byron 'Tommy' Wells, Jr., 51

WHITE DEER — Thomas Byron "Tommy" Wells, Jr., 51, of White Deer, died Jan. 9, 2006, at Amarillo.

Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Nov. 14, 1954, at Clinton, Okla., Mr. Wells had been a Lefors resident most of his

life, moving to White Deer from Amarillo in 2001.

He married Trudy Plemons on May 11, 1984, at Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Trudy, of the home; a daughter, Sarah Wells of White Deer; and a son, Thomas Matthew Wells of White Deer.

The family requests memorials be to American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 2680, N. Canton, Ohio 44720.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Services tomorrow

GIBSON, Laura — 2:30 p.m., Garden Chapel, Johnson's Good Samaritan Funeral Service, Woodward, Okla.

KING, John P. — 10:30 a.m., Calvary Christian Fellowship Church, Shamrock.

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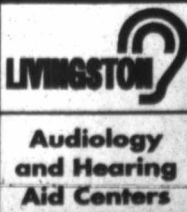
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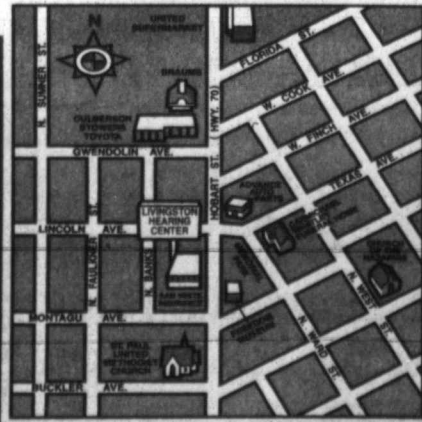
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Red Cross has tips to avoid wildfires

Due to extremely dry conditions the Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross urges residents to take precautions against wildfires.

Wildfires often begin unnoticed. They spread quickly, igniting brush, grasses and homes. Reduce your risk now — before wildfire strikes. Meet with your family to decide what to do and where to go if wildfires threaten your area.

Follow these steps to protect your family, home and property. Create a 30- to 100-foot safety zone around your home. Within this area, take steps to reduce potential exposure to flames and radiant heat. Clear all flammable vegetation, including leaves, dead limbs and twigs. Remove leaves and rubbish from under structures. Ask the power company to clear branches from power lines. Mow grass regularly. Clear a 10-foot area around propane tanks and the barbecue. Follow local burning regulations. Stack firewood at least 100 feet

away from home. Regularly clean roof and gutters.

When wildfire threatens follow the instructions of local officials. If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Only if you have the time, take these steps to protect your home. Close windows and heavy drapes, close vents, all interior and exterior doors. Remove lightweight curtains. Shut off gas at the meter or propane tank. Turn off all pilot lights. Close fireplace screens. Move flammable furniture into the center of the home away from windows and sliding glass doors.

Outside of your home, seal attic and ground vents with pre-cut plywood. Place combustible patio furniture inside. Connect garden hose to outside taps. Place lawn sprinklers on the roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet the roof and shrubs within 15 feet of home.

You can cope with disaster by preparing in advance. Meet with your

family to create a disaster plan. Discuss the types of disaster that could occur. Discuss where to go and what to bring if advised to evacuate. Practice what you have discussed. Plan how your family will stay in contact if separated by disaster. Pick two meeting places: one a safe distance near your home in case of fire and the second option outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home. Choose an out of state friend as a "check-in contact" for everyone to call.

Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross wants you to be safe. Practice and review these steps. The entire Texas Panhandle is in high fire danger and will probably remain so until spring. Prepare now! Know what to do in an emergency. For more information contact Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross at 1-800-297-2270, go to redcross.org or call your local fire department.

Borger's AmeriInn has opened

The first AmeriInn Lodge & Suites in Texas has opened in Borger at 900 E. Third, the announcement was made by AmeriInn International in Chanhassen, Minn.

Construction on the 54-room motel began in June and opened on Dec. 23. Ray Mac Energy is the ownership group.

"The growth of Borger's industrial base and the influx of construction personnel during the next few years prompted the decision to build the new AmeriInn," said Kathy Rowton, project manager of the new Lodge & Suites.

A press release from the company said AmeriInn properties are popular with today's business and leisure travelers because of spacious, well-appointed public areas and guest rooms, with unique masonry room construction for a quiet night's sleep.

"I'm confident that the new AmeriInn will not only meet, but will exceed guest expectations with upscale amenities, consistent services and a quality product," Rowton said.

The AmeriInn in Pampa is under construction near M.K. Brown Auditorium, and is expected to be completed in a few months.

AmeriInn is one of the fastest growing upscale limited service lodging chains in the United States with 220 locations currently open or under development. Competing across the luxury-economy and mid-market segments, the success and savvy growth is due to the unique AmeriInn product and market niche founded on the integrity of consistent, quiet and solid masonry construction.

The AmeriInn Lodging System is franchised by AmeriInn International, LLC, in Chanhassen, Minn.

Pickens gives hospital \$8 million

DALLAS — Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children has announced that longtime supporter and friend Boone Pickens has donated \$8 million to the hospital to establish a new conference center.

The conference center will enable the hospital to consolidate vital activities of teaching, community outreach and accommodating the more than 40,000 outpatient visits each year. Educating the public about the hospital is crucial in the hospital's role of raising funds to care for patients, and ultimately helps continue the hospital's mission of providing the highest quality of orthopedic care and treatment for children with learning disorders throughout Texas at no cost to patient families.

Boone Pickens is founder and CEO of Dallas-based BP Capital, which manages

energy investment funds. BP Capital, which has two of the nation's most successful investment funds, was established in 1996.

The conference center is part of a \$25 million, large-scale renovation, which will have a lasting impact on the lives of thousands of people. The hospital's conference space is utilized by many community organizations, including hospital guests, area nonprofit organizations and community groups as well as healthcare professionals from around the world. The hospital recently hosted 65 orthopedic surgeons from China. Ultimately, this gift will benefit the more than 16,000 patients and their families, more than 700 staff members, more than 800 volunteers and more than 16,000 community visitors and friends each year.

Trout

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per person, and there is no minimum length regulation. A valid Texas fishing license is required for anyone that doesn't meet state exemption guidelines.

The Freshwater Trout

Stamp Endorsement of past years has been replaced with the current Freshwater Fishing Stamp Endorsement. Only fishing by pole and line is permitted in Community Fishing Lakes. For more information on statewide and community fishing regulations consult a 2005-2006 Texas Parks and Wildlife Outdoor

Annual available at any license retailers or the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department website at www.tpwd.state.tx.us.

For any more information on stockings, the Texas Urban Fishing Program, or regulations please contact Jason Henegar at 806/655-4341.

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Monday, Jan. 9

7:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of North Charles and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

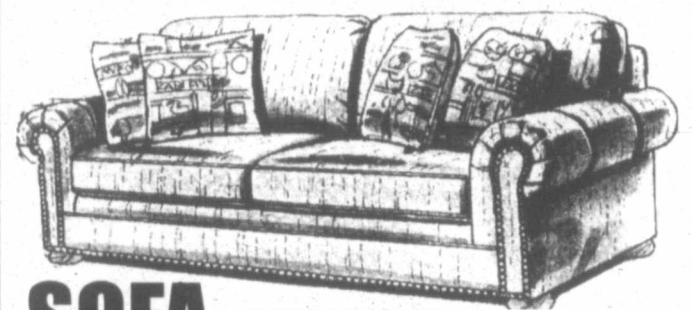
12:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of North Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

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4:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWH.

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Viewpoints

It's amazing how the human mind works

I just don't understand. Why would anyone say that all U.S. military personnel are gay or pro-gay, and then proceed to try their best to disrupt the funerals of our fallen heroes?

This hate-filled, paranoid, irrational little group of people who call themselves Christians and hide behind the name of a so-called church are alien beings, as far as I'm concerned.

Not only that, they are offensive and worthy of contempt.

I have two nephews, both of whom are U.S. Marines. One completed his tour of

duty in Iraq last year and is now serving in Okinawa, married, and with a brand-new baby daughter.

The other, his younger brother, is currently in Iraq. You never met a more macho guy. Sometimes I'm afraid he doesn't get afraid enough.

Contrast these two guys with the misguided little bunch of hatemongers from a neighboring state who go around bleating that everything bad that happens is a judgment from God because of America's attitude toward homosexual people.

This little cult of fanatics

is currently saying that the deaths of the 12 miners in West Virginia is due to God's wrath, along with the deaths of 17 Marines in a Black Hawk helicopter.

Not only that, they say they are glad of those deaths and wish the number of fatalities had been higher. They also profess to be happy about the results of Hurricane Katrina, among other things.

Huh?

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer

Sorry, folks. I'm not buying it.

It's not my purpose here to get into a debate over whether homosexuality is immoral and a sin. Most people have an opinion on the subject, and sometimes their opinion changes. But whether it is or is not an evil abomination is not today's topic.

Today's topic is fanaticism and blind hatred attached to ignorance and evil.

I will defend anyone's right to their opinion on whatever subject you care to name. I also believe that everyone has the right to express their opinion on each of those subjects.

I do not, however, support anyone whose main activity is to disrupt funerals by saying hurtful things about the dead and waving posters to that effect. To me, that is the childish, imbecilic attempt to get attention by someone who knows no better way to do it, and whose only experience with human feelings is hatred.

I definitely don't support anyone who gleefully cheers whenever others die, and wish more had died.

I don't believe every death due to catastrophes, military actions, accidents or other events is because of God's wrath against America on the subject of homosexuality.

If that were the case, what about this "church's" 1995 event, when it was bombed? You guessed it — it wasn't God's work that caused the bomb. I guess that's because no one, apparently, died as a result of the bomb.

Amazing how the human mind works, sometimes.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Jan. 10, the 10th day of 2006. There are 355 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 10, 1776, Thomas Paine published his influential pamphlet, "Common Sense."

On this date:

In 1861, Florida seceded from the Union.

In 1863, London's Metropolitan, the world's first underground passenger railway, opened to the public.

In 1870, John D. Rockefeller incorporated Standard Oil.

In 1920, the League of Nations was established as the Treaty of Versailles went into effect.

In 1946, the first manmade contact with the moon was made as radar signals were bounced off the lunar surface.

In 1946, the first General Assembly of the United Nations convened in London.

In 1947, the musical fantasy "Finian's Rainbow," with music by Burton Lane and lyrics by E.Y. Harburg, opened on Broadway.

In 1957, Harold Macmillan became prime minister of Britain, following the resignation of Anthony Eden.

In 1971, "Masterpiece Theatre" premiered on PBS with host Alistair Cooke introducing a drama series, "The First Churchills."

In 1984, the United States and the Vatican established full diplomatic relations for the first time in more than a century.

Ten years ago: Russian troops allowed a convoy of Chechen rebels and 160 hostages to head for Chechnya, then surrounded them in the village of Pervomayskaya. (After a five-day standoff, Russian troops launched a massive military assault that resulted in the deaths of most of the rebels and some of the hostages.)

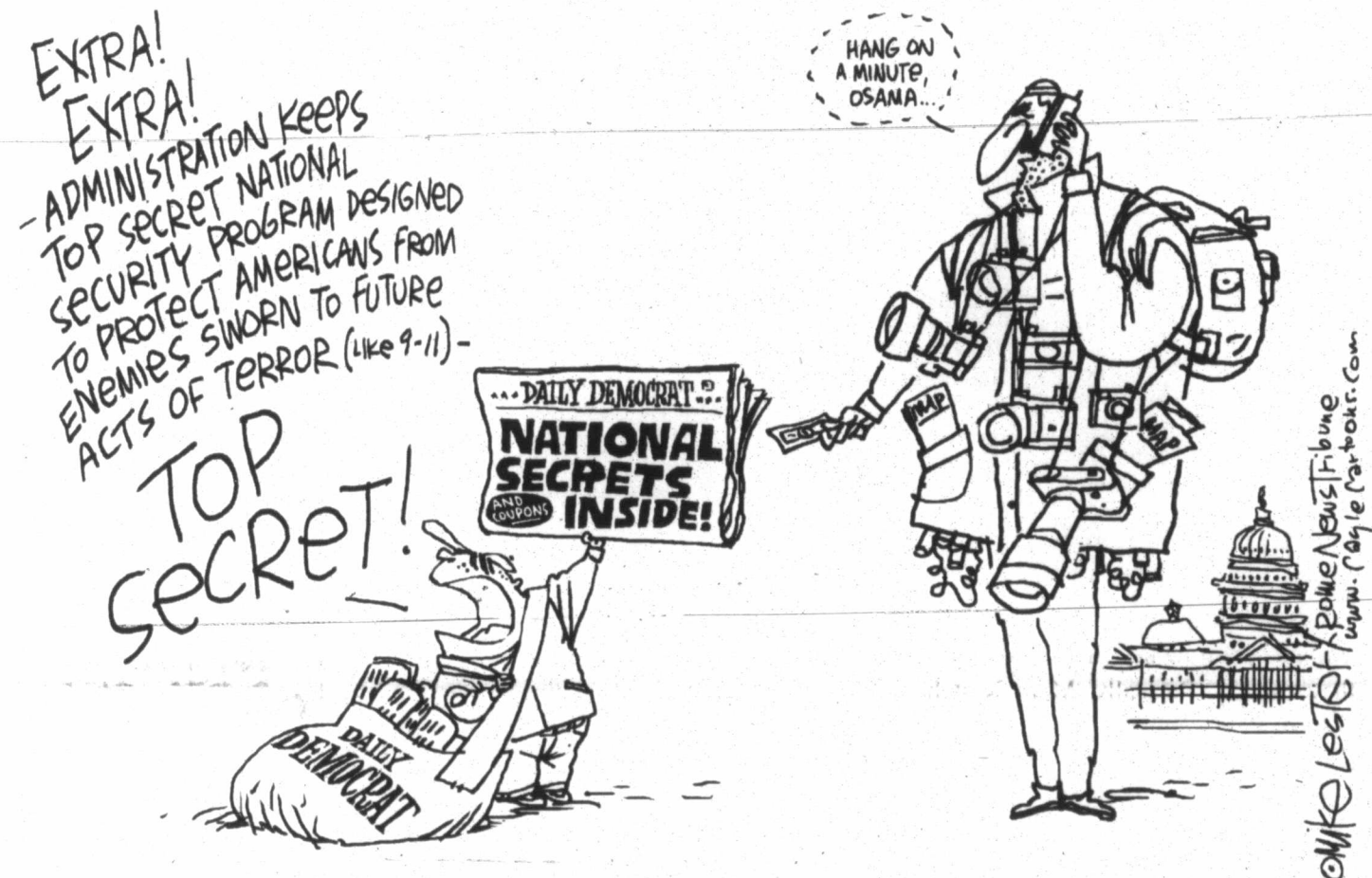
Five years ago: President-elect Bush moved quickly in search of a new candidate for labor secretary after the abrupt withdrawal of his first choice, Linda Chavez. Bush and his national security team received a top-secret Pentagon briefing on military challenges around the world.

One year ago: CBS issued a damning independent review of mistakes related to a "60 Minutes Wednesday" report on President Bush's National Guard service and fired three news executives and a producer for their "myopic zeal" in rushing it to air. A mudslide in La Conchita, Calif., crushed homes and killed 10 residents.

Gunmen assassinated Baghdad's deputy police chief and his son; Al-Qaida in Iraq claimed responsibility. Ukraine's Election Commission declared Viktor Yushchenko the winner of the presidential vote.

'History must speak for itself. A historian is content if he has been able to shed more light.'

— William L. Shirer
American author and journalist (1904-1993)



Book debunks the poverty hype, myths

Despite claims that the rich get richer and the poor get poorer, poverty is nowhere near the problem it was yesteryear — at least for those who want to work. Talk about the poor getting poorer tugs at the hearts of decent people and squares nicely with the agenda of big government advocates, but it doesn't square with the facts.

Dr. Michael Cox, economic adviser to the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and Richard Alm, a business reporter for the Dallas Morning News, co-authored a 1999 book, "Myths of Rich and Poor: Why We're Better Off Than We Think," that demonstrates the pure nonsense about the claim that the poor get poorer.

The authors analyzed University of Michigan Panel Study of Income Dynamics data that tracked more than 50,000 individual

families since 1968. Cox and Alm found: Only five percent of families in the bottom income quintile (lowest 20 percent) in 1975 were still there in 1991. Three-quarters of these families had moved into the three highest income quintiles.

During the same period, 70 percent of those in the second lowest income quintile moved to a higher quintile, with 25 percent of them moving to the top income quintile. When the Bureau of Census reports, for example, that the poverty rate in 1980 was 15 percent and a decade later still 15 percent, for the most part they are referring to different people.

Cox and Alm's findings

were supported by a U.S. Treasury Department study that used an entirely different data base, income tax returns. The U.S. Treasury found that 85.8 percent of tax filers in the bottom

income quintile in 1979 had moved on to a higher quintile by 1988 — 66 percent to second and third quintiles and 15 percent to the top quintile.

Income mobility goes in the other direction as well. Of the people who were in the top one percent of income earners in 1979, over half, or 52.7 percent, were gone by 1988. Throughout history and probably in most places today, there are whole classes of people who remain permanently poor or

permanently rich, but not in the United States. The percentages of Americans who are permanently poor or rich don't exceed single digits.

It doesn't take rocket science to figure out why people who are poor in one decade are not poor one or two decades later. First, they get older. Would anyone be surprised that 30, 40 or 50-year-olds earn a higher income than 20-year-olds?

The 1995 Annual Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas found that "Average income tends to rise quickly in life as workers gain work experience and knowledge. Households headed by someone under age 25 average \$15,197 a year in income. Average income more than doubles to \$33,124 for 25- to 34-year-olds. For those 35 to 44, the

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Walter Williams

Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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The Dallas Morning News on the new year:

Goodbye, 2005? Don't be so sure. We hate to say it after such a tough year, but 2006 might be *deja vu*.

Though the dramatic arc of America's involvement in Iraq often seems to be maddeningly circular Iraq ended the year exactly as it began: with a successful national election, followed by more terrorist violence 2005 marked the beginning of the end of U.S. occupation and the end of the beginning of Iraq's post-Saddam order. The coming year will be the one in which Iraq either

unites as a sovereign nation or flies apart in a civil war.

Meanwhile, in next-door Iran, how do you solve a problem like Mahmoud Ahmedinejad? The world will be spending a lot of time in '06 asking that question about the hard-line Khomeinist who got himself elected president this year. He's taking his nation back into fanaticism while frogmarching it toward nuclear weaponry.

Elsewhere in the region, both Israelis and Palestinians face crucial elections in 2006, in which either the possibilities or the perils introduced in 2005 will be realized. With his withdrawal of Israeli settlers from Gaza and himself from the Likud Party, Ariel Sharon upended Israel's politics. Palestinian godfather Yasser Arafat died this year,

bequeathing the first real chance in ages for the Palestinians to change their destiny ... but also leaving them in self-destructive thrall to Hamas.

The United States is also having a definitive election next year. The distance President Bush and the GOP traveled in 2005 can be measured from the commanding heights of Mr. Bush's triumphant second inauguration in January to the dismal depths of the Harriet Miers withdrawal in October.

During that time, Mr. Bush saw a majority of Americans decide the war in Iraq wasn't worth fighting; the collapse of Social Security reform, the centerpiece of his second-term domestic agenda; burgeoning scandals beset

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a female who is almost 38 years old. Most of my adult life has been spent in school, working or traveling. It is only in the last two years that I have met someone and settled down somewhat -- although we are not married. We are both artists, so much of our time is filled doing the things that we love and believe in. Neither of us feels a giant void in our relationship or our lives that needs to be filled by a baby. In the past year or so, several of my co-workers and other people I barely know keep asking, "When are you going to have a baby?" or, "You only have a couple more years -- aren't you going to have a baby?" or, "Don't you want kids?" Abby, my family doesn't even ask me these questions! I think they are extremely rude and intrusive, and I resent the simple-minded assumption that just because a person has a uterus and ovaries she must make a baby. How should I respond to these questions? -- **CHILDLESS AND HAPPY IN TEXAS**

DEAR CHILDLESS AND HAPPY: There are several ways to handle questions that are nobody's business. One is to deflect the question by asking another: "Why do you ask?" Or, "Why do you think that's any of your business?" Alternatively, if you really want the person to back down, you can reply, "If it were any of your business, you'd already know the answer to that question. Please don't ask me again!"

DEAR ABBY: My mother was diagnosed with colorectal cancer that spread to her liver. Over the last five years, she has put up a brave fight, smiling through her surgeries, years of chemo and constant pain. The doctors now say there's nothing more they can do. Basically, Mom is at home waiting to die. I recently moved back with my parents so I can help Dad with Mother's care.

I'm glad I can take time off and spend quality time with them. I am 23 and love them both. My concern is, my father rarely speaks about Mother's illness. We joke about it, mostly to avoid a sad, uncomfortable situation. I'm dealing with this like my dad does. I rarely talk about it, and when I do, I make a joke. I have tried discussing how I feel with friends, but most of the time they stop me because it's hard for them to hear. I have also tried talking about things with Dad, but I don't want to make him sad. I start to lose it every time he tears up, so now I avoid the subject. I don't know who to talk to. Sometimes I feel it's pointless to try because talking won't change the situation. But my feelings are becoming overwhelming, and I need to let them out. Can you help me? -- **OVERWHELMED IN ARIZONA**

DEAR OVERWHELMED: I'm sorry your mother isn't doing well. However, I'm sure your presence is a great comfort to both of your parents. It is very important that both you and your father find an outlet where it's safe to talk about your feelings because they are normal. Although it may be painful, and probably tearful, tears can be healing. The American Cancer Society has programs for people with cancer and their families, including excellent support groups. You do not have to go through this difficult time alone, so please don't wait to make contact. Find a program in your area by visiting www.cancer.org and typing in your ZIP code. There is also an online community where people can chat anytime they feel the need 24/7. Although it's a cancer survivors' network, families are welcome, too. You're in my prayers.

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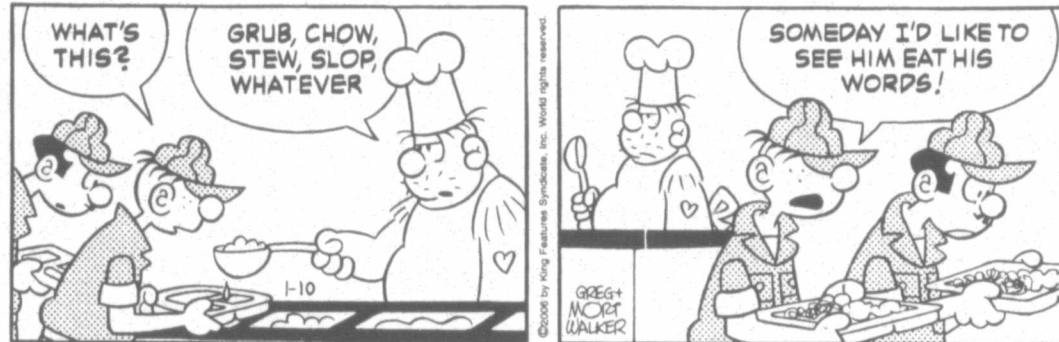
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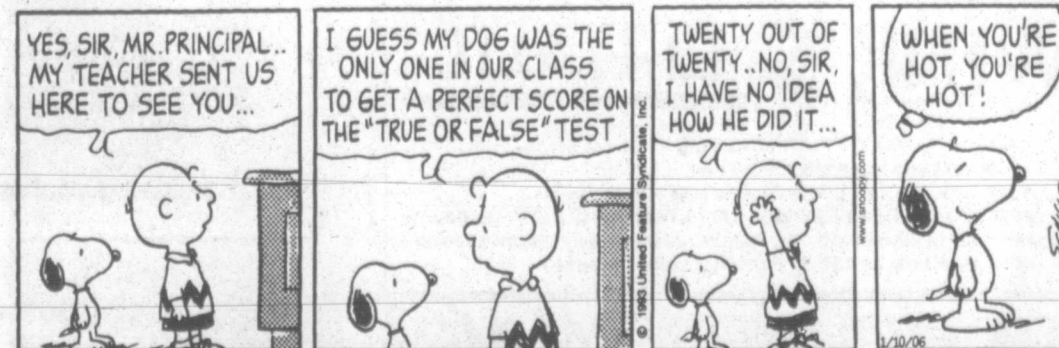
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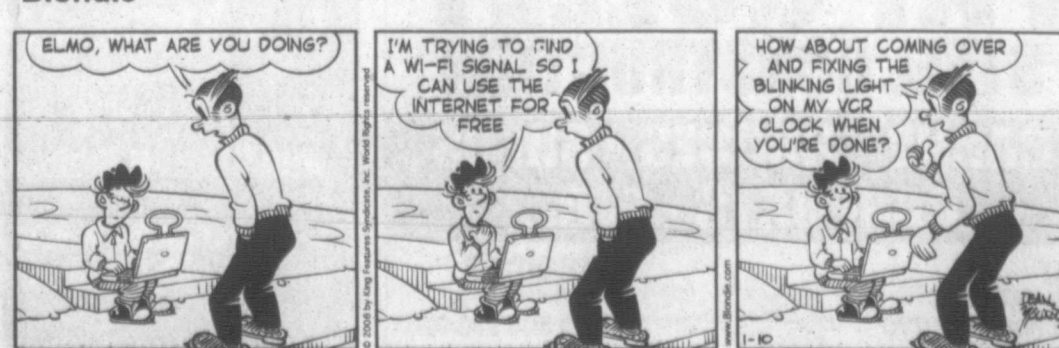
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 1 Speed checker
 6 Rides the white water
 11 Tickle
 12 Home that's a dome
 13 Holder of some chips
 15 Blue hue
 16 Chemist's place
 17 Boston Harbor jetsam
 18 Insignificant for one
 20 Yucatan native
 23 Kim of "Vertigo"
 27 Peak
 28 Long skirt
 29 Jeans material
 31 Like some breath
 32 Wall worker
 34 Unusual
 37 Vault part
 38 Passing craze
 41 Grad's topper
 44 Parting word
 45 Nepal neighbor
 46 Caught in a rodeo
 47 Poor
- DOWN**
 1 Flock fathers
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 3 Obligation
 4 Tough wood
 5 Land, as a fish
 6 Fair prize
 7 Hitherto
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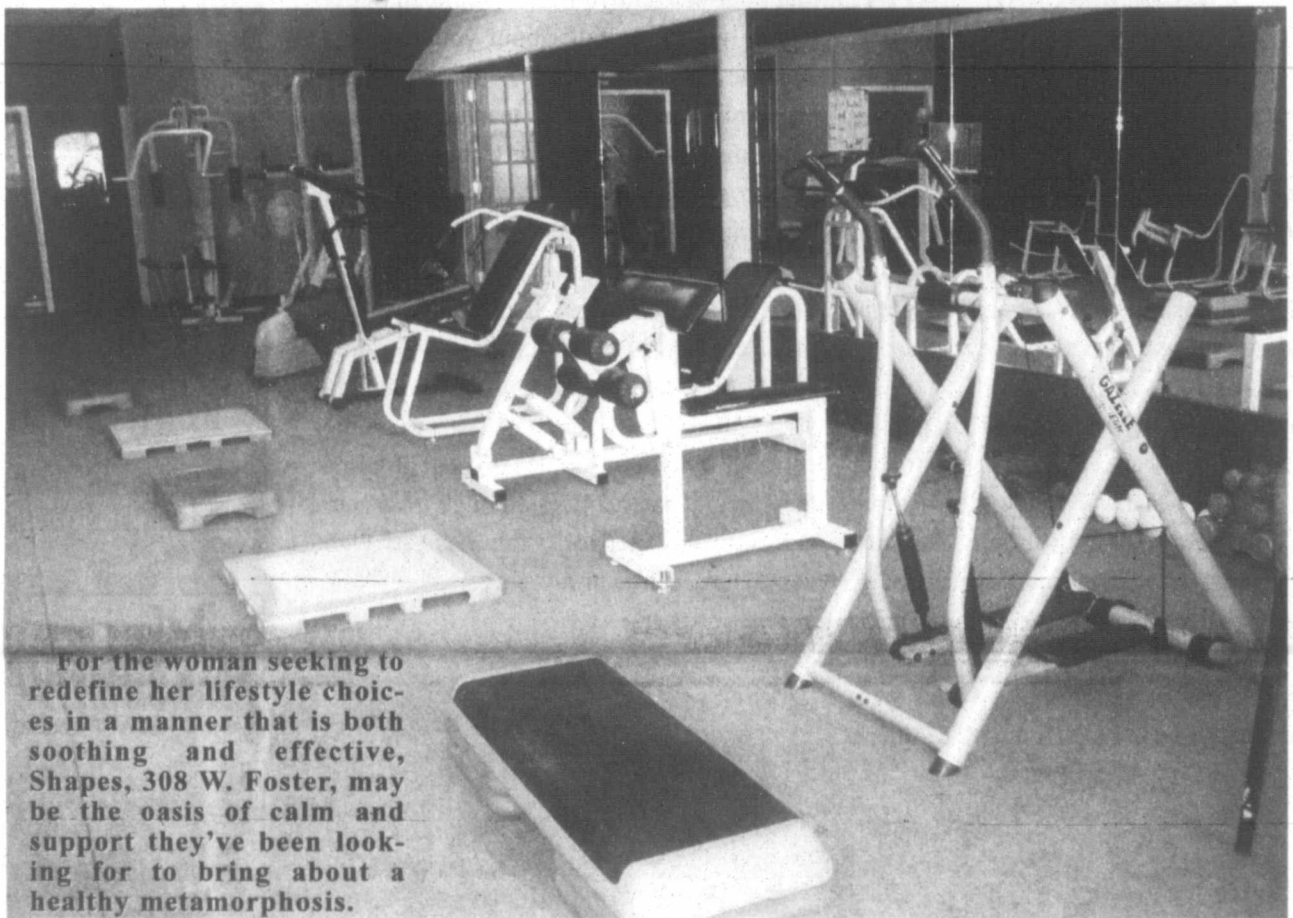
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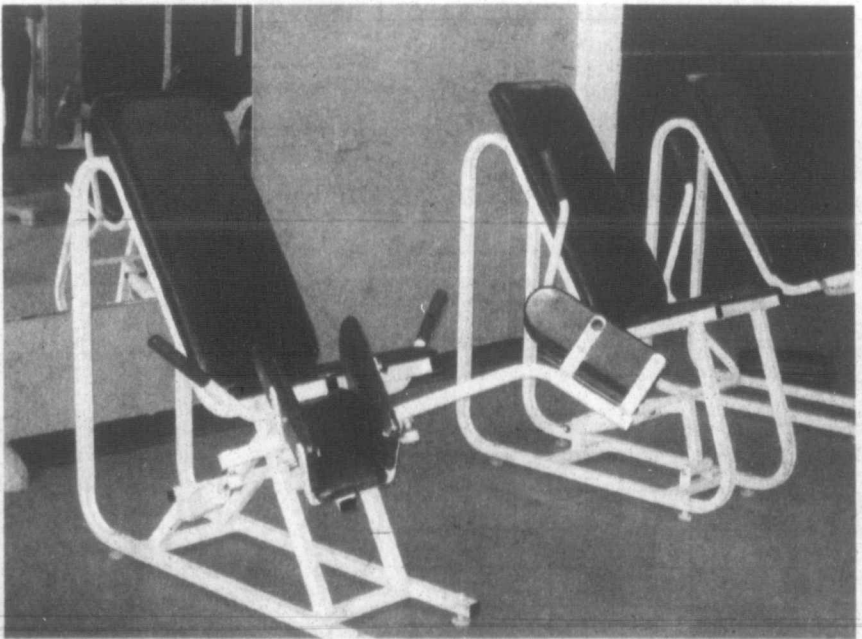


Formerly Curves, Shapes fitness center for women offers between 15 and 20 hydraulic weight machines designed specifically for women. Each machine works a different muscle group or part of the body. A complete circuit of the various machines usually takes about 20 minutes and can result in a net loss of 9 to 12 inches in one month, said owner Pam Canniff.

Canniff will soon offer members an infrared body wrap system with multi benefits. "The system is for body shaping, skin rejuvenation, weight control and pain relief," she said. The services Shapes currently affords are varied and tailored to indulge the female spirit. After an uplifting round on the weight machines, members can actually pamper themselves to a spa-like experience.

"We have tanning," Canniff explained. "We do hair and nails (pedicures and manicures), and we also have a gift shop." The center is membership oriented. All members are required to pay a one-time \$49 fee in addition to specific membership dues. Membership is \$29 a month by draft or \$49 month-by-month. A year's membership is \$376. A three-month membership is \$147.90 and includes the \$49 one-time fee. Originally from Malibu, Calif., Canniff moved here after her car broke down in Amarillo while traveling. During her stay, she pur-

chased two centers — one in Dumas, the other here in Pampa. "I actually started across the street in a much smaller building. Now we're in a 2,500-square foot building," Canniff said. Soon after making the transition from California to Texas, Canniff soon realized that keeping up with the two stores in such out-lying locations required too much time and travel. She opted to sell the Dumas concern and concentrated her efforts on the Pampa business. Currently under the management of Tina Tibbets, Shapes employees 12 staffers. To find out more, call Shapes at 669-7660.



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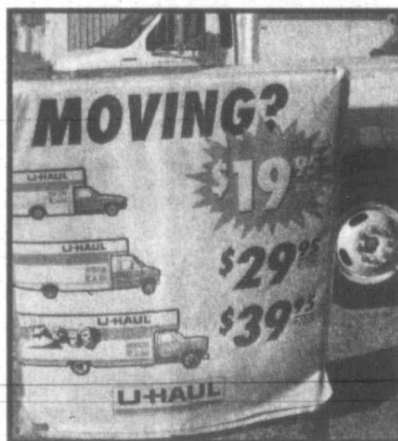
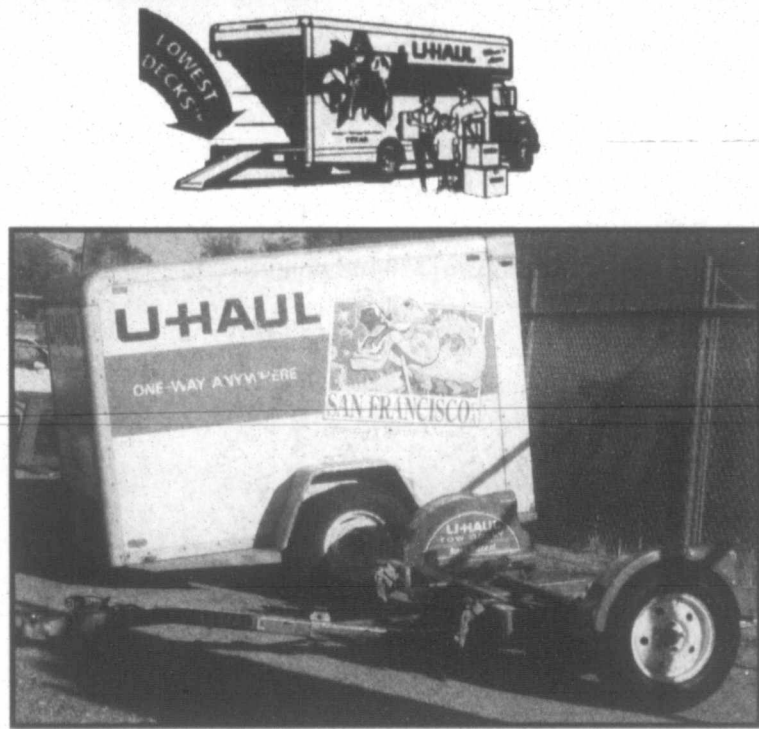
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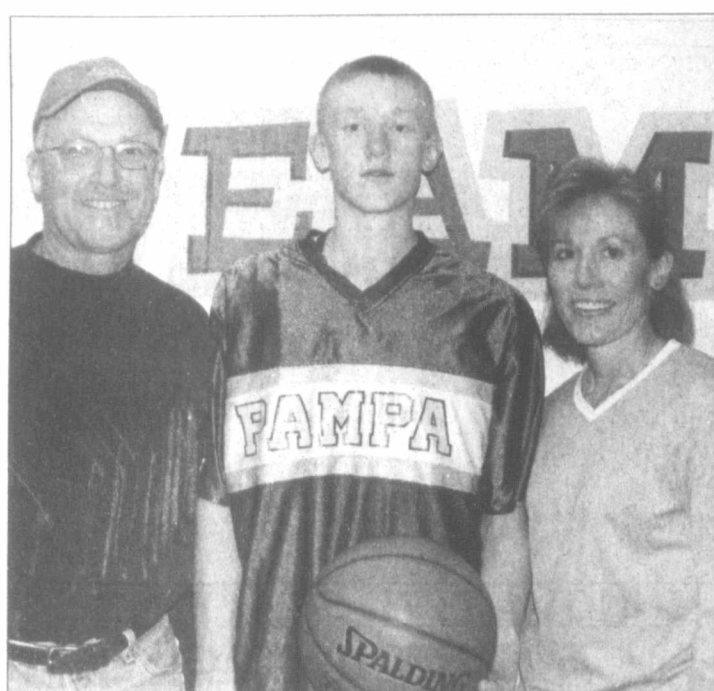
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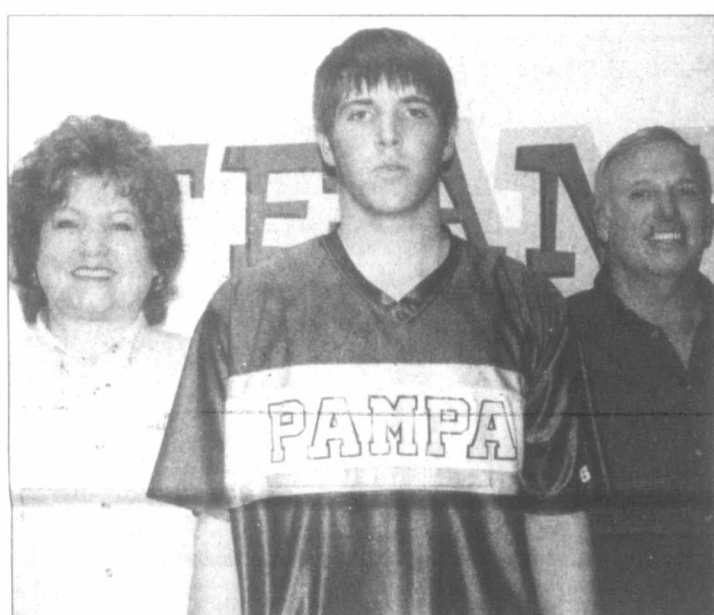
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Varsity spotlight



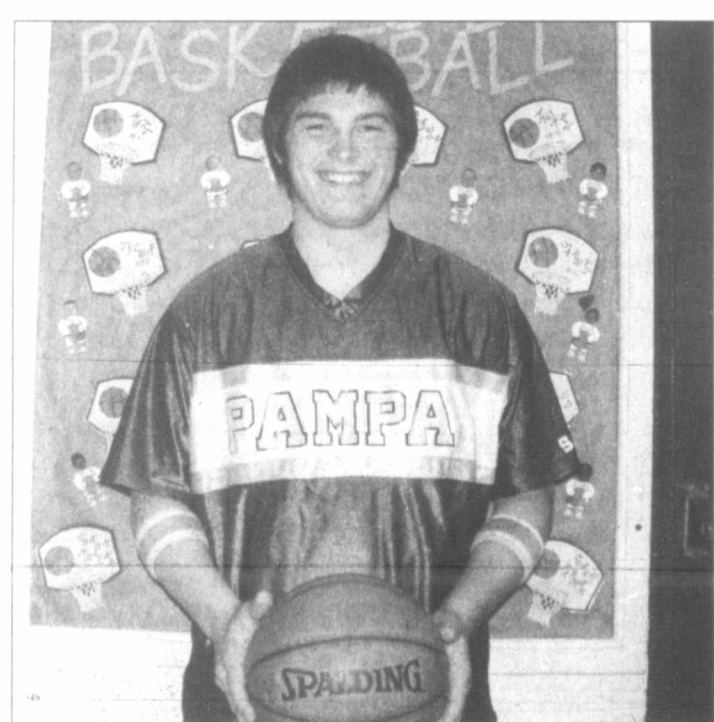
Tyler Hall, guard

Height: 6'2"
Weight: 155 lbs.
Grade: Junior
Parents: Terry & Kitty
Activities: Basketball
Interests: Basketball



Bradley Johnson, post

Height: 6'11"
Weight: 185 lbs.
Grade: Junior
Parents: Jody & Vicki
Activities: Football, basketball, baseball, Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ
Interests: Hunting, fishing, water/snow skiing



Eric Kingcade, F/P

Height: 6'0"
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Parents: Ricky & Tammy
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Interests: Hanging out with friends, playing Nintendo, playing sports

8th grade teams take two from Westover Warriors

The PJHS 8th grade teams defeated an always tough Westover Warrior bunch Thursday, with the Green Team winning 53-41, and the Gold Team surviving a 38-36 shoot out. Alex Clendenning and Ryan Jimenez led the way for the Gold Team. Jesse Jimenez did the same for the Green. The 7th grade teams lost to the Warriors Thursday. Pampa Junior High was scheduled to face off against Hereford Monday.

Lady Harvesters host Hereford

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Varsity
"I have always believed in this team...that they can do great things. They just have to play to win and not play a game trying not to lose." Lady Harvesters head coach Troy Fry shared those thoughts with Sports Day earlier today as he and his team get ready to welcome Hereford to The Pit tonight.

What Fry is speaking about is the awesome performance by his team Friday against a heavily favored Palo Duro squad. Despite the close loss, Fry says his team now knows it can play with anyone. Moreover, they know they are fully capable of defeating anyone. Confidence is a great thing to have, especially in District 3-4A.

Pampa (8-14, 0-1) will host a Lady Whiteface team (8-10, 1-0) that is coming off a low-scoring district opener against Dumas (39-29). Hereford may not be as strong as they have been in the past, but there is something about the district season that brings out the best in everyone.

What does Fry expect to see from tonight's opponent? "We have to be ready for a possible box-and-1 against Britteni (Rice). I figure they will try to shut her down tonight." Rice is one of District 3-4A's top scorers.

Other than that, Fry says the game plan for tonight is "to shut down their inside game and control the tempo."

The bench could see some playing time tonight, though Fry says he will likely not do anything different in preparation for Randall, who the Lady Harvesters face on the road

Friday. "I probably will not try anything different tonight in preparing for Randall," said Fry. "We first have to concentrate on Hereford and not let our guard down tonight."

Game time tonight is 7:30.

Tonight's game can be heard on 1230 AM KGRO and on the Web at www.cetramedia.com.

Junior Varsity
Coach Janyth Bowers says her team left Friday's loss at Palo Duro behind as soon as they left the Lady Dons' gym. Pampa is ready to host the Lady Whitefaces tonight in what should be a very competitive and exciting matchup.

The Lady Harvesters met Hereford in November at the Amarillo JV Tournament and lost to them by a single point. Bowers says her girls were a little fatigued having played that game with little more than an hour's rest. "With fresh legs, we should play a good ball game tonight," she said.

The key to a win tonight is execution, Bowers said. "We have got to execute correctly and not throw the ball away. That is one of our biggest problems."

Tonight Bowers says the plan is to play Pampa's game and not get rattled.

Missing in action for the Lady Harvesters of late is Sara Foster, who has been under the weather. "She will play some tonight, but she is not at full force," said Bowers.

What is Coach Bowers hoping to take away from tonight's game? "A victory, of course. But most of all, a well executed game. These girls need to know that they can beat district teams. They are capable."

Tonight's game will begin at 6.

Leal goes 8-0 at Rumble; Burns pins four, now 10-1

Here are the results from the 2006 Hereford Rumble held Jan. 6-7 in Hereford.

Pampa wrestlers:

103—Richard Leal went 8-0 and pinned seven of his eight opponents. Leal won one of three plaques for the most pins in the shortest amount of time. Leal improved to 16-5 for the season. Three of the 5 loses were matches above his weight class.

130—Jeremy Maxwell went 4-4 and wrestled extremely tough the entire weekend. His season record is now 12-12, a solid mark for the freshman.

135—Trevor Collins went 1-7 and wrestled a tough weight. He wrestled several state-caliber opponents. Says Pampa coach Josh Cadenhead, "Trevor is gaining confidence and is wrestling hard".

140—Jordan Eakin went 3-5 in his first tournament since his knee injury early in November. His record is now 3-7 as a freshman.

171—John Burns went 7-1 and wrestled really well after a tough loss his first match. Four of his seven wins were pins. John improved his record to 10-1.

189—Cody Wood went 7-1 on the weekend and really showed great toughness, pinning two wrestlers. Coach Cadenhead says Wood continues to improve each time he wrestles. Wood is now 10-6.

275—Jonathan Olsen went 3-5 this weekend, getting his first two wins of the season. One by a pin, the other by decision. Olsen is now 6-10 as a freshman.

Coach Cadenhead's Notes

"I am really pleased with the way we improved in the little areas of wrestling. We did not give up as many pins as we have in the past and we had several more matches last until the 3rd period."

Pampa is at Hereford tonight. Matches are set to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Pampa defeats Lady Rebels

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa 47, Tascosa 33

The Lady Harvesters freshman basketball team improved to 3-5 on the season following a solid performance at Tascosa Monday night.

Said Coach Troy Owens, "We played hard and caused some turnovers." He added, "We had some trouble against the zone but I think we learned and the team will get better."

Leading the way for Pampa was Destiny Fitzer, who scored 11 points and grabbed six rebounds.

"We saw a different kind of press break that the team had to learn to defend on the spot and they responded," boasted Owens. "Each game they continue to improve."

Pampa plays again at home when they host Amarillo High Saturday at 10 a.m.

Stats from Monday night

	Points	Rebounds
Destiny Fitzer	11	6
Holly Winegeart	9	4
Jessica Miner	8	2
Kara Lane	4	2
Keisha Crowell	6	4
Diana Mechelay	3	1
KAMie Doughty	2	2
Karlie Novian	2	1
Alex Hutto	2	1
Carley Richardson	0	2

Scholarship surprise



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Former Pampa Harvester Zack Cobb was awarded the Dennis Cavalier Memorial Scholarship in a surprise presentation following the Lady Harvesters game at Palo Duro Friday. Pictured are (left to right) Tony Cavalier, Abby Cavalier, Scott Lewis, Cobb, Kathy Cavalier, Heath Parker and Andy Cavalier. Cobb attends West Texas State University where he is an Agriculture Business major. He is also a member of the rodeo team. Cobb was a member of Coach Cavalier's last football team and truly exemplifies Coach Cav's motto of "Win without bragging, lose without excuses."

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006: Be willing to bend and not be rigid this year. Often, you cause yourself trouble when you don't adjust. The more you process internally, the happier you and others will be. Your work ethic is unquestionable and could bring results you would like. Use caution with investments. You could be vulnerable to hare-brained schemes. In fact, you can have a very successful year if you use Capricorn caution. The only person who can stop you is you. Broaden your horizons, and make new friends. If you are single, someone new and exciting could easily enter your life. If you are attached, your relationship will gain through spending more quality time together. Nurture your sweetie more. GEMINI works well with you.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Talk about your dreams, and you'll have a strong chance of making those wishes realities. Review a personal matter with an eye to success. Your magic touch makes a difference. Flex with others. Power plays could overwhelm you. Tonight: Favorite spot, favorite people. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) **** Deal with your finances directly and don't allow others to take charge. You need to be responsible for what comes down your path. Someone might be trying to get you to do what he or she wants. Vagueness could cause a hassle. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

***** You are full of energy and personality. You are inspired by others, and they by you. Be willing to break through your barriers. Think independently and get past rigid thinking. You are more lively than you have been in a while. Tonight: Avoid a power play. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ** Know when to cut back. You could be overtired. Listen to others and focus on what you must. Your ability to understand others might have you too busy helping those around you. Put yourself first. Tonight: Vanish. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You work best with others, where you naturally score a success. You know what you want. Don't let a tendency to risk too much stop you from achieving your goals. A child or new friend could be touchy. Tonight: Play it conservatively. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Take charge and follow through on what counts. You might not be completely happy with someone you look up to. You might want to pull back or do something differently. You have a good sense of direction when you follow your sixth sense. Tonight: In the limelight. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Detach and gain an overview. Seek out other opinions. Your ability to work through a problem could cause pressure. Many seek you out. You need to think of yourself first. Screen calls and visitors, if need be. Tonight: Plans could change quickly. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** You have an edge over others in that you have strong support. You might be confused by a personal situation. Talk to a key person directly. Touch base with friends and associates. Tonight: Discuss

a problem rather than become controlling. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You have the ability to stop causing yourself so many problems. Are you aware of how challenging you are? Instead of making assumptions, hold up a mirror. Avoid a game by not playing. Tonight: Let someone else choose. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Revamp your thinking, and you will be a lot happier. Know when to avoid a difficult situation. You will find that your perspective can and will make all the difference. Focus on where you'll have an impact. Tonight: Get advice from someone in the know. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your ability to devise solutions comes to the forefront and could prevent a difficult situation. A friend pushes the limits. You have answers. Don't get into a power play. Work through a problem. Tonight: Fun and games. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Make your family your highest priority. You need to listen to your sixth sense. You might not be as sure of yourself as before. You might be pushing your luck without realizing it. Get back to the basics. Tonight: Head home.

BORN TODAY Singer Naomi Judd, (1946), actor Rod Taylor (1930), first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury Alexander Hamilton (1757)

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Kiwanis meeting



During a recent Pampa Kiwanis Club meeting, County Judge Richard Peet and County Clerk Susan Winborne demonstrated how to use the county's new electronic voting machines. Paper ballots will also be available at this year's elections.

Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH

People in the news ...

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Matthew Broderick had a request for people strolling the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

"Please remember to curb your dogs when you are walking in this area," Broderick said as he and Broadway buddy Nathan Lane received their stars on Monday in a dual ceremony.

The two actors are currently starring in "The Odd Couple" on

Broadway after appearing in the stage and screen versions of "The Producers."

"It's a joy to feel like part of a tradition in such a showbiz town," Broderick said. He thanked Lane for "acting so well with me."

Lane said he was "truly touched, and it's a great honor, and thank you all for coming."

Broderick's wife, Sarah Jessica Parker, attended the unveiling

along with director Mel Brooks.

Brooks wrote the original film version of "The Producers" in 1968 then adapted it as a Broadway musical in 2001 and again for the current film.

"These men both publicly and privately have done so much for me," Brooks said. "Without Nathan Lane and Matthew Broderick I would be living in a little motel just around the corner here, trying to

make ends meet."

Lane received a Golden Globe nomination for his movie portrayal of producer Max Bialystock, a role that won him a Tony Award on Broadway in 2001.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Divorcing couple Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey are selling their famous "Newlyweds" home, Rob Shuter, Simpson's publicist, said

Monday.

The Calabasas house was featured on the hit MTV show "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica."

The Mediterranean-style house, which includes a screening room and music studio, is listed for \$3.75 million, People magazine reported.

Singer-actress Simpson, 25, filed for divorce last month from former "98 Degrees" star Lachey, 32.

2005

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tion to the Supreme Court.

All of these issues will be contended viciously in 2006, and the American people will render a verdict in November. Happily for the Republicans, Democratic ineptitude looks to be as formidable in 2006 as it did in 2005.

Here in Texas, the Republican-controlled state Legislature failed to solve the school finance crisis this year, but the courts threw out the current scheme and ordered the Legislature to devise a new one, or else. Here we go again. Texans will suffer a gubernatorial race in which the legislative sins of '05 will play out endlessly, with Tom DeLay and Ronnie Earle thrown in to boot.

Did we mention that meteorologists predict a busy hurricane season for '06? Would you rather we didn't?

There is one 2005 issue we can definitively put behind us tonight. Dallas voters drove a stake through the heart of strong-mayor. We're going to have the current form of government with us for a long time. Bottoms up, folks we've got a long year ahead.

Hype

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figure jumps to \$43,923. It takes time for learning, hard work and saving to bear fruit." The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas report listed a few no-brainer behaviors consistent with upward income mobility. Households in the top income bracket have 2.1 workers; those in the bottom have 0.6 workers. In the lowest income bracket, 84 percent worked part-time; in the highest income bracket, 80 percent worked full-time. That translates into: Get a full-time job.

Only 7 percent of top income earners live in a "nonfamily" household compared to 37 percent of the bottom income category. Translation: Get married. At the time of the study, the unemployment rate in McAllen, Texas, was 17.5 percent, while in Austin, Texas, it was 3.5 percent. Translation: If you can't find a job in one locality, move to where there are jobs.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas report concludes, "Little on this list should come as a surprise. Taken as a whole, it's what most Americans have been told since they were kids — by society, by their parents, by their teachers."

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

This Week: Ben Franklin

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Happy Birthday, Ben Franklin!

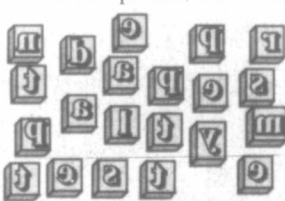
Inventor, writer and patriot Benjamin Franklin was born on January 7, 1706. How old would Ben be if he were still alive today?

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The Boy Who Loved to Read

Because of Ben's love of reading, Benjamin Franklin's father _____ e _____ ic _____ Ben to his brother James, who was a printer. At age 12, Ben helped his brother write _____ ph _____ and _____ p _____. After the pamphlets were completed, Ben would sell them in the streets.



Some of the blocks of type for Ben's printing press have fallen. Use the definitions of each word to replace the missing letters. The letters look backwards because they work like rubber stamps. Hold them up to a mirror if you're stuck.

pamphlet — a thin book with a paper cover, written to give information on a topic

typeset — to put letters mounted on wood or metal into the right order to make words and sentences for printing

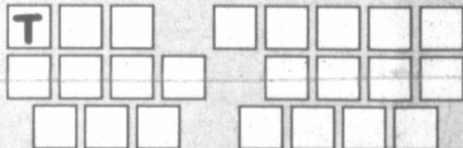
apprenticed — to be placed in a job working for someone else to learn that person's craft or skill

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level words correctly.

Poor Richard's Almanack

In 1733 Ben started publishing **Poor Richard's Almanack**. At that time almanacs were books printed every year that contained things like weather reports and recipes. Franklin published his almanac under the name Richard Saunders, a poor man who needed money to take care of his wife. Franklin's lively writing style made his almanac a little different from others and it soon became very popular.

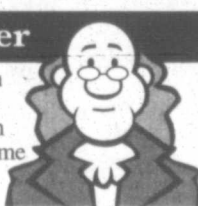
In the almanac Ben Franklin wrote one-sentence hints to tell people how to live better. These are called **proverbs**. One of his proverbs is hidden in the border. To read it, start with the starred letter and copy every fourth letter as you move around the box clockwise. (We did the first one for you.)



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Ben's Own Newspaper

When Ben was 23, he bought his own newspaper. In addition to printing the paper, Franklin also wrote for it, often using other names. His paper soon became the most successful in the colonies.



Do the math to discover the name of Ben's newspaper. Puzzle solution available at www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html

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24 - 8 = A	21 - 10 = L	17 - 13 = T									
23 - 6 = E	16 - 7 = N	29 + 4 = V									
15 - 7 = G	7 + 8 = P	13 + 8 = Y									
16 + 7 = I	8 + 5 = S	25 - 7 = Z									

Standards Link: Math/Number Sense: Solve addition and subtraction problems.

Double Double Word Search

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

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DOGOOD GAZETTE ALMANACK ADVICE METAL PAPER WOOD PRINT NEWS BOSTON ENGLAND LOCAL JOB	B O J B O S T O N B C D M B W R A E E K W O N E I E L N T C L O N K T P J G T A O G O N A A R L E N C O F D M P L A Z A A D V I C E N N A M L T N I R P E D G L B N I L K N A R F A
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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skin and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Letter to the Editor

Ben Franklin wrote for newspapers as a way to share his opinions with others. Today, you can do the same thing by writing a letter to the editor of this newspaper. Write a letter about what concerns and interests you. Send it to the editor.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write letters.

Write On! Sayings

Finish the following Ben Franklin sayings:
Early to bed, early to rise makes a man ...
Fish and visitors ...
A penny saved is ...

Ben and Boston's First Local Newspaper

When Ben was 15, his brother James started a newspaper called **The New England Courant** which published local news, advertisements and opinions.

Ben wanted to write for the newspaper, but James wouldn't let him. So Ben began writing letters to the newspaper and signed them **Silence Dogood**. Dogood was supposed to be a widow whose letters were filled with advice and criticism of how women were treated. Late at night, Ben slipped the letters under the print shop door. Readers loved the letters and finally, after 16 letters, Ben confessed that he was Dogood.

Standards Link: History: Students understand the people of the historical era they are studying.



Find the differences between these two pictures.



Ben's ABCs

Look through today's newspaper for five or more words that describe Ben Franklin. Use these words to write a paragraph about this famous American.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write a descriptive paragraph about a person.

M A L U R E F R O R U L W I R D E X W A H T V P T B L I S G P O

Timeline Challenge

Put the events in Ben Franklin's youth where they belong on the timeline by drawing a line from each event to the year in which it occurred. Use the information on this page to help you.

1706 Ben Franklin is apprenticed into his brother's print shop.

1718 Ben Franklin begins publishing Poor Richard's Almanack, which becomes very popular.

1721 Ben buys and writes for his own newspaper.

Ben Franklin born on January 7.

1729 Ben writes the Silence Dogood letters.

1733

Standards Link: History/Social Studies: Students place events on a timeline.

What a Character! Humor is ...



... making people laugh by pointing out the silly thing in our daily lives.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **PROVERB**
The noun proverb means a short saying that offers wisdom or a truth. "Waste not, want not" is a famous Ben Franklin proverb.
Try to use the word proverb in a sentence today.