

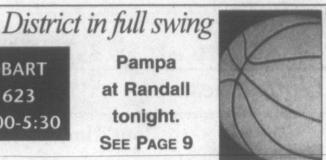
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New Pampa EDC board holds its first meeting

BV DENNIS SPIES Editor

Development Corp. held its first meeting Thursday in city commission chambers at City Hall.

Ken May was elected temporary chairman and Kathy Cota was named temporary secretary.

The panel, Gary Sutherland, Shawn Clifton, Bill Berry, Dwight Fiveash, James Bradley, May and

Cota were all present.

Also attending were Don Lane, The new Pampa Economic city attorney; Phyllis Jeffers, city secretary; and John Horst, city man-

The group reviewed the 4B development corporation act and the by-

A minute book and related documents were voted on and a corporation seal was adopted.

Fiveash, president; May, vice president; Cota, secretary; Clifton, treasurer; Bradley, assistant secretary; and Berry, assistant treasurer.

The group discussed the Texas Open Meetings Act and will undergo training in the act after its next meeting on Jan. 27.

Although the next meeting is on a Friday, future meeting after that are

Officers elected for 2006 were scheduled to be on the second Thursday of each month.

Meetings will be held at 10 a.m. in city commission chambers.

Cota said for about the first four months, the board will plan to meet twice a month to get started and then settle into the once a month plan.

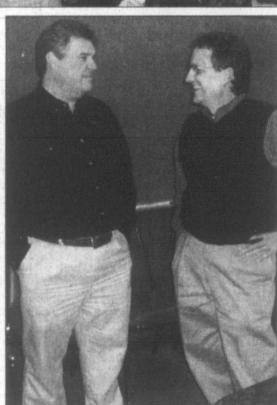
She said the group would vote on the bylaws at its next meeting.

Stepping down



by DENNIS SPIES

A farewell reception was held Thursday for Clay Rice, who is stepping down as head of the Chamber of Commerce. Shown above are, from left, Charles Henry, Pat Bagley, Beth Rice, Clay Rice, Kathy Cota and Duane Harp. At left, Cota pours punch for guests. At right, Rice and Mayor Robbins Lonny share some thoughts.



Amber Alert **Awareness** Day is today

Amber Alert, the initiative created by the U.S. Department of Justice to help recover children who have been abducted, is recognized today as National Amber Alert Awareness Day by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Amber Alert system went into effect statewide in August 2002 and was meant to augment, and not replace, local and regional plans. It was first used successfully in Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex.

DPS said the network is a massive cooperative effort involving DPS, the governor's office, the National Weather Service, Department Transportation, law enforcement; the media, Texas Association of Broadcasters, Independent Bankers Association of Texas, Texas Lottery Commission, U.S. Border Customs and Protection, the FBI, BeyondMissing.com, and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

The National Center for and Exploited Missing Children (www.missingkids.com), in conjunction with the wireless industry, provides a service that allows the general public to sign up to receive Amber Alerts via

See AMBER, Page 3

JP Martinez announces for re-election

By DENNIS SPIES Editor

Joe Martinez, justice of the peace for precincts 3 and 4, has announced his intent to seek re-election.

Martinez was appointed by Gray County Commissioners in March 2001 to fill the unexpired term of Bob Muns from a slate of eight candidates. He took office April 2, 2001.

Martinez, a Republican, grew up in an Army family and lived in various places. After college, he said his first job was with a consumer finance company. After four moves in four years, he ended up in Pampa in 1980.

"In 1981, my opportunity in banking appeared," he said. "A banking career

was a goal of mine since college. I worked in banking with First National Bank and through the mergers with Boatmen's and NationsBank." He then moved to National Bank of Commerce.

When commissioners picked him as justice of the peace, that ended his banking career.

"Since I have taken office, I have taken all scheduled training required by state statue for justice court judges," he said. "I had served as Pampa's Municipal Court judge for two years from 2002 to 2004."

The qualities Martinez demonstrates are the people skills developed over the 20 years in the banking industry.

"Those skills are instrumental in

treating all people who come in contact with the court with dignity," he said. "My command of the Spanish language helps our Hispanic brethren access the court. The understanding from the justice court training along with the experience developed in my time in office has given me a repertoire to deal appropriately with the issues brought to the court.'

Martinez said he has held a fascination for the law from an early age, and has developed proficiency in judicial matters, rules, and procedures.

He said he intends to balance the justice court duties in an efficient manner

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Martinez

JANUARY CHAMBER LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 17 ••• 11:45AM ••• MK Brown Room of the Pampa Community Building ••• \$8.00 Per Person Speaker: Ken May, Site Director for Celanese Chemicals-Pampa Plant *** Catered by Texas Rose Steakhouse Sponsored by Centramedia *** For Reservations Call 669-3241 *** Everyone Is Invited

Tony Timmons, 75

LEFORS, Texas — Tony Timmons, 75, of Lefors, died Jan. 11, 2006, at Lefors. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Lefors with the Rev. Rick Timmons, son and pastor

of the Central Baptist Church of Canadian, the Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist pastor, and the Rev. Earl Maddox, retired Baptist pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Timmons was born March 9, 1930, in Hale Center. He had been a resident of the Gray County area since 1944. He married Eva Joyce Morgan on Jan. 6, 1950, in

He worked for Coltexo Gas Plant as a repairman, retiring in 1995 after 46 years of

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Lefors. He was a former member

of the Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa where he taught young people for over 40 years and served as music director for 25

He was a member of the Lefors Independent School District Board for 14

The family would like to give special thanks to the Texas Senior Care nurses, aides and caregivers.

Survivors include his wife, Eva Joyce Timmons, of the home; one daughter, Lea Ann Cochran and husband Ted of Pampa; one son, Rick Lee Timmons and wife Sherry of Canadian; one brother, Charles Timmons of White Deer; four grandsons, Eric Cochran, Jason Cochran, Brad Timmons and Jarrod Timmons; one granddaughter, Erica Cochran; and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Tim Timmons and Myrtle Timmons; and two brothers, Norman Ray Timmons and Robert Noble Timmons.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, 315 E. 4th, Lefors, TX

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

She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary,

Survivors include one daughter, Barbara

the Pythian Sisters, the Moose Lodge and

Franklin of League City; one son, Wesley

James Totty of Alvin; one sister, Ima Jean

Adams of Pampa; six grandchildren; and

She was preceded in death by her husband

on July 14, 2004, by three sisters, Virginia

Apalone Davis, Quanah Jane Goodwin and

Dorothy Seal; and two brothers, Clarence

Fellowship Baptist Church.

numerous great-grandchildren.

Upton and Donald Ray Upton.

www.carmichael-whatley.com

Mildred F. Darby Kingham Moon, 69 Mildred F. Darby Kingham Moon, 69, of Pampa to live with her sister. She was retired

Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 9, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 13,

2006, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with

the Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the

Carpenter's Church, officiating. Burial will in Memory Cemetery Gardens under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley

Funeral Directors. Mrs. Moon was born April 27, 1936, in Sayre, Okla., on the Beckham County Indian Reservation, to William G. and Willie

B. Darby. She lived part of her life in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School in

Moon

She married and moved to Las Vegas,

Nev., for several years before returning to

Christian of Pampa; one brother, William J. (Junior) Darby of Konawa, Okla.; two grandchildren, Ashley Jobe and Allen Jobe,

from the Las Vegas Culinary Union.

Survivors include one daughter, Melodie

Jobe-Dosch and husband Travis Dosch of

Beaverton, Ore.; one son, Robert Kingham

of San Diego, Calif.; one sister, Geraldean

both of Beaverton, Ore.; and several nieces and nephews including nephew, Greg Darby and wife Debbie of Pampa. She was preceded in death by her parents; end

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two brothers, B.R. Darby and Leon Darby; and a sister, Joe Gean McBride.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey HealthCare, The Atrium at Coulter Ridge, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106; or the Carpenter's Church, 639 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Edith Joann Mann, 67

Edith Joann Mann, 67, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Mann was born Aug. 10, 1938 in Monahans. She has been a resident of Pampa since 1968. She married Fred Mann Jr. on Oct. 1, 1954, in Carlsbad, N.M. She worked for the S&H Green Stamp Store as manager for several years. She also worked for several

area hospitals and home health agencies as a home health aide. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church. She will be greatly missed by numerous family members and friends. She was known for a big heart for people in need and for her love for her family.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Mann Jr. of the home; one daughter, Linda Shouse and husband Chris of Pampa; one son, Harold Mann and wife Trudi of Bulverde; one brother, Raymond Swaney and wife Nancy of Lefors; one sister, Kathy Davis and husband Kevin of Beckville; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Freddy Mann in 1984, a brother, Jerry Swaney in 1999, her father, Harold Swaney in 1987 and her mother, Helen Swaney in

-Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com



Mann

Gary E. Blodgett, 61

Gary E. Blodgett, 61, died Thursday, Jan. Pistol Club. 12, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Blodgett was born Nov. 5, 1944, in Childress. He had been a resident of Pampa for 17 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War.

He married Terry Morris on Dec. 3, 1988, in Pampa. He was a member of the National Rifle Association and the Pampa Rifle and

Survivors include his wife, Terry Blodgett of the home; two daughters, Michelle Blodgett of the home and Crystal Phares of Amarillo; one son, Steven Blodgett of Holiday, Fla.; his mother, Frankie Blodgett of Childress; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176. -Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Services tomorrow

DURSO, Anthony M. — Memorial Mass, 11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church,

TIMMONS, Tony — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Lefors.

TOTTY, Drucilla — Graveside services 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa. **ALEXANDER,** Irene V. — 2 p.m. Beckwith Mortuary Chapel, Larned, Kan.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Wind chill values between 17 and 27 early. North-northwest wind

between 5 and 15 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 28. Wind chill values between 20 and 25. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 65. Wind chill values between 17 and 24 early. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35

mph. Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 37. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy,

with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. West-southwest between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Monday: A slight chance of snow showers, mixing with rain after 10 a.m.

Drucilla Totty, 84 for Marie Foundations as a seamstress for

six years.

Drucilla Totty, 84, died Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, at Nassau Bay, Texas. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Pastor Doug Hixson Cornerstone Baptist

Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Totty was Totty born Oct. 25, 1921, in

Healthcare Center.

Lunsford Norall. She

had been a Larned res-

ident since 1983, mov-

Neb. She was a home-

She was a member of the First Baptist

Church of Larned and

Alexander at North

On July 4, 1930, she

married Ralph E. Alexander

Platte, Neb. He died May 25, 1982.

was a Craft Lady

maker.

from Kearney,

Ada, Okla. She married E.W. Totty on Oct. 17, 1941, in Memphis, Texas. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1948. She worked

LARNED, Kan. — Irene V. Alexander,

She was born Jan. 3, 1909, in Overton.

97, died, Jan. 12, 2006, at the Larned

Neb., the daughter of Fred and Lula

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176. -Sign the online register book at

Irene V. Alexander, 97 Larned, Joan and husband Ronald Bagley of St. Mary's, Ga., Judy and husband George

> dren; 33; and 16 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia Moore; a brother, Gerald Norall; and a sister, Laberta Hiscock.

> Lookhart of Manhattan, Kan.; 22 grandchil-

The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. John Hester presiding. Visitation will be from 9 a.m to 8 p.m. today and until service time Saturday at the Beckwith Mortuary.

Burial will be in Kearney Cemetery at Kearney Neb., on Tuesday Jan. 17, 2006, at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Kevin Holloway presid-

Memorials may be sent to the First Baptist Church of Larned in care of the Beckwith Mortuary, P.O. Box 477, Larned, KS 67550. This notice may be viewed and condolences may be sent to www.beckwithmortuary.com.

wife Maudie of Lefors, Texas; three daughters, Gwen and the late Vurn Walter of

Edgar Calzada Jr. Edgar Calzada Jr., infant, died

Survivors include a son, Ralph D., and

Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2006, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Survivors include his parents, Edgar Calzada Sr., and Angelica Crispin of Pampa; grandparents, Jose and Mary Crispin of Pampa, and Elvira Santoya Garcia and

Apollonio Calzada, both of Juarez, Mexico; and great-grandparents, Elvira Munoz of Durango, Mexico, Epifania Garcia of Shamrock and Martina Juana Rodriguez of

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with a high near 67. Windy, Wildfires destroy 20 homes in Oklah

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Grass fires driven by high winds destroyed at least 20 homes and forced hundreds of evacuations in Oklahoma, which remained extremely dry despite snowfall earlier in the week.

The worst fires raged in southern Oklahoma near Ratliff City after burning through the homes overnight and west of Marlow, said Michelle Finch, fire information officer for the Oklahoma Forestry Department.

Firefighters were counting on four aircraft dropping fire retardant on the area Friday morning.

"We plan to put up air support again at first light and try to get a handle on it," Finch said, "and we'll rotate other firefighters in to give those who've been there a chance to rest.' As many as 18,406 acres burned

statewide on Thursday and at least 11 fires were reported, said Cliff Eppler, an information officer for the state's fire response center. There were no reports of injuries, officials said.

In a group of towns about an hour's drive south of Oklahoma City, authori-

ties evacuated more than 750 homes in Tatums, Fox, Clemscott and Graham, sending residents who needed shelters to gymnasiums in neighboring towns, officials said. Windy conditions were contributing to the spread of the fires, and shifting winds increased the dan-

"The conditions in Oklahoma now are so extremely dry it's hard for me to believe that anybody would not be aware of it," said fire information officer Richard Reuse.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

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Thirteen traffic stops were made. A traffic stop in the 800 block of East Gray resulted in an arrest for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of North Price Road and an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, an unreported location and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

An animal complaint was received in the police department lobby.

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

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of North Ballard, the 2200 block of North Nelson and the 200 block of West Albert.

Information on a runaway department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received twice from the 1500 block of North Hobart. Silent/abusive 911 calls

were received twice from the 1100 block of South Dwight. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of

Twiford. Harassment was reported in the 300 block of Henry.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of Seneca and twice in the police department lobby.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

was reported in the 1000 block of Twiford. No injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of West Brown.

Sexual assault was report- and Hobart. ed in the 1200 block of East 6:10 p.m. – Five units and Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee and the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Violation of a city ordi-

nance was reported in the police department lobby.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 400 block of West Buckler.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill, the 1300 block of West Kentucky and twice in the police department lobby.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Jan. 12

Lori Beth White, 38, Pampa, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on Taylor County warrants for forgery and bond surrenders for theft by check, two counts of possession of methamphetamine and four counts of theft.

Bryan Edward White, 37, Pampa, was arrested by PPD on warrants for theft over \$20 and under \$500 by check and six counts of issuing a bad check.

Kylie Winegeart, 18, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines was given in the police for failure to attend school and failure to appear.

Clayree Busse, 39, Pampa, was arrested by GCSO for displaying expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Misty Moman, 22, Pampa, was arrested by PPD in the 800 block of Denver for simple assault, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no seat belt/driver and theft under \$50.

Mary Ann Black, 44, Pampa, was arrested by PPD in the 800 block of North Gray for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Fire

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

Thursday, Jan. 12 6:10 p.m. – One unit and three personnel responded to a vehicle accident at 19th

14 personnel responded to structure fires in the Cole

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 12 7:31 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Crane. No trans-

2:20 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

6:14 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:06 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to County Road D on a fire standby. No transport.

8:55 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital. Unknown time.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 9 p.m. — A 2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse Spyder GS-T, driven by Justin Robert Holman, 19, 13149 U.S. Highway 60, Miami, made a left turn onto the 400 block of East 29th from the 2700 block of Beech. He then turned into the alley between the 2700 blocks of Aspen and Beech, lost control, and rolled the vehicle onto its roof. No injuries were reported. Holman was cited for no insurance, and arrested for reckless driving.

Thursday, Jan. 12 6:12 p.m. — A 1999 Jeep Cherokee, driven by Rita Isela Espino, 28, 501 Sloan, and a 1995 Ford F-350, driven by Henry Holland Kaker, 61, Miami, collided at the intersection of West 19th and Hobart streets. Linda Kaker, 59, Miami, a passenger in Kaker's vehicle, was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with possible injuries. Espino was cited for failure to yield right of

way at a stop sign.

istration degree. He has been married to his wife Lori for 29 years. They have two daughters, Aimee and Amanda, and grandchildren,

Paso with a business admin-

Chainee, and Trey. He is a Vietnam era veteran, having served in the U.S. Air Force from 1967 to 1971. He joined the Army National Guard in 1977 and retired in 2003.

Martinez

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and will focus on integrity when discerning decisions the court must make. He said he wants to con-

which for him is a vocation. His civic endeavors include serving on the Genesis House board as secretary, Friends of the

de Paul Catholic School board, treasurer of the W. Gayden Memorial Foundation for the benefit of Catholic education, is on the local Emergency Planning Committee, is treasurer of Pampa Armory Reunion, a tinue to serve the public, member of the National Guard Association of Texas, and is a member of Knights

Library board, St. Vincent

of Columbus. Martinez is a graduate of University of Texas at El

DPS said if your child is missing, call the local law enforcement agency to file a missing persons report and be prepared to provide authorities with a recent photo of the child, a detailed description of what any other identifying infor-

Federal public service

plate information.

Amber

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text messages on their wireless telephones by viswww.wirelessamiting beralerts.org.

Since the Texas Amber Alert Network was created in 2002, DPS has issued 19 state-involved Amber Alerts, and 22 children who were featured in Amber Alerts have been safely recovered.

But the DPS said that the majority of requests made by local police agencies for state-involved Amber Alerts are declined because they do not meet the following state criteria:

· The abducted child must be 17 or younger.

· The local law enforcement agency must believe that the child has been unwillingly taken from their environment without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian or by the child's parent or legal guardian who commits an act of murder or attempted murder during the time of the abduction.

· The local law enforcement agency confirms that an investigation has taken place that verifies the abduction of the child and has eliminated alternative explanations for the missing

 The child is believed to be in danger of serious bodily harm or death.

• There is sufficient information available to give to the public about the child, the abductor or the suspect's

the child was wearing, and mation, such as a vehicle description and license

announcements regarding the Amber Alert program can be found on the U.S. Department of Justice Web http://www.amberalert.gov/

Man arrested for marijuana possession

McLEAN - A man was arrested Wednesday when Department of Public Safety troopers found marijuana in

his car aftera traffic stop.

Toyota Camry traveling eastbound on I-40 for a traffic violation. Consent to search of Eugene, Ore., was arrestwas given and 15 pounds of ed and booked into Gray hydroponic marijuana was Troopers stopped a 2006 found hidden in the driver's

Randall Wayne Cox, 36, County Jail.



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Viewpoints

Republican Party needs to reform itself

brag that they are the party of Ronald Reagan and are dedicated to the policies and principles for which my dad stood, but they are acting more like members of the party of Lyndon Johnson.

Panicked by the potential of the growing Abramoff scandal which threatens to ensnare a multitude of memof Congress, Republicans are running around scattering contributions from the lobbyist and his clients in all directions in an effort to show how much they abhor even the appearance of having taken from them what now may be tainted funds.

They simply cannot

Republicans may like to understand that the problem for you." Dad picked up the Republicans, those vaunted The bill included more than is not with Abramoff and other lobbyists having bought access with their clients' money, but with themselves because of their shameful lack of integrity.

> They talk about reforming the system when if they really want true reform they will start by reforming themselves. If they want to be like Ronald Reagan they need to start acting like Ronald Reagan.

When my dad was first running for governor of California a very wealthy friend and supporter asked him to drop by his office. When my dad got there the friend pointed to a paper bag on his desk and said, "This is

bag and looked into it – there was \$40,000 in cash inside.

He took the bag and threw it at his friend and walked

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

out. Later he told the man that if he wanted to make a contribution he should send it to

the campaign committee. And he warned him never to do anything like that again. He ended by telling the man that if he was elected governor the man should never even think about asking him for anything.

champions of fiscal integrity and honesty in government, showed just how they are dedicated to my dad's princi-

> greedily looting the federal budget of billions of dollars to fund their pet projects

and keep the voters back home happy and in a mood to re-elect them.

In July 2005, Congress passed a massive \$286.5 billion transportation bill to fund our nation's highways That's called integrity, needs for the next six years. leadership were promised

\$24 billion in special earmark projects for members of Congress.

One of the most influential figures in Washington spelled it out for me recently. And what he described in talking about the passage of that bill loaded with billions upon billions of taxpayer's dollars bordered on the crim-

When the transportation bill was being marked up, the bill's supporters in the leadership promised to every member of Congress that they would each be allotted \$14 million in free earmarks if they would vote for the and federal transportation legislation. Members of the

something in the neighborhood of \$40 million. Added to projects already in the bill, and even with some members not taking the deal, the bill came to a total of 6,300 earmarked projects costing the taxpayers \$24 billion.

This is a clear case of bribery. The people being bribed were members of Congress. The people making the bribes were members of Congress. Congressmen bribing congressmen.

Jack Abramoff was a piker.

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

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 2006. There are 352 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 13, 1794, President Washington approved a measure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to the original 13.)

In 1893, Britain's Independent Labor Party (a precursor to

On this date: In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in New York.

The whole secret of life is to be interested in one thing profoundly and in a thousand things well."

— Horace Walpole Fourth Earl of Orford, English author (1717-1797)

Urban Development by President Johnson.

the current Labor Party) held its first meeting.

In 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Captain Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.

In 1941, novelist James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland.

In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles.

In 1966, Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed Secretary of Housing and

In 1976, Sarah Caldwell became the first woman to conduct at New York's Metropolitan Opera House as she led a performance of "La Traviata."

In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died

in Waverly, Minn., at age 66. In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington, D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff and fell into the

Potomac River, killing 78 people. In 1990, L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia became the nation's first elected black governor as he took the oath of office in Richmond.

Ten years ago: President Clinton paid a front-line visit to American forces in Bosnia, praising the troops as "warriors for peace." Nine Republican presidential hopefuls debated in Des Moines, Iowa, where front-runner Bob Dole and flat-tax champion Steve Forbes found themselves facing repeated, bristling criticism.

Five years ago: An earthquake measuring magnitude 7.6 struck El Salvador; more than 840 people were killed.

One year ago: Major League Baseball adopted a tougher steroid-testing program that suspended first-time offenders for 10 days and randomly tested players year-round.

Today's Birthdays: Country singer Liz Anderson is 76. Actress Frances Sternhagen is 76. Actor-director Charles Nelson Reilly is 75. Comedian Rip Taylor is 72. Actor Billy Gray is 68. Actor Richard Moll is 63.

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Civic cowardice is a pandemic today

The top education bureaucrat in Florida wants to pass students who can't meet the academic requirements. He says this is not social promotion. He's full of what one finds in a stable – and I don't mean horsehair.

The fear of flunking and being held back a year was a great motivator in my short academic career, especially in the early grades. Nothing struck more fear in us recruits in Army basic training than the threat of being recycled - forced to start basic all over again in a new company.

Why do education bureaucrats believe that you can strip teachers of every tool to motivate their students and expect the teachers to educate the little savages anyway? The answer, of course, is civic cowardice. Civic cowardice, especially on the part of education bureaucrats, is a pandemic in America today.

I spent several hours one

afternoon with a middleschool teacher as she poured out her frustration with the system. In her school, the rule said that if a student flunked one nine-week period and made a D the next, the D and F had to be "averaged" to a

D for the Charley semester. Reese Now here's the kicker. Columnist If the student flunked

both of the next nine-week periods and got an F for the semester, that F and his earlier D had to be "averaged" to D so he would pass for the year.

How long do you think it takes kids to figure out that they only have to make one D and then can ride free for the rest of the year? Not long, and the teacher said that as soon as the kids figured it out, then any hope of motivating them was gone. The tragedy and sin of social promotion is that it is aimed at those students who most need motivation and an education. Thus, the poorest kids from the most dysfunctional families are cheated out of an education just so the bureaucrats won't have to put up

My firstgrade teacher in a little Georgia school laid

with

complaints.

education when she said, "I teach, but you have to learn." Education is a twopart process. No matter how skilled the teacher, all the learning has to be done by the students. And learning is hard work. It involves memorization and drills and practice. There is no easy way to learn an academic subject. To argue that students shouldn't have to work hard in the classroom is as stupid

out the basic premises of

become a basketball star without practicing on the court.

The other damning aspect of social promotion is that it ignores the fact that education is cumulative and must be done in the proper sequence. A student who doesn't learn to read and to do basic arithmetic in the early grades will be frustrated for the rest of his time in school. How can you learn history if you can't read your textbook? You can't learn algebra if you don't know how to add, multiply, subtract and divide. You will never learn a second language without the ability to memorize. You will never learn English grammar without learning the parts of speech and diagraming sentences.

Education is a deadly serious business. I remember attending a parent-teacher

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 2 Fort Worth Star-Telegram on

Supreme Court uncertainties abound: When Justice Sandra Day O'Connor waves to Pasadena parade-goers today and then on Wednesday tosses the coin to determine whether the University of Texas or the University of Southern California kicks off at the Rose Bowl, she'll join former Chief Justice Earl Warren as the only high court members to serve as Tournament of Roses grand

marshals while still in office. Except that O'Connor presumably had planned to be long gone from the

term, six months ago, that she announced her plans to retire after 24 years. Factors including the death of then-Chief Justice William Rehnquist and nominee Harriet Miers' withdrawal under pressure combined to keep O'Connor in place four months into the 2005-2006 session.

Though the court has heard arguments in some of the most important cases of this term with O'Connor participating, whether she influences the outcomes will depend on how quickly the justices and the U.S. Senate work during January.

Opinions are in the works - on physician-assisted suicide in Oregon, on parental notification involving teenagers' abortions in New bench by now. It was at the end of last Hampshire, on military recruiters'

access to law schools that accept federal funds, as well as in almost two dozen other cases. But it's impossible to know which, if any, O'Connor is writing and which of those being composed by other justices will be issued before her successor is seated.

Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of appeals court Judge Samuel Alito are scheduled to open Jan. 9.

On that day, the justices hear a criminal case from Michigan. The petitioner argues that authorities shouldn't be able to prosecute him for having crack cocaine in his pockets because police who found the drugs didn't knock and announce themselves before raiding his

Stocking winner



Kathy Shipp was the lucky winner of a Christmas stocking giveaway from "Spoiled by Right," a local resale shop located at 302 W. Foster.

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home to execute a search warrant.

The Judiciary Committee is expected to forward Alito's nomination for a full Senate vote by the end of January, which falls during a long break in court hearings. That kind of timetable, if Alito is confirmed, could mean a new look when the justices return in mid-February.

But it could complicate their work. Cases for which O'Connor is the deciding vote might end up in a 4-4 tie, which lets a lower-court ruling stand. The court could set a case for re-argument, though, to provide a more definitive resolution with nine members voting. Roe vs. Wade, the volatile abortion case decided in 1973, was itself originally heard in December 1971 but was reargued in October 1972 after Rehnquist and Justice dinary treatment because he Lewis Powell replaced retirintended to wreak havoc

ment of O'Connor would end only one of the uncertainties of an already eventful term that opened with the seating of new Chief Justice John Roberts.

Before the Senate even votes on Alito, the justices could announce whether they'll wade into the increasingly complicated case of Jose Padilla and the profoundly important issues it raises about the scope of presidential power against U.S. citizens in wartime.

Padilla, a U.S. citizen with a criminal record, has been held in military custody for more than three and a half years as an enemy combat-

After the Bush administration won an appeals court ruling supporting the president's authority to continue holding Padilla indefinitely after his arrest at Chicago's O'Hare Airport, the Justice Department sought to transfer him to civilian custody. Despite its long insistence that Padilla required extraorernment abruptly decided to try him in criminal court on charges of conspiring to commit terrorist acts abroad.

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals balked at the shift. Now the Bush administration has told the Supreme Court that the lower court is interfering with the president's inherent powers to protect the nation. If the justices agree to

hear arguments in the case and they should — it would be the second time in two years that they have considered Constitution limits wartime president in pursuit of U.S. citizens.

It was in the case of Yaser Hamdi, a citizen captured in Afghanistan, that O'Connor wrote that "a state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens.

What's not at all clear is whether Alito, a former prosecutor and Reagan administration lawyer, shares that reading of the Constitution.

As though abortion regu- miss that one.

and religious freedom weren't enough to spice up the term, the court also plans to decide two politically charged cases. One involves the constitutionality of Vermont's strict limits on campaign contributions and spending. The other focuses on the legality of Texas' 2003 congressional redistricting map.

Four appeals challenging the Texas plan are set for argument March 1.

That's the day after the case most likely to bring out the voyeurs. Vickie Lynn Marshall vs. E. Pierce Marshall raises questions about federal court jurisdiction in estate disputes that also involve state probate court proceedings.

But Vickie Marshall also is known as attention hound Anna Nicole Smith. And this is the latest chapter in a vicious, soap-operatic fight with the son of the Texas billionaire she married when she was 26 and he was 89.

Here's betting O'Connor won't be sorry to

Reese

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association meeting at which a Pakistani gentleman complained bitterly that this expensive, well-furnished American school was far behind the shabby school in Pakistan his children had attended. His kids were already two grades ahead of American kids the same age. His plea for a tougher curriculum went unheeded, of

Unless Americans wish to of our institutions.

become the servants one day of Indians, Chinese, Arabs, Pakistanis. Koreans, Japanese and Russians, we'd better fix this broken, bureaucrat-ridden publiceducation system or scrap it altogether. God knows, the ignorance of many college graduates is appalling.

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 The Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum will host the Kwahadi Indian Dancers on the dancers 40th Annual Winter Night Ceremonials at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 20, 21, 27, 28 and Feb. 25 at the museum in Amarillo. Dinner will be served prior to the show. Reservations are recommended. For more information, call the museum at (806) 335-3175.

College-bound high school students have until Jan. 20 for late registration for an extra fee to take the ACT exam on the next nationwide test date, Feb. 11. Normal cost of the ACT is \$20 or \$43 with the optional writing test. Students can register online at www.actstudent.org or by mail. Registration materials are available from high school guidance counselors.

 The next Southwest Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will feature Hody

Porterfield and is scheduled Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Members Poets Southwest Cowboy Association will also entertain in round-robin sessions that will include poetry, musical arrangements and perhaps some tall-talers. For more information, call (806) 353-5617 or (806) 374-4354.

· This month's Third Thursday of the Month at Amarillo Museum of Art will feature classical guitarist Svetalana Petrey from 6-9 p.m. Thursday. Petrey was born and raised in Russia. Past performances include a solo concert at San Angelo Museum of Art and an appearance at "Stars of the Panhandle" in March 2005. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

 The next Pampa Area Christian Dance, an alcohol- and smoke-free event, will be from 8-11 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes. Admission is \$6 per person. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

 Curator of History Bill Green will present an educational program titled "Horns of Plenty" at 2 p.m. Jan. 21 in the Hazlewood Lecture Hall at Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Lean more about the unusual furniture created from the horns of Texas Longhorns and the resulting Victorian fad in the late 19th century. Admission to the program is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. The reservation deadline is Jan. 18. For more information, call (806) 651-2233.



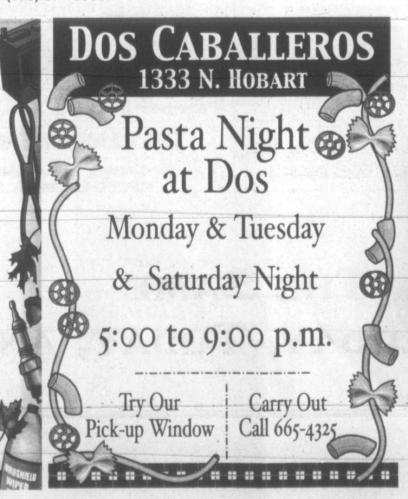
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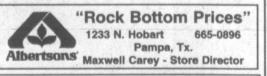
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The burden of lost souls a heavy one

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I think the person had been reading some of my articles and did not consider them "positive." We have moved from the age that had very few smiles in family pictures, to an age that says we should be all smiles at all times. It seems to me the former age was closer to the life Saint Paul lived. His conscience bore him record in the Holy Ghost that he had continual sorrow in his heart for lost souls. (Romans 9:1-3)

Paul knew something about

what Archie Jesus Cooper said. Many are called but

few are

Pentecostal Holiness

chosen. He also knew that there is only one other place for never dying souls to go, and that is where the fire is never quenched.

Every year we are having fewer and fewer people who believe that God will consign anyone to a lake of fire. The choice is really made by every individual. It is not the will of God that any should perish, but that all should come to repen-

Jesus spoke of a man in hell, begging for relief from the flame. The man was reminded of the past, of a man who he had been acquainted with - a beggar, whom the rich man was now bosom while the rich man

was tormented. The rich man, being convinced that there was not help for him, began pleading for extra evangelistic efforts be made for his five brothers. In other words, he wanted his loved ones to be told about how hot hell is and what a mis-

take he made. Father Abraham let the burning rich man know that enough efforts had already been made to save the whole world. Saint Paul was seeing how multitudes were rejecting the mercy of God and were on the broad road to the lake of fire.

This is the vision that brought Paul continual sorrow of heart. Paul saw such a grim picture of people being lost that he said, "I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the

flesh." (Romans 9:1-3) Moses had such love for souls

When the children of Israel got impatient and asked Aaron to make them gods of gold, Moses said they had sinned a great sin.

Recently it was said to He then went back upon the mountain to face the God of Commandments that were broken. He confessed that the people had sinned and prayed for them. He did some very serious praying.

> How serious do we pray? Jesus was a weeping man. He saw the fate of Jerusalem and wept because of what was coming upon them. I have had travailing burdens for souls who were, the best I could tell, equal to a woman travailing in birth pains. Christians have a responsibility to get souls born

again. Many Christians will



have to travail in prayer to see their children saved. Most of

SOcalled decisions for Christ come far short of the born again experience. That is one reason the statistics show 70 percent of church people are not ready for

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." (2

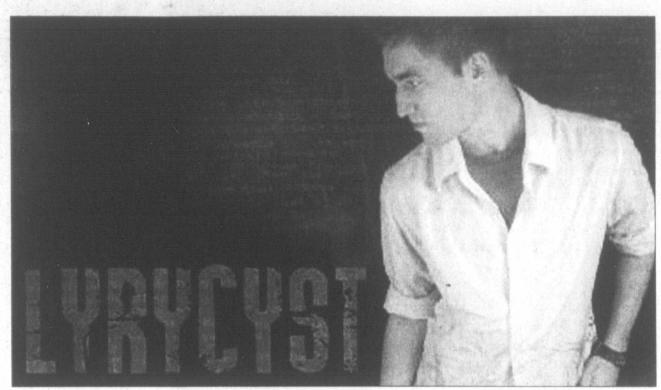
Corinthians 5:17) Many years ago, there was a song titled "If Men Go to Hell, Who Cares?" The memory of Christians needs to be stirred up at times. We must not let the attitude of the elder brother get hold of us. The father would be the one shedding seeing blessed in Abraham's tears for his son to come home.

I am a happy Christian. I like to laugh with others, but God forbid that I cease to have a burden for souls. If it was in the Holy Spirit that Saint Paul had continual sorrow of heart for lost souls, then I should have some of that same spirit.

Who are the lost souls? Part of the list is described in the Bible in Revelations 21:8. The fearful, the unbelieving, the abominable, murders, whoremongers, sorcerers, idolaters and all liars shall have their part in the lake of fire. Others are listed in Corinthians 6:9 - the unrighteous, fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, effemhomosexuals, thieves, covetous people, drunkards, revilers, extor-

Those are some of the lost souls who Christians should have a burden for. It's no wonder that it takes a wide gate and a broad road for those who are going to hell.

Christians, do we have as much love for them as



Stevem Copper, a.k.a. Lyrycyst, will perform at Calvary Baptist Church at 7:30 tonight.

Calvary Baptist to host 'Lyrycyst' performance

Church, 900 E. 23rd, will host a performance of

today. Steven Cooper, Lyrycyst grew up in Warrensburg, Mo. Holding a creative niche for writing avid lyrics, vision, and various news-Cooper quickly became papers, Lyrycyst has nicknamed "Lyrycyst."

In high school before class, Lyrycyst would take in cruel remarks of Lyrycyst at 7:30 p.m. never being able to make it from a group of "rappers." It was there he began his musical jour-

> Featured on radio, teleas received over 35,000 he has been performing known downloads online non-stop for the past

front of hundreds of thousands of people all over the world.

He has appeared on national television for the Christian Artist Talent Search on INSP and took first place in the 2003 season. Lyrycysts' fan base is still growing, and

and has performed live in three years with amazing

feedback. Lyrycyst was in Pampa with the Impact World Tour last Fall

Opening for Lyrycyst will be "A Road Less Traveled," a band that originated in Borger.

Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

Archbishop weathers another storm of abuse allegations

By DENISE LAVOIE Associated Press Writer

BOSTON (AP) — Archbishop Sean O'Malley has been here before, caught between the financial needs of the Roman Catholic Church and the fury of alleged sex abuse victims and other parishioners. This time, a satisfying resolution may be tougher to find.

Less than three years ago, O'Malley personally oversaw negotiations in what was then the largest legal settlement of its kind: an \$85 million deal to settle more than 500 lawsuits claiming sex abuse by priests. Afterward, both sides said it was time for the healing to begin.

But recent news that church lawyers were negotiating with 200 more alleged victims has brought back much of the

Attorneys dismissed as "demeaning" the archdiocese's proposal for an average settlement of \$75,000 for the new plaintiffs. They said these victims were being treated differently than those who came forward at the height of the sex abuse scandal, who received an average settlement of \$155,000.

Church officials say they can't afford to pay more because the earlier settlement and declining attendance have left the archdiocese in a tough financial situation. And their lawyers say the other side has compromised the negotiations by taking their gripes to the media.

For O'Malley, it's been one crisis after another since he took the reins of the nation's fourthlargest Catholic diocese in July

The raging sex abuse scandal already had forced the resignation of his predecessor, Cardinal Bernard Law, and reverberated

throughout the church. But within two months of his installation, O'Malley settled with 554 people who had been molested by priests, winning widespread praise from victims for his compassion and willingness to acknowledge the grave mistakes made by the

The good will began to erode months later, when he announced the closing of more than 80 churches, a move that sparked angry protests by parishioners

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and around-the-clock sit-ins.

Now, as church lawyers try to resolve the latest abuse claims, O'Malley finds himself with a new set of challenges.

Lawyers for the new plaintiffs have sharply criticized the archdiocese for offering \$7.5 million to approximately 100 alleged victims. The proposal would give settlements ranging from \$5,000 to \$200,000, with \$75,000 as the average; compared to the range of

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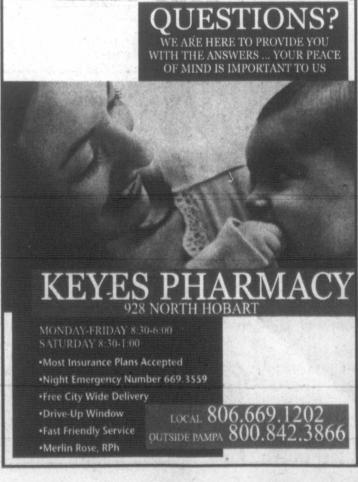
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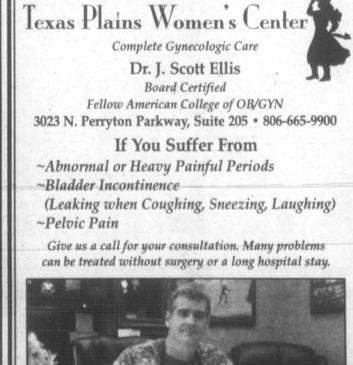
Withee was Lo Records Female Artist of the Year for CGMG Female Songwriter of the Year for 2005 and Lo Records Songwriter of the Year for 2005

Withee has personally experienced the healing power of God in her life.

According to a press release brought in by the church, Loretta was diagnosed with congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema requiring the use of oxygen 24 hours a day, and crippling rheumatoid arthritis that confined her to a wheelchair for several years. She was also diagnosed with liver disease and a possible brain

Withee has been traveling and singing full-time for five years and shares her testimony with her audiences. She will return to the recording studio next month.





Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old girl in the sixth grade. At my school, the sixth, seventh- and eighth-graders all have classes together. Lately, I've noticed the eighth-graders seem to think they are better than us sixth-graders. They make a point of letting us know that they are bigger, cooler and more grown-up than we are. I am fed up. They were sixth-graders once, too. How do I handle them? They are only two years older, but they seem to think they're practically adults and that we're only about 4. Please help. -- ANNOYED IN ASH-LAND, ORE.

DEAR ANNOYED: My advice is to be patient and bide your time. Two catchphrases come to mind. They are, "Big fish in a small pond," and "Time wounds all heels." Next fall, those snobbish eighthgraders will be headed for high school. No longer will they be the "most grown-up" students in school. On the contrary, they will be insignificant minnows in a much larger pool. They'll receive from the sophomores, juniors and seniors the same treatment they are giving you. Remember that when you're in the eighth grade and interacting with students in the lower grades. It's a lesson in humility.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were married in a small, intimate ceremony and reception in 2004. We were living in a condominium complex and had become close friends with one of our neighbors and her boyfriend, so we invited them to our wedding. Afterward, I opened their card. It read: "We are happy to share your day with you, but we are strapped for money right now and can't afford a gift at this time. As soon as we're back on our feet, we'll make sure you get your wedding gift." We are now invited to their wedding.

We never did receive a gift from them, nor has it ever been mentioned. These neighbors have a history of being "cheap," so it's not the first time. My husband and I are at odds. I think we should attend the wedding and buy them a nice gift. He says we should just give them a card with no gift. Or should we simply not attend at all? I know that wedding gifts are just that --gifts. But I'd feel strange not giving them anything. I would also feel strange giving them anything under the circumstances. How should we handle this? -- MIFFED IN MONTANA

DEAR MIFFED: The rule of etiquette is: When someone attends a wedding, a gift is in order. Your former neighbors broke that rule, and it has affected the relationship. Please don't stoop to retaliation. The real question is whether you plan to attend or send your regrets -- and only you can answer that.

DEAR ABBY: When does a stepparent stop being a stepparent? My father passed away a few years ago, and I have been wondering ever since if my stepmother is still my stepmother. What happens if she remarries? We do not have a warm relationship, but we do make contact on birthdays and holidays. We live in different states. -- JUST WONDERING IN GEORGIA

DEAR JUST WONDERING: I have always believed that what binds people together has more to do with what is in their hearts than official titles. If you are not close to the woman, it really doesn't matter if she's your "stepmother" or not. She's your dad's widow. Period.

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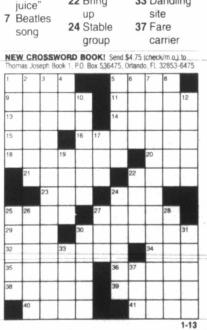
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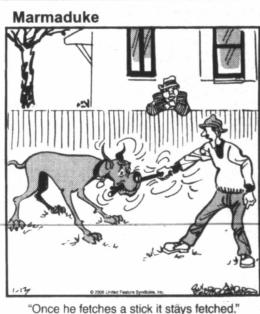
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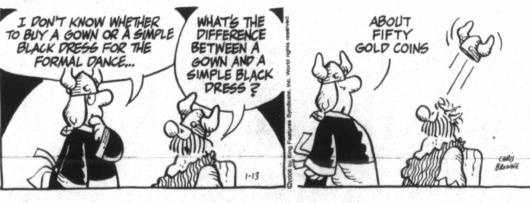
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Hustlin' 2005-2006 Harvesters are (from left to right)-Aaron Anguiano (senior), James McCathern (manager), Bradley Johnson (junior), Brody Smith (senior), Tyler Hall (junior), Eric Kingcade (senior), Jarett Kotara (senior), Ryan Torres (senior), Matt Smith (freshman), Braydon Barker (senior), Craig Crowell (junior), Sharod Young (senior) and Andrew Winton (junior).

15-4 Harvesters open district season at Randall tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

"We have been ready for this for a long time now." Pampa High School head varsity boys basketball coach Dustin Miller shared that thought with Sports Day earlier today. In his first year at the helm of the team he played for as a kid, what Miller has done so far this season is something special. The overall record of 15-4 aside, Miller has his team believing it can win every game they play. He's instilled in them a sense of unity that has allowed them to quietly become Panhandle power, though it seems the respect that should come with it is still being earned.

But Miller knows the true test of his club's mettle begins tonight. "We have won 15 games already and honestly, that doesn't mean anything right now," said Miller. "We are anxious to get out there and prove that Pampa is for real and start earning some more respect around the Panhandle."

tonight and Pampa faces a tough season, noting their ability to shoot Harvesters have one of the top challenge right out of the gate. The and score. "They can flat out shoot scoring offenses.

face the Randall Raiders.

Randall is a team filled with seniors, including Tyler Condie and Nathan Maxwell. Both are averaging around 18 points per

Does a roster full of seniors factor into Coach Miller's game preparation? "It really doesn't. We just know that they are probably not going to make many immature mistakes. Just as I hope our seniors do the same."

Also on the Raider roster is 6'8" sophomore Jordan Kinnear, a transfer from Big Spring.

Miller says Kinnear doesn't have an early groove, Pampa's starters to do much for Randall, a team that can stifle and frustrate opponents. scores enough as it is from the Jarett Kotara, Sharod Young and guard positions.

The District 3-4A season tips off to watch Randall a few times this district in rebounds (9.2). And the

Harvesters travel to Canyon to the ball," said Miller. "If they get hot, it could be a very long night." Coach Miller notes the Raiders are very proficient from the 3-point line and charity stripe.

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Basketball

games played on the road so far – how does the competition change when it comes to district play? "The intensity level goes up about 10 times," Miller said. "You can not come out flat and not ready to play. No matter who you are playing and where you are playing at, you must be ready at all times."

If they can find Tyler Hall are among the district's Miller says he's had the chance leading scorers. Kotara leads the

One of the primary keys to district compassion is senior leadership. And coach Miller says his seniors have really stepped up to the plate of late.

"You could tell in practice that the experience kicked in and the seniors begin leading by example," noted Miller. "They know it's time to take it up another notch and we have some great leaders on this

Key to coming away from Randall tonight with a win Miller says is containing at least one of their big scorers, Condie or Maxwell.

"We cannot let them both go off for big nights," Miller said. "Our scorers need to do what they do and it is vital that we keep Kotara out of foul trouble and in the game

Many players have rituals or superstitions they adhere to before a big game. What about coaches? "As a player I had a lot more superstitions than I do as a coach. I would always get dressed in the same order. Maybe it is a maturity thing or something but as a coach you prepare as well as you can and

hopefully that takes care of all of that," said coach Miller. He added, "I do still get that pre-game anxiousness. I get tired of waiting, I want to hurry up and get on the

He will get that chance at 7:30 tonight when he steps onto the floor at Randall and leads his team in his first district game as Pampa's head coach.

Media

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

Should the Houston Texans take

Reggie Bush with the first pick in the NFL draft? Coach Miller- "You know I am

an Okie and I am thrilled that they have a dilemma because that means Super Man is gone from Texas. Vince Young is from Houston, I think it would be a great PR move for them. Young or Bush - they better get some offensive line. I think they are committed to David Carr and will take Bush. For whatever that is worth coming from a basketball coach."

Lady Harvesters seek district win No. 2 against Lady Raiders

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters visit Randall tonight to take on the Lady Raiders in the second district game of the season for both teams. Game time is set for 6.

Pampa (9-14, 1-1) is coming off a close win over a scrappy Hereford squad, while the Lady Raiders (9-12, 1-1) fell to Palo Duro Tuesday night.

Lady Harvesters head coach Troy Fry expects a tough fight tonight. "Randall is going to be very tough to beat at home. They are not a big team but a good shooting and fundamentals team," said Fry.

On paper, the Lady Raiders closely resemble Fry's own team. Noted Fry, "They do resemble us in many ways. Some good players that can shoot well, a pretty good defense and they too have played a tough schedule."

Among District 3-4A's leading scorers is Pampa junior Britteni Rice. The Lady Harvester guard is capable of scoring from almost anywhere on the floor, though very

proficient driving the lane. How will Randall handle Rice tonight? "I think they will play Britteni just like another player tonight and will concentrate more on stopping Jackie (Gerber) and Callie (Cobb), said Fry. "Coach Ronnie Glen will have his team ready to play."

Among the keys to a Pampa victory tonight, says Fry, is defense. "If we come out and play hard aggressive defense we can take them out of their game," Fry said. He added, "We have also got to shoot well

Gerber is coming off a game-of-games Tuesday night, scoring 19 points against the Lady Whitefaces.

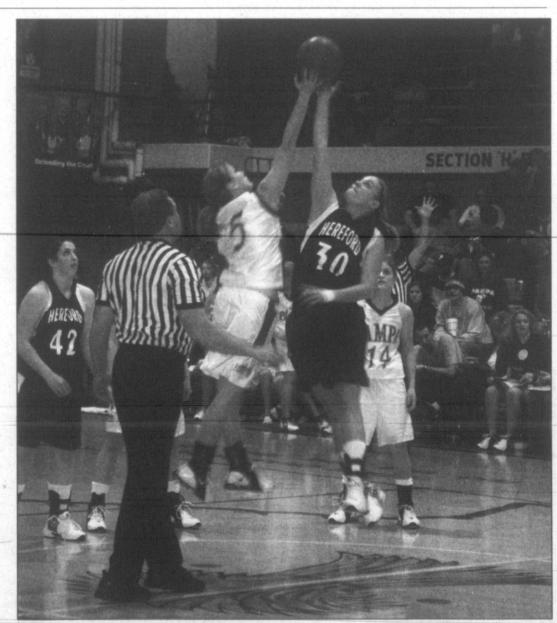
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Should the Houston Texans take Reggie Bush with the first pick in the NFL draft? Coach Fry- "They need to take Reggie

but trade for several young good linemen".

Britteni Rice (#5) gets the District 3-4A season started against Hereford at The Pit Tuesday. Rice and her Lady Harvesters teammates are in Canyon tonight to square off against the Lady Raiders of Randall.

Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS



HARVESTER FOOTBALL

Players honored at banquet

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The end-of-season Pampa High School football banquet was held Wednesday night

at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Coach Bryan Wood and others honored a number of Harvesters with special awards

Here is the list of this year's awards and recipients:

Harvester Toughness- A.J. Manzanares Harvester Loyalty- Chris Smith Harvester Spirit- Jake Craig GT El Norman-Eric Kingcade Fighting Heart- Brody Smith 2005 MVP- Sharod Young

World Series reliever Lindblad dies

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Paul 1978 World Series. Lindblad, a middle reliever who pitched in the World Series for the New York Yankees and Oakland, has died after a long bout with

Alzheimer's disease. Lindblad was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 1993 and spent the last nine

years in a nursing home. He died on New Year's Day. He was 64. Lindblad pitched 14 seasons, his last game coming for the New York Yankees against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the

The left-hander was part of two World Series championship teams in Oakland, pitching the ninth and 10th innings to win the Athletics' 11-inning game over the New York Mets in 1973. He didn't make an appearance in the

1974 World Series.

At his funeral last week, Lindblad's casket was flanked by two replica World Series

Defending the dynasty: Broncos know exactly how Patriots feel

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Jake Plummer

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as the NFL.

DENVER (AP) — Denver's quest for a third straight Super Bowl title was over almost as soon as it began.

John Elway had retired, paving the way for Brian Griese. Terrell Davis suffered a knee injury while making a tackle on an interception return. Shannon Sharpe soon joined Davis on the bench with an injury. The Broncos started 0-4. "We weren't even close, for a number of reasons," coach

Mike Shanahan said.

The New England Patriots visit the Broncos on Saturday for a playoff game that could move them two wins away from the third straight championship.

It's an unprecedented feat and, much like hitting .400 in baseball or breaking 60 on the PGA Tour, it has long stood as one of the most elusive of challenges in sports. And while every sports fan knows what an amazing feat it would be, nobody quite relates like the Denver players who were around in 1999, the last time anyone in the league had

"It's impossible," defensive lineman Trevor Pryce said. "I have one statement: I went to the Pro Bowl the year the Ravens won it. Ray Lewis was at the table, talking crazy about repeats and three-peats. I said, 'OK, remember this. You've got an 'X' on your back. We had it twice. It's hard to win it. You will not win it again.' And they did-

In one sense, the Patriots have been lucky in that they've been able to keep their core together and still have the means to fill in missing pieces. Part of that is because some of their best veterans — like Troy Brown and Tedy Bruschi have been willing to play for less in New England than they could have gotten elsewhere.

But if it's not one thing, it's another.

This season, injuries almost did in the Patriots. Bruschi, Richard Seymour, Rodney Harrison. Corey Dillon, Matt Light, Kevin Faulk. All are key cogs who missed significant time. When the Pats came to Denver for a regular-season game on Oct. 16, they barely resembled playoff material, let alone a wannabe dynasty.

A weakened defense and a struggling offensive line that caused Tom Brady to take a beating were a big reason they fell behind 28-3. Their championship mentality is a big reason they rallied and nearly tied it, before falling 28-20.

"There are a lot of things that are different" between now and then, Brady said. "I don't want to sit up here and rattle off all the things that I think we can accomplish. We have to just play better football."

Since then, they certainly have.

Over the final six games of the regular season, they

allowed only 2.9 yards per run. Brady has thrown for a career-high 4,110 yards. They won six of seven before falling in the regular-season finale, a game in which coach Bill Belichick rested many of his starters.

Still, all those stats only speak to the bigger point — that the Patriots are champions, they know how to win, and they know how to do it with everyone else targeting them.

"It's why they are what they are," Shanahan said. "They've got a chance to do something pretty special.

So, of course, does Denver.

Only six players remain from the last Super Bowl team and much has been made of the fact that the Broncos haven't won a playoff game in seven years and haven't hosted one in that span, either.

Gone is Mile High Stadium, the site of Denver's last home playoff win, 23-10 over the Jets in the 1998 AFC championship game. In its place stands Invesco Field, the newer, cushier and, many think, not-quite-

as-loud replacement.

The tandem of Mike Anderson and Tatum Bell are now in the position held by Terrell Davis, who at the time of Denver's championships was on a pace to become one of the best backs in the history of the game. Sharpe, one of the game's best, has been replaced by the not-well-known tandem of Jeb Putzier

and Stephen Alexander.

And Elway? After Shanahan's experiment with Griese failed, Jake Plummer became the heir apparent. Plummer versus Brady might seem like a mismatch, but so far this season, Plummer has answered every challenge.

He appreciates what the Patriots are trying to do.

"They're going after something that has never been done," Plummer said. "Everyone wants to be the greatest, and if they go out and win another one, it will be hard to say that they're not the greatest dynasty ever, as far as the NFL. We want to put a halt to that and they want to continue on, so it is going to be a big challenge for us.'

One of the most impressive stats about the current New England dynasty: The Patriots are 10-0 in playoff games since 2001, the year of their first Super Bowl win.

Still, they know that before them, seven teams, including those Broncos of the late-90s, won two straight Super Bowls. Not one of those returned to the big game go for a

"Teams come at you harder when you get an 'X' on your back. It's the nature of the game," Shanahan said. "Not too many teams have been able to do what New England has done. Now, they've got a chance to do something nobody's done. It's why they're very special.

Pistons power by Spurs

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The San Antonio Spurs may be the defending NBA champions, but that crown doesn't seem to fit when they play the Detroit Pistons.

Rasheed Wallace scored 27 points and had 10 rebounds to lead the Pistons to an 83-68 win over the Spurs on Thursday night in Detroit's first visit to San Antonio since losing Game 7 of the title series last June.

It was the Spurs' lowest point total of the season. The previous mark was 70 when they played in Detroit on Christmas Day in what was also a 15-point loss.

"The Pistons demonstrated tonight that they are a better team than us right now," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "We still have to improve on things and we are not the team that we want to be right now."

Thursday's offensive futility could be seen in other numbers as well.

San Antonio posted a season low in shooting percentage (38.6 percent) and assists (nine), and matched its low in 3-point accuracy (2-for-12) and offensive rebounds (4). The Spurs' 32 the 30 they had in — you rally.

guessed it - the first game against the Pistons.

"The thing we wanted to do is really concentrate on rebounding the ball and not let them get second-chance opportunities on the offensive glass," said Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince, who had 12 of Detroit's 56 rebounds. "We did a good job on that."

Detroit used sharp shooting and stingy defense to build a 20-point lead in the first half before the Spurs could get anything going.

Pistons coach Flip Saunders said the offensive plan centered on Wallace.

"We wanted to go to him early and set the tone as far as the inside game is concerned," said Saunders, whose team improved to a league-best 28-5.

San Antonio scored the first six points of the third quarter to trim Detroit's advantage to 48-42, but the Pistons outscored the Spurs 21-9 over the rest of the period to restore their lead to 69-51.

The Spurs pulled to within 10 points on a layup by Tim Duncan with 5:46 remaining, but Richard Hamilton answered with a rebounds were just above pair of jumpers to quash the

Rice names Vaught assistant AD

HOUSTON (AP) — Mike Vaught was named assistant athletic director for football operations at Rice on Friday.

Vaught, 45, is the latest addition to the staff of new coach Todd Graham, who was hired Jan. 1 to replace the retiring Ken Hatfield.

Vaught comes to Rice after three years as athletic director of the Alamo Heights school district in San Antonio.

Vaught was the offensive coordinator at Navy from 1995-2001 and at Texas State from 1992-94. He also coordinated recruiting at both schools. Vaught was a graduate assistant at Arkansas in the mid-1980s.

A native of Mena, Ark., Vaught graduated from Arkansas Tech with a degree in health and physical educa-

Pampa in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Basketball

The junior varsity team will be in Randall tonight to take on the Raiders. Tip off will take place at 6.

The Lady Harvesters JV team will match up with Randall starting at 7:30.

Wrestling

The Pampa Harvesters are on the road in Vernon taking part in the Red River Duals which were scheduled to begin

Coach Josh Cadenhead and his team are coming off solid showings at Hereford, including the Hereford Rumble Jan. 6-7.

Boys Soccer

Coach Byron May and his Harvesters are in Wichita Falls where they will compete in the Wichita Falls Winter

That tournament got under way today and will conclude Saturday afternoon.

This is the first event of the regular season for Pampa.

WTAMU FOOTBALL

Coach Carthel finally gets his man

West Texas A&M University head football coach Don Carthel announced Thursday the hiring of Scott Parr to join the Buffaloes' staff. Parr is the son of current Amarillo Palo Duro High School head football coach Steve Parr.

"Scott is a tremendous football coach and is someone I've tried to get to join my staff for a number of years and am very glad I'm finally able to get him," Carthel said. "He's always been tough to recruit against and we're really excited to have him recruiting future Buffaloes.'

Carthel has restructured his staff and Parr will serve as co-offensive coordinator with current WTAMU assistant coach Ben Noonan, who has been the Buffaloes' wide receivers coach. Parr and Noonan will be replacing Lee Hays, who accepted the offensive coordinator position at

Baylor University. Parr comes to WTAMU from Lone Star Conference foe Tarleton State University where he coached the Texans' wide receivers for one season. Prior to Tarleton, Parr was the tight ends coach at Baylor University for two seasons. Before Baylor, Parr was the wide receivers coach at another LSC-foe, Abilene Christian University, for three seasons, where he coached alongside Carthel, who was volunteer coaching for ACU at the time. While at ACU, the Wildcats won the LSC title in 2002, as they led the conference in passing offense. Before ACU, Parr was the running backs coach at Sam Houston State University for two seasons, including the 1999 season in which SHSU led the Southland Conference in total offense.

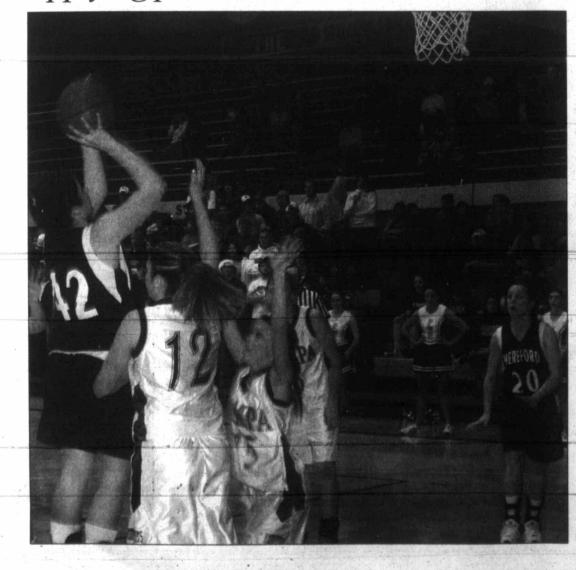
While at Sam Houston State, Parr earned a master's

degree in kinesiology.

Parr earned his bachelor's degree from Hardin-Simmons University in 1998, where he began his coaching career in 1997 as a student assistant, directing HSU's quarterbacks. While a wide receiver at Hardin-Simmons, Parr played on three Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association championship teams.

Parr is a native of Plainview, Texas, and is married to the former Kyla Flippo, also a Plainview native.

Applying pressure



 ↓ Lady Harvesters Audrey Dunn (#12) and Felicia Urban things (#15) make tough on a Lady Whiteface shooter Tuesday night. Pampa defeated Hereford at the Pit, 35-38. They are in Canyon tonight for meeting Randall.

New Packers coach hopes to have QB Favre back

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) worst in 15 years. Green Bay Packers genmanager Ted Thompson didn't hire new coach Mike McCarthy as a way to get Brett Favre back

But McCarthy's ties to Favre certainly didn't hurt his chances of getting the

for another year.

After being named coach Thursday, McCarthy said he would be the envy of other coaches if the star quarterback decides against retirement.
""I don't think there's a

coach in the National Football League who wouldn't love the opportunity to work with Brett Favre," McCarthy said. "We had a very positive working relationship in 1999, and I'm definitely looking forward to working with him again."

Thompson McCarthy a three-year deal to replace Mike Sherman, who was fired Jan. 2 after a 4-12 season, the team's

McCarthy, who becomes the league's youngest head coach at 42, worked with Favre as the Packers' quarterbacks coach in 1999.

Favre struggled that year, throwing 23 interceptions to 22 touchdowns in an 8-8 season that led to the firing of coach Ray Rhodes. But Favre played much of that season with a sprained and swollen thumb on his throwing hand.

Now, coming off an even worse season, Favre hasn't committed to playing next year and has hinted that the team's offseason moves would play a role in his decision.

It's McCarthy's job to try to talk him into coming back. He said he tried to call Favre on Thursday, but they "missed each other."

McCarthy runs the passcentric West Coast offense familiar to Favre and says he'll likely be calling the plays himself.

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indulge. You might be seeing the dam-

ages right now. A little self-discipline

could go a long way. You will need to say

**** You are all smiles. Expect to

touch base with many people right now.

You could find someone to be quite

hyper and touchy. Let go of an immedi-

ate problem, because you might be mak-

ing more out of it than you need to.

Tonight: Know when to cut the socializ-

** You might want to hide out or play

it cool until midafternoon, when the

Moon slides into your sign. You will feel

the difference and be quite revived and

enthusiastic. You might be relieved to

feel more like your old self. Tonight: As

** Make the most of the daylight

hours, when you are full of vim and

vigor. Listen to and handle others with

clarity, sensitivity and understanding. By

late afternoon, you might want to retreat

or take some time off. Tonight: Early to

*** Take charge and handle mat-

ters that others might not be able to.

Others might buck your leadership, but

ultimately, events fall into your lap.

Surround yourself with friends late after-

noon. Let the good times happen

*** You toss and turn between two

alternatives, perhaps having a difficult

time coming up with answers. You might

not like what happens, but no matter how you juggle plans and what you hear, you

no. Examine your true needs. Tonight

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*** Build understanding and confi-

dence by keeping communications open

right now. You could be overwhelmed by

what happens and what goes on. Listen

to others and think positively. Tonight:

*** You are juggling more than you

can generally handle. No one would

believe that could ever happen to the

Goat, but it can and will. Deal with a

partner on a closer level. Examine an

offer carefully before saying yes.

Tonight: Togetherness becomes a theme.

*** Stay even despite all the chal-

lenges that could be tossed in your face.

Your ability to accept others turns the

day around to make it even better. Accept

an invitation that allows friends in. Let

what you want happen. Tonight: Let the

*** You might not be sure how to

juggle all the different invitations,

requests and needs that come in as

demands. You'll succeed, but by late

afternoon, you are more than ready for a

nap. Yes, you are tired. Tonight: Play it

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Organizers gearing up for 2006 Gray **County Junior Livestock Show**

The 2006 Gray County Junior Livestock Show and Sale will be conducted Jan. 21 and 23 in Pampa. Weighin will be conducted from 5-8 p.m. Jan. 18-20 at Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

The stock show will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the pavilion. Michael Clawson, County Extension agent for Swisher, County, will judge the sheep, goats and steers. Tom Lamle, ag science teacher of Beaver, Okla., will judge the barrows.

The sale will get under way at 5:30 p.m. Monday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Bidders will be treated to a steak dinner.

Youth participating in the upcoming junior livestock show are as follows:

Ashlee Mae Lucus, 17. Ashlee, a student at Pampa High, is the daughter of Rex and JoLinda Childress. Over the past seven, Ashlee has shown steers, goats and pigs. She participates in 4-H and livestock judging and is a varsity tennis, ASTRA Club, D-FY-IT and FFA member. She plans to attend West Texas A&M University as a pre-vet and animal science

Marlee Youree, 9. Marlee, a student at Pampa's Austin Elementary, is the daughter of David and Shelly Youree. This is her first year to show livestock. She is showing a goat and a pig. She is involved in gymnastics, 4-H, junior rodeo and enjoys 4wheelers, swimming and riding horses. Marlee says she "wants to keep showing animals and get beeter about doing it.

Larri Golleher, 15. Larry, her third year to show anisteers and pigs. She belongs to Great Plains Western Church, is active in rodeo club and FFA and enjoys riding horses and rodeoing. Her future plans are to attend WTA&M and get a degree in equine science.

Sierra Gayle Parker, 12. Sierra, a student at Pampa Junior High, is the daughter of David and Tammy Parker. This is her second year to show livestock. She has PJHS Band, and is involved in basketball, softball and Junior FFA. Her future plans are to attend Texas Tech University and become an orthodontist.

Chelsie Douglas, 15. Chelsie, a student at PHS, is the daughter of Hank and Heather Douglas. She has shown lambs for seven years and is a Seventh Day Adventist. She is active in volleyball, student counsel, track and 4-H and enjoys hunting and fishing. Her future plans are to graduate from TTU as a physical ther-

Robin René Doan, 11. Robin, a student at Austin Elementary, is the daughter of Johnny and Jen Doan. She has shown animals, including pigs, goat, steers and a heifer, for two years and is a member of Briarwood Full Gospel Church. She is active in choir and basketball.

Emily Nicklas, 12. Emily, a student at White Deer Elementary School, is the daughter of Connie and Jeff Nicklas. She has shown lambs for five years and is aactive in cheerleading, basketball, cross country, 4-H, barrel and pole racing and riding horses. She belongs to First United Methodist Church. Emily says she "plan(s) to continue showing and then go to college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.'

K'Lyn Holmes, K'Lyn, a student at PJHS, is the daughter of Randy and Brenda Holmes. She has shown pigs, lambs and steers for seven years and is involved in cheerleading, soccer, track and FFA. She plans to "finish high school and go to college.

Tyler O'Neal, 14. Tyler, a student at PHS, is the son of Terry and Diane O'Neal. He has shown lambs, pigs and a student at PHS, is the steers for seven years and is daughter of Dennis Golleher a member of First United and Sarah Golleher. This is Methodist Church of Pampa. He is involved in swimming. mals, and he has shown band, stock shows and horse shows. He enjoys horses and plans one day to be a large or exotic animal veterinarian.

Anthony Ruiz, 16. Anthony, a student at McLean High School, is the son of Kenneth and Linda Raines. He has shown livestock, including pigs and goats, for three years and is a member of First Baptist Church of McLean, where he is active in the church youth group. He is active in shown pigs. She belongs to FFA, football, track, cross First Christian Church's country and golf. He enjoys youth group, is a flutist in riding horses, working with animals, working on cars, wood working and welding. His future plans are to study auto mechanics and obtain a certification for auto and diesel truck maintenance.

Bishop

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\$80,000 to \$300,000, with an average of about \$155,000, for the victims who settled in 2003.

Under a proposed arbitration process, some of the alleged victims would also be subject to cross-examination by church lawyers, something victims did not have to

endure during the 2003 settlement negotiations. O'Malley did not respond to requests for an interview

about the negotiations. Victims and their advocates say that, unlike the first settlement, when the archbishop met face-to-face with vic-

tims and had a personal hand in the settlement negotiations, he has left it to the church's lawyers this time. "He's not been able to demonstrate the kind of imaginative leadership that we saw with the first round of cases," said Jim Post, president of Voice of the Faithful, a reform group founded after the clergy scandal first erupted in

2002. "Where is the Christian outreach, this kind of compassion that he's supposed to manifest?" Carmen Durso, an attorney who represents 33 of the new plaintiffs, said the archdiocese has signaled through its proposal to cross-examine victims that it does not believe all of the current claims.

"They've simply decided they just think of these people

as liars," Durso said.

Gary Bergeron, one of those who agreed to the 2003 settlement, said O'Malley appears to be making the same mistake Cardinal Law did — dealing with victims through

Law became the lightning rod for criticism from alleged victims, parishioners and even fellow priests after a judge unsealed court records showing he allowed priests with confirmed histories of molesting children to continue working in parishes.

Texas Railroad Commission posts monthly oil, gas stats

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,393 original drilling permits in October 2005 compared to 1,178 in October

The October total included 1,188 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 46 to re-enter existing well bores, and 159 for re-completions.

Permits issued in October 2005 included 281 oil, 365 gas, 693 oil and gas, 43 injection, zero service and 10 other permits.

Texas preliminary September 2005 crude oil production averaged 686,656 barrels daily, down from the 922,823 barrels daily average of September 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for September 2005 is 20,630,150 barrels, a decrease from 27,816,941 barrels reported during September 2004.

In October 2005, operators reported 370 oil, 943gas, 36 injection and one other completion compared to 292 oil, 454 gas, 35 injection and two completions during October 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 9,097, up from 8,797 recorded during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 681 holes plugged and zero dry holes in October 2005 compared to 790 holes plugged and 214 dry holes in October 2004.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 383,724,983 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for September 2005, down from the September 2004 preliminary gas production total of 442,063,187 Mcf.

Texas production in September 2005 came from 119,362 oil and 65,278 gas wells.

Table 1 - November Texas oil and gas drilling permits and completions by district

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/ GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	67	16	25
(2) REFUGIO AREA	75	10	33
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	87	17	61
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	127	4	64
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	54	5	47
(6) EAST TEXAS	165	7	117
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	93	17	26
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	207	45	90
(8) MIDLAND	224	16	23
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	120	111	4
(9) NORTH TEXAS	229	4	73
(10) PANHANDLE	104	1	68

Table 2 – October Texas top 10 oil and gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLS)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,373,737	1. ZAPATA	20,592,822
2. YOAKUM	2,178,215	2. PANOLA	20,148,090
3.ANDREWS	1,955,286	3. FREESTONE	17,782,407
4. HOCKLEY	1,701,387	4. WEBB	16,963,914
5. ECTOR	1,520,598	5. HIDALGO	16,491,695
6. SCURRY	1,352,103	6. PECOS	15,491,060
7. PECOS	952,274	7. WISE	13,115,736
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