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Campus security discussed at school board meeting

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The improvement of campus security, demolition of abandoned school buildings and the status of a \$300,000 grant were a few of the topics discussed during the Pampa Independent School Board meeting Thursday at Carver Center.

The lack of security at Pampa schools, especially the junior high, was discussed during the public comments portion of the meeting as

well as being one of the action items on the agenda.

A resident talked about his concern that students are not safe when they attend school. He feels that measures should be taken immediately to restrict access to people going in and out of the school buildings.

Board member Derrell DeLoach echoed this sentiment by saying, "Every measure should be taken to ensure the safety of our students.

Making the buildings safer should be the number one goal of this board."

Giving teachers badges to unlock doors and redesigning the physical state of the schools, making access possible only by going directly through the main office, are some options that were considered. One item that was voted on and approved was to receive bids, not to exceed \$25,000, and specifications for a plan to fence the junior high. This plan would also include closing off

the breezeway with gates.

The board also approved getting cost and disposal plans from an asbestos consultant in regard to demolishing the old Sam Houston school. At a later time, this same consultant will provide other estimates on demolition and asbestos removal from Horace Mann and the junior high, when construction of the new building approved by the bond

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Pampa student comes close to making history

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Greg Wariner, a junior at Pampa High School, recently came close to making history for the PHS band. He tried out for All-State Jazz Band and came in second place for the state of Texas on jazz guitar.

Even though he did not make the band, PHS Jazz Band Director Jordan Holmes said, "This was a huge accomplishment." No one from Pampa has ever made this band.

Wariner has been playing the guitar for three years and is self-taught. He has never had any formal lessons. He originally played only rock music on his guitar, but decided he wanted to start playing jazz.

His major influences were jazz guitarists Pat Metheny, and Wes Montgomery, and trumpeter Miles Davis.

Holmes was leery of having Wariner try out since he

did not know how well he played jazz. But, when he listened to him play, he was astonished.

Wariner received the audition music in late August and had to make a recording in September. That gave him only one month to practice. Once the recording was made, it was sent for judging and from that only one student was chosen for jazz guitar.

The student that made it this year attends the Houston School for Performing and Visual Arts.

"We wish the students from these types of schools could not compete against those from regular high schools," Holmes said. He said that these are specialized schools for those who have already decided to pursue music after graduation. These students receive private lessons along with



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Greg Wariner, a junior at Pampa High School, practices his guitar while Jazz Band Director Jordan Holmes watches. Wariner placed second for All-State Jazz band recently.

Center to aid children



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

223rd District Judge Lee Waters, left, congratulates Roxanne Carter, executive director of The Bridge Children's Advocacy Center of Amarillo, and Janet Watts, executive director of CASA of the High Plains, upon the grand opening this morning of the Brown Alliance for Children, 315 N. Ballard. Carter and Watts collaborated on the creation of the Brown Alliance, which provides a one-stop approach to providing services for child abuse and neglect victims, including investigations, examinations, and advocacy on the victims' behalf. Waters is chairman of the board of the M.K. Brown Foundation, which provided 60 percent of the funding to create the Brown Alliance. State Rep. Warren Chisum spoke at this morning's event, and donors to the project were recognized.

Razing structures raises trash concern

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Demolition of city structures and enforcement of code violations due to rubbish or weeds was discussed during the planning session of the city commission meeting Tuesday. City Secretary John Horst reported that 105 structures have been demolished since August 2005, but 300 additional structures still need to come down.

The city is tearing down two structures a week on average, but there is concern that too much "trash" is being placed in the landfill. Recent demolition around the city by other parties has increased the amount of debris being deposited at the landfill.

When asked about the capacity of the landfill, Horst said, "We have adequate space at the landfill for the next 60 years, but we only dig one pit at a time. Normally, we can use a pit

for approximately five years if we don't exceed the amount of debris that is discarded."

He said they have to plan ahead because it takes approximately one year to dig a pit and have it ready for use. The city commission will keep these facts under advisement in the future to decide whether or not to slow down the rate of demolition.

Violators of city ordinance number 1377, "relating to the maintenance of a nuisance of rubbish and weeds," was also discussed. The city receives numerous calls from people reporting junk vehicles and weeds or grass that are too high.

The initial contact made by the city to the violator (via certified mail) is not an issue at this time. The problem is the follow-up needed to make sure the person

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

DOWNEY, David Daniel — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, White Deer.

Cary L. Gillpatrick, 55

Cary L. Gillpatrick, 55, of Pampa, died Thursday, Nov. 16, at Pampa. Services are pending with Robertson Funeral Home of Clarendon.

Donia Gail Waugh, 75

McLEAN, Texas — Donia Gail Waugh, 75, of McLean, died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2006, at McLean. Services are pending with Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean. Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 2006, at the Church of Christ in McLean, Texas, with Jim Reyna, minister, officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, 2006, at Alex, Okla. Donia Gail Loftin was born Oct. 26, 1931, to Verna and Willie Loftin in Alex, Okla. Mrs. Waugh grew up in California. She married Jerry Waugh in September of 1973 in Reno, Nev. She was a waitress for many years, and she was also a member of the Church of Christ in McLean.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Wind chill values between 24 and 33 early. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 55. Wind chill values between 30 and 35 early. East-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph. Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 29. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. North wind around 5 mph becoming east-southeast. Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 60. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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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.

Thursday, Nov. 16

Eighteen traffic stops were made. A motorist assist was made at the corner of Cuyler and Brown.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of East Francis.

Accidents were reported at the corner of Harvester and Hobart, the 400 block of West 19th Street and the 1000 block of Quail Place.

Calls concerning animals were reported from the 900 block of East Fisher, the 700 block of Hazel, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 300 block of South Anne, the 100 block of West 30th, the 2500 block of Beech, the 1000 block of South Neel, the corner of Llano and Love, the 2500 block of Christine, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 1100 block of Terry, the 500 block of Lowry and the 2400 block of Charles.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of Charles, which consisted of a 16-inch butcher knife.

911 hang-ups were reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road and the 900 block of Varnon.

Warrant service was attempted in the 800 block of East Scott and the 1100 block of Crane which resulted in one arrest.

Two alarms were reported. Police escort was provided in the 600 block of Ward.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of Charles, the 100 block of Wynne and the 700 block of Deane.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of Duncan where the base of a granite statue valued at \$4,600 was chipped.

Criminal trespass was reported in the PPD lobby.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Injury to a child with intent to inflict bodily injury was reported in the 1000 block of South Prairie.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of Magnolia.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

sonnel responded to the 500 block of Ward on a structure fire.

5:52 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Hobart on a gas leak.

10:26 a.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 500 block of Ward on an investigation.

2:35 p.m. — Five units and 10 personnel responded to the 1000 block of Varnon on a structure fire.

3:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1800 block of Duncan for an extrication from a crawl space under a house.

4:28 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Zimmers on a CO investigation.

Thursday, Nov. 16

6:56 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of North Nelson on a medical assist.

8:41 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Chestnut on a CO investigation.

9:39 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 900 block of Oklahoma on a medical assist.

9:51 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to Highway 152 on a grass fire.

10:56 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2400 block of Charles on a lift assist.

8:17 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart on a structure fire.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

11:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Seminole and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Nelson. No transport.

2:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Varnon Drive on a fire stand-by.

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Duncan. No transport.

8:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Thursday, Nov. 16

3:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of North Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon Drive and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Correction

In the newspaper Friday, Nov. 10, a story regarding the "Socks for Soldiers" campaign listed a contact phone number incorrectly. To add a soldier's name and address to the recipient list or for questions, the correct number to call and reach Doug and Carolyn Miller is 806-352-7899.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Nov. 16

Terrence Fite, 20, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection and no drivers license.

Miriam Arellano, 28, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 1000 block of Crane on capias pro fines for no seat belt, no insurance and failure to appear.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the period from 7 a.m. Wednesday to 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

12:15 a.m. — Four units and nine per-

AAA: Texas gas prices edging up

HOUSTON (AP) — Retail gasoline prices edged higher statewide this week after two weeks of mixed trends.

The weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Friday showed retail prices statewide averaging \$2.11 per gallon, up about 3 cents from last week. The national average was \$2.23 per gallon, up 2 cents.

"Anticipated demand for gasoline during the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday travel period may be pulling prices somewhat higher," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "We expect to see a 2.6 percent increase in the number of people driving to their destination compared to the 30.8 million who drove last year."

"Unlike summer travel, Thanksgiving is a time for Americans to visit their families, which means there is an emotional reason to travel and higher gas prices, long lines and traffic will not dissuade them," she said. The biggest price increase was found in the Galveston-Texas City area, where the average rose almost 4 cents to \$2.06 per gallon. The most expensive gas prices were found in the Austin-San Marcos area, where they rose almost 2 cents to \$2.17 per gallon.

The cheapest gas prices in the survey were found in the Corpus Christi area, where they rose 3 cents this week to \$2.03 per gallon. These are average per-gallon prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas metro areas and the change from last week, according to today's Triple-A Texas Weekend Gas Watch:

Austin-San Marcos — \$2.167, up 1.8 cents.

Amarillo — \$2.171, up 3 cents

Beaumont — \$2.083, up 1.8 cents

Corpus Christi — \$2.033, up 3.3 cents

Dallas — \$2.103, up 3.3 cents

El Paso — \$2.135, no change

Fort Worth — \$2.099, up 3.7 cents

Galveston-Texas City — \$2.057, up 3.9 cents

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New shoe store coming



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Paul Dobbs, job superintendent from Greenstreet Construction of Lubbock, confirms the new business being built in front of Wal Mart is a shoe store. The Shoe Department, which is a chain, is scheduled to be finished in March.

Employment up in Texas

AUSTIN — Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas increased by 27,900 jobs in October, the second largest gain this year. The Texas economy grew by 215,300 jobs over the last 12 months.

Texas employers now have added jobs for 25 consecutive months and 38 of the last 39 months. A total of 704,400 jobs have been added since July 2003.

October's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained steady at 4.8 percent from September and is down from 5.4 percent in October 2005.

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.4 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Amarillo MSA was second at 3.6 percent, followed by the Austin-Round Rock, College Station-Bryan and Lubbock MSAs at 3.7 percent.

"The Texas labor market continues to gain momentum, bringing more good news for employers and job seekers as we approach the end of the year," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "Jobs grew again this month, and the unemployment rate at 4.8 percent remains at its lowest point in five years."

The construction industry gained more ground in October, adding 9,000 jobs and

contributing to 17 consecutive months of growth. The industry has grown by 7.8 percent since October 2005, adding 44,800 jobs.

Leisure & Hospitality grew by 8,700 jobs and Manufacturing rose to its highest level in more than three years. This month's gain in Manufacturing of 4,000 jobs represents nearly half of the industry's 9,300 jobs added since October 2005.

"Texas employers again demonstrated strong job growth in many areas of the state and many industries," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "Ten of 11 major industries had gains over the past 12 months, including growth of 7.8 percent in Construction and 6.1 percent in Natural Resources & Mining."

Natural Resources and Mining posted its fifth consecutive month of gains, with 900 jobs in October. The industry's annual growth rate has climbed to 6.1 percent, bringing 10,400 jobs to Texas since October 2005.

"The labor market in Texas continues to grow more favorable for all Texans," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "This month, the number of workers in jobs reached a record level at 11,047,800."

Storms that killed 12 sweep through northeast, hundreds rescued

RIEGELWOOD, N.C. (AP) — Survivors picked through the rubble of their flattened homes today and divers planned to search a nearby pond after a tornado killed eight people in this riverside town, the area hardest hit by a devastating storm system that swept into the Northeast overnight.

The deadly storms left a path of destruction from Louisiana to Maine, killing 12 people, and knocking out power and flooding streets Thursday in the Mid-Atlantic region and the Northeast.

Hundreds of people in New York and dozens in Maryland had to be rescued from homes and cars caught in flash flooding. Most of Maine was still under a flood watch this morning.

The tornado that hit Riegelwood injured dozens of people, including four children who remained hospitalized in critical condition, and left

about 100 people homeless, officials said.

"It will take years for these people to recover, get back on their feet and rebuild," said Columbus County Sheriff Chris Batten.

All the area's residents were believed to have been accounted for today, he said, but a water search team still planned to check a nearby pond for any additional victims.

Residents, meanwhile, were getting a chance to retrieve whatever valuables they could salvage from devastated homes.

Darryl McNair had been sleeping when the tornado picked up his mobile home and tossed it across the street into his neighbor's yard.

"You could feel the house moving," McNair, 34, said during a break from picking through rubble today.

"My whole life was in that

house," he said. "Everything that was me was in that house. How could you lose everything in so short a time? I struggled to get that stuff and now it's all out in the road like it was nothing."

As the storms moved northward with heavy rain, officials in Broome County near the Pennsylvania line rescued more than 200 residents from cars caught in flooding and from homes as water approached front doors and poured into basements.

One man clung to a tree as his car was swept away by flood water, county spokeswoman Darcy Fauci said. Sections of Interstate 88 east of Binghamton remained closed by mudslides today.

"Lots of roads are washed out, several areas of the city are shut down and impassible," said Lt. John Shea of the Binghamton

Police Department. "But, as we

speaking, things are improving because the rain has stopped."

Dozens of schools in Broome, Chenango and Delaware counties were closed today, many because of impassable roads.

Three freight cars derailed in Bowie, Md., and investigators were trying to determine whether the storm caused the wreck, CSX Corp. spokesman Gary Sease said. The empty coal hoppers jumped off tracks shared with Amtrak trains, bringing down some power lines. No one was injured.

Amtrak service was delayed between Baltimore and Washington today, while a commuter line serving the cities was suspended for the day.

Most of the dead in Riegelwood were found within 200 yards of where the tornado touched down, Batten said.

"We assume they were literally

consumed by the tornado," he said.

The community on the Cape Fear River, about 20 miles west of Wilmington, has no tornado sirens.

"There was no warning. There was no time," said Cissy Kennedy, a radiologist's assistant who lives in the area. "It just came out from nowhere."

Three tornadoes also touched down in the western part of the state — destroying about a dozen homes and downing trees in Lincoln, Iredell and Gaston Counties, the National Weather Service said today. Officials said five people were injured.

In Louisiana, a man died Wednesday when a tornado struck his home. In South Carolina, a utility worker checking power lines Thursday during the storm was electrocuted. Two people died in car crashes in North Carolina as heavy rain pounded the state.

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is complete.

A report was given regarding the progress of a \$300,000 grant from the Texas Education Agency that Pampa hopes to receive. Members of a committee will be interviewed Nov. 28 as part of the final selection process. One requirement listed in the selection process is the mandatory attendance of educators and board members to different training sessions.

If awarded this grant in March, Pampa will spend the money over a two-year period for training and classes at the high school. A bilingual parent liaison, professional learning community training and flexible scheduling are a few of the items planned for the money.

The consent agenda, which included approval of the board minutes, October's financial report and sale of delinquent tax properties was voted on and passed. Election results from Nov. 7 and the 2006 tax levy were also approved.

The 2007-2008 school calendar was approved after the board reviewed votes that were cast by teachers and 84.7 percent of those

voting preferred this calendar over another. An Aug. 27 start date and having the first semester end before the Christmas break were included in this approval.

The board learned that the move of Pampa Learning Center from Sam Houston to portable buildings should be complete by January.

Regarding school discipline and expulsion, Superintendent Barry Haenisch said that the Pampa ISD Student Code of Conduct supercedes any of the handbooks the individual schools provide to students and parents. The Code of Conduct states exactly what consequence will be given for specific actions.

A report from consultant Dr. Shirley Hord on professional learning communities and how Pampa plans to implement this type of continuous learning style in the schools was heard. And the "Spotlight on Excellence" report was given by the PISD librarians, in which they gave detailed information on the resources of the libraries at the different grade levels as well as all of the duties they are responsible for.

No action was taken regarding the purchase of land for a school parking lot near the high school after the board met in executive session.

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complies with the ordinance.

Horst recommended forming a task force made up of current city employees to help with the enforcement. Those chosen could dedicate their time and effort into making sure that compliance happens within 10 days of receipt of the certified letter.

If not complete, the task force would then make arrangements for the city of Pampa to perform the tasks necessary to comply with the ordinance and bill the person accordingly. If the bill is not paid promptly, the city can place a lien on the property in question.

The city commission is compiling a database of those violators and will discuss the process of enforcement and forming a task-force at a later meeting.

Music

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music classes most of the day. This experience will be

repeated next year. Wariner is eager to try out again and hopefully be the one chosen. He also has another shot at an All-State Band this year. He will be trying out on French horn in a few weeks.

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Viewpoints

Election: Hillary's waiting in the wings

House Speaker Dennis Hastert (R-Ill.) has been a disaster and the rest of the House and Senate leadership has not been any better.

The lean, ascetic, ideological purity of the Gingrich Republicans of 1994 had yielded to the corrupt, feather-your-own-nest psychology of the current Republican congressional leadership.

They assumed that the partisan gerrymandering of 2000 left them invulnerable and they dipped into the till to get earmarks for their favorite lobbyists in return for contributions and free vacations. It's time to get rid of this kind of leadership and to bring in people with a fine, tough partisan and ideological edge.

In the Senate, the problem

is a little different. There the issue is not impurity but incompetence.

Former Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist (R-Tenn.) was not a man of the Senate. He didn't know how to make the trains run on time. He was helpless when it came to using the tools and procedures of the body to control the floor and force action.

Whether the Republicans are in the majority or the minority in the Senate, they need new leadership. Since Frist is retiring, they will get it in the person of Kentucky Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell, a partisan in the mold of a Newt Gingrich or a Phil Gramm.

But McConnell needs someone to run the shop and tie up the Democrats in

knots with procedural moves and skillful parliamentary tactics. The man for the job

is Dick Morris, Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott (R).

Dick Morris
Columnist



years in the wilderness.

The Democrats, for their part, will use their new House majority to plague the administration with investigations. While the left would be appeased by investigations into why we invaded Iraq in the first place, it is financial scandals that will do the greatest damage to Bush and the Republicans.

Democratic committee

chairmen will examine Halliburton contracts in Iraq, royalty deals for offshore oil drilling, defense procurement scandals, and resource leases in national forests and wilderness areas. They will examine the nexus between campaign contributions and favors from the trough of the executive branch.

Immunized from congressional scrutiny by a compliant Congress, the administration has been getting away with pork politics of the worst sort and the Democrats will find sufficient fodder for years of hearings and investigations.

The last two years of the Bush administration will most closely resemble the Clinton years, where scandal after scandal after scandal

battered the president's image and ratings. But, unlike the GOP assault on Clinton, the Democrats will stay on financial issues rather than stray into the personal. The results will be devastating for the Republicans and their prospects in 2008.

To contain the damage and to develop a counteroffensive, the Republicans need good leaders in the House and to bring in a McConnell-Lott team in the Senate. Otherwise, a President Hillary will be waiting in the wings.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years. Eileen McGann, an attorney and consultant, is a CEO of VOTE.com and Legislativevote.com.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 17, the 321st day of 2006. There are 44 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 17, 1800, Congress held its first session in Washington in the partially completed Capitol building.

On this date:

In 1558, Elizabeth I ascended the English throne upon the death of Queen Mary.

In 1869, the Suez Canal opened in Egypt.

In 1889, the Union Pacific Railroad Co. began direct, daily railroad service between Chicago and Portland, Ore., as well as Chicago and San Francisco.

In 1917, sculptor August Rodin died in Meudon, France, at age 77.

In 1934, Lyndon Baines Johnson married Claudia Alta Taylor, better known as "Lady Bird."

In 1962, Washington's Dulles International Airport was dedicated by President Kennedy.

In 1970, the Soviet Union landed an unmanned, remote-controlled vehicle on the moon, the Lunokhod 1.

In 1973, President Nixon told Associated Press managing editors meeting in Orlando, Fla.: "People have got to know whether or not their president is a crook. Well, I'm not a crook."

In 1979, Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini ordered the release of 13 female and black American hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

In 2002, Israeli statesman Abba Eban died near Tel Aviv at age 87.

Ten years ago: A Russian Mars space probe carrying plutonium plunged into the South Pacific Ocean after failing to break out of Earth's orbit following its launch. The World Food Summit concluded a five-day meeting in Rome.

Five years ago: The Taliban confirmed the death of Osama bin Laden's military chief Mohammed Atef in an airstrike three days earlier. Burhanuddin Rabbani, the Afghan president ousted five years earlier by the Taliban, returned to the capital Kabul. Lennox Lewis knocked out Hasim Rahman in the fourth round to get back his WBC and IBF heavyweight titles. Former U.S. Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., whose political career was ended by the Abscam bribery scandal, died in Denville, N.J., at age 81.

One year ago: U.S. Rep. John Murtha of Pennsylvania, considered one of Congress' most hawkish Democrats, called for an immediate U.S. withdrawal from Iraq.

'We have so many words for states of the mind, and so few for the states of the body.'

— Jeanne Moreau
French actress



Liam Fox is Britain's 'almost' Rumsfeld

He probably wouldn't appreciate the parallel, but Liam Fox is almost the Donald Rumsfeld of Great Britain. Fox, a medical doctor and a member of Parliament, is the Conservative Party's "shadow defense minister," which means he speaks on defense issues for his party while Tony Blair's Labor government is in power. Dr. Fox, a hawkish supporter of President Bush's foreign policies, recently finished third in the contest to become Conservative Party leader.

Fox, 45, met in Pittsburgh recently with about 20 business leaders to promote The Atlantic Bridge, an organization he founded in 1997 to build close personal and political relationships between American and British conservatives.

Q: What is the so-called

"special relationship" between the United States and Britain and how is it holding up?

A: The relationship occurs at a number of levels. There's a very strong cultural relationship.

We share many of the same roots, obviously historically, in the political relationship because we share the same values. And our eagerness to make sure that the values we have of an independent judiciary, of secular government and of human rights, we obviously want to see that spread as widely as possible. Perhaps the strongest special relationship is militarily, because we have a lot of cooperation in intelligence. We have cooperation in

terms of the missions we carry out. And we have cooperation in procurement.

Q: What are the most important goals or national interests the two countries share today?

A: Well, we share the interests of diminishing the threat against our values and our civilization, which we are facing at the present time in particular in the conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. We want to ensure that a secure relationship outside is matched by the prosperity and security of our people at home.

Q: Are there any major points on which the U.S. and U.K. disagree that you wish they did not?

A: Well, perhaps let me

put it another way: What is the threat to the special relationship? The threat to the special relationship comes from two different areas.

The first is from the European integrationists who would like to pull Britain away from its relationship with the United States, and they want to see us dragged more into European political and economic and military structure. The second real danger to the relationship comes from the other side, from American isolationists, who want to turn their backs on the outside world and concentrate on internal American issues. Both of these are potentially dangerous to the special relationship. ...

Q: This is almost a joke, I guess: Is Europe as annoying to the British as it is to

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Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Nov. 6

The Victoria Advocate on North Korea:

Yet more evidence that the Bush administration has not given the North Korean nuclear weapons issue the attention it requires came from Kenneth Quinones, a retired State Department career official who was the U.S. liaison to Pyongyang's mission to the United Nations from 2004 to 2006, as reported by The Associated Press.

"You don't get anywhere without a clear road map, and we don't have one," said Quinones.

The retired State Department official

cites a number of missteps the Bush administration took, which made negotiating with the Hermit Kingdom's reclusive Stalinist regime on its nuclear weapons program all the more difficult.

When negotiations to resume six-party talks looked promising last year, President Bush derailed them by publicly calling Kim Jong Il, North Korea's paramount leader, a "tyrant."

Tyrant he certainly is, but he is also regarded as particularly sensitive to insults, so shouting that one from the rooftops was not a particularly effective way to persuade Kim to return to negotiations involving his nation, the United States, South Korea, China, Japan and Russia.

So the North Koreans broke off the negotiations to resume the six-party

talks. "We're not coming back until the president stops the criticism," they told Quinones, who spoke at the U.S.-Korea Institute last week.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld effectively sabotaged subsequent progress toward resumption of the six-party talks when he said the U.S. government would send stealth fighter planes to South Korea. Pyongyang took that as evidence of U.S. aggressiveness.

When the six-party talks finally did resume in September 2005, they quickly broke off because of a disagreement between the United States and North Korea over light water reactors.

Between then and Pyongyang's

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America?
A: Well, it depends. I think you have to differentiate between Europe the continent and the European Union, the political institution. There are a number of us who believe that the European integration has gone too far; that they interfere with the legitimate role of sovereign governments; that there is too much red tape and bureaucracy; and perhaps most irritatingly to us, some European countries seem absolutely obsessed with looking inwards and looking to what they call full political integration at a time when we should be looking outside and understanding the realities of global integration and the challenges they present to us.

Q: Who would you match up most closely with in the United States — George Bush, John McCain?
A: I'd probably broadly be in the middle of the Republican Party if I were an American politician. I would be very much in support of some of the foreign policy objectives currently being pursued, but I might differ on the size of the deficit, where I'd be fiscally a bit more conservative.

Q: Tony Blair has been such a strong supporter of President Bush on the war in Iraq and the war on terrorism. What could a Conservative prime minister do better than Blair did?
A: I think there are some subtleties that we need to bring to the foreign-policy debate. I think that, for example, we need to understand that we are liberal — in the small l — liberal democracies. But we were liberal long before we were democratic. In the United Kingdom it took us 200 years to get from Adam Smith to universal suffrage. It was a long period between the abolition of slavery and

women getting the vote. So I think that what we need to bring to the foreign debate is an understanding that democracy is not simply the exercise of electoral mechanics. It is also about values. It is about an independent judicial system and it is about a stable democracy, as well as human rights and the ability to exercise your individual economic liberty in a market system. So all those things need to be in place and hopefully we will be able to just stop every so often and try to remember from our own history that these things were not built over night. The other major difference of course is that under Tony Blair the British armed forces have been hugely overstretched. We are only spending 2.5 percent of our GDP on defense in the U.K. this year, which is the smallest proportion of our national wealth that we have directed toward defense in any year since 1930. We are at the moment undertaking a full review of our foreign defense policy because either we are going to have to increase our resources to match our commitments or we will have to reduce our commitments to match the resources, and that's a very important national debate which needs to take place in the United Kingdom.

Q: You voted for the invasion of Iraq. Any second thoughts or regrets?
A: No. I think that the involvement in Iraq was perfectly justified. I think, however, that there were a number of mistakes made. It was always clear that winning the war would be the easy part ... but I think that the requirements for reconstruction were underestimated and I think that the disbanding of the Iraqi army was a major error. Both those mistakes are still echoing in Iraq to this day, and I think as a consequence of both those things the involvement in Iraq will be both longer and more difficult than it might otherwise have been. ...

Q: How would you measure success in Iraq — what do we have to do there to be able to say we succeeded?
A: What we're looking at is, are we creating stable government structures? Are we able to create an independent judicial system which applies equally to the governing and the governed? Are we building the basic institutions that people will look to for their well-being — health care, education and sanitation? Are all those things occurring and is the security position improving or deteriorating? So these are the things we'll look at. If I can sort of anticipate perhaps the next question: No, you can't set a timetable for the end of our involvement in Iraq because I think it's impossible to know the pace at which those different factors will progress or the degree to which they will interfere with one another.

Q: No matter what your position was on going to Iraq or what it is today, most people tend to think that the situation there is deteriorating in a lot of ways. I know the media can be criticized for

emphasizing the negative aspects of the war. But you've been there a dozen times or so and ...
A: No, no (not that many times). But I was last there about three months ago, in the south with British troops in Basra. We do need to look at some of the good things, because when I was there, there was still a general welcome for what was going on in that part of the country. I'm due to go to Baghdad very shortly and I might find that different. But in the south, we've already handed a couple of provinces back entirely to civilian rule and removed British military presence there. I was out on a foot patrol with soldiers in Basra, and while it is true that the soldiers say their relationship with the Iraqi people has gone from "welcoming" to "consent" to "tolerance," there was nonetheless still a fairly warm welcome on the ground for the reconstruction efforts which the troops were undertaking. And since you've mentioned the media, one of the things the soldiers said to me was that we will only be in the British media if we are killed or injured because nobody wants to write about rebuilding a bridge or a school or reconnecting water supply. So I think there has been a tendency to look at only the negative aspects.

Q: Are you optimistic about Iraq and Afghanistan — which by a lot of accounts is not in very good shape?
A: I'm more optimistic about Afghanistan than Iraq. I think it's still possible in Afghanistan to avoid some of the mistakes that were made in Iraq, which is why I think our NATO allies who are not pulling their weight in Afghanistan must be urged by all of those of us who are strongly committed there to do so. You've got a huge British presence and American presence. You've got a strong Canadian presence. And although we have a reasonable number of

troops from countries like Germany and Italy, there are so many caveats attached to their rules of engagement that it actually is very difficult to have a properly concerted military integration there.

Q: Obviously the Atlantic Bridge is very important to you. What is it and why is it so special to you?
A: Well, when I was a minister in the foreign office of the British government, the thing that struck me most about conducting foreign policy was that there was no substitute for personal chemistry. I think it is very important to create not only the

intellectual framework that will strengthen the special relationship, but actually to create the network of individual people who can know one another. That needs to be in politics, and in the media, and in the military, and in academia. And that's what we're trying to do: We are trying to bring people together who have common interests and to recognize that in an ever-more globalized economy, we will all be called upon to defend those common interests.

—Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

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NKorea

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recent agreement to return to the six-party talks, the Hermit Kingdom made enough progress on its nuclear weapons program to test one underground.

"The North Koreans don't want to negotiate with a government they do not comprehend. They found that the rules constantly changed," Quinones said.

The retired State Department careerist understands how to negotiate effectively with North Korea because he knows enough

about the country's culture and leadership. Unfortunately, that is a rare quality at senior levels of the Bush administration, just as understanding of the situation on the ground in Iraq was equally rare before the U.S.-led invasion in 2003.

The big difference is that Saddam Hussein did not

have nuclear weapons. Kim Jong Il does. Persuading him to eliminate that stockpile is both more important than dealing with Saddam and more difficult. So making the attempt requires a defter touch than the senior leaders in the Bush administration have yet shown themselves capable of undertaking.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Meals on Wheels** will host "Music and a Meal" from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday during the month of November. Various groups will be featured at 12 p.m. The Almost Live Band, will perform Tuesday; and Eighth Grade Girls Chorale Group, Nov. 28. To find out more, contact Meals on Wheels at 669-1007. Cost of the meal will be \$5.

• **The Ochiltree Expo Center** in Perryton will be the site of a "Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival" from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday. The event is being sponsored by the Satellite Advisory Board. For more information, call (806) 435-4970.

• **Golden Spread Woodcarvers** will stage its fifth annual woodcarving show "Artistry in Wood" from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center. Admission is free to the public. The show will feature local woodcarving artists as well as several from nearby states. A juried competition will be held and some art may be offered for sale. The club meets the first and third Saturday of each month at the Panhandle Arts Institute to provide woodcarving instruction.

• **The submission**

deadline for the Texas Photographic Society's 22nd Annual Members' Only Show for amateur and professional photographers is Monday. The show will open from Jan. 25-Feb. 23 at the Art Gallery at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. For more information, call (210) 824-4123. Entry forms are available at www.texasphoto.org on the Internet.

• **Pampa Meals on**

Wheels will hold a bake sale fund-raiser Tuesday. For more information or to find out how to help, call Meals on Wheels at 669-1007.

• **Altrusa will host "Soup With Mrs. Claus"** from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 2 in the Old Pampa Hardware Building, 120 N. Cuyler. The meal will be \$5 per person. Carry-out will be available. Pictures with Mrs. Claus will be \$2.

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Data	10			Total
Control	General	Other		Governmental
Codes	Fund	Funds		Funds
REVENUES:				
5700	Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$12,895,029	\$830,751	\$13,725,780
5800	State Program Revenues	7,633,154	625,626	8,258,780
5900	Federal Program Revenues	481,729	3,079,271	3,561,000
5020	Total Revenues	21,009,912	4,535,648	25,545,560
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
0011	Instruction	10,567,930	1,487,456	12,055,386
0012	Instructional Resources and Media Services	525,136	27,205	552,341
0013	Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	329,584	290,255	619,839
0021	Instructional Leadership	179,474	20,833	200,307
0023	School Leadership	1,147,484	59,319	1,206,803
0031	Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	840,246	48,930	889,176
0033	Health Services	199,330	50,603	249,933
0034	Student (Pupil) Transportation	294,171	74,311	368,482
0035	Food Services	-	982,234	982,234
0036	Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	950,571	31,841	982,412
0041	General Administration	959,913	2,810	962,723
0051	Plant Maintenance and Operations	2,063,229	41,866	2,105,095
0052	Security and Monitoring Services	24,854	-	24,854
0053	Data Processing Services	55,796	72,353	128,149
0061	Community Services	56,132	118,607	174,739
Debt Service:				
0071	Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	310,832	-	310,832
0072	Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	21,010	136,499	157,509
Capital Outlay:				
0081	Facilities Acquisition and Construction	158,703	-	158,703
Intergovernmental:				
0093	Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts	-	719,818	719,818
6030	Total Expenditures	18,684,395	4,164,940	22,849,335
1100	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	2,325,517	370,708	2,696,225
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
7915	Transfers In	160,720	12,933	173,653
8911	Transfers Out (Use)	(12,933)	(2,880)	(15,813)
7080	Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	147,787	10,053	157,840
1200	Net Change in Fund Balances	2,473,304	380,761	2,854,065
0100	Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	3,900,974	464,539	4,365,513
3000	Fund Balance - June 30 (Ending)	\$6,374,278	\$845,300	\$7,219,578

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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WASHINGTON

Boehner elected to succeed Hastert as House Republican leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans Friday chose Rep. John Boehner as minority leader, succeeding Speaker Dennis Hastert in the top GOP leadership post for the Democratic-controlled House that convenes in January.

Boehner defeated Indiana conservative Mike Pence. The vote tally was 168-27 with one vote for Texas Rep. Joe Barton. Boehner's election cements the Ohio conservative's resurrection within GOP leadership ranks. His elevation to succeed Hastert, R-Ill., as the party's front line leader came despite unrest within the rank and file and a spirited campaign by Pence.

Boehner succeeded Tom DeLay, R-Texas, as majority leader in February and was easily elevated to replace Hastert, who is leaving the leadership ranks in the wake of the Democrats' victory.

Boehner initially rode Rep. Newt Gingrich's "Contract With America" campaign to power when the Republicans won

control of the House in the 1994 midterm elections. But he was purged along with Gingrich, R-Ga., in the wake of the party's disappointing performance in the 1998 elections.

"We need to start by rebuilding the Republican brand," Boehner said. "Republicans need to get back to our core

principles and rededicate ourselves to the reform mind-set that put us in the majority 12 years ago."

Roy Blunt, R-Mo., appeared poised to keep his post as whip, which will be the No. 2 GOP post when Republicans become the minority party in January. Blunt is currently the No. 3 House Republican, and he was favored to defeat Arizona conservative Rep. John Shadegg despite sentiment for fresh leadership faces.

House Republicans are still recovering from the shock of Election Day in which they lost control of the chamber for the first time in 12 years.

'We need to start by rebuilding the Republican brand.'

— Rep. John Boehner

Diecast cars



Jessica Tedford, cashier, and James Workman, parts associate, are new hires at Culberson Stowers Inc. of Pampa. They are pictured here checking out the NASCAR diecast cars and clothing available for purchase at the dealership.

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PlayStation 3 makes U.S. debut

NEW YORK (AP) — Days of waiting paid off for Sergio Rodriguez, one of the relatively few able to buy Sony's PlayStation 3 when the coveted console went on sale early Friday.

He was among the die-hard gamers and entrepreneurs across the country who

whose own reporter was hit as she interviewed buyers.

Rodriguez had been waiting outside the New York Circuit City store since Sunday for the a midnight launch event, and he was the first to walk away with the PS3 as people still standing in line outside the store cheered.

'This is the best game ever. It's so worth the wait.'

— Sergio Rodriguez

"This is the best game ever. It's so worth the wait," the 25-year-old graphics designer said. "Some people may call me crazy, but I really love to play."

With Sony promising only 400,000 systems for the nationwide launch, the chance of disappointment was high. While retailers tried to keep expectations low, lines snaked around the block at many stores — even those that weren't going to begin sales until later Friday.

braved foul weather and heckling by passers-by all week for the chance to shell out \$500 or more for the sleek PS3, plus about \$60 per game.

With shortages resulting from production problems, many had camped out for days without knowing if they'd be going home empty-handed. At some stores, the crowds got rowdy and stampeded for the shelves, injuring a man in Wisconsin and forcing authorities to shut down a Wal-Mart store in California.

In Connecticut, two armed thugs who got wise to the PS3's high price and tried to rob a line of people waiting outside a Putnam Wal-Mart store at 3 a.m. One person who refused to give up the money was shot, state police said. In Lexington, Ky., four people waiting outside a Best Buy were hit by BB pellets, though none was seriously injured, according to WKYT,

Saby Madrigal, an 18-year-old college student who worked for a month at a liquor store to save for a PS3, waited in line outside the Circuit City for 24 hours without success. Still, she vowed to keep looking.

"For the work we had to do to get all the money to get the stupid system, I'm going to search every single store in town," she said.

Nathaniel Lord, who camped out for three nights at a Best Buy in West Hollywood, Calif., spent more than \$700 on a console and a game.

"I thought about going home to shower first because I haven't showered in three days, but I think I'm just going to get another energy drink, log on and get started," said Lord, a recent graduate of California Institute of the Arts.

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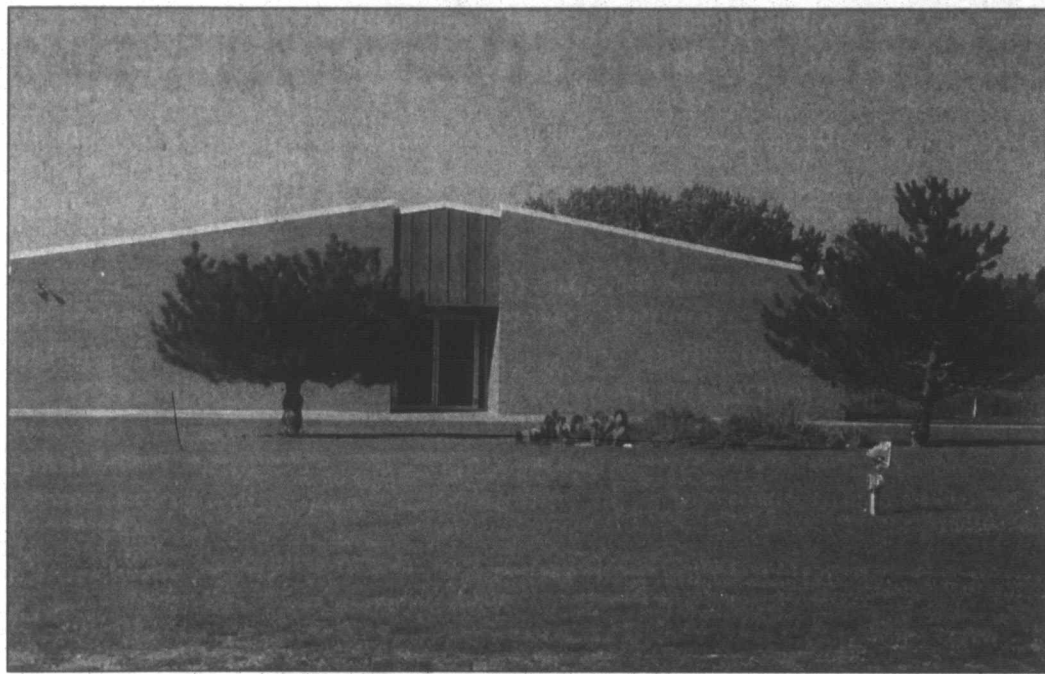
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Church of Christ, Westside

Church name: Church of Christ, Westside, 1612 W. Kentucky, Pampa, TX 79065, Phone number -- 665-2572.

Minister: Since the religious title "Reverend" belongs to God — Psalm 111:9, "Holy and Reverend in His name." (KJV), and since the religious term Father belongs to God — Matthew 23:9, "Do not call anyone on earth father, for One is your Father, He who is in heaven." (NKJV) Evangelist (Acts 21: 8, 2 Timothy 4:5) or Preacher (Romans 10:14, 1 Timothy 2:7, 2 Timothy 1:11) would be an appropriate title for the man who preaches the Word of God from the pulpit.

Services: "Upon the first day of the week" — Acts 20:7, Sunday Bible Classes — 9:30 a.m.; Sunday Morning Worship — 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Evening Worship — 6:30 p.m.; Romans 14:5-6, Wednesday Bible Classes — 7 p.m.

Activities: We have set aside the first Wednesday of each month as a special effort to sing praises to God and read from His divine Word.

Members: 25.

Denomination: The church of Christ, Westside, which follows the divine pattern of New Testament work and worship, is not affiliated with any of the manmade denominations (which means - part of the whole).

How long here: Members of the church of Christ, Westside, have been meeting together since 1972.

Goals: We are currently looking for a full time Evangelist to work with us.

Other activities: The individual members provide for the needy of the world as we have opportunity — Galatians 6:10, "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith." The church of Christ, Westside, provides care for needy saints — Acts 4:34-35, 6:1-7; 1 Timothy 5:16.

Main goal: Since the church belongs to Christ, Christians are to accomplish the goals Christ has set forth--Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen. The members of the church of Christ, Westside, are sharing the Word of God with whomsoever we may have the opportunity to do so.

Church message: Faith in Christ and reconciliation back to God thru Christ.

Responsible parties: If the church of Christ, Westside, was fortunate to have qualified men (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) serving as elders, bishops, pastors, overseers, shepherds, or presbyters, which are different names for the same biblical office, they and the men serving under them as deacons (1 Timothy 3:8-12) would be responsible for the church's day to day operations. Since that is not the case, at the present time, the Christian men are responsible for the day to day operations of the congregation.

Information: Each time we meet, everyone is welcomed and encouraged to bring their Bibles for study and worship as we strive to worship God in spirit and truth.

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Religion

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

To Santa or not to Santa? That's the question

So what do you do with Santa Claus at Christmas time in your family? I know of homes where Santa is the central icon of Christmas. In those homes, they eat, drink, sleep and breathe Santa Claus.

I also know of a few homes where the mention of Santa is "anathema." I know of homes where parents struggle concerning the issue of lying to their children. So the focus of today's article is: To Santa Or Not To Santa, that is the question.

The true part of the story of Santa Claus begins with Nicholas, who was born around 280 AD on the southern coast of modern Turkey. His wealthy parents, who raised him to be a devout Christian, died in an epidemic while Nicholas was still young. Obeying Jesus' words to "sell what you own and give the money to the poor," Nicholas used his whole inheritance to assist the needy, the sick and the suffering.

He dedicated his life to serving God and despite his youthful age was appointed Bishop of Myra. His fame spread throughout the land for his generosity to those in need,

his love for children and his concern for sailors.

In the year 303 AD, the Roman emperor Diocletian commanded all the citizens of the Roman Empire, which included Asia Minor, to worship him as a god. Nicholas resisted, eventually was arrested and for his faith paid the price of five years in a tiny cell.

When Diocletian was replaced by Constantine, Nicholas returned to his post as Bishop of Myra. He continued his good works to the needy until the time of his death on Dec. 6, 343 AD.

The Reformation certainly put a strain on St. Nicholas and the Protestants, but his life's story still made the jump from Europe to America by means of the Vikings, Christopher Columbus, Spanish explorers in Florida, colonial Germans in Pennsylvania, Dutch Americans in New York, etc.

After the American Revolution, St. Nicholas' popularity grew primarily due to

the Dutch Americans in New York. Here is where St. Nicholas took a turn toward Santa Claus. Washington Irving penned a fictional work entitled, "Knickerbocker's History of New York" in 1809. In it, there were numerous references to a jolly St. Nicholas character.

He was not a saintly bishop, but rather an elfin Dutch citizen with a clay pipe. Then the "jolly elf image" was cinched in 1823 when "A Visit from St. Nicholas" was released, now better known as "The Night Before Christmas."

Unfortunately from that point forward, references to St. Nicholas focused on his red suit and jelly belly rather than his godliness and Christ-centered benevolence.

The rest of the story you already know. Today when St. Nicholas is referred to you know what picture comes to every American's mind. Now I personally don't have a problem with Santa Claus, especially

when he is kneeling at the manger or at the foot of the cross.

I do think that it is sad that the life of the devoted disciple of Jesus got lost in the shuffle, so why not bring St. Nicholas back into your Christmas plans? You don't have to be a Catholic to respect and admire a devoted life of Christian service to those in need, especially the children.

Let me leave you with this comparison from C. Myers & J. Rosenthal:

"Santa Claus is round and plump; St. Nicholas is tall and thin. Santa Claus wears a stocking cap; St. Nicholas wears a Bishop's hat. Santa Claus is often seen in stores; St. Nicholas is often seen in churches. Santa Claus flies through the air — from the North Pole; St. Nicholas walked the earth, caring for those in need. Santa Claus, for some, replaces Jesus at Christmas; St. Nicholas, for all, points to Jesus at Christmas. Santa Claus isn't bad; St. Nicholas is just a whole lot better!"

God bless.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



Drug abuse is the fraternity of the hopeless; anyone can join

The young men of this land are not, as they are often called, a lost race. They are a race that never yet has been discovered. And the whole secret power and knowledge of their own discovery is locked within them.

"I didn't think it could happen here."

"I thought this was strictly a city problem."

"I still don't believe it — not our kids."

"What happened — what did we do wrong?"

The place is your town. The problem is drug abuse.

Unfortunately, this scene

will be repeated again and again in many communities — unless something is done to combat drug abuse before more young lives are twisted, irreparably and needlessly.

At this moment, no one knows just how extensive drug abuse by youngsters may be, but law enforcement and health officials close to the situation agree that the problem is growing.

What is also evident is that drug abuse is not limited to the slum areas of major cities. It can crop up anywhere — without reference to economic level, ethnic ori-

gin, intellectual or educational attainment, religious identity or social station.

The world of drug abuse is a fraternity of the hopeless, anyone can join.

Educators face serious difficulties in combating the problem. First, the sad fact is that many educators have little or no resources with which to mount an effective drug abuse prevention program.

Useful materials on the subject have been scarce.

Second, where programs have been initiated to combat drug abuse, they often have been hampered by inadequate or inaccurate information. And, finally, awareness of a drug abuse situation rarely occurs before some unfortunate incident exposes it.

In essence, educators just haven't had the tools to do

the job.

Only motivated educators, well-informed and adequately supported by school authorities, can do something effective to prevent the problem.

For education is the key to prevention, and truth concerning misuse of drugs is the best way prevention can be accomplished. To be sure, drug abuse can be considered a moral issue, but the battle to prevent it can never be successfully joined on that

level alone.

Facts and positive motivation are what young people need to help them make a sound decision should they one day face the pressure of "going along" with the drug abuse crowd.

Many behavioral scientists say drug abuse is a form of escape. You can help come to know it as an escape to nowhere.

—Flynn is a former certified peace officer.

Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Church of the Brethren



Church briefs

Macedonia First Baptist Church of Pampa will serve catfish starting at 11 a.m. Saturday at 441 Elm Street, the location of the church. The menu will consist of catfish, fries and salad. Donations will be accepted. Call in orders may be placed by calling 665-4926.

The Rev. I.L. Patrick and the congregation of Macedonia invite the entire community to the meal.

The Church of God of Prophecy, 422 N. West St., will host a free Thanksgiving dinner at 12:30 p.m. Thanksgiving

Day, Thursday, Nov. 23.

PERRYTON — Community Worship Center of Perryton will present the Christmas program "The Homecoming" Dec. 9-11 in the center's auditorium. "The Homecoming" is both a drama and a musical

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The show will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday. For more information, call (806) 435-2506.

Harvard biologist extends olive branch to evangelicals

By JEFF BARNARD
Associated Press Writer

Harvard biologist Edward O. Wilson might normally arouse suspicion among evangelicals, given his faith in science over Scripture.

But in his latest book, "The Creation, An Appeal to Save Life on Earth," the two-time Pulitzer Prize winner extends an olive branch to Christian believers in hopes of saving the Earth from the biggest mass extinction since the dinosaurs.

Wilson's book is the latest attempt to bridge the gap between evolutionary science and a literal interpretation of the Bible, a rift dating back to Charles

Darwin's theory of natural selection. "Pastor, we need your help. The Creation — living Nature — is in deep trouble," Wilson writes in this letter to an imaginary Southern Baptist pastor. "You might well ask at this point, Why me? Because religion and science are the two most powerful forces in the world today."

R. Albert Mohler Jr., president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, is a longtime reader of Wilson's work on sociobiology, and was initially impressed by Wilson's honesty in the book, but has since grown skeptical of Wilson's motives after not seeing any concrete contacts with evangelicals since the book came out in September — contacts Wilson says are

coming. "E.O. Wilson did not write that book to evangelicals," Mohler said from his office in Louisville, Ky. "He wrote it to his fellow naturalists as a way of encouraging them to find a public relations strategy to reach out to a broader constituency."

"I don't think humanity can bring the world to an end. The fundamental judgment we must fear is the judgment of the creator. When he comes in judgment, certain ecological sins will be among the sins for which he calls us to account. That is not in Scripture the pre-eminent issue. That is where we have to reject E.O. Wilson and his policy."

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The background of this 1868 hymn offers a few surprises, the first being the author's identity. Though published under the name of "Alice Hawthorne," it was actually written by a man named Septimus Winner. Secondly, Winner was also the author of the classic folk tunes, "Listen to the Mockingbird" and "Oh Where, Oh Where Has My Little Dog Gone?" Third, Winner was charged with treason against the United States Government. In 1862, after President Lincoln fired Union General George B. McClellan, Septimus published a song entitled "Give Us Back Our Old Commander: Little Mac, the People's Pride." Over 80,000 copies were sold in the first two days, and Winner was arrested for treason.

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Karen," who was once married to "Zack." They divorced and went their separate ways, but nine years later they are back together. I am almost certain they have not remarried, although Karen uses his last name and refers to him as her husband. Abby, Zack is a compulsive womanizer, always on the lookout for a sexual encounter. Karen doesn't talk about it and pretends that everything is great with her and her "marriage." We all pretend along with her, although picking up strange women for sex is dangerous in many ways. I live on the coast, and a few weeks ago I drove south to a resort city to spend the weekend with a friend. As we sat in a restaurant, I noticed Zack leaving. (I don't believe he saw me.) I mentioned to my friend and an acquaintance of hers who was sitting with us that I knew the man who was walking out. The acquaintance laughed and said most of the women in the area knew him. It seems he owns a condo there and has attracted some attention because of his behavior. I said I knew about his womanizing. She replied, "Yes, but are you aware that he picks up men as well?" I was stunned. The person who gave me the information seemed sure of what she was saying, and gave me enough details to convince me that Zack is picking up men for sex as casually as he does women. I am afraid he is exposing Karen to HIV, and I'm almost positive that she doesn't know about his attraction to men. Should I go to Karen and tell her about this? I'm afraid of losing her friendship if I say anything, but if I don't and something terrible happens, I don't think I could forgive myself. Please advise. — **BITING MY TONGUE IN N. CAROLINA**

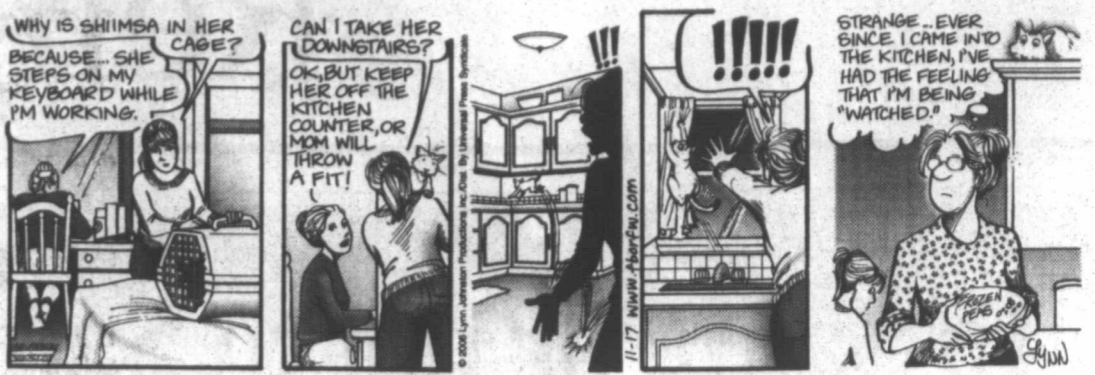
DEAR BITING: Although I do not endorse repeating gossip, a case such as the one you have described is an exception. Your

friend should be told immediately about your visit to the nearby city, that you saw the man she calls her husband there, and what you were told. She should also be advised to see her doctor and be tested for every sexually transmitted disease there is a test for -- if she hasn't done so already. Please make clear that although you were worried about losing her friendship if you came to her about this, you were more worried about her welfare. What happens after that is her decision, and your conscience will be clear.

DEAR ABBY: I have two teenage stepsons living with me and their mother. The older boy, "Jake," who is 16, wants his mother to take him and his brother out once a week or so to be alone with her, while excluding me and my daughter. Jake is very shy and an introvert. I feel that this is contrary to the common good and will promote a lack of trust in the home. However, I love my girlfriend very much and will do anything to keep her happy. Am I wrong for feeling betrayed over this? — **STEPFATHER IN MASSACHUSETTS**

DEAR "STEPFATHER": Unless I have missed something in your letter, you and the boys' mother are not married -- which makes you a caring live-in, but not a spouse or stepdad. I do not regard Jake's wanting alone time with his mother as any threat to you. As a matter of fact, it might be a good idea for you to schedule private time with your daughter while the boys are with their mother. This is not a betrayal or rejection of you, and you should not feel insecure about it.

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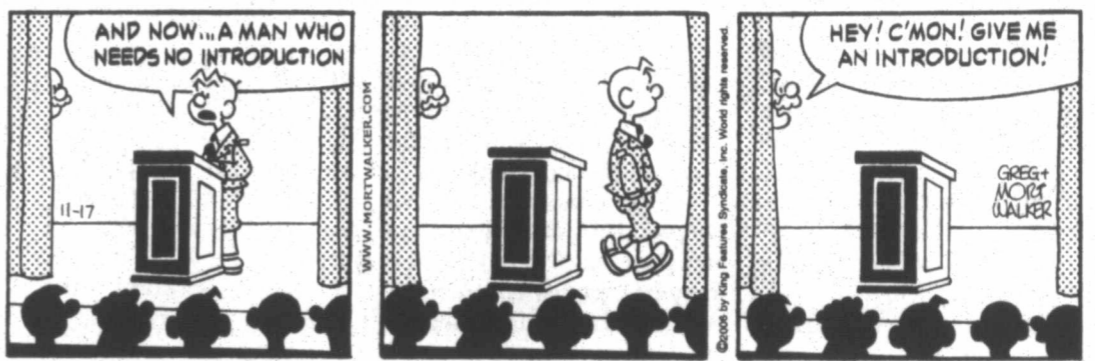
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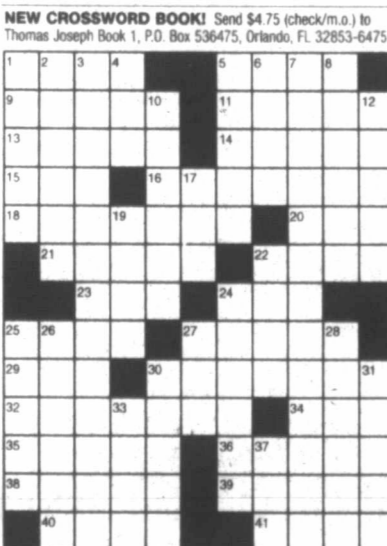
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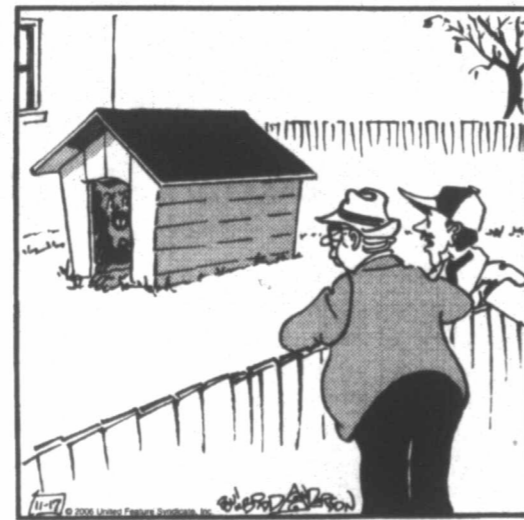
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Sports Day



Buddy Epperson (right) and me on the No. 9 green. The photo was taken by another friend, former Pampa High School athletic director Dick Dunham (retired) who happened to be nearby. Imagine that.

Three years late, it was still a fun game, Buddy

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Despite the blustery conditions and my complete lack of talent for the game, I met up with my friend Buddy Epperson at Hidden Hills Golf Course — a place he likes to call his baby — for a round of golf three years late in being played.

I lost three or four golf balls to the water hazards of the No. 12 and No. 13 holes. I lost my cell phone. But I had a great time. I hope Buddy did as well.

I think I had a par somewhere on the course, but it got lost among the many, many terrible holes it took me swing after swing to get to.

I didn't manage anything related to birds. No birdie. No eagle. Is there such thing as a vulture? Perhaps I got one or six of those. I think I scored more in the nightmarish 'bogey man' range. A bogey here. A double bogey there. What is it called when you get five bogeys? Probably something very, very bad.

I was hoping to see a clown, a windmill or some hole that said I got a free game if I got a hole-in-one. I was out of my element.

Buddy on the other hand looked like a ringer who knew he could not only take me to school, but beat me up for my milk money. He birdied No. 4. He parred almost everything else it seemed. The man was on. What was really embarrassing is, while I addressed the ball, took a few practice swings, then sent the little orb wherever it felt like going, Epperson just grabbed a club, walked up to the ball and sent it where he wanted it to go. I began to suspect he knew this course a little better than I had first imagined.

We opened the back nine with me hitting a pretty decent drive while he sent one out of bounds. "Well. Don't know what got in to me there, but we'll get that taken care of right now." Show off!

Once we got past the 12th and 13th holes, I began to get a little better. Well, I was able to keep my shots on the course anyway.

After the game and on our way back to the clubhouse, we bumped into some of Buddy's pals. Folks whose names I have typed enough times I felt as though I knew them. But did not meet some of them until Thursday afternoon. You have read about them in the Senior Scramble results. I met Jess Mathis who recently shot a hole-in-one (don't think you get a free game for the real kind). I met James Gray. A man who shares the same name with a friend of mine in Amarillo. There were others and I was glad to meet them all.

I'm not sure what the final score was. I didn't see Buddy break out a slide rule so I took some comfort in that. But the score didn't matter to me. I played a round of golf with Buddy Epperson. A round of golf that was played too late. But I'm glad we were able to get it in nonetheless.

Thank you Buddy.

Harvesters host Eagles tonight at The Pit

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

For the second time this week, Pampa will play host to a strong opponent when the Harvesters and Lady Harvesters meet their Canyon counterparts in The Pit tonight.

Lady Harvesters vs. Lady Eagles

The Lady Harvesters will get the night started when they tip-off against the Lady Eagles at 6. Coach Troy Fry knows one simple fact about tonight's opponent. "They are Canyon." He went on to point out, "They have good guards and posts. They like to get the ball inside and open up the outside for their guards to shoot."

The Lady Harvesters have solid guards in Britteni Rice and Tamara Trevathan as well as Halei Skinner, Jasmine Moore and freshman Carlyn Teichmann. Pampa fields two sound posts in McKinsie East and Haili Kotara.

Fry feels his team can match up with Canyon on the floor and on the bench. But they will need to stay strong physically and mentally. "I do feel we can match up with them, the question is can we stay focused throughout the entire game," Fry said.

Still early in the season, Fry knows

it is games such as this that can help his team hone skills and learn to limit mistakes. "Tonight, I want this team to do better at rebounding and limiting our turnovers. I also want to see us come out after half-time ready to play with a lot more intensity," Fry said.

The Lady Harvester turnover woes seem to come by way of passes gone awry. Look for crisp, certain passes from Pampa tonight.

Coach Fry's Key to Victory:

"The key tonight is that we must limit Canyon to very few second chances."

The junior varsity game will begin at 7:30 in the MPAC building.

Harvesters vs. Eagles

Canyon comes to Pampa under the guidance of first year head coach Mike Scarbrough. Well, that may be a little misleading. Coach Scarbrough may be new to Canyon, but he is certainly not new to high school basketball. He spent some time at another school prior to taking over the Eagle's program. Scarbrough led the Nazareth Swifts to many a playoff and a few state championships.

Pampa head coach Dustin Miller knows of Scarbrough's background and the respect it deserves. In talking

about tonight's game, Miller said "He (Scarbrough) has won several state championships so I am sure they will be extremely well coached. They will play great defense and rebound really well."

Canyon may be a few players short tonight as some of Scarbrough's guys are still busy with the gridiron. Canyon faces Wichita Falls Hirschi in a 3A bidistrict playoff game tonight at Memorial Stadium in Wichita Falls.

Miller says his team — which had an amazing fourth quarter against Amarillo High Tuesday night — should match up well against the Eagles, but notes it is doing the little things that will give the Harvesters the edge. "Once again if we do what we do best — rebound, run, get up and down the floor — we will have a chance to win," Miller said.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. The JV game will begin at 6 in the MPAC building.

Coach Miller's Key to Victory:

"For us to have a chance we have to rebound the ball much better than we did Tuesday. We want them to stay positive and really focus on 'hustle' plays."

Tonight's games can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO.

Hidden Hills results

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Hidden Hills Golf Course
Thursday, Nov. 16

1st Place (61)
J. Brashears
J. Mathis
N. Lancaster
J. Gray

2nd Place (63)
B. Hammer

O. Sargent
J. McGuire
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Mathis cards hole-in-one

Jess Mathis shot his first hole-in-one Nov. 13 at Hidden Hills Golf Course. Mathis, a Pampa resident, used an 8-iron to ace the 132-yard No. 6 hole. Witnesses were Jim Bridges, Ray Covalt and Bob Swope, all of Pampa.

Schembechler dead at 77

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Bo Schembechler, the winningest coach in Michigan football history, died Friday after collapsing during the taping of a television show, according to three Detroit TV stations. He was 77.

Schembechler's death was reported by WXYZ, WDIV and WJBK, which did not cite sources. He died a day before the second-ranked Wolverines were scheduled to meet No. 1 Ohio State in the latest installment of the century-old rivalry.

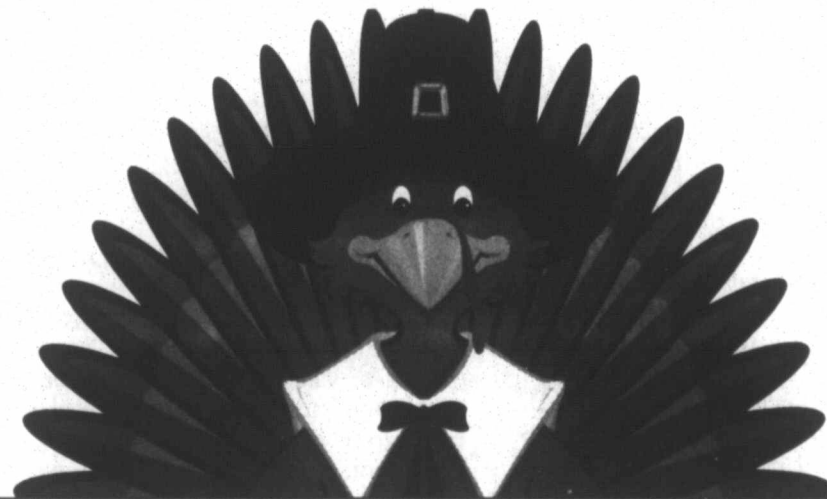
Schembechler became ill and collapsed while taping a show at WXYZ in Southfield, the station said, and he was taken by ambulance to an area hospital.

Schembechler also was hospitalized Oct. 20 after becoming ill at the same location.

Police were sent to the station around 9:25 a.m. along with the city's fire department and escorted an ambulance to Providence Hospital, Southfield police spokesman John Harris said.

Schembechler met with the media earlier this week to discuss Saturday's super-hyped game.

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Rockets blow 21-point lead in 101-100 win over Bulls

HOUSTON (AP) — Tracy McGrady banked in a 3-pointer from the wing, shrugged his shoulders and high-fived Houston Rockets owner Les Alexander as he trotted down the court.

The shot early in the third quarter Thursday night put Houston up by 21 over the Chicago Bulls and had most of the fans in the Toyota Center feeling pretty good.

However, the way the Rockets have been playing lately, they know no lead is secure.

McGrady finished with 21 points, 11 rebounds and seven assists to help Houston hold off Ben Gordon and Bulls, 101-100.

On Tuesday, the Rockets led San Antonio by 19, then collapsed and lost by eight. They've also nearly wasted large second-half leads in narrow wins over Memphis, Milwaukee and New York.

"To have breakdowns like that is really uncalled for," McGrady said. "Moving forward, we have to do something about that."

Yao Ming had 20 points and 12 rebounds, his third double-double in four games, and Rafer Alston scored 19 as the Rockets beat the Bulls for the seventh time in eight meetings.

Gordon almost single-handedly carried Chicago to a dramatic comeback win, scoring 30 of his 37 points in the second half.

Yao and McGrady went 3-for-10 in the final quarter, allowing the Bulls to stay within range.

"We won the game," Yao said, "but I still feel frustrated about the fourth quarter."

In the only other NBA game Thursday night, Golden State beat Sacramento 117-105.

Gordon scored nine points in the

final minute and his driving bank shot with 27 seconds left cut Houston's lead to 95-92. After Shane Battier sank two free throws, Gordon swished a 3-pointer with 15.2 seconds left to pull the Bulls to within 97-95.

Alston hit two foul shots with 14.4 seconds left and Gordon missed a 3-pointer from the wing. Luther Head sank two free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining. Andres Nocioni had a layup and a 3-pointer in the closing seconds.

The Rockets' locker room was somber afterward as they struggled to explain their pattern of late-game dysfunction.

"We've just got to find a way to lock in, the same way we lock in through the first three quarters," Alston said. "It's mind-boggling now — back-to-back, to have such a lead and then let it evaporate like that."

McGrady, who missed four of five shots in the final quarter, admitted he was having flashbacks to the Spurs' loss.

"I'm not happy at all," McGrady said. "You've got to be happy about the win, but the overall picture is not good. We know some of those games can slip away."

Gordon sank 11 of 22 shots and went 14-of-16 from the free-throw line, breaking out of an early-season slump. He came in shooting only 37.8 percent from the field.

"I was just trying to be a little aggressive," Gordon said. "I've been struggling with my shot lately, so I wanted to get to the free-throw line. That's what kind of got me going."

On Tuesday, Houston missed 25 of its last 27 shots to fuel San Antonio's rally. And about the same time the Rockets had collapsed against the Spurs, it started happening again.

Gordon's pull-up jumper with 3:50 left in the third quarter cut Houston's lead to 74-55 — the exact score when San Antonio started its comeback two nights ago. Houston missed its last five shots of the quarter and Gordon scored 10 points in three minutes to help Chicago trim the deficit to 78-69 heading to the fourth.

The Bulls got within seven before Head swished a 3-pointer with 8:04 left for an 84-74 lead.

The Rockets led 90-79 when Gordon hit a jumper from just inside the 3-point line to start the Bulls' last-ditch rally with 3:29 to go.

"We just were a little bit too late," Gordon said. "I just wish we'd done that at the beginning of the game."

The Rockets missed 12 of their first 19 shots before reserve Scott Padgett sank a 3-pointer late in the first quarter to trigger a 20-6 burst. Padgett scored all 11 of his points and grabbed five rebounds during the spurt and Kirk Snyder finished it with a three-point play that gave the Rockets a 37-30 lead.

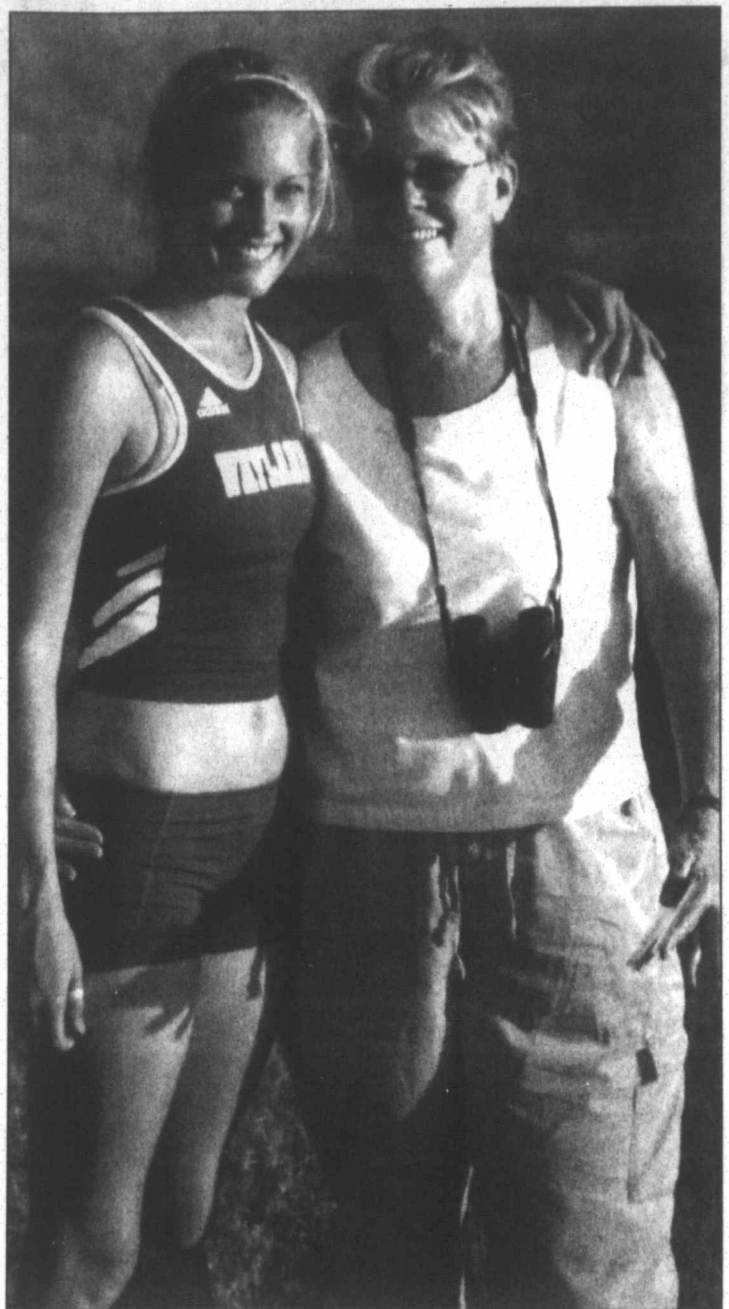
After hitting six of their first eight shots, the Bulls missed 17 of their next 23. The Rockets led 50-39 at the break, then started the second half with a 12-2 burst, capped by McGrady's banked-in 3-pointer.

Warriors 117, Kings 105
Baron Davis had 36 points, a career-high 18 assists and eight rebounds during another sensational performance that led the host Golden State to its fourth straight win.

Mickael Pietrus added 26 points for the Warriors.

Kevin Martin scored 26 points and Ron Artest had 20 points and 12 rebounds for the Kings, who were 1-for-17 on 3-pointers.

Cross Country queen



Courtesy photo

Former Lady Pirate Rachael Stubbs takes a moment to pose with her grandmother, Helena Stubbs during a recent Wayland Baptist Cross Country event. Stubbs, and her WBU Lady Queen teammates will be in Louisville, Ky. Saturday where they will compete in the NAIA Nationals. Wayland Baptist University enter the tournament ranked 14th in the nation.

Demonettes advance

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Julie Causseaux and Lindsey Miller each had 16 kills to lead Dumas to a 25-18, 25-23, 18-25, 25-23 victory over Waco Midway in UIL Class 4A volleyball semifinals Thursday.

The Demonettes (39-7) will face Vista Ridge (31-7) in Saturday's finals after Vista Ridge defeated Friendswood 25-17, 18-25, 25-11, 25-11 in the other semifinal.

After winning the first game 25-18, the Demonettes' normally sure handed ball control started failing late in game two and fell apart in game three. Midway won the third game 25-18 to force a fourth game, which Dumas won 25-23.

Laura Simon led Midway with 18 kills while Bianca Smith-Davis added nine. Megan Mader and Jordan Rice had seven kills each.

Elizabeth Graham had 21 kills and four blocks for Vista Ridge while Rebekah Fogle added 11 kills. Brittanie Wallace had eight kills and both Morgan Crawford and Carrie Hahn had five kills for the Rangers. Allison Gideon had 22 assists and Megan Pendleton added 19 assists.

Jessie Hays had 10 kills for Friendswood (35-7) as the Mustangs managed only 26 kills in four games.

Sooners still have Big 12 chance

WACO, Texas (AP) — Oklahoma still has a chance to get into the Big 12 championship game thanks to an unexpected loss by Texas and the Sooners' impressive comeback last weekend.

While their national title hopes were dashed in early October, the 16th-ranked Sooners (8-2, 5-1 Big 12) got a late-season reprieve in the conference race.

"Things still have to happen. We still have to take care of our stuff and then see what happens after that," Oklahoma quarterback Paul Thompson said. "We're definitely aware of that, but we can't look forward to things that are not in our control."

The Sooners know they first have to win Saturday at downtrodden Baylor (4-7, 3-4). Then they have to get some more help for their regular season finale to have title implications.

"I won't let our focus change," coach Bob Stoops said. "We're going to Baylor this week, so that is where all of our energy is at. We take pride in each win. We're about the entirety of it."

Texas could have clinched the Big 12 South last weekend, but was upset 45-42 at Kansas State. About the same time, Oklahoma was overcoming a two-touchdown deficit to beat Texas Tech.

Oklahoma has won five straight

since losing to Texas, which has the tiebreaker should the teams finish tied for the top spot.

The Longhorns still clinch the South if they win their regular season finale the Friday after Thanksgiving against Texas A&M, which is coming off one-point home losses to Big 12 North champ Nebraska and Oklahoma. But a Texas loss would give the Sooners a chance to win the division crown the following day against their in-state rival, Oklahoma State.

All those scenarios for Oklahoma assume another win over Baylor. That's a pretty solid assumption.

The Sooners have won all 15 games in a series that dates to 1901. They needed double overtime to win at home last year, but won their last three games in Waco by an average of six touchdowns.

Baylor will finish a once-promising season with its 11th straight losing record. The Bears have three Big 12 victories in the same year for the first time, but consecutive blowout losses since record-setting quarterback Shawn Bell tore a knee ligament ended their bowl chances.

After a 55-21 loss at Texas Tech, Baylor lost 66-24 at Oklahoma State, which led 52-3 after two defensive touchdowns early in the second half last weekend.

Coach

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During the news conference, the 77-year-old discussed the device that was implanted to regulate his heartbeat after he was hospitalized last month.

He said the device covered about half his chest and that doctors still were adjusting it.

Schembechler said he did not plan to attend the game in Columbus, Ohio, and that he doesn't attend road games anymore.

Schembechler had a heart attack on the eve of his first Rose Bowl in 1970 and another one in 1987. He has had two quadruple heart bypass operations.

The seven-time Big Ten coach of the year compiled a 194-48-5 record at Michigan from 1969-89. Schembechler's record in 26 years of coaching was 234-64-8.

Schembechler's Wolverines were 11-9-1 against the Buckeyes. But fans in both states generally agree the rivalry's prime years were 1969-78, when Schembechler opposed his friend and coaching guru, Woody Hayes. Ohio State prevailed in those meetings, going 5-4-1.

"It was a very personal rivalry," Earle Bruce, who succeeded Hayes as coach, once said. "And for the first and only time, it was as much about the coaches as it was about the game."

"Bo and Woody were very close because Bo played for Woody at Miami of Ohio, then coached with him at Ohio State. But their friendship was put on hold when Bo took the Michigan job, because it was the prototype against mentor."

Savoring the decade of drama in 2003, Schembechler said, "It doesn't get any better than that, does it?"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006:

You have spirit and understanding. Your creativity helps you bypass any problem and handle various situations. You will see that many people enjoy being imaginative. You will see life from a far different perspective if you remain open. You might not have all the answers. Learn to be open and more creative. If you are single, life becomes a more dynamic experience, and you will enjoy relating to the many others in your life. Your charisma speaks. If you are attached, try to be less me-oriented. The more sensitive you become, the better your relationship will become. SCORPIO reads you cold.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ New beginnings become possible if you work with those around you. Brainstorm and talk up a storm. You might be surprised by another's resourcefulness. Think positively and really enjoy others. Time spent with a pal might be well worth it. Tonight: Togetherness counts.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Defer to others and understand what's really on their mind and what they are saying. Listen to the words, but also note what isn't being said. You might have to work through a problem more carefully. Tonight: Easy does it.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to dance to another's tune, but you do have to agree

on what you are hearing. Sometimes others are so far off-base, it might be hard to get along or remain nonjudgmental. Listen to your inner voice. Tonight: Easy does it.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Be very playful and fun-loving. Kick up your heels. Easy does it; mellow out. You might be tired and dragging from recent events. You might want to take a spin and walk a different path. Tonight: Ever playful.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Someone might be a bit touchy or difficult. No matter what you do or how you handle a situation, this time the results could be the same. If you have a question in mind, anchor in, and you will resolve the problem. Tonight: Happy at home.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Speak your mind clearly. Others will respond en masse. You could be a bit silly or emotional at times. This behavior helps others laugh and loosen up. Let the good times rock and roll. If you let your hair down, so will others. Tonight: Chat up a storm.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Expenses could tame plans more than you'd anticipated. You could pout or misuse your imagination. You could come up with even more fun ideas and plans. Let your hair down. Curb a tendency to be possessive or a bit difficult. Tonight: All fun doesn't need to cost.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You are all smiles. Your personality takes you in a new direction. Smile and let go. You are fun and lively. You know what to do and where you are going. Fun and games spin off humor

and spontaneity. Tonight: All grins.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Assuming a low profile might be more important than you realize. Evolve and get back to basics. You might want to share everything you know with someone. Listen more and share. You'll discover just how much you care. Tonight: Vanish. Do your thing.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You have the ability to see what others don't. By keeping your emphasis and focus, you will head in an appropriate direction. Friends mean a lot to you, whether you realize it or not. Tonight: Where the gang is.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others seek you out for direction or help. You have a strong personality, more so than you realize. You could be taken aback by someone you have trusted. He or she might act up. Let this person be — for now. Tonight: A must appearance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your perspective gets you far. Listen to what someone says or feels. Work with an open mind. You can see someone through different eyes. You will get along much better if you simply flow. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

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