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Wilson Elementary trains students in peer mediation

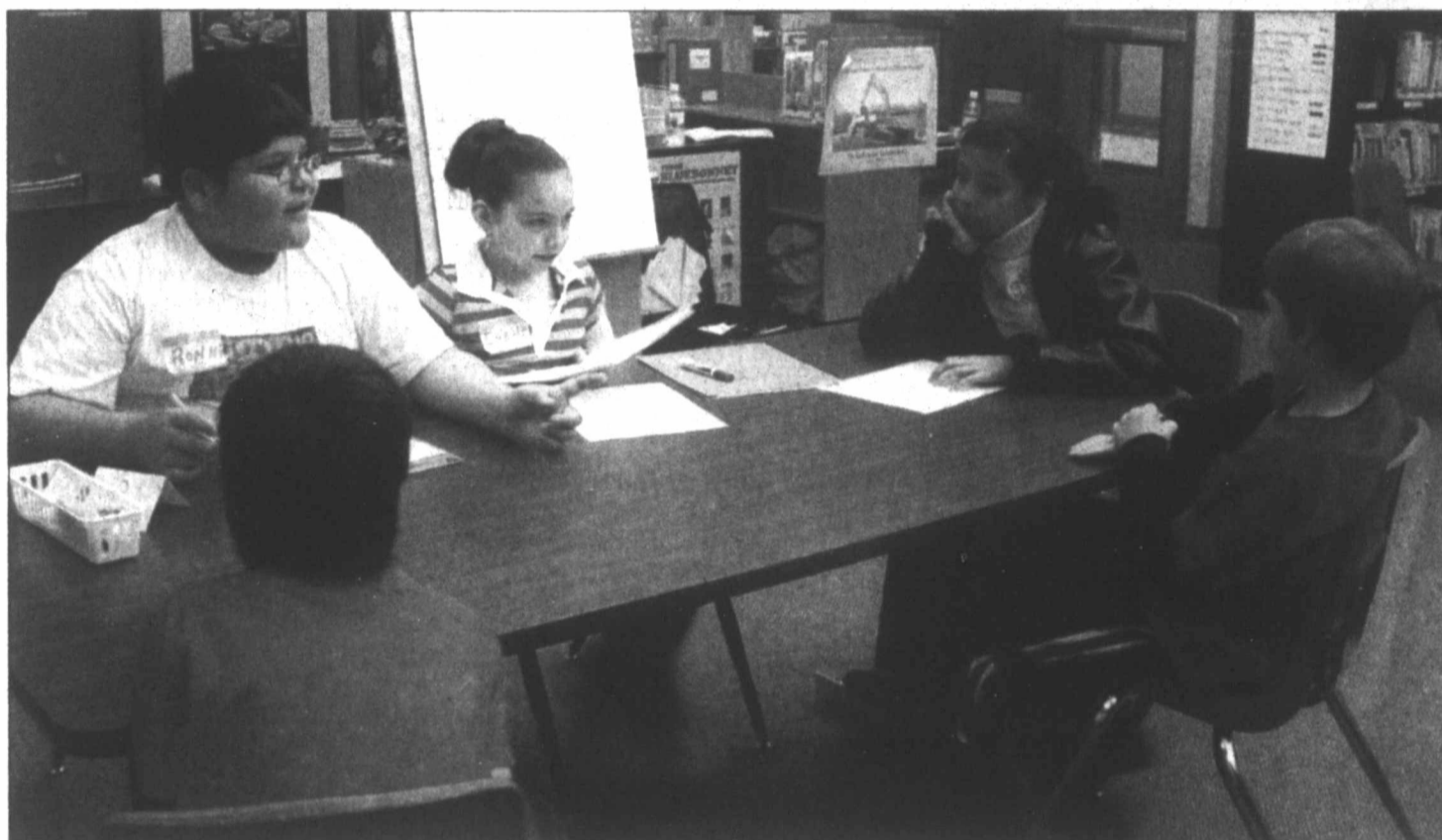
By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Wilson Elementary had Peer Mediation training this week for third and fourth grade students. Debbie Womack, a trainer from Pax United in Dallas, was here to facilitate the training of "Peers Making Peace".

Womack explained that Peers Making Peace is a peer-mediation program developed to help create and maintain a safe school environment. It equips students with the skills to provide mediation services for their peers who cannot successfully resolve a conflict. The goal of the program is to have students resolve conflicts in a peaceful, prosocial manner. From research they have done, they found this method is 97 percent effective in getting disputants to make an agreement for resolution.

The executive director and developer of the program is Dr. Susan Armoni. Womack was trained by Armoni in 1992 and has been a full time trainer with Pax United for the past six years. She, along with most of the other trainers, are educators who have been in the classroom so they understand how conflict can disrupt the learning process.

Pax United is recognized by the U. S. Department of Education as "an effective school-based program that promotes healthy students and safe, disciplined and drug-free schools." The



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH
Wilson Elementary students practice peer mediation Thursday. Back left, acting as mediators are Ronnie Vera, fourth grade, and Ivette Medina, fourth grade; and Mayra Tinajero, fifth grade observer. Acting as disputants are Erik Vizcaino, third grade, left front, and Brak Giles, third grade.

Office for Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention recognized them as a model program. They were recipients of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention exemplary award in 2000 and 2004. Their conflict mediation programs support more than 5,000 schools and organizations in 28 states.

Mary Sturgeon, counselor at Wilson Elementary, said they hope to implement this program and have great success so other elementary

schools in Pampa will follow their lead. Besides Wilson, the only other school currently teaching this peer mediation technique is the Junior High School. Sturgeon said that having this company come in to teach this process does not cost them anything because Pax United is funded by a grant. The only prerequisite for having the students trained as mediators is to have an educator from that school undergo training to

become a coordinator. Sturgeon went to training last year and is the current coordinator for Wilson.

The students who are receiving training to become mediators were nominated by teachers. If parental permission is given, those students then go through an interview process. If they are selected to become a mediator, they undergo nine hours of training for elementary grades and 12 hours for middle school. The students go

through graduation and receive a certificate. Mediation can then begin in their grade or grades lower. Womack said that students can mediate down (lower grades), but never up (higher grades).

A student, teacher or parent can refer some students that have had a conflict to go through the mediation process. Sturgeon would then select two mediators

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'Hear that lonesome whistle blow ...'



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
An early morning freight train pulls through Pampa on a gray morning this week. Weather will continue to be cool and breezy, but Sunday should see a high around 58. Showers are in the forecast for early next week.

DPS drug busts result in 3 arrests

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Cocaine and marijuana were seized Wednesday on Interstate 40 near Groom after two traffic stops, which resulted in three arrests.

According to a Department of Public Safety

report, the first stop occurred at 8:45 a.m. when a 2001 Ford pickup traveling eastbound was stopped 15 miles west of Groom. With the help of a K-9 unit, troopers found three kilos of cocaine inside a hidden compartment behind the right front fender.

The cocaine has an estimated value of \$44,859. Investigators believe this load originated in Phoenix, Ariz., and was headed to Columbus, Ga.

Lizabeth Gines-Gomez, 44, and Diego Fernandez Ricci, 35, both of Columbus,

Ga., were arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail in Panhandle on drug charges.

The second stop occurred at 11:43 a.m. when DPS

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Parade winners announced

The Chamber of Commerce has announced the winners for the Christmas Parade that was held Dec. 2.

Commercial category: 1st place - RT Signs, 2nd place - combined float of Southwest Collision and JR's Alignment, 3rd place - combined float of Dish Solutions and Jump for Joy.

Non-commercial category: 1st place - PHS Soccer Team, 2nd place - Girl Scout Troop 221, 3rd place - a Girl Scout mixed troop.

Religious category: 1st place - Hi-Land Christian Church, 2nd place - Crosspointe Baptist, 3rd place - New Life Assembly of God.

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Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Seven traffic stops were made which resulted in one arrest. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 900 block of South Hobart. An agency assist was needed in the 600 block of Wynne where the unauthorized use of a vehicle, a 1992 Dodge flatbed pickup, was reported. A traffic complaint was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. A police escort was provided in the 100 block of West 30th.

Calls concerning animals were reported from the 600 block of East Browning, the 1400 block of East Harvester, the 400 block of East Kingsmill, the 2100 block of North Nelson, the 1000 block of South Hobart, the 600 block of Yeager and the 400 block of East Foster. Warrant service was attempted in the 700 block of Russell, the 1300 block of Rham and at the police department lobby. A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of Huff. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of Somerville, the 1400 block of North Hobart and in the area of Mary Ellen and Harvester. Two calls reporting criminal mischief were made from the 600 block of North Wells. The first reported windows being shot out by a BB gun, worth an estimated value of \$200. The second reported truck windows being shot out by a BB gun with an estimated value of \$350.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1300 block of Terrace. Sexual assault was reported in the 400 block of Perry. Sexual assault of a child was reported in the 2000 block of Coffee. A sex offender registration was made at the police department lobby. A prowler was reported in the 200 block of Tignor. Fraud was reported at the police department lobby. Thefts were reported in the 800 block of Scott and in the 1900 block of Williston where two speakers, a remote control and a quick start guide were taken with an estimated value of \$38.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Thursday, Dec. 7** James Aaron Broadus, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for deadly conduct. Ronda Kay Spotts, 40, of Lefors was arrested by Lefors City Marshal for DWI, 2nd offense. Lisa Ann Lang, 38, of Midwest City, Okla., was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation on theft of more than \$20,000 and less than \$100,000. Jarrad Wayne Slatten, 34, of Lefors was arrested by Lefors City Marshal for harassment. Terry Jean Mora, 41, of Pampa was arrested in the police department lobby by Pampa Police Department for no insurance. Joshua Aaron Cook, 22, of Pampa

was arrested in the 400 block of Finch by PPD for theft by check, expired driver's license, failure to make financial restitution and failure to appear.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Dec. 7** 5:35 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a medical assist. **Friday, Dec. 8** 1:09 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Beryl on a CO investigation.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance made the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Dec. 7** 8:07 a.m. — An ambulance responded to the 800 block of West 25th and a transport was made. 5:08 p.m. — An ambulance responded to an undisclosed location. 5:31 p.m. — An ambulance responded to the 800 block of West 25th. 10:03 p.m. — An ambulance responded to the 800 block of Duncan. **Friday, Dec. 8** 6:30 a.m. — An ambulance responded to the 800 block of North Nelson.

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Former U.N. Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick dies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jeane J. Kirkpatrick, an unabashed apostle of Reagan era conservatism and the first woman U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has died.

The death of the 80-year-old Kirkpatrick, who began her public life as a Hubert Humphrey Democrat, was announced Friday at the senior staff meeting of the U.S. mission to the United Nations and on the Web site of the American Enterprise Institute, where she had been a senior fellow.

Kirkpatrick's assistant, Andrea Harrington, said that she died in her sleep at home in Bethesda, Md. late Thursday. She had been suffering from heart disease,

Kirkpatrick, elevated to the U.N. post by President Reagan in 1981, was known as a blunt and sometimes acerbic advocate for her causes.

but the cause of death was not immediately known. U.N. Ambassador John Bolton asked for a moment of silence for Kirkpatrick Friday at a meeting of the U.S. delegation to the U.N. in New York.

Kirkpatrick's health had been in decline recently, Harrington said, adding that she was "basically confined to her house," going to work about once a week "and then less and less."

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., said that Kirkpatrick, who had a reputation as a blunt and acerbic advocate, "stood up for the interests of America while at the U.N., lent a powerful moral voice to the Reagan foreign policy and has been a source of wise counsel to our nation since leaving the government two decades ago."

Karlyn H. Bowman, a colleague of Kirkpatrick's at AEI, a conservative think-tank, called her "always insightful. Always interesting. Very thoughtful about modern American politics and foreign policy. A wonderful colleague."

Kirkpatrick, elevated to the U.N. post by President Reagan in 1981, was known

as a blunt and sometimes acerbic advocate for her causes. She remained involved in public issues even though she'd left government service two decades ago. She joined seven other former U.N. ambassadors in 2005 in writing a letter to Congress telling lawmakers that their plan to withhold dues to force reform at the world body was misguided and would "create resentment, build animosity and actually strengthen opponents of reform."

Kirkpatrick was a political science professor at Georgetown University from 1957 until her appointment to the U.N. Like many conservatives, she wrote for Commentary Magazine, a liberal publication that gradually turned to conservatism amid liberals' criticism of Israel.

A pivotal article sought to draw a distinction between authoritarian governments and more extreme violators of human rights like the Soviet Union. She acknowledged that authoritarian states did not meet democratic standards, but wrote that they were far preferable to totalitarian regimes.

Stocks

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Coca Cola	48.84	+0.12
VLO	55.51	+0.07
HAL	33.02	+0.11
TRI	41.54	-0.14
KML	105.43	+0.03

XCEL	22.90	-0.02
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XOM	76.27	+0.56
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Limited	30.82	-0.07
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Bush meets with leaders on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pledged today to consider the ideas of congressional leaders as he searches for a new strategy for the unpopular Iraq war. The president is expected to announce his decisions in a speech before Christmas.

"The president admitted that some new tactics might be needed," incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said after Bush met at the White House with top Democrats and Republicans from Congress.

Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., said no one expects the president to endorse all 79 recommendations of a blue ribbon commission that explored options in Iraq. But he said he hopes Bush's ideas track with the themes of the report, released Wednesday, which issued a scathing assessment of U.S. involvement in the war.

"We have got to start moving American troops, redeploying them out of Iraq and start bringing them home," Durbin said. "And second, we're not going to ask the Iraqis for permission. In fact, we're going to let them know we hold them to standards of performance in terms of making their country safer, their government stronger and securing their own future. And finally, that we open up a

new line of diplomacy in the Mideast."

Summing up the discussions, Bush said, "We talked about Iraq. We talked about the need for a new way forward in Iraq. And we talked about the need to work together on this important subject."

The leaders were part of a parade of senior lawmakers making their way through the West Wing this week.

Next week, Bush will hold three days of meetings with senior members of his national security team to discuss ideas about Iraq.

On Monday, Bush will go to the State Department for talks, and then later in the day meet in the Oval Office with outside experts on Iraq. On Tuesday, the president will hold a video conference with senior military commanders and Ambassador Zalmay Khalizad, the top U.S. diplomat in Iraq. And on Wednesday he will go to the Pentagon to meet with senior defense officials.

"We are driving toward conclusion," National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe said.

Pelosi said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid recommended forming a bipartisan House and Senate group that would meet on a regular basis with the administration.

Hurricane forecast said above average

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season should have above-average activity, a top hurricane researcher said today.

Colorado State forecaster William Gray predicted 14 named storms next year, including three major hurricanes and four other hurricanes.

Gray and fellow researcher Philip Klotzbach said fewer hurricanes are likely to make landfall compared to last year, which had the busiest and most destructive hurricane season on record.

It had 28 named storms, including 15 hurricanes, four of which hit the U.S. The worst of those was Katrina, which leveled parts of the Gulf Coast.

This year's season had nine named storms

and five hurricanes, two of them major. That was considered a "near normal" season but fell short of predictions by Gray and government scientists.

No hurricanes hit the U.S. Atlantic coast in 2006 — only the 11th time that has occurred since 1945.

Gray's team said a late-developing El Nino contributed to the calmer 2006 season but that those conditions are likely to dissipate before the next June-to-November season.

"Despite a fairly inactive 2006 hurricane season, we believe that the Atlantic basin is in an active hurricane cycle," Gray said. The active cycle is expected to continue for another decade or two, he said.

Wilson

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and they would fill out an invitation to those disputants. If the disputants both agree to the meeting, the time and place is arranged. Because this mediation is totally voluntary, if they both do not agree, the meeting is never set up.

Once a meeting is arranged, there is a script for the mediators to follow: setup, introduction, rules, storytelling, needs, solutions, agreement and closure.

The setup is for the two mediators to decide which of them will do the introduction, decide who speaks first and which one of them will write the agreement. They also set up the table and chairs so they are on one side of the table sitting close together and the disputants are on the other side, but they are separated.

The introduction is important because the mediators shake hands with both disputants and introduce themselves. They make sure everyone understands the process about to occur, that they will not tell the disputants what to do or

take sides and that this meeting is confidential between the four of them. They are the only ones in the room. The coordinator is standing outside or is just down the hall if needed. But, one of the main goals of this program is that students help students.

Rules are then explained to those being mediated and they are asked if they agree to these. Examples of some rules are to tell the truth, no name calling will be allowed, no interrupting each other and to speak directly to the mediators and not to each other.

Both disputants get to explain in detail how the conflict occurred during the storytelling portion of this process. Importantly, both are asked how this conflict made them feel.

Next, the needs of both people are discussed. "What would you like to see happen?" is asked of each person. The mediators have to restate the answers that were given so all involved understand exactly what was said.

"What can you do to solve this problem?" is asked of each disputant. Both sides have to agree on a solution before the process continues.

One of the mediators

writes the agreement which states how this conflict will be resolved (shake hands, apologize, accept apology, give back item that was taken, etc.), when and where it will happen (in the library at 3 p.m. after school) and who will be involved (usually just the two having the conflict). This written agreement is then signed by both disputants and given to the coordinator. The coordinator has to follow up and see whether or not the agreement was followed and keeps a report so the success rate can be measured. At the end of the school year, the written agreements are disposed of.

The last step in the mediation process is the closure. The mediators thank the others for coming and remind them that this meeting is confidential. If any of their friends ask what happened in the meeting, they should reply "the problem was solved."

Peer mediation should help not only in the school environment, but in the community and family as well. These children learn how to discuss their feelings and talk through conflict instead of resorting to physical violence or turning to drugs.

Drugs

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troopers stopped a 2001 Ford F-350 pickup traveling eastbound 14 miles west of Groom. Again, with the help of a K-9 unit, 252 pounds of marijuana was found inside a false compartment located in a generator the vehicle was hauling.

The marijuana has an estimated value of \$106,176. Investigators believe this load originated in Tucson, Ariz., and was headed for Oklahoma City.

Booked into the Carson County Jail was Robert E. Gaffney, 54, of Whitesboro, N.Y.

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Viewpoints

Peace is much talked about but seldom seen

I see the signs everywhere, especially this time of year.

"Pray for Peace."
"Peace on Earth, good will toward men."

Peace. What peace? Take a look at the television, read the newspapers, check out the Internet. What signs of peace do you see there?

I think about peace often. My thoughts on the subject range from skeptical to outright cynical. I see signs about wanting peace, but I don't see any signs of peace in this war-ravaged world.

Peace talks are in the news a lot. For the half-century of my life, peace talks have been in the news. None of these so-called "important events" have brought about lasting peace.

North and South Vietnam

still don't get along. Russia gains strength each day and opposes the United States every chance it gets. Then there's the Mideast — There hasn't been peace in that area in all of its known history.

Conflicts, wars, whatever you want to call them, are like cockroaches. You may exterminate those nasty bugs from one place, but they just scurry over to another and carry on their disgusting business from there.

That's all on the world front. What about on the national level?

We're a divided country, mostly when it comes to political ideology. At the last presidential election, media pundits described the division as "red" and "blue" with the colors signifying

conservative voters as "red" and liberal voters as "blue." Conservatives tend to be Republicans and liberals tend to gravitate toward the Democratic Party. This isn't always true, but most of the time it is.

Now that the Democrats are back in control of Congress and Republican President George W. Bush is a lame duck, let's see what will happen. Democrats have loudly proclaimed everything that's happened the past six years as being wrong. It's their turn now to make it right. I suspect they'll just make it different. Nope. I see no signs of

peace in our nation's political future.

Yep, I was thoroughly and completely down on peace until a car magnet changed my mind.

Since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, car magnets have taken the place of bumper stickers as a means of expression.

Most of the popular car magnets sport the shape of a ribbon. Some are yellow and say, "Pray for our troops." Some are red, white and blue that say "Freedom doesn't come free" or "God bless America." Pink ones promote breast cancer awareness.

I saw one recently that made me start thinking about peace again. An American flag waving in the breeze imprinted this round magnet. It said, "Pray for peace."

I remembered back in the '80 — you know, way back in the 1900s — when I had prayed for peace. I was skeptical and doubtful then, too. It seemed like an exercise in futility to me. Peace wasn't going to come.

The magnet brought back an image I had forgotten, a feeling I experienced, as I watched then-President Ronald Reagan proclaim on television, "Mr. Gorbachev, tear that wall down," and the cameras switched to hordes of people breaking away the Berlin Wall, the symbol of the Cold War.

I never expected to see

that wall fall in my lifetime. But it did.

As the car moved away from me and the magnet became too small to read, I decided to, as John Lennon put it, "Give peace a chance."

I chose to pray for peace, again.

One day, not long afterward, I was driving down Highway 60 on my way to feed my horse. What a gorgeous day! A warm sun shone on ripe fields of corn. Fat cows and horses munched contentedly on green grass so tall the tops tickled their bellies. Who would have expected such a sight after the devastating wildfires this spring?

Suddenly, I realized how

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Dee Dee Laramore

Guest Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Dec. 8, the 342nd day of 2006. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

On this date:

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

'The unknown is what it is. And to be frightened of it is what sends everybody scurrying around chasing dreams, illusions, wars, peace, love, hate, all that. Unknown is what it is. Accept that it's unknown and it's plain sailing.'

— John Lennon
Musician (1940-1980)

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1914, "Watch Your Step," the first musical revue to feature a score composed entirely by Irving Berlin, opened in New York.

In 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

In 1949, the Chinese Nationalist government moved from the Chinese mainland to Formosa as the Communists pressed their attacks.

In 1986, House Democrats selected majority leader Jim Wright to be the chamber's 48th speaker, succeeding Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill.

In 1987, President Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1991, AIDS patient Kimberly Bergalis, who had contracted the disease from her dentist, died in Fort Pierce, Fla., at age 23.

In 1993, President Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect at the start of 1994.

Ten years ago: The Serbian Supreme Court ruled against opposition parties who said Slobodan Milosevic had robbed them of an election victory in Belgrade.

Five years ago: The U.S. Capitol was reopened to tourists after a two-month security shutdown. Nebraska quarterback Eric Crouch was awarded the Heisman Trophy.

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Women may soon get what they want

Almost a hundred years ago, Sigmund Freud famously asked, "What do women want?" In political terms, the answer is unmistakable: What women want is a woman president. And their voting preferences are showing how strongly they feel.

According to a recent Gallup Poll, both Democratic and Republican women disproportionately support their party's potential female candidates. While it has not been unusual to see polls showing a bias by female voters in favor of women who run on the Democratic Party line, most of these surveys have failed to distinguish whether it is party or gender that is attracting female voters. And, until recently, Republican women have not shown a preference for a female candidate.

But the Gallup Poll tested Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-N.Y.) in a Democratic primary field and Condoleezza Rice in a Republican match-up.

Among both sexes, Hillary ran first in her party with 31 percent of the vote, followed by newly hyped Sen. Barack Obama (Ill.) at 19 percent, John Edwards, likely benefiting from his wife's best-selling book, at 10 percent, Al Gore at 9 percent and Sen. John Kerry (Mass.), probably suffering from his foot-in-mouth disease, back at 7 percent.

On the Republican side, Rudy Giuliani led with 28 percent, followed by Sen. John McCain (Ariz.) at 26 percent, Rice at 13 percent,

former House Speaker Newt Gingrich (Ga.) at 7 percent, outgoing Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney at 5 percent and soon-to-be-former Senate

Majority Leader Bill Frist (Tenn.) at 4 percent.

But since both fields are cluttered with possible non-candidates, the real relevance of this survey is to demonstrate the impact of a female candidate on voters of both parties.

Hillary was favored by 38 percent of the women in the Gallup Poll's Democratic Primary match-up but got only 23 percent of the men. On the Republican side, Rice won 18 percent of the women and only 8 percent of the men.

Such a dramatic gender

gap, on each side of the partisan divide, illustrates the power of a woman candidate, from either party, running for president.

Remember that women are 52 percent of our population, 54 percent of the registered vote, and usually between 55 percent and 56 percent of actual turnout.

Indeed, so powerful is the female vote that it is credited with swinging two of our last three presidential elections. In 1996, it was the soccer moms who turned away from the abstract "family values" of the Republicans to embrace the more pragmatic and specific child- and education-focused programs of the Clinton administration. In 2004, these same moms, now designated "security moms," turned away from the bite-

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Dick Morris

Columnist



No military solution to the Iraqi War

There are over a half-million foreign students at American colleges and universities; the U.S. borders, for all practical purposes, remain wide open; only 6 percent of the shipping containers are checked; and there is still an overgenerous number of legal immigrants admitted.

I offer this as an antidote to the Bush administration's boogeyman stories about the threat of terrorism. There is a threat, of course, but it is far less than the administration would have you believe.

Americans are much more likely to die in automobile crashes or from falls or at the hands of a 100 percent American criminal than they are from a terrorist attack.

The most active terrorist organizations in America, according to FBI testimony, are the animal-rights activists. For some reason, you never see terrorism "experts" from the network

Rolodex files talking about animal-rights activists.

The Bush administration greatly inflated the number of terrorist acts by including every attack in Iraq, whether it's sectarian violence, revenge killings, common criminals or Iraqi insurgents who just don't want us occupying their country. The claim that if "we weren't fighting them in Iraq we'd

be fighting them in the U.S." is childish nonsense. It seems clearer every day that the original purpose of the Iraqi invasion was not the elimination of nonexistent weapons of mass destruction or the installation of democracy — which has been a failure — but simply an excuse to squat militarily on the second-largest oil reserves in the world.

There is no military solution to the war in Iraq, so how long we keep American troops there boils down to

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Peace

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good my life was at that moment. Not perfect by any means. At that moment, however, all was well. Peace swept over me. Joy did, too.

I had driven straight into a peace pocket.

Since then, I keep experiencing small pockets of peace. I felt one last night as I lay in a warm bed, in a warm house, knowing that — for this moment — all was well.

One of my favorite paintings is called "Peace." You would think it would show a pastoral scene like the one I just described. You'd think it would portray

healthy cattle feeding in a lush green pasture with a cozy house nearby, a thin column of smoke rising from the chimney.

This artist chose to paint an old weather-beaten tree battered by a fearsome storm. Hurricane-force winds whipped its twisted branches. Right in the center of this stormy tableau sits a bird nest. A tiny bird nestles inside, safe from the ravaging winds and rain, protected by the mighty tree's branches.

This world, our lives, will never reach a moment of perfect peace. That will only come when Christ returns.

In between, though, we can look for peace pockets in life's storms. They're there. They're everywhere, for all of us, if we're willing to recognize and claim them.

There is peace on earth, I've discovered. It's just not a blanket. It's pockets.

Morris

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sized measures of the Democrats and voted for the tough anti-terrorist policies of George Bush.

Nineteen million single women voted in 2000 and 27 million came out in 2004. If a woman runs for president, it stands to reason that such turnout will rise still further. If single women vote in proportion to their share of the national population, they could account for 32 million votes in 2008. Since women who are either divorced, widowed, or never married voted Democratic by a two-to-one margin in 2004 and 2006, it is likely that this influx of single women will be crucial to Hillary's candidacy (or to Rice's if she

decides to run).

In our male-dominated political world, where pundits speak mainly to one another and confirm each other's wisdom, we do not fully appreciate the power of a woman candidate.

Single moms, disproportionately in poverty, burdened by the need for good daycare and schools, often rotting in minimum-wage jobs, are natural fodder for a woman Democrat who can identify with their plight and focus on their needs. The cultural outpouring that would likely greet the first woman to be nominated by a party to run for president would probably drive these women out in droves to vote and participate in the political process.

It could be that women get what they want in 2008.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Philly officials struggle with 'code of silence'

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — City prosecutors struggled in a high-profile case this week to get fearful witnesses to stick to their stories, finding a deeply entrenched "code of silence" at work even in the slaying of a 5-year-old girl.

In an example of witnesses "going south," or recanting testimony, four key witnesses in the Sept. 25 drive-by shooting of Casha'e Rivers took the stand in city court and withdrew statements they previously gave police.

In the most striking reversal, a witness whose statement was videotaped by police one day after the slaying told the judge he had just told police what they wanted to hear and that his detailed account of events wasn't true.

Despite the wavering testimony from the parade of witnesses, a judge decided there was enough evidence for 24-

year-old Kevin Felder to stand trial in the kindergarten's death.

But the case highlighted just how much difficulty prosecutors in Philadelphia continue to face in building murder cases in a city that has recorded 375 homicides this year, putting it on a course to top last year's mark of 380, which had been the highest in eight years.

In many cases, witnesses are either refusing to come forward or recanting when they do provide evidence, authorities say. Prosecutors blame that trend for scores of homicides going unsolved each year.

At Tuesday's hearing, one witness changed his story by saying police had steered him to Felder during a photo lineup.

Another denied saying he was in the car when Felder allegedly opened fire.

Then Ronald Newton testified that much of what he said on a videotape played in the courtroom had been made up.

On the tape, Newton explained that the defendant had fired a half-dozen shots because he thought the car in which the girl was riding had been following them and that it belonged to a rival group.

On the witness stand, Newton gave a different account — as Felder, a burly felon with a five-page rap sheet, fixed his gaze on him.

"I just went with what they wanted to hear," Newton said. "I was nervous. So, I signed it (the statement) to get it over with."

Prosecutors were not surprised.

In March, they watched as each witness recanted in a trial over a gang shootout that killed a 10-year-old boy as he arrived at school.

Reese

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how many more American lives you want to sacrifice for nothing useful or beneficial. I say that one more is too many, and the orders should be cut now to withdraw all American forces. If the U.S. ambassador wants to stay in his palace in the Green Zone, let him hire mercenaries to protect him. Iraq can hardly become more chaotic than it is, and it might just calm itself down once we are out of the picture.

The president's war on terror has been fraudulent from the get-go. You can't wage war on a tactic, and since there is no conceivable circumstance where all the terrorists in the world would collect in one convenient killing ground, you will never eliminate terrorists by military means.

Terrorism is a product of politics and of injustice, real or perceived. Since human beings have no choice but to act on their perceptions, whether the injustice is real or perceived doesn't matter. An injustice

will stick in a man's craw more painfully and longer than poverty or unemployment.

Many people perceive the U.S. foreign policy as hypocritical and unjust, yet President Bush has made no effort whatsoever to change or modify that policy. On the contrary, he has aggravated it so that we have gone from the point where in 2001 we had most of the world's sympathy to a point where in 2006 most despise our policies and view us as a greater threat to peace than North Korea.

At any rate, to assess risk, you need to know the facts. There aren't many terrorists in the world, and only a small portion of those direct their anger toward us. Check the mortality tables in any almanac. You'll see clearly that you have more to fear from accidents, too much cream pie, wobbly ladders or nature's own infectious agents than you do from Osama bin Laden. He might want to kill you, but wanting something and having the means to do it are two different things.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

People in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lou Diamond Phillips pleaded no contest Thursday to a misdemeanor count of domestic battery and was sentenced to three years probation for an incident involving his live-in girlfriend.

The actor, 44, must also undergo one year of domestic violence counseling and 200 hours of community service, said Frank Mateljan, spokesman for the Los Angeles city attorney's office.

Best known for his roles in "La Bamba" and "Stand and Deliver," Phillips could have faced a maximum penalty of one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted.

"He's going to abide by the court's decision," said Eddie Michaels, Phillips' spokesman. Michaels declined to comment.

Authorities said an Aug. 11 argument between Phillips and his girlfriend escalated into a physical fight.

The girlfriend, whose name was not released, was pushed and dragged across the house, resulting in scrapes to both her knees, prosecutors said. She grabbed a phone, locked herself in a bathroom and called police.

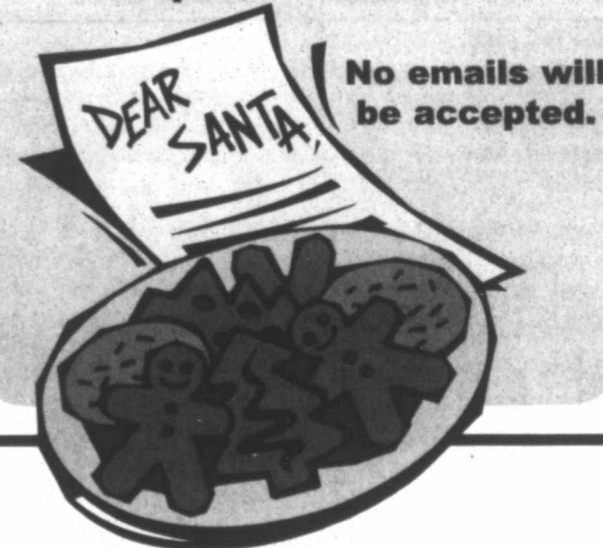
Phillips was arrested and held for about 10 hours before he was released.

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Events calendar

• **The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Tibb Burnett will be the featured entertainer. Pat Henry will emcee.

• **Amarillo Museum of Art** will have its annual "Children's Christmas Workshop" from 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday. The event is open to children between the ages of 4 and 10. Participants will make Christmas ornaments and cards. Music will be heard and refreshments served. Cost of the workshop is \$15. Pre-registration is required as attendance is limited. For more information, call (806) 371-5050.

• **Twentieth Century Cotillion Study Club's 11th Annual Christmas Tour of Homes** will be conducted from 1-4 p.m. Sunday in Pampa. Proceeds will benefit an educational loan and scholarship plan for area residents. The tour will include the Bridges home at 505 N. Gray; the Sherrill home at 1015 Deer Place; and the Stevens home at 1001 Deer Place. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at all three homes the day of the tour.

• **Texas Cooperative Extension** will present a private applicator's

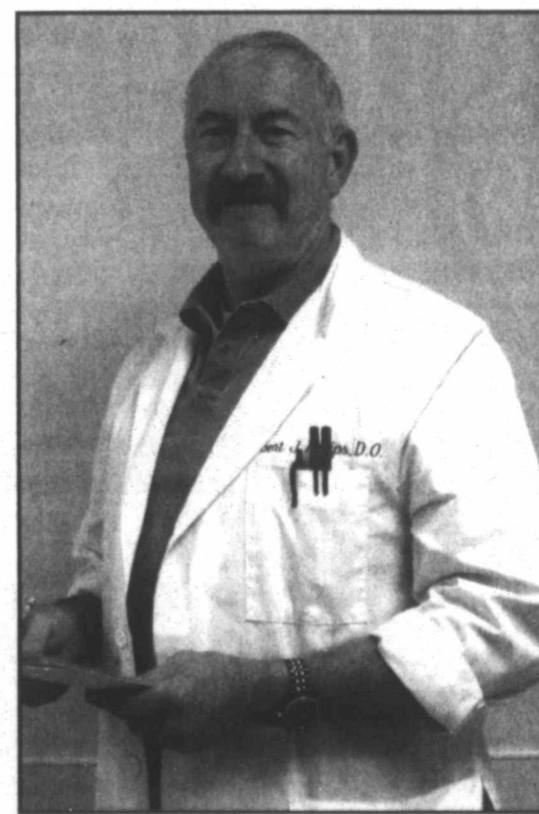
license training and testing Tuesday in Lefors. The event will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. in Lefors City Hall and last approximately four hours. Monty McLean will administer the test. The training will precede the testing. Study books will be available for \$20 apiece. Each individual will be responsible for paying for his/her license at the time of the testing. For more information, call the Extension office at 669-8033.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Dec. 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

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Economy: Payrolls up by 132,000, unemployment down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers boosted payrolls by a respectable 132,000 in November, but the unemployment rate edged up to 4.5 percent as jobseekers streamed into the labor market by the thousands with the onrushing holidays.

The tally of new jobs added to the economy last month marked an improvement from the 79,000 new positions generated in October and was the most since September, the Labor Department reported Friday. It was mostly a cheerful economic message at a time of year when shopping peaks.

Although the unemployment rate crept up from a five-year low of 4.4 percent in October, the politically sensitive number also pointed, nevertheless, to a labor market that is in good shape despite a slumping housing market and a struggling auto sector that are weighing on overall economic activity.

"The job market remains sturdy," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "It is creating a good number of jobs, unemployment is low and wage gains are strong. That is providing a lot of financial cheer as people make their ways to the malls for the holiday."

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Economist

By historical standards, a jobless rate in the range of 4.5 percent is relatively low. More than two decades ago, for example, civilian unemployment went over 10 percent during the President Reagan's first term in the early 1980s.

Thousands of people — encouraged by brightening job prospects — poured into the labor market looking for work last month, a factor that played a role in pushing the overall civilian unemployment up.

The increase in payrolls was stronger than the 105,000 jobs that economists were expecting. Analysts were anticipating a rise

in the jobless rate, however.

Workers, many of whom have seen their wages whittled by inflation, saw wages grow modestly last month. Average hourly earnings rose to \$16.94, a 0.2 percent increase from the prior month. Economists were forecasting a slightly bigger rise of 0.3 percent.

Over the last 12 months, wages grew by a strong 4.1 percent.

Growth in wages should support consumer spending — the habit that helps keep the economy afloat. But a rapid and sustained advance — if not blunted by other

economic forces — can raise inflation concerns. That's not good for the economy or workers' pocketbooks because inflation can eat into everybody's buying power.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke said the central bank is keeping a close watch on wages for any signs of inflation.

The Bush administration insists the economy is fundamentally sound and Americans for the most part are faring well. But Democrats say that the middle class and others have benefited little from the economic expansion over the last five years.

A top priority for the Democratic-controlled Congress, which convenes in January, will be raising the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour. That wage has not been increased for nearly 10 years.

Americans' are giving President Bush lower marks for his economic stewardship. The president's approval rating on the economy sank to 38 percent in December, down from 43 percent in November, according to an AP-Ipsos poll.

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Kurdish leader rejects Iraq report

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Kurdish leader Massoud Barzani, a longtime Washington ally, has angrily rejected the Iraq Study Group's recommendations, warning that any delay in deciding the fate of an oil-rich region claimed by the Kurds would have "grave consequences."

Barzani, president of the 15-year-old autonomous Kurdish region in northern Iraq, also faulted the U.S. bipartisan commission for not visiting his region, saying that was a "major shortcoming that adversely influenced the credibility of the assessment."

"We are in no way abiding by this report," Barzani said in an e-mailed statement.

He charged that the report released Wednesday, which was prepared by a commission led by former Republican secretary of state, James

Barzani also criticized the report's calls for a far-reaching amnesty to opposition groups and the reinstatement of Saddam Hussein loyalists in their old government jobs as part of national reconciliation efforts.

Barzani also criticized the report's calls for a far-reaching amnesty to opposition groups and the reinstatement of Saddam Hussein loyalists in their old government jobs as part of national reconciliation efforts. Such calls, he said, rewarded "those who are against the political process and have conducted acts of violence."

Iraq's Kurds and Shiites combine for about 80 percent of Iraq's 26 million population. They suffered the most under Saddam's ousted Sunni-led regime. The Kurds and Shiites are Iraq's strongest proponents of federalism, enshrined in a new constitution adopted last year.

Sunni Arabs, however, see federalism as a prelude to partitioning the country into a Kurdish north, a Shiite south, leaving them in a central Iraq bereft of oil and other natural resources.

A. Baker III, and former Democratic congressman, Lee Hamilton, sought to give too much authority to the central government and Iraq's neighbors by giving them a say in the country's affairs.

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Reporter's death highlights role of media across border

SANTA LUCIA, Mexico (AP) — Protesters with bandanas covering their faces hurl rocks at armed men down the narrow street. A gunshot rings out, then another, and the camera's view falls to the ground as its microphone picks up screams of pain.

The shocking video in which Bradley Roland Will recorded his own death made him a hero not only to the leftist movement he was covering, but also to a growing army of independent activist-journalists both covering and participating in social movements around the world.

'His physical life ended in Oaxaca just the other day. His singing, his photography, his energy, and his inspiration of SO MANY OTHERS will live on forever.'

— "Jamás"

Will, a 36-year-old from New York, died while filming unrest in Mexico's Oaxaca state, where protesters had been fighting for months to oust Gov. Ulises Ruiz, whom they accused of electoral fraud.

For a month before his death, Will recorded video and wrote dispatches from Oaxaca for www.indymedia.org, a Web site run by a network of small, nonprofit media centers. Many of its

journalists are unpaid, as was most of Will's work, and many focus on conflicts in Latin America and the Middle East.

Pictures of Will, with "rest in peace" and other messages, are posted in his honor on countless blogs and Web sites. His recordings — and that of related protests and testimonials — remain popular on www.YouTube.com. A Google search for "Bradley Will" and "journalist" comes up with 22,900 hits.

"His physical life ended in Oaxaca just the other day. His singing, his photography, his energy, and his inspiration of SO MANY OTHERS will live on forever," claimed "Jamás" in an entry typical of those recorded by Will's online fans.

Critics say that by mixing activism and journalism, participant observers like Will put themselves into political situations where they don't belong.

The growth of what some call "citizen reporting," fueled by cheap multimedia technology and peer-to-peer Internet sites has enabled activists to reach millions inexpensively, without the backing — or often the standards — of mainstream news media.

"More people are looking for information that just affirms what they believe in," said Jon Ziomek, a journalism professor at Northwestern University in Chicago. "I worry that a lot of it is not citizen journalism but just citizens screaming at each other."

Odds and ends ...

NEW YORK (AP) — For decades, the military recruiting station in Times Square was known as "The Booth," but it's recently looking more like "The Roost."

Pigeons sometimes outnumber potential inductees at the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Station and the military has gone on the offensive. So far, the mission hasn't been accom-

plished. The initial plan of using speakers to pump in disturbing noises — the sounds of predators, or of pigeons under attack — has failed, perhaps because the birds are accustomed to the high-decibel Times Square soundscape.

'Everything we're trying is to not harm the birds. We just want to try and get them to not go to the recruiting station.'

— Leonardo Reis
LAR Industries
official

The pigeons, who are often fed by passers-by, leave behind droppings, while creating a wing-flapping nuisance. "Why would you go anyplace else?" asked Leonardo Reis of LAR Industries, a Long Island-based contractor hired to chase away the pigeons. "There's free rent, free food and free heat from the subway grates."

Reis said he'll try using chemicals that repel pigeons. If that fails, the next step could be placing spikes on the recruiting station roof to prevent the pigeons from landing. "We want to go non-hazardous," Reis explained. "Everything we're trying is to not harm the birds. We just want to try and get them to not go to the recruiting station."

MENTOR, Ohio (AP) — An electrical fire that filled a department store with thick smoke didn't deter holiday shoppers, and firefighters had to block the doors to keep customers from entering, authorities said.

No one was injured in the fire Wednesday at Dillard's South at Great Lakes Mall, but some bargain hunters were inconvenienced. "It was amazing," said fire Battalion Chief Joe Busher. "Even though there was heavy smoke in there, they all wanted to stay and shop. We even had to put people at the door to keep people from coming in."

The fire burned circuits of a high-voltage electrical panel near a women's dressing room, firefighters said. It took them eight minutes to put it out. Busher estimated fire damage to the electrical panel and surrounding areas at \$30,000. He said the merchandise suffered about \$100,000 in smoke damage.

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Gov. Timothy M. Kaine isn't calling Ghostbusters, but he's not saying he would have no use for the Hollywood spirit chasers.

Asked during his monthly radio show whether he has had paranormal experiences similar to ones previous Executive Mansion occupants have reported, Kaine answered, "Yes."

The governor said Thursday that at the same "inconvenient time" every week, the telephone rings in his family's private quarters — and when he picks up the phone, nobody's there. He said he's researching whether "something odd happened" on the same day and hour sometime in the mansion's history.

Unlike some previous residents and staff, Kaine said his family has not seen the friendly ghost of a young woman who is said to haunt the mansion.

However, he said, first lady Anne Holton witnessed other strange occurrences in the mansion in the 1970s while living there with her father, Gov. Linwood Holton. For example, a portrait was mysteriously taken from a wall and deposited in another room.

There also was a storm-related power outage that left all of Richmond in the dark except a lone light that mysteriously burned in the mansion.

Christmas tree farm closing after 22 seasons

ANKENY, Iowa (AP) — Within a few weeks, visitors to the Captain Jack Christmas Tree Farm won't be able to stroll the fields, eating free popcorn and candy canes as they search for the perfect holiday centerpiece.

Bill "Captain Jack" Dennis is shutting down his 50-acre, choose-and-cut Christmas tree farm in this upscale Des Moines suburb.

The Christmas tree business has been good to Dennis and his wife, Rhonda, for 22 years. They've created one of the most popular holiday hot spots in the region, drawing up to 35,000 visitors some years. They sell as many as 3,000 trees each season at about \$5 per foot of evergreen.

"There will be both the relief and then sorrow because we know that it's going to be our last year," said Dennis, a former commercial pilot and radio traffic reporter who became known as Captain Jack.

The couple plan to keep the original 37 1/2 acres of land they bought in the 1980s and sell the rest to a buyer who wants to build a house in the forest of

Christmas trees.

'There will be both the relief and then sorrow because we know that it's going to be our last year.'

— Bill "Captain Jack" Dennis

"A lot of people come up to you and say 'We've been coming here for 20 years or more. We're really going to miss it,'" Bill Dennis said.

One person who will miss the holiday hustle and bustle is Ernie Green, a longtime employee at the farm. He'll stay on to help care for the land and assist in possibly running a wholesale tree business.

"Basically, it's time," Green said of the decision to close, though he added that harvesting a Christmas tree is "an experience that everybody should have."

The Dennises started their forest with 1,500 seedlings. Today, it's home to about 50,000 evergreen trees and seedlings. The average

growing time for a 6-foot tree is seven years.

The trees require plenty of attention, especially during years of drought when expensive and bulky equipment must be run into the fields to quench the growing

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AAA: Gas prices rising

HOUSTON (AP) — Holiday gas prices rose sharply this week in Texas, according to the weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Friday.

The survey report found retail prices for regular, self-serve gasoline averaged \$2.19 per gallon statewide, up 7 cents from last week. Nationally, the price averaged \$2.30 per gallon, up 5 cents from last week.

"It is too early to tell if these higher pump prices will continue throughout the year," said auto club spokeswoman Rose Rougeau. "At this point, there has not been any major storms or refinery problems that have affected production or output, but consumer demand for gasoline has been going up."

Amarillo had the most expensive gas in Texas with an average of \$2.25 per gallon, up 6 cents from last week. Galveston-Texas City has the cheapest gas averag-

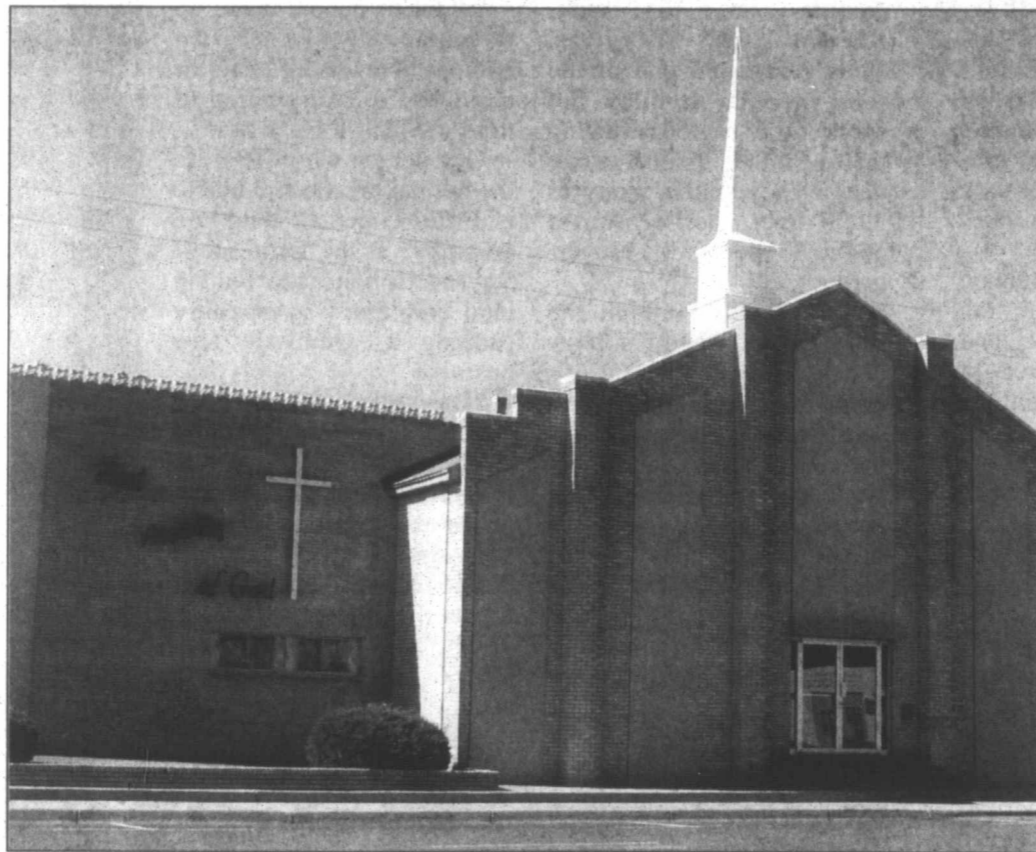
ing \$2.14 per gallon, up 7 cents from last week.

These are average per-gallon prices of regular, self-serve gasoline in Texas metro areas and the change from last week, according to the AAA Texas Weekend Gas Watch survey released Friday:

- Austin-San Marcos — \$2.228, up 6.0 cents
- Amarillo — \$2.251, up 6.4 cents
- Beaumont — \$2.186, up 8.8 cents
- Corpus Christi — \$2.145, up 11.9 cents
- Dallas — \$2.194, up 6.0 cents
- El Paso — \$2.184, up 4.9 cents
- Fort Worth — \$2.186, up 6.7 cents
- Galveston-Texas City — \$2.144, up 7.2 cents
- Houston — \$2.148, up 7.5 cents
- San Antonio — \$2.159, up 6.8 cents

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A Weekly Series Highlighting Pampa's Churches



First Assembly of God

Church name: First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, 665-5941.

Minister: Pastor Leland and Darlene Lewis.

Services: Sunday — 9:30 a.m. Sunday School; 10:45 a.m. Worship Service; 6 p.m. Evening Service; Tuesday — Noon Fasting and Prayer; Wednesday — 7 p.m. Bible Studies, Youth Service, Children's Service; Saturday — 6 p.m. Prayer Meeting; 7 p.m. Evening Music Practice. Nursery provided for all services.

Activities: Summer camps for kids and youth, West of 50's, Men's and women's retreats, Sunday evening volleyball in Family Life Center.

Members: approximately 100.

Denomination: Assembly of God.

How long here: 85 years.

Goals: None at this time.

Other activities: For the most part, we work with Good Sam's in providing food, clothing, or other items. However, each case is evaluated on a case by case situation.

Main goal: First Assembly of God exists to bring people to Christ and into the fellowship of His church, discipling them to maturity, equipping them to minister to others and teaching them to magnify Jesus with their whole being.

Church message: Two years after the Assemblies of God was founded, the pioneers of the church adopted 16 beliefs for the fellowship which remains virtually unchanged. However, there are four beliefs which are considered the core beliefs of our fellowship: salvation, divine healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit, and the second coming of Christ.

Responsible parties: Pastor Leland and Darlene Lewis.

Information: The purpose of our church is summarized in a single sentence based on two key scriptures: We believe a great commitment to the great commandment and the great commission will grow a great church!

1. The Great Commandment - "Jesus said, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the law and prophets hang on these two commandments.'" Matthew 22: 36-40

2. the Great Commission - "Jesus said, 'Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.'" Matthew 28: 19-20

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Religion

Manger scene



Liz Campbell and Daryl Moore portrayed Mary and Joseph in the stable on Hi-Land Christian Church's Christmas float during the community's annual Christmas Parade.

River of Life preparing for 'Heaven on Earth' revival

SKELLYTOWN — River of Life Assembly of God in Skellytown will kick-off a revival with prophet Warren Hunter at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. this Sunday. Additional services are scheduled twice daily at 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 11 through Friday, Dec. 15.

Hunter will be teaching about manifesting kingdom power in the earth today.

Born in South African, Hunter spent a lot of time with his grandfather, Bernard Hunter, who was responsible for establishing a number of churches. Terry Law, Dr. TL Osborne and David DuPlessis also influenced Hunter in his walk with God.

Currently, Hunter is a member of ICFM, Cornerstone World Outreach with Pastor Larry Gordon, and is president of Sword Ministries International and Apostolic Sword Network.

"Warren was exposed to the power of God by seeing many miracles at an early age," a press release from River of Life said. "After being baptized with the Holy Spirit at the age of 12, the Lord began to reveal Himself to Warren through dreams and visions. At the age of 13, Warren started ministering to students and soon became director of a youth organization."

Hunter's family returned to the States when he was 16. While attending Oral



Warren & Kayla Hunter

Roberts University, he heard the preachings of Kenneth Copeland, Marilyn Hickey, Dr. Larry Lee and others. He later attended two years at Grace Fellowship with Pastor Bob Yandian. In 1988, Sword Ministries was born.

Hunter ministered in churches on the weekends and was chaplain for a homeless mission while attending Rhema Bible Training Center for two years of further training. Since that time, Hunter, his wife Kayla and their six children have been traveling all over the world preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information on the upcoming revival, call 848-2939. To find out more about Hunter, log onto www.swordministries.org on the Internet.

EXTRAVAGANZA

Christmas at Calvary to be staged Sunday

Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa will once again celebrate the reason for the season with its annual "Christmas at Calvary." This year's program will begin at 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 10.

Each year, Christmas at Calvary gets bigger and better. This year's program will feature five choirs and the Calvary Christmas Orchestra. Almost 100 singers and musicians will participate in the program using music to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Nativity scenes are on display in many homes during the Christmas season. "The Nativity" is the

theme of this year's Christmas at Calvary program. Grandma and Grandpa (Berinda Turcotte and Ronnie Holmes) will provide the narration, as they discuss the pieces of the nativity scene.

Since instrumental Christian music has always been a favorite of Christmases past at Calvary Baptist, the orchestra selections were chosen with the Christmas spirit in mind. The 20-piece orchestra is made up of Calvary Baptist Church musicians along with students from West Texas A&M University and Pampa High School.



RONNIE HOLMES plays grandpa in the cast of this year's Christmas at Calvary.

A nursery will be provided at Christmas at Calvary 2006 which is free and open to the public. The pro-

gram will be in the church worship center, located at 900 E. 23rd Street.

Church briefs

Cornerstone Baptist Church of Pampa is holding a dedication service and open house this Sunday in lieu of the recent completion of its new 9600-square foot building at 2410 W. 23rd.

The dedication service is scheduled from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The open house will last from 2-4 p.m.

Several former pastors and other guests will be speaking during the program and a meal will follow the morning service.

For more information, call 669-6509.

Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet Saturday, Dec. 9, at Waka Christian Center. The Lamb and Lion Reunion Group from Booker will host the Christmas meeting and potluck meal.

A nursery and sponsor training will be provided. The entire Emmaus community is invited to attend.

A women's walk is scheduled Jan. 25-28 with Lisa Terhune, lay director. A men's walk will be with Kelly Brown, another lay director, Feb. 22-25. The walks will be held at the center.

Ohio Catholic bishops start \$3 million sex abuse fund

CLEVELAND (AP) — Ohio's Roman Catholic bishops have created a new \$3 million assistance fund to help victims of clergy sex abuse.

The Diocese of Cleveland, seven other Roman Catholic dioceses in Ohio and the Parma Byzantine Eparchy have contributed money to create the voluntary Counseling Assistance Fund.

"It's the right thing to do," said Timothy Luckhaupt, executive director of the Catholic Conference of Ohio. "We've harmed people. We should help them."

The Catholic Conference is alerting mental health agencies and is asking all the state's parishes to publicize the fund during Mass.

However, Barbara Blaine, president of the Survivors

Network of those Abused by Priests, criticized the fund as "one more public relations move that's basically designed to forestall any real legislative reform."

Blaine said the Catholic Conference fought hard this year against proposals that would have amended the law to allow abuse victims an extra year to file civil lawsuits.

To be eligible, victims must have been living in Ohio at the time of the abuse, not be part of a diocesan counseling program and must not have a pending legal claim against the church. Claims are evaluated by a panel that the church said is independently appointed by county Probate Court judges and other public officials.




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"O Little Town of Bethlehem"

In 1867, Phillips Brooks, who pastored the Holy Trinity Church in Philadelphia, wanted to compose an original Christmas hymn for the children to sing during their annual program. Recalling a previous trip to Bethlehem, he wrote a five-stanza poem which he gave to his organist, Lewis Redner, to write a melody. He told Redner that if he liked the tune, he would name it "St. Lewis" in Redner's honor. On the night before the Christmas program, Redner gave the music to Brooks, who was so pleased that he named the tune "St. Louis," so as not to embarrass Redner. The next day, six Sunday school teachers and thirty-six children sang "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like your opinion about something. I am a single dad with two kids. I work 60 hours a week to support them. I'm involved with the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, soccer, their school, etc. I am often on the go to the point that the vacuuming, mopping and dusting are postponed. Personally, I feel that being involved with the kids is more important. I have a lady friend I have been seeing for a few years, and our relationship is at a standstill. She is a very neat and tidy person, and the moderate clutter in my house is a bone of contention. She feels I should cut back on some of the activities, perhaps just drop off the kids and leave so I would have time to clean the house to her standards. That would mean the Girl Scout troop would fold, and many of the activities of the Boy Scout troop would be curtailed, but her feeling is that the housework comes first. I feel that being involved with the kids comes first. What do you think? — **SLIGHTLY CLUTTERED, WASHINGTON STATE**

DEAR SLIGHTLY CLUTTERED: The investment you are making in your children will reap untold benefits in the future. You seem to be a man whose priorities are in order. However, it appears there are some important lessons you are not teaching your children -- and one of them is how to share the housekeeping chores. If they are mature enough for scouting, surely they can make their own beds, clear the table, load the dishwasher and help with the dusting. You are a wonderful father, but please do not overlook this important part of their education. It will help them to be independent later, and frankly, you could use their help now.

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been married 43 years, and my mother has never been happy with my father aside from their first years of marriage. Dad is and has been into himself and his needs, and has never lifted a thumb for our mom. They had three children, and she raised us completely on her own. Dad was either at work or away on a trip. Now that the three of us are grown and have families of our own, Dad wants nothing to do with the grandchildren. This makes it hard for Mom, because she loves all the grandchildren and would like to spend time with them. In the past, Mom talked frequently about leaving Dad, but now she thinks that financially it would be hard. All three of us would like nothing better than for her to escape from him and live the rest of her life in peace and harmony. How do we let her know that divorcing Dad and living on her own would not be impossible when finances are the only thing holding her back? — **FREEDOM AT LAST IN FLORIDA**

DEAR FREEDOM AT LAST: The most effective way to get that message across would be for the three of you to tell her in person, in plain English, the next time you visit. I presume, however, that you would all be pitching in to help support her if she did decide to leave your father. However, don't be surprised if your mother refuses your generous offer. The glue that holds some couples together can sometimes be a mystery even to their children, and her reasons for tolerating this lonely marriage may have nothing to do with money.

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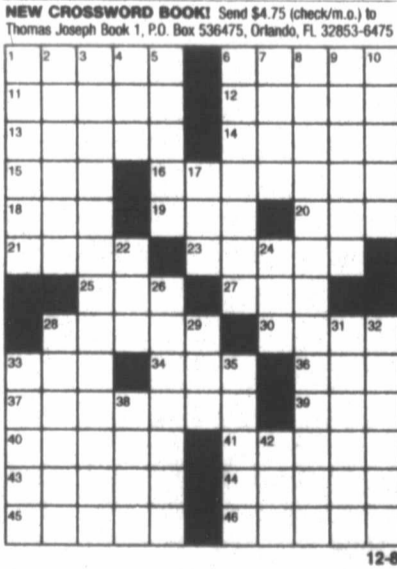


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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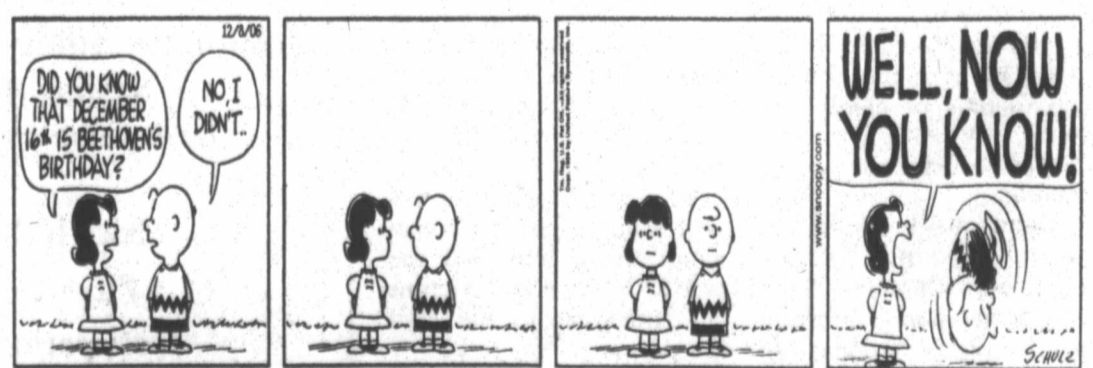
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Sports Day

Coffee unanimous All-District; other Harvesters honored

Pampa High School's James Coffee has been selected the 2006 District 3-4A All-District Defensive Player of the Year.

Coffee was a unanimous selection to the 1st team defensive unit as a linebacker.

Joining Coffee on the 1st Team defensive team are John Burns, defensive end, and Shavious Kelley, secondary.

Second team defensive honorees are Dustin Forney, defensive tackle and Michael Fernuik, secondary.

Honorable mention defensive team members are Jerrod Bivins, linebacker, and Zac Ammons and Adam Estrada, secondaries

On first team offense are Chase

Harris, running back and Bradley Johnson, offensive tackle.

Appearing on the second team offense is punter James Coffee.

Honorable mentions on offense are Robbie Dixon, offensive tackle, and Michael Robinson, running back.

Head Coach Andy Cavalier had this to say about the selections.

"The all district selections reflect the views of the coaches in our district. As with any individual award there will always be those that agree and those that disagree.

"Some will be surprised and some will be disappointed. Whenever people's opinions are the deciding factor in something

like this it is very difficult to please everyone. As with any scoreboard win these awards are not the measure of any athlete's value in our program. Actions that support the team, effort, sportsmanship, and integrity are what we value in Pampa Football.

"The 2006 football season, although it did not produce as many wins as we would all like, did have successes.

"We had a group of seniors in:

#2 Dock Mackie, #4 Zac Ammons, #8 Oscar Figueroa, #10 Alex Torres, #14 Brett Ferrell, #19 Austin Pritchett, #20 Devan Shults, #23 Chase Harris, #30 Cody Snow, #31 Michael Robinson, #33 Cesar Holguin, #42 James Coffee, #50 Stephen McCarley, #51 John Burns, #54 Ben Gibson, #55 Robbie Dixon, #64 Bradley Johnson, #67 Bobby Sikes, #70 Jack Mackie, #73 Dustin Forney, #74 Con Elledge, #78 Mason Watkins, #85 Craig Crowell, and #89 Chris Campbell that faced many forms of adversity over and over during their high school careers and continued to face during their senior football season.

"Through it all lessons were learned, values were taught, and boys started the process of becoming men. One of the reasons I believe football is the greatest team sport God invented is because of the amount of teamwork it takes on every play of every game.

"From the guys who are in the spotlight to the guys whose primary role is to help us practice plays to the people who film the plays, all have a significant role in the success of a team. The 2006 Seniors led this year's team through a year where we had to rebound time and time again, and

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Harvesters in Garland, girls travel to Canadian

By JORDAN REAGAN
Special to the News

Coach Dustin Miller and his Hustlin' Harvesters hit the road Thursday and headed to the Metroplex en route to the Garland Shootout at South Garland High School where former Pampa coach Garland Nichols heads the basketball program.

This not only makes for a happy reunion between Miller and Nichols, but also for Miller and his players as they stopped off at Reunion Arena to take in the sights and sounds of an NBA game between the Dallas Mavericks and Detroit Pistons.

"It was really cool," said junior Shavious Kelley. "We got to go into the locker room, check out the practice facilities, and even shoot a few hoops on the court before the game."

Come this morning at 11:30, the Harvesters are to take on South Garland to begin the shootout.

If they win their first two games, they continue to play one more before heading home.

This particular shootout is being held in order to benefit a scholarship in the name of South Garland Coach Nichols' daughter, who tragically lost her life in a car accident.

The Lady Harvesters are playing in Canadian tonight.

Bonds stays with Giants

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Barry Bonds is headed back to the San Francisco Giants, agreeing to a \$16 million, one-year deal just hours after the winter meetings ended with just one major trade and only a handful of free-agent signings.

While most team executives packed up and left Thursday, the Giants kept trying to re-sign the 42-year-old slugger. Bonds has 734 home runs and is 22 from breaking Hank Aaron's record.

Bonds and the Giants wound up with a deal that includes performance bonuses that could make it worth a total of \$20 million, a person familiar with the negotiations told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because there had been no official announcement.

Bonds has played 14 seasons for the Giants and is coming off a \$90 million, five-year contract. He is a seven-time NL MVP and, despite steroids allegations, is a fan favorite in the Bay Area.

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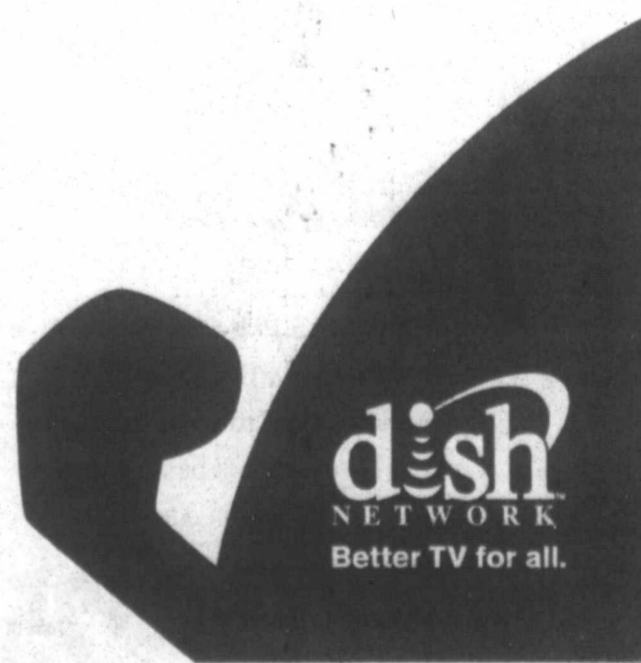
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Pampa High School All-District statistics Steelers subdue Browns

Harvester Game Statistics Thru Week 10: Palo Duro

Team Defense						
School	Games	Total	Avg			
PHS	10	2674	267.4			
Rush Defense						
School	Games	Total	Avg			
PHS	10	1281	128.1			
Pass Defense						
School	Games	Total	Avg			
PHS	10	1390	139			
Team Offense						
School	Games	Total	Avg			
PHS	10	2411	241.1			
Rush Offense						
School	Games	Total	Avg			
PHS	10	1917	191.7			
Pass Offense						
School	Games	Total	Avg			
PHS	10	532	53.2			
Individual Passing						
Player	School	Class	Att	Comp	Yards	Pct
Casey Trimble	Pampa HS	Sophomore	71	22	301	31.0
Brett Ferrell	Pampa HS	Senior	33	13	231	39.4
Chase Harris	Pampa HS	Senior	1	0	0	
Individual Rushing						
Player	School	Class	TC	Yards	Avg	TD
Chase Harris	Pampa HS	Senior	147	1092	7.4	9
Michael Robinson	Pampa HS	Senior	79	494	6.3	3
Casey Trimble	Pampa HS	Sophomore	75	332	4.4	4
Marcos Campos	Pampa HS	Senior	24	100	4.2	
Shavious Kelley	Pampa HS	Junior	13	43	3.3	
James Coffee	Pampa HS	Senior	11	42	3.8	0
Brett Ferrell	Pampa HS	Senior	13	28	2.2	
Oscar Figueroa	Pampa HS	Senior	3	7	2.3	5
Austin Pritchett	Pampa HS	Senior	1	4	4.0	4
Ryan Funderburg	Pampa HS	Sophomore	1	3	3.0	0
Individual Receiving						
Player	School	Class	TC	Yards	Avg	TD
Shavious Kelley	Pampa HS	Junior	11	151	13.7	43
Craig Crowell	Pampa HS	Senior	9	111	12.3	1
Devan Shults	Pampa HS	Senior	2	83	41.5	48
Chase Harris	Pampa HS	Senior	2	44	22.0	1
Garrett Eggleston	Pampa HS	Junior	2	43	21.5	31
Michael Robinson	Pampa HS	Senior	3	34	11.3	
Ryne Malone	Pampa HS	Junior	1	31	31.0	31
Zac Ammons	Pampa HS	Senior	4	22	5.5	
James Coffee	Pampa HS	Senior	2	14	7.0	

Individual Tackles			
Player	School	Class	Sack
James Coffee	Pampa HS	Senior	40
John Burns	Pampa HS	Senior	21
Jerrold Bivins	Pampa HS	Junior	18
Shavious Kelley	Pampa HS	Junior	15
Austin Pritchett	Pampa HS	Senior	14
Michael Fernuik	Pampa HS	Junior	13
Ryan Funderburg	Pampa HS	Sophomore	13
Zac Ammons	Pampa HS	Senior	9
Taylor Busse	Pampa HS	Junior	8

Individual Tackles (continued)			
Player	School	Class	Sack
Bradley Johnson	Pampa HS	Senior	7
Dustin Forney	Pampa HS	Senior	5
Marcos Campos	Pampa HS	Senior	5
Adam Estrada	Pampa HS	Junior	4
Devan Shults	Pampa HS	Senior	4
Nick Dudley	Pampa HS	Junior	4
Payton Reagan	Pampa HS	Junior	3
Craig Crowell	Pampa HS	Senior	3
Ryne Malone	Pampa HS	Junior	2
Taylor Smith	Pampa HS	Junior	2
Dock Mackie	Pampa HS	Senior	1
Brett Powell	Pampa HS	Sophomore	1
Michael Robinson	Pampa HS	Senior	0
Madison Wilson	Pampa HS	Sophomore	1
Chase Harris	Pampa HS	Senior	0
Stephen McCarley	Pampa HS	Senior	0

Individual Sacks			
Player	School	Class	Sack
James Coffee	Pampa HS	Senior	4
Dustin Forney	Pampa HS	Senior	4
John Burns	Pampa HS	Senior	4
Ryan Funderburg	Pampa HS	Sophomore	4
Bradley Johnson	Pampa HS	Senior	3
Jerrold Bivins	Pampa HS	Junior	3
Taylor Busse	Pampa HS	Junior	3
Adam Estrada	Pampa HS	Junior	2
Ryne Malone	Pampa HS	Junior	2
Madison Wilson	Pampa HS	Sophomore	1
Marcos Campos	Pampa HS	Senior	1
Austin Pritchett	Pampa HS	Senior	1

Individual Interceptions			
Player	School	Class	INT
James Coffee	Pampa HS	Senior	2
Chase Harris	Pampa HS	Senior	1
Craig Crowell	Pampa HS	Senior	1
Austin Pritchett	Pampa HS	Senior	1

Individual Scoring					
Player	School	Class	Rush	Pass	XP
Chase Harris	Pampa HS	Senior	9	1	0
Casey Trimble	Pampa HS	Sophomore	4	0	0
Dock Mackie	Pampa HS	Senior	0	0	16
Michael Robinson	Pampa HS	Senior	3	0	0
Craig Crowell	Pampa HS	Senior	0	1	0

Scoring by Kicking			
Player	School	Class	XP
Dock Mackie	Pampa HS	Senior	16

PITTSBURGH (AP) — First, Willie Parker ran over, around and through Cleveland's defense for a Pittsburgh Steelers-record 223 yards, more yards than Franco Harris or Jerome Bettis gained in a game. Then, Joey Porter piled on the Browns, insulting them and calling them names after the Steelers' 27-7 win Thursday night. On a night the Browns were as miserable as the weather — and, with a below-zero wind chill, it was very nasty — the Steelers (6-7) closely resembled the team that won the Super Bowl 10 months ago. Even if that 2-6 start of theirs may prevent another playoff run. The Browns? Assured of a fourth consecutive losing season with their 4-9 record, they looked much like the Browns of last year, and the year before that and the year before that ... "We rammed it down their throats, you could hear them arguing among themselves, they knew we were going to run it and they couldn't do anything about it," Steelers tackle Marvel Smith said.

Honors

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even through the disappointment of not making the state playoffs, to a victory over Palo Duro for the first time in four years. "That last victory was the final verse in the definition of our motto this year, Tumor Porro. This motto means to "preserve and surpass," which is what I hope every football team that comes through our program strives to do. I hope our student-athletes leave our program feeling they are a better person for being a part of it, and that they will

apply the principles of "El Norma" and "Tumor Porro" to the rest of their lives. "That victory over Palo Duro also has propelled us into the off-season feeling the elation of victory. That puts us in a rare group of teams that will finish their season with a victory. We have already started working on the physical things, evaluating personnel, and talking about the mental things that will impact the 2007 football season. "I look forward to the challenges next year will bring and am extremely proud of what the seniors of 2006 left as their legacy to Pampa Football."

Tomahawk Classic Results

Friday - Dec. 1 BOYS		
Booker 54	Higgins 22	Spearman 47
Pampa JV 64	Samnorwood 37	Wheeler 37
Follett 55	Miami 22	Adrian 75
Shamrock 62	San Jacinto 5	Shamrock 50
Lefors 19	Ft. Elliott 33	Canadian 47
Wheeler 61	Adrian 39	Pampa JV 57
Higgins 34	Spearman 84	GIRLS
Wheeler 36	San Jacinto 5	McLean 71
Miami 59	White Deer 37	Higgins 24
Canadian 62	McLean 31	Miami 49
Ft. Elliott 57	White Deer 37	White Deer 55
Adrian 61	Higgins 29	San Jacinto 41
Spearman 60	Ft. Elliott 39	Lefors 50
San Jacinto 23	Shamrock 42	
McLean 33	Miami 34	
White Deer 87	Pampa JV 36	
GIRLS	Spearman 43	
Follett 60	Wheeler 25	
Shamrock 38	Adrian 43	
Lefors 43	Follett 66	
Wheeler 51	Canadian 64	
	Booker 31	

Hidden Hills scramble

Hidden Hills held a golf scramble Dec. 5. With a score of 66, the first place team was Pat Montoya, Dick Dunham, Oscar Sargent and Marvin Allison. The second place team also scored 66 and consisted of Jim Brashears, Jim Bridge, Jess Mathis and Gerrel Owens. Closest to pin #6 was Jim Brashears.



Baby's First Christmas

Deadline 5 PM, December 18th
Published December 24th

- Photos need to be of baby only
- No emails will be accepted
- Payment in advance

Triston Riley Brooks
Born... September 6, 2005

Parents...
Riley & Molly Brooks

Brother & Sister...
Chance & Bailey

Grandparents...
Sam & Twila Brooks
Paul & Martha Simpson

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Dec. 9, 2006:

You are direct and creative this year. Your abilities to read between the lines, do needed research and gain a perspective come forward. Success is a natural byproduct. Optimism marks your actions as you bound in a new direction. In fact, travel and education could play strong roles in your choices. 2007 marks a new luck cycle. Christen it well. A dream can become a reality. If you are single, someone quite exotic could knock on your door at any time. Even if this person isn't right, you will grow in new ways because of the association. If you are attached, schedule an important happening, be it a workshop or a trip. The two of you will bond even closer. LEO always sheds light on a different view.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You suddenly feel unburdened, perhaps because of news that heads in your direction. New beginnings become possible because of a new mindset. Tonight: What you love to do most.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Whether at home or elsewhere, you feel very secure. A partnership plays a significant role in your decisions. You might want to invest more in your home or your personal life. Line up your priorities. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are gregarious by nature, but even more so right now. You have a lot going on. Look at the positives instead of feeling exasperated. Seek out someone who has unusual advice. Tonight: Swap jokes or flirt — just be out there.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Expenses are a touch out of whack, though you might have plans for how to make both ends meet. Be sure the details are right. A flub-up could feel bad later. Work on your gifts by making a list, if you haven't already. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Nothing can stop you. If you see a situation as more complicated than it needs to be, look at yourself. Your creativity will soar if you are willing to forge new ground. A child or special person could make you very happy. Tonight: Your turn to wish upon a star.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Sometimes you are best off reaching out, but right now do needed reflection, or at least plan on more downtime. You feel unusually good about a personal matter. An investment in real estate might be well advised. Tonight: Vanish early.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Your words draw the kind of results that would make anyone happy. Think in terms of friendship. Meetings, groups of people and friends in general play significant roles. You could hit a home run. Tonight: All smiles.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Take charge of a situation. You might wonder what this effort could mean, but trust that in some way you will benefit. Your finances will swing, especially if you aren't careful. Use care with any expenditures. Tonight: Extravagance is your enemy.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your sixth sense works overtime. If you are unsure or confused, seek out experts. You might be very playful, but for important decisions, turn to your higher self. Planning a trip could be far more exciting than you think. Tonight: Opt for a new restaurant or activity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Much might be going on in your head in response to an associate's or friend's actions or words. You don't have to reveal where you are coming from. Communication is starred, but on an individual level. Tonight: With a special person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others want and demand your attention. The good news is, whatever you do and whichever direction you head in all work out fine. Friends could play a substantial role in the next few days. Let them. Tonight: Where the party is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Make a list of what you must do. You have the energy to complete nearly everything. Others seem to expect a lot from you. Make it OK. Expect to be the focal point. Act accordingly. Nurture an older relative or friend. Tonight: Roll in early.

BORN TODAY
Actor John Malkovich (1953), singer Donny Osmond (1957), actor Kirk Douglas (1916)

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO PROPOSER
 The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 1:00 p.m., Thursday, December 14, 2006 for Breeze-way Security Fencing at Pampa Junior High school.
 A pre-bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 11, 2006 at the south breezeway entrance of the Pampa Junior High school located on 23rd street.
 For specifications or additional information please call Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director at (806)669-4700.
 F-69 Dec. 8, 10, 2006

10 Lost/Found

LOST: Male Shi-Tzu, 6-8 mo. old, brown & white with red collar. 662-9382.

14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Replacement windows, steel siding & trim Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR
 Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.

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COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.

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HOUSE Cracking? In bricks or walls? Childers Brothers, Inc. 800-299-9563, 806-352-9563

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JACK'S Plumbing & Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., repair, remodeling, sewer / drain cleaning, septic systems installed. Visa/MC

Larry Baker Plumbing Heating/ Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

21 Help Wanted

EXP. Maintenance person needed. Must have own tools. Call to apply 665-4274 or 806-433-6939

MAINTENANCE man needed for Pampa area apt. complex. Random drug testing. Call 806-665-1875

Fresenius Medical Care

World's Largest Integrated Dialysis Co. is now seeking qualified applicants for the following position:
Staff RN
 RN Qualifications:
 *Graduate of an Accredited School of Nursing (RN)
 *Current Appropriate State License
 Fresenius Medical Care Provides Competitive Salaries 401K Pension Plans Full Medical Benefits etc.
 Apply in person at: Pampa Dialysis Center 2545 Perryton Parkway Pampa, Texas 79065

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE
 Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

ELECTRIC Motor & Equipment is now hiring all shop positions. Apply in person, 725 S. Price Rd

TOP O' Texas Oilfield Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

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 If you have a clean driving record, current Class A CDL with HazMat / Tanker endorsement and 2 yrs driving exp., we would like to hear from you. All applicants must be able to pass drug / alcohol testing and a background check will be performed.
 Please Call
 888-339-0599
 For More Info.

21 Help Wanted

NEED a Driver w/ Class A CDL license, Hazmat endorsement & good driving record.
 No exp. nec., will train.

Uniforms, health ins., paid vacations after 1yr. DOT drug testing and physical req.
 We pay top wages!
 Apply in Person
 Triangle Well Service
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 No phone calls please!

McLean Care Center now taking applications for Maintenance Department Must have:

1. Knowledge of floors
2. Knowledge of light carpentry
3. General up-keep of facility and grounds
4. Some book work

Apply in person and contact
 Billy Ray Johnston,
 ADM.
 806-779-2469

21 Help Wanted

FULL-TIME employment. Must be 18 yrs. Insurance, vacation & sick leave. Retirement plan offered. Bartlett's Lumber, 500 W. Brown, Pampa.

DENTAL Hygienist: 2-5 days per week in Woodward. OK. Competitive salary with vacation, profit sharing and insurance. Call 888-256-6054.

APPLICATIONS are being taken at Parkview Hospital for Nursing Assistants. Full time or Part time positions available on various shifts. Competitive salary full benefits, and mileage paid. Please call 826-5581. Apply in person @ 901 Sweetwater St., Wheeler TX, or email a resume to cpeffley@centramedia.net

TEXAS Rose Steakhouse is now hiring servers & hostesses. Please apply in person.

LEFORS ISD is taking applications for a full time substitute. Salary will depend on qualification & education level. Retirement & health benefits included. For more information call Gerry Nickell at (806) 835-2533.

NATIONAL Home Health Care needs Delivery Tech. Heavy lifting, on call. Clean driving records, drug screen / background check. Benefits. Apply in person 1521 N. Hobart. Serious inq. only. 665-3144 or 669-9186.

CERTIFIED Dietary Mgr. (must be certified by the state) & Dietary Cook. Apply in person. No phone calls. Coronado Healthcare, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa.

BUSINESS Office Manager needed. Must have knowledge of accounts receivable & payable and long term care experience preferred. Apply at Coronado Healthcare, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa. No Phone Calls Please

21 Help Wanted

C.N.A.'s needed at St. Ann's Nursing Home, 7-3 & 3-11. Full-time, excellent benefits. Will assist with certification. Panhandle, 537-3194.

HARVESTER Donuts is taking applications for kitchen help. Apply in person 7 days a week.

DRESSER-RAND

DRESSER-RAND FIELD SERVICE HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS FOR FULL TIME EXP. COMPRESSOR MECHANICS INTERESTED PARTIES SHOULD FAX THEIR RESUME TO:
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NEED rock layers general laborers brick layers with landscaping experience preferred Apply in person. West Texas Landscape, 120 S. Hobart No Phone Calls Please!!!

VENDORS WANTED for Craft Show, Dec. 17th. Call Jodi, 806-663-0704.

MANY different years of Budweiser stines for sale. 806-669-2479.

REFRIGERATOR: white, top freezer, \$350. Stained glass fabrication stuff. Call 806-669-3580.

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Come & Check Our Holiday Savings! YELLOW BARN Antiques & More 543 W. Brown Hwy. 60 Pampa Mon-Sat. 10:30-5 Booth Space Avail.
 VERY Nice, Reasonably Priced Clothes, Gifts, & Dolls. Come see our collection at Taylor's Boutique & Gifts, 212 E. Broadway, Fritch.
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 GARAGE Sale, Dream Catchers Flea Market, 240 Western St., off Borger Hwy. Sat. & Sun. 12-5.
 INSIDE SALE 609 DOUCETTE SAT. 8AM-4PM.

69 Misc.

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WHOM It May Concern: This is a request for Christopher Jade Mason, age 28 to please call his dad, Ricky Mason at cell phone, 817-681-4906. I am out of the Air Force now I want to regain my relationship with my son, Christopher Jade Mason & his half sister, Barbara Ann Harris.

1/2 Price on Christmas Decor & Ribbon. Red Barn, 1420 S. Barnes. Open Sat. 10-5. Will buy Estates. 665-2767.

WOODEN NORDIC TRAC FOR SALE. \$50. CALL 898-1557.

FOR Sale 2 refrig., good cond., exercise bike. Call 665-3400.

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APTS., Duplexes & Houses for rent. Mon-Fri. 8-6pm, Sat. 10-4pm, call 665-4274 or 433-6939

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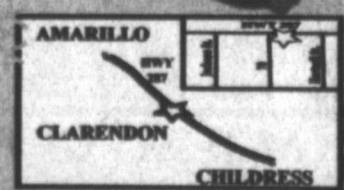


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