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Prisoner who fled jail captured in Arkansas

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

An escapee from Gray County Jail since Dec. 22 was apprehended Wednesday afternoon by the Washington County Sheriff's Department in Fayetteville, Ark., according to a press release from Gray County Sheriff's Office.

"No other details are available at this

time," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard in the release.

William Carl Troglin, 41, of Zephyrhills, Fla., escaped from a work detail at 3:15 a.m. Dec. 22 at the jail. He was seen at about 7:15 a.m. that day in the vicinity of Schwan's Fine Foods and Halliburton Energy Services, both on County Road 12 1/2 east of Pampa.

Search dogs from the Texas

Department of Criminal Justice's Jordan Unit were brought to Halliburton to search the oil field service company's grounds as employees were told to wait inside buildings for the search to be completed.

Troglin reportedly was barefoot and wearing an orange jail-issue jumpsuit

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Troglin

Gray County commissioners lift ban on burning

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners voted unanimously to lift the county's burn ban this morning at their 9 a.m. meeting in the second-floor courtroom of the courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The ban was lifted due to recent rainfall in the county. More than

three inches of precipitation was recorded at the automated weather station near Recreation Park for the month of December.

County Judge Richard Peet reported that the chief executive officer of Pampa Regional Medical Center had contacted him concerning comments by a former county employee that county workers had been told not to

go to the local hospital for treatment. "I assured him that was not the case," Peet said. "We encourage employees to use this hospital. It's a good facility."

The only concern county officials had concerning PRMC was the emergency room coverage through county health insurance. The emergency room is included in the insur-

ance's network, but emergency room physicians at PRMC are not included in the network.

"He assured me that was being corrected," Peet said. "I encourage our employees to use this hospital and local doctors. We have a fine hospital and excellent doctors."

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa illustrator Kevin Costley stands beside his work, "Faith in the Midst of Danger," a portrayal of Daniel in the lions' den, at Pampa Framing Shop, where four of his works are on display.

Christian theme used in Pampa man's art

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Kevin Costley uses his talent to illustrate his faith.

The Pampa resident currently has four pieces of his work at Pampa Custom Framing, 107 N. Cuyler. He is working on illustrations for a children's book about Noah that he has written, and is also creating a stand-alone illustration.

"The illustration I'm working on right now deals with terrorism and threats to our society that we have right now," Costley said.

A Christian theme can be

seen in the artist's work, including a piece at the framing shop titled "Faith in the Midst of Danger" about Daniel in the lions' den.

"Noah," the children's book currently in the works, is the first Costley has written and illustrated. Once it is finished, he expects it to be published, since several publishing houses have expressed interest in the book.

"Faith in the Midst of Danger" is one of Costley's two top-sellers this year. The

See **COSTLEY**, Page 3

Perry cites School Board Recognition Month

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

Gov. Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month. Pampa Independent School District is joining other districts across the state to

gratefully acknowledge the vital contributions local school board members make to this community.

School board members are locally elected residents who work without receiving pay for their services. The men and women "paving the

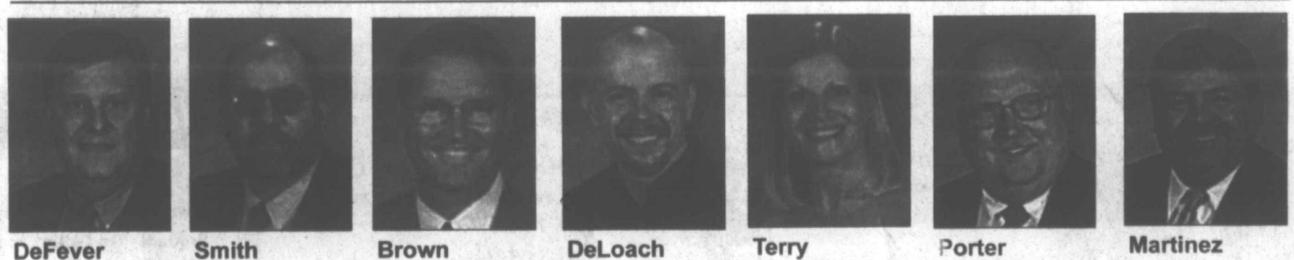
path to success" for Pampa students are President Lance DeFever, Vice President Charles Smith, Secretary Greg Brown, Joe Martinez, Lee Porter, Dana Terry and Derrell DeLoach.

To kick off School Board

Recognition Month, Pampa ISD students, teachers, administration and staff want to say thanks to the local trustees for a job well done.

"Serving on a local school board

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The current members of the Pampa Independent School Board are:

Lance DeFever, President, Place 2, has been on the school board since 2001. He has been vice president of Mojave Petroleum Co. Inc. for 17 years, has been the manager of the Fairview Cemetery Association since 1999 and is a funeral director for Carmichael-Whately Funeral

Directors. He and his wife Brooke have four children.

Charles Smith, Vice President, Place 4, has been on the school board since 2003. He is a business owner and an environmental, health and safety consultant and trainer. He and his wife Karen have three children.

Greg Brown, Secretary, Place 7, has been on

the school board since 2004. He is a financial consultant for A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc. He and his wife Renee have two children.

Derrell DeLoach, Place 1, has been on the school board since 2005. He is a nurse practitioner for Family Medicine Center. He and his wife

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The Pampa News Sunday edition will start being delivered after 5 p.m. Saturday.

NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday

Sunday

Monday



Partly cloudy Mostly sunny Mostly sunny

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 40.
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26.
 Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
 Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 30. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph becoming calm.
 Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
 Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 33. North-northwest wind around 5 mph.

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Soybeans	5.50	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by **Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa**.

OXY	45.60	-0.16
BP PLC ADR	64.83	-0.28
Cabot Corp	43.64	-0.73
Celanese	24.87	-0.33
Cabot Oil Gas	57.06	+0.45
Coca Cola	48.50	-0.10
VLO	49.21	+0.32
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TRI	40.80	-0.30
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

Twenty traffic stops were made resulting in two arrests.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 1200 block of Christine.

An motor vehicle accident was reported in the 200 block of North Cuyler.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 200 block of North Hobart.

Calls concerning animals were received from the intersection of Gordon and Reid, the 100 block of South Faulkner, the 1000 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of Huff, twice from the 1000 block of Prairie, the 800 block of Craven, the 1900 block of Russell, the 1000 block of South Dwight, the 700 block of North Wells and twice from undisclosed locations.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Found property, a black wallet, was reported at the intersection of Sumner and Randy Matson.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Wells and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the 600 block of Plains and the 700 block of Locust.

A police escort was provided at an undisclosed location.

A 911 hang-up was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Harassment was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

A curfew violation was reported in the 1500 block of Gwendolyn.

Runaways were reported in the 2700 block of Navajo and the 1500 block of Gwendolyn.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1500 block of Gwendolyn, near Gwendolyn and Wells and in the

1400 block of Somerville.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 300 block of North Hobart and in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance more than one gram and less than four grams were reported in the 1500 block of Gwendolyn.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block of Gwendolyn, the 1900 block of North Hobart and two reports from the 700 block of Deane.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of Williston and in the 700 block of North Wells where a fence picket valued at \$20 was damaged.

A domestic disturbance with no injuries was reported in the 1500 block of Coffee.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of Houston.

An assault with no injuries was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of West Kentucky.

charges of no insurance and no valid driver's license.

Jennifer Dawn Winborne, 21, of Pampa was arrested by PPD near the intersection of Brown and Cuyler on a warrant on a capias pro fine for no seat belt.

Stanley Branch, 32, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1100 block of Prairie for no driver's license.

Fire

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

3:15 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 200 block of West Foster on a medical assist.

5:47 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Highway 60 and Price Road on an vehicle accident.

10:21 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 600 block of East Browning on a lifting assist.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

7:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

3:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 200 block of West Foster and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Howardwick and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Jan. 4

Miguel Antonio Valdez, 28, of Pampa was arrested around 4 p.m. by GCSO in the 300 block of East Craven for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Valdez took a 2002 Dodge Dakota pick-up from a business in Pampa. He is currently still in jail and the incident is still under investigation.

Sean Lewis Moree, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for violation of probation.

Manuel Chiquito, 23, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 600 block of South Barnes on a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license and on

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Economy: Employers step up hiring in December

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers stepped up hiring last month, boosting payrolls by a healthy 167,000 and keeping the unemployment rate steady at a still historically low 4.5 percent. Workers' wages grew briskly.

The latest snapshot of the nation's employment climate, released Friday by the Labor Department, showed that the jobs market ended 2006 on a strong note and provided fresh evidence that the troubled housing and automotive sectors aren't dragging down employment across the country.

The tally of new jobs added to the economy last month exceeded analysts' forecasts for a gain of around 115,000 and was the best showing since September. Analysts were predicting the politically sensitive jobless rate would remain unchanged from November, which it did. "This is a good report for the American worker," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics.

"This is a good report for the American worker."

— Ken Mayland
 President of ClearView Economics

For all of 2006, the nation's unemployment rate dropped to a six-year low of 4.6 percent as the economy added 1.8 million jobs. In 2005, the unemployment rate averaged 5.1 percent. With the economy losing momentum, though, many economists predict the jobless rate will climb this year and average around 4.9 percent.

In December, jobs gains in education and health care, business services, financial firms and leisure and hospitality swamped job losses in construction, manufacturing and retail. Jobs gains for both October and November turned out to be stronger than the government previously thought.

Many employers showed not only a greater appetite to hire in December but also more willingness to boost compensation to workers.

Workers, many of whom had seen their paychecks eaten by inflation, saw wages grow robustly last month. Average hourly earnings jumped to \$17.04, a sizable 0.5 percent rise from the prior month. Analysts were forecasting a more modest,

0.3 percent increase. Over the last 12 months, wages grew by a strong 4.2 percent. That matched the annual gain registered in November and was exceeded only by a 4.3 percent annual increase in November 2000.

Growth in wages should support consumer spending — a force that helps drive the economy. But a rapid and sustained advance — if not blunted by other economic forces — can stoke concerns about inflation.

Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke says the central bank will be on close watch for any signs that wage growth might be spurring an unwanted pickup in inflation.

The Federal Reserve, which has boosted rates 17 times since June 2004 to fend off inflation, has been on the sidelines since August. Analysts believe the Fed will keep its finger on the interest-rate pause button when it meets next on Jan. 30-31.

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Escape

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at the time he managed to

remove his restraints and escape. Jail records for Dec. 16 indicate that Troglin had been arrested at 5:35 p.m. by a GCSO deputy on charges of theft over \$50

and under \$500 and having a wrong or fictitious license plate. He remained in the county jail until his escape pending bond on the misdemeanor charges.

School

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is no easy task, especially in today's climate of change and economic "uncertainties," Superintendent Barry Haenisch said. "Board members contribute countless hours each year leading their districts, whether it be crafting policies, hiring top-notch staff, listening to staff and student concerns or recognizing outstanding programs."

The Pampa ISD Board is one of 1,036 district and county school boards across the state. These boards enable residents to have local control of the public school, which is important because local leaders understand the community's unique needs and challenges.

Perry said that school boards ensure that Texas students are given every opportunity to excel through education and these people are essential for the success of the educational community. He hopes that

every administrator, education professional and parent will express thanks to the local board members in their area.

"Take a moment to thank our local school board members for making the time to share their vision and voice about the future of our children," Haenisch said. "We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding and school facilities."

Board

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Andrea have three children.

Dana Terry, Place 3, has been on the school board

since 2005. She has been the owner of Complete Travel for 15 years. She and her husband Bebo have two children.

Lee Porter, Place 5, has been on school board since 1997. He is an independent oil and gas producer. He

and his wife Janice have three children.

Joe Martinez, Place 6, has been on school board since 1998. He has been an employee of Northern Natural Gas since 1979. He and his wife Charlene have three children.

Costley

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other is called "The Tree of Life" and depicts a tree in the Garden of Eden.

Costley is also working on a cartoon strip intended for newspaper publication. The strip, titled "Panhandle Penny," is about how things are very different for a little girl from New York who moves to Texas.

"I'm trying to get a year's supply finished before doing anything with it," Costley said of the comic strip.

The comic strip might have been inspired by Costley's own experiences. He came to Pampa from New Jersey nine years ago, and lived a lot of places before that.

A father in career military service meant exposure to various parts of the country and the world for Costley, who is 40. He was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, and has lived in places such as Puerto Rico, Guam and Spain before graduating from high school in New Jersey.

His four years in Spain

were especially important to the budding young artist.

"That's where I gained an appreciation for a variety of artwork," Costley said. "We would have three-day sessions of art in high school, where we learned different methods and got to see different artworks."

His interest in art started long before high school. He dates his artistic activities back to the second grade, and they may have been influenced by family.

"My grandmother was a teacher, my aunt was an art teacher, and my favorite uncle was an artist," Costley said.

After high school, he attended the Art Institute of Philadelphia, where he earned an associate degree in graphic design after three and one-half years.

He was an art director for six years for a New Jersey company, and saw how art was involved in various enterprises and aspects of life.

"It opened up my eyes to so many things," Costley said. "The art world is in everything."

He and his family moved to Pampa to care for his wife's grandparents, who

were ailing at the time. But he continued his interest and work in art, and focused his talents on cultural and religious themes.

"I want to be able to get the word out," Costley said. "This ability and my beliefs are what God gave to me, and how to express it to other people."

He also does portraits, and though much of his work is pen and ink or pencil, some are watercolors and others are scratchboard, which is a black background with the artist's strokes appearing as white or, if an airbrush is used, as colors.

He entered one of his faith-oriented illustrations in the first art show in which he participated, and got the reaction he had sought.

"The first show I went to, I entered my illustration of when prayer was taken out of the schools," Costley said. "People would stop and look at it and say it was disturbing, and ask, 'What is that about?' That's what I wanted, for them to wonder about it."

Costley may be contacted via e-mail at klcostley@yahoo.com.

County

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A bid of \$100 by Jimmy Burks on tax delinquent property at 321 Miami was accepted. The property is a vacant lot flanked by houses, with an appraised value of \$1,450 and overdue taxes of \$1,039.

Bonds of officials voted into office in the Nov. 7 general elections were accepted. The bonds are for Precinct 2 County Commissioner Gary Willoughby, \$3,000; Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley, \$3,000; 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, \$5,000; Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter, \$2,500; Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman, \$2,500; District Clerk Gaye Honderich, \$100,000; Precincts 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez, \$2,500; County Treasurer Scott Hahn, \$10,000; County Clerk Susan Winborne, \$28,000; County Judge Richard Peet, \$3,000; and Assistant County Auditor Carla Carter, \$5,000.

The names of Lee Cornelison and Karen Ellis were approved to be removed from all county bank and signature accounts and replaced with the names of Scott Hahn and Teresa

Davis.

"The bank wants specific names in our motion," Peet said. Hahn had already been authorized in commissioners' Dec. 15 meeting to transact business for the county with Tex Pool and the county's current depository, Bank of America. Today's action includes all bank accounts, Tex Pool, and the county's safety deposit box. Maximum benefits to

county employees covered by the county health insurance program was raised from \$1 million to \$2 million. The increase had been recommended by the county's third-party administrator of the insurance plan.

Other recommendations by the administrator were also approved, including changing pricing on out-of-network hospitals to 125 percent of Medicare rates.

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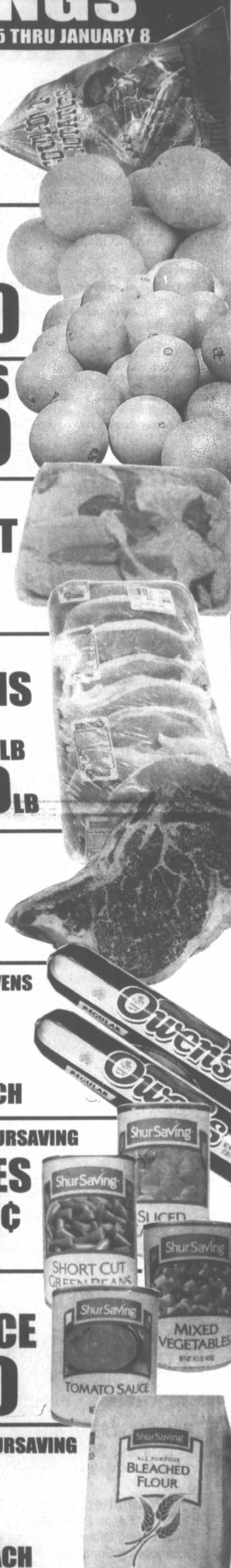
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Saddam Hussein is a lucky man — in no time at all he can expect to have his reputation vastly improved. And he can thank the hangman who awaits him on the gallows.

Prior to that moment when he breathes his last, his reputation will be in shreds. He has, rightly, been seen as a monster. The mere act of his dying, however, will enable his supporters to smooth over his role in those troublesome times when he was slaughtering his own people by the hundreds of thousands.

If you doubt that scenario, consider what we are now witnessing with the death of former President Gerald R. Ford. After his pardon of Richard Nixon in September

1974, you would have had to hire a private detective to find anyone who did not consider him a scoundrel for pardoning the hated Nixon, whose foes would have been satisfied only if Nixon had been utterly humiliated, tried, found guilty and sent to prison for life.

Ford robbed them of that satisfaction and they never forgave him, but his foes did take great pleasure out of observing that the pardon was the reason why Gerald Ford lost the presidency in 1976.

His name was mud, yet by dying he rehabilitated himself. All those hypocrites who cast him out into the outer darkness for daring to show compassion to his predecessor — thereby saving

the nation from the years-long ordeal prosecution of Nixon would have involved — now heap praise on him.

Michael Reagan
Columnist

Ford's pardon was greeted by a firestorm of criticism, threats were leveled against him, and he was accused of making a shady deal with Tricky Dick to swap a pardon for the presidency. All the hatred and bile the left had for Nixon was then aimed at Ford.

His popularity ratings, sky-high when he took the oath of office, plummeted. He never recovered from the debacle he unleashed with

the pardon. And he was driven out of the White House to be replaced by Jimmy Carter, who would become arguably the worst president in American history yet go himself



into the honored retirement denied Gerald Ford.

Like most of his Democratic colleagues, Massachusetts Sen. Ted Kennedy was appalled by the pardon, calling it "a betrayal of the public trust."

Unlike most of his Democratic colleagues, however, Kennedy softened and didn't wait until Ford was dead to praise him for

what the pardon had done for the nation.

At the 2001 Profile of Courage award ceremony honoring Ford, Kennedy said: "We now recognize that Ford was there when the country needed him. He was calm and steady at a time of emotional upheaval and disillusionment. When he said our long national nightmare was over, the country breathed a sigh of relief. He was an uncommonly good and decent man."

In dying, Ford erased all those negative comments and the people who slandered and reviled him came rushing to the microphones to heap praise on him for issuing the pardon they had so vigorously condemned.

Think about the lesson

Ford's death teaches. Once a pariah, he now gets the "de mortuis nil nisi bonum" treatment (of the dead speak only good).

Moreover, he is to be further honored by a book by Bob Woodward who, contrary to his usual practice, interviewed him while he was still alive and conscious. Ford, he is said to be ready to reveal, opposed the Iraq war but didn't want anybody to know it until he was gone.

Getting back to what all this means to the soon-to-be-dead Saddam Hussein, if the obits are anything like the ones Gerald Ford earned by passing away, we can expect to be told that after all, Saddam did clean up the

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 5, the fifth day of 2007. There are 360 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 5, 1957, President Eisenhower, in an address to Congress, proposed offering military assistance to Middle Eastern countries so they could resist Communist aggression; this became known as the Eisenhower Doctrine.

On this date:

In 1589, Catherine de Medici of France died at age 69.
In 1781, a British naval expedition led by Benedict Arnold burned Richmond, Va.

In 1895, French Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, convicted of treason, was publicly stripped of his rank. (He was ultimately vindicated.)

In 1925, Nellie T. Ross succeeded her late husband as governor of Wyoming, becoming the first female governor in U.S. history.

In 1933, the 30th president of the United States, Calvin Coolidge, died in Northampton,

'All that is gold does not glitter; not all those that wander are lost.'

— J.R.R. Tolkien
English author
(1892-1973)

Mass., at age 60.

In 1949, in his State of the Union address, President Truman labeled his administration the Fair Deal.

In 1970, Joseph A. Yablonski, an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United Mine Workers of America, was found murdered with his wife and daughter at their Clarksville, Pa., home. UMW President Anthony Boyle and three others were convicted of the killings.

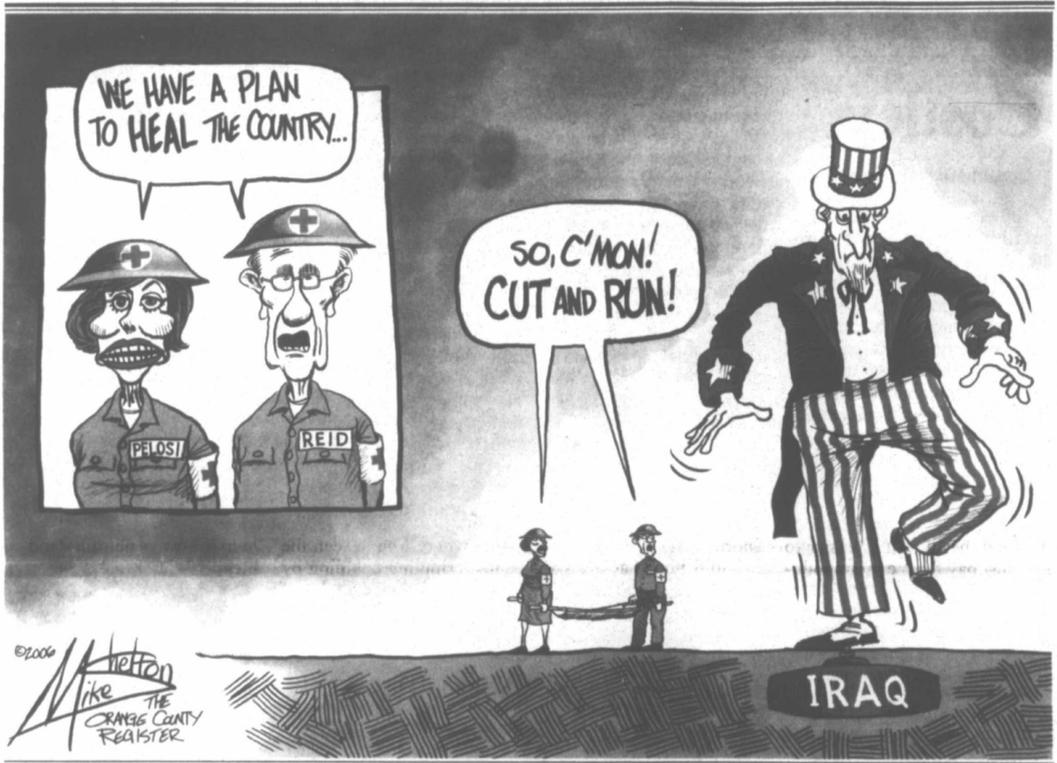
In 1972, President Nixon ordered development of the space shuttle.

In 1994, Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, died in Boston at age 81.

In 1998, Sonny Bono, the 1960's pop star-turned-politician, was killed when he struck a tree while skiing in South Lake Tahoe, Calif.; he was 62.

Ten years ago: Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held a secret, predawn summit, but fell short of agreement on the issues holding up an Israeli troop withdrawal from Hebron.

Five years ago: Charles Bishop, a 15-year-old student pilot, deliberately crashed a small plane into a skyscraper in Tampa, Fla., killing himself. Italy's foreign minister, Renato Ruggiero, resigned after a spat with Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi over the government's lukewarm reception of the euro.



Be safe when buying medical products

Over the past several weeks, my Consumer Protection Division has halted three separate outfits that put consumers at risk for serious eye injury by selling contact lenses without physician approval. Dispensing any contact lenses, even noncorrective lenses or lenses which are intended solely to change the appearance of the eye, still requires a permit and a prescription from a physician or optometrist.

Two of the businesses were operating from local flea markets, where dispensing contact lenses is never permitted. The businesses rarely obtained a prescription from the consumers, but sold them the contact lenses anyway.

Selling and dispensing contact lenses violate key protective elements of the Contact Lens Prescription Act as well as the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

Before you buy contact lenses from someone other than your eye care professional, take simple precautions to ensure your purchase is safe and effective.

Have a current, valid prescription when you order contact lenses. To keep your eyesight healthy, you should not order lenses with a prescription that has expired or stock up on lenses right before the prescription is about to expire. Have your eyes rechecked by a licensed eye care professional.

Order contact lenses from a trusted supplier. Request the manufacturer's written instructions for use of your new lenses as well as other risk and benefit information. Check back with your eye care professional after

receiving the lenses to be sure they are the correct prescription. Do not accept substitutions unless approved by your eye care professional. Slight changes in weight, diameter and other measurements can affect your eyesight.

The health and safety of Texas consumers is a high priority for my administration. Three years ago, we effectively halted the unlawful selling and clinical use of prescription "colonic hydrotherapy" devices in several Texas cities. The treatments consisted of using prescription nozzles and systems to thoroughly cleanse the colon, which requires physician oversight under federal and state law. In addition, the purchase, possession and use of the

devices must be done with the approval of a physician. Colonic irrigation without physician oversight poses potential dangers to patients.

Our office was also successful in shutting down four ultrasound imaging companies that were operating ultrasound equipment without physician oversight. The companies offered fetal sonograms to pregnant women as "keepsake" photos and videos. The operators did not inform the women that prescriptions are required before such devices may be used. A physician often approves sonograms only for medical and diagnostic purposes, not for memento purposes.

My office takes action against such unlawful practices upon referral of the cases from the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

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Greg Abbott

Texas Attorney General



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 26
The El Paso Times on recognizing the danger at railroad crossings:

Last week, Union Pacific employees gathered at a railroad crossing and handed out free movie tickets to some of the motorists who stopped for passing trains.

Also, donations were made in their honor to a local charity.

While that brought pleasant recognition to people who were obeying the law, it also put a spotlight on the problems that occur at crossings.

Too many El Paso motorists see approaching trains, descending barrier arms, flashing red lights and clanging bells as challenges rather than warnings. Too many people try to beat the train to the crossing.

It is indeed a minor miracle that only one person had been killed at a railroad crossing as of September 2006.

Motorists tend to forget, or ignore, the fact that a train engine is incredibly heavier than their vehicles, can take up to a mile to stop even when the emergency brake is applied and, being confined to rails, obviously isn't nearly as agile as a motor vehicle; it can't dodge around you.

Yet drivers will still scoot across

tracks barely ahead of trains, even when the barrier arms are lowered. That's just asking for trouble.

What if your vehicle stalls on the tracks?

What if you misjudge the train's speed? Your vehicle is no match for the bulk and speed of the train.

And all this doesn't even factor in that it's against the law to disregard railroad-crossing signals. If you're caught by police, you'll get a ticket. If you're caught by a train, you'll get worse than a ticket.

It's just not worth it. Obey railroad-crossing signals and signs.

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Religion

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

The 'sin' of enabling ...

More and more it seems that I run into believers who regularly confuse the gift of giving/helping others with the sin of "enabling."

Giving and helping others is an exercise of the Holy Spirit through the believer — God at work through the hands and feet of the faithful disciple. But is all giving and helping good? Is it all the work of the Holy Spirit? Absolutely not!

Help that is not helpful isn't really help at all. Let me go over that one more time. Help that does not really make the situation better, but that just relieves a momentary crisis, isn't really help at all.

But how can helping someone be a bad thing?

I'm glad you asked.

Often life will teach us a really big lesson if we have to reap as we have sown. But do you know who interferes more than anyone else with that learning cycle of sowing and reaping?

Well-meaning Christians!

What most out-of-control individuals or families really need is someone to love them enough to show them the steps necessary to get their life back under control. Too often churches and Christians just don't want to get very involved (requires too much time) and, besides, it is easier to just pay for the motel lodging or gasoline money or

restaurant bill. Over the last seven years, I have gotten many calls to help with motel lodging by someone in need. Every time I have offered to supply sleeping bags and pillows in our fellowship hall (good enough for most traveling youth groups) and a meal.

Do you want to guess how many have taken me up on the free offer? One! And after meeting him, I gladly offered to have him stay at my house. He declined and was very appreciative for the sleeping bag.

If a person's out-of-control life has put them in a bind, to simply write a check is to enable them in their sin. If most enablers would just quit enabling those with out-of-control lives, they might just learn how to get their lives back in order.

Let me give you a couple of examples of the kind of enabling that needs to come to a screeching halt.

Example No. 1: I recently had a young man stop by my office and ask for some help to buy meat for him and his family. He had a job, but had messed up and gotten caught "a little short."

I told him that my wife and I once lived on pinto

beans and potatoes for two weeks and that it not only didn't hurt us, but was a real learning time. I then told him 1) that I had a large bag of Anasazi beans that I would gladly give him; 2) that I'd buy him a big bag of potatoes to go with them; 3) that if he wouldn't make a big deal over this his kids would have no problem with it; and 4) that two weeks of



Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

educational time for the whole family for the rest of their lives.

He wasn't interested and left without the beans and potatoes. What a shock, huh?

Now, I don't think that it would have been completely wrong to give him some money for meat, but I tried to offer something that would help him for more than that week. Something that wouldn't encourage him to ask for help when it wasn't absolutely necessary.

Remember 2 Thessalonians 3:10: "If anyone will not work, neither let him eat."

Example No. 2: The area where I have seen the most crippling enabling by believers is in the realm of

parents and their kids. I have a son who has a significant problem with drugs. I know of many times that he has gone without food because of his addiction for several days. My wife and I have rarely helped him financially.

Why? Because we don't love him? Are you crazy? Either of us would gladly die for him if it would help, but what he really needs is for his parents to love him enough to let him reap as he has sown, so that the Lord can use those troubles from an out-of-control life to help wake him up.

I know of parents all over the country who are going to enable their child right into damnation because they just can't give them the "tough love" that they really need.

So Christians, please examine your dealings with others — especially family, and make sure that you are not enabling someone's sin, someone's out-of-control life. If you are, stop now!

Love them enough to stop and then pray for them until you have calluses on your knees, and while you are praying ask God for a more discerning heart concerning helping others. Ask Him to help you make sure that your help is always helpful. God bless.

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Religion News in Brief ...

Fuller seminary to build high-tech worship center

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Fuller Theological Seminary plans to build a new high-tech worship center in a nod to the contemporary worship styles that are popular in evangelical churches.

The prominent evangelical seminary, one of the nation's largest, will build a 35,000-square-foot complex that will house two chapels, classrooms, offices and performance facilities.

The complex's centerpiece will be a 500-seat main chapel with 63 ranks of organ pipes, a grand piano and the latest in digital electronics to control house and stage lights.

The worship center is part of a multimillion-dollar, 20-year development plan for the campus.

Fuller officials say the sound and light focus in the new worship center reflect broader trends in American worship that emphasize performance and varied expressions of faith.

In the chapel, panels on the walls and ceiling may be moved to enhance the sound of a string orchestra, while a

Rushing Wind to meet Jan. 13

The Rushing Wind Emmaus community will meet Saturday, Jan. 13, in the Waka Christian Center in Waka at 6 p.m. A potluck meal will be served followed by a praise and worship service. A nursery will be provided. Rushing Wind is sponsoring a women's Walk to Emmaus on Jan. 25-28 and a men's walk Feb. 22-25.

sophisticated sound system will be able to accommodate hip-hop performers with their bass-heavy take on the Gospel.

The design also will allow for PowerPoint presentations. Movies and videos could be shown on two LCD screens. The worship center will also have rooms for composing, recording and editing performances.

"Many people who come to church browse YouTube for two hours in the morning," said Richard Mouw, the seminary's president. "How can we preach the Gospel to people who are

getting their news, getting their entertainment, in totally new ways from the 20th century?"

Rosalynn Carter ordained a deacon at Maranatha Baptist Church

PLAINS, Ga. (AP) — Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter was ordained a deacon last month by Maranatha Baptist Church, the independent Associated Baptist Press reported.

Rosalynn Carter, 79, has
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"Jesus Loves The Little Children"
George Root was a musical genius, and by the age of thirteen, he could play thirteen different instruments. As a young adult, he taught music in Boston and New York, composed music, and served as a church organist. The outbreak of the Civil War deeply affected Root, and he used his talents to further the Union war effort, writing a host of patriotic songs to rally the morale of the North. This song, written before 1895, has three stanzas, but the hymn is named for the chorus which was a Civil War ballad written about a soldier in prison.
Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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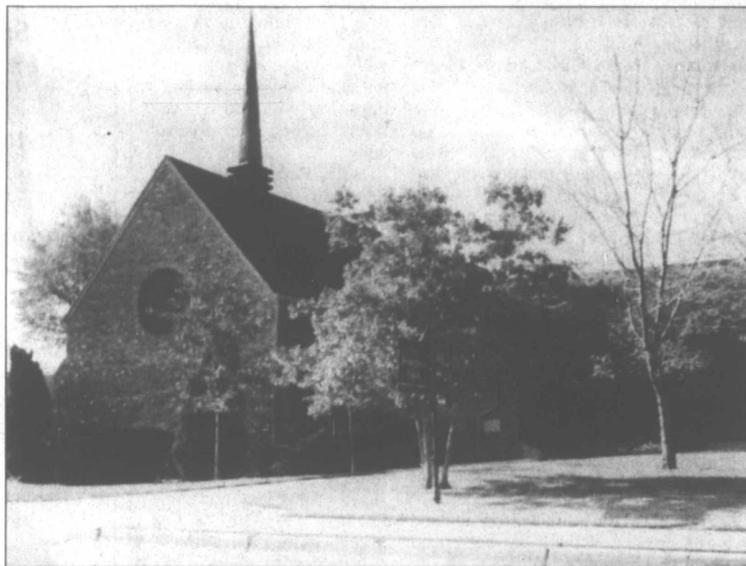
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First Presbyterian Church

Church name: First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, 665-1031, www.pampapcusa.org.

Minister: We do not currently have an installed minister, however we do have a number of really good spiritual preachers who fill our pulpit on Sundays. Nancy Ruff, CLP, is tending to the pastoral care of our congregation.

Services: Sunday — 9 a.m. Coffee Fellowship; 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages; 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship.

Activities: On Wednesday from 5 - 6:45 p.m., we have our LOGOS Program for our children and youth, with many adults taking part in the activities - which includes a family meal cooked on site. Nancy Ruff, CLP, is teaching our Confirmation Class during the LOGOS time. At 7:30 p.m., our choir meets for practice.

Members: 142

Denomination: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

How long here: Established in 1926 - 80 years ago.

Current Goal: Our pulpit nominating committee is in the midst of searching for our next pastor. We pray for them to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit to find the person God has already chosen to become our Pastor.

Main goal: We believe that the chief end of man is TO GLORIFY GOD AND ENJOY HIM FOREVER.

Special Services: January — The "Kirking of the Tartans" with a bagpiper during our morning worship to celebrate our Scottish "roots." The community is invited to join us. **Lent** — Together with St. Matthews Episcopal Church, we have weekly Lenten services at noon on Wednesdays, beginning on Ash Wednesday. There is a soup luncheon following. The community is invited to participate. **Thanksgiving** — Our men prepare and serve a turkey dinner on the Sunday preceding Thanksgiving. We also have a joint Thanksgiving service with St. Matthews. The community is invited to both of these events. **Christmas** — Our traditional Christmas Eve candlelight service begins at 11 p.m. The community is invited.

Other activities: In late summer, we join with three other churches, First Christian, Hi-Land Christian and St. Matthews, for a joint five-day Vacation Bible School. At Christmas, we have a congregational progressive dinner that is enjoyed by many of our members.

Community Service: Our church has a rich tradition of being involved in the community. Our latest opportunity to do so was in identifying need and dispersing a little over \$20,000 of funds from Palo Duro Presbytery to those who had lost so much during the March wildfires. This included 47 fire departments and a number of individuals.

Church message: We are a loving and supportive congregation. We are a church striving to grow spiritually and in numbers, reaching out to those in our community who need a church home. We are a Christian congregation ministering to our current members, with a deep desire for new membership and growth in order to tell the Good News of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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Sports Day

JV Boys take first round at Perryton

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

PERRYTON, Tx - Getting off to a good start, the JV boys basketball team defeated Spearman on Tuesday for their first game in the tournament being held in Perryton this week.

Leading the team, Travis Hagerman scored a total of 14 points, 10 of which were in the first quarter. Other high scorers were Heath Skinner with 10, Hayden Skinner and Nathan Webb with 9 each and Ryan Rivera with 5.

The first quarter was a good indication of what was to come, as several clean turnovers by Wayne Parker and Heath Skinner helped put Pampa ahead by 10 points, settling at 14-4.

Before the second half, the

gap grew wider with the help of Adam Anguiano who scored 4 points in the second quarter, as Pampa went into halftime ahead 25-13.

In the third quarter, Pampa's defense refused to let up, and only allowed 7 points by the Lynx to be tallied up.

By the time the final buzzer rang, the Harvesters were well in the clear, finishing the game 61-37.

After surviving an obviously fresh referee and dominating Spearman, the boys hope to experience another win this afternoon as the tournament continues.

At 1 p.m. today in Perryton, Pampa will play Borger, and at 1 p.m. Saturday, they will take on Perryton.



Pampa News Photo by Jordan Reagan

Junior Jad McGuire and sophomore Hayden Skinner keep a Spearman player from passing the ball to a teammate. Pampa's tough defense kept the Lynx at a safe distance throughout the game, allowing them to take the lead at the end, 61-37.

PHS Soccer alumni game to take place this Saturday

The PHS soccer teams will be bringing back an old tradition that has faded in recent years. The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters soccer teams will be hosting alumni games on January 6, 2007. The games will be played at the Harvester Soccer Complex which is located at Travis Elementary School. The women's game will begin at noon, followed by the men's game at 2:30.

The PHS soccer coaches and players are very excited about this event, and are highly encouraging all alumni of any age to participate as your schedule allows. This will be a day of fun for the alumni and for the current PHS players. If you are a PHS soccer alumni and do

not feel that you can play in the game, the coaching staff and players still would like to invite you to come and watch some soccer fun. The concession stand will be open and hamburgers will be available courtesy of the PHS Soccer Booster Club.

Not only will this be a fun day of soccer, it will also provide this year's soccer teams with a good preseason scrimmage. A good turn out of alumni play will definitely help the teams get better prepared for the upcoming season. This year's teams boast over 20 players on the varsity boys, team, and over 30 players for the varsity and JV girls, teams. Come show your support for these athletes and be a part of the fun.

Gators use underdog role as motivation to win

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — The Florida Gators are feeling unappreciated and they're not happy about it.

There's no doubt the Gators are the underdogs heading into the BCS championship game against top-ranked Ohio State on Monday night.

The unbeaten Buckeyes have been No. 1 all season and rarely challenged, outscoring opponents by 26 points per game. They've got the Heisman Trophy winner in Troy Smith and a coach in Jim Tressel with a national championship on his resume and a reputation for being as good it gets in big games.

The Gators have an imper-

"They're still saying we don't deserve to be here, so this is an opportunity to prove everyone wrong"
— Dallas Baker
Florida receiver

fect record, several too-close-for-comfort victories and their only All-American is safety Reggie Nelson.

To hear the Florida Gators tell it, the 'O' and 'H' have already been engraved into the championship trophies.

"Every time you pick up a paper or magazine you see Ohio State, then you see one page of Florida or just the title, Florida Gators," Gators defensive tackle Joe Cohen. "And you know, we fought to get here, too. We want a little credit that we're here. At least acknowledge that we're in the game. I guess Jan. 8 we'll show that we're in the game."

Football players are always looking for an opportunity to feel disrespected. It can be a powerful motivational tool. Just ask Texas, which rode Vince Young's

need for redemption to a national title last year. Or the 2002 Buckeyes, who pulled off one of the biggest BCS upsets.

"The way the talk is we don't deserve to be here really," receiver Dallas Baker said. "We played a lot of Top-25 teams and defensive teams and they're still saying that we don't deserve to be here, so this is an opportunity to prove everyone wrong."

Even back home in New Smyrna Beach, Fla., for Christmas, Baker heard the Gators being badmouthed. As he walked around the mall, he overheard a couple of kids predict gloom and doom for the Gators.

Dallas Mavs getting better by the dozen

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Mavericks already have 12th straight win, and the best record in the NBA.

Not bad for a team that started 0-4 after it ended last season by blowing a two-game lead with four straight losses in the NBA finals.

Dallas has its second 12-game winning streak of the season after a 100-91 victory over the Indiana Pacers on Thursday night, when Devin Harris scored 13 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter for the defending Western Conference champion.

"I don't think about win

streaks," said Josh Howard, who has back-to-back NBA player of the week awards. "We're just trying to better ourselves as a team. It's just another streak to me. We've just got to keep on playing ball."

That's what the Mavericks (26-7) have to do because they play again Friday night at San Antonio. They have a chance to extend their winning streak and an already three-game Southwest Division lead over the rival Spurs.

In the only other NBA games Thursday night,

Detroit beat New Orleans 92-68, and the Los Angeles Lakers edged Sacramento 132-128 in overtime.

With Terry struggling against Indiana, the Mavericks depended on Harris. The skinny guard kept driving to the basket, making all four of his shots in the fourth quarter on layups.

The 6-foot-3, 185-pound Harris scored on three straight drives in a 92-second span to put the Mavs ahead for good. They had led only briefly before that. Harris' first layup with 9

minutes left got Dallas with in 80-79. After Erick Dampier blocked a shot, Terry got the rebound and passed to Harris for a fast-break drive that put the Mavericks ahead to stay. After Indiana missed two more shots, Harris was fouled on another drive and hit two free throws for an 83-80 lead.

Terry had only one point and three turnovers while playing 19 minutes, a season low and 15 below his average. That's because coach Avery Johnson stuck with Harris.

Taylor takes AP Defensive Player honors

NEW YORK (AP) — Jason Taylor was one hard man to find on the Miami defense this season. Until, that is, the ball was snapped and he was making the play.

Taylor's superb all-around performance for the Dolphins earned him The Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year award, announced Friday. While Miami finished just 6-10 in 2006, the dynamic Taylor was having the best season of his nine-year pro career.

The end who sometimes lines up at linebacker or inside had 62 tackles, 13 1/2 sacks, 14 quarterback hurries, two interceptions — both returned for TDs — 11 passes, defended, 10 fumbles forced and two fumbles recovered. Yes, 10 fumbles forced, making Taylor a takeaway machine.

"It's just making big plays, feeling like you elevate the guys around you sometimes, and helping them to play better," Taylor said of his role. "Being able to take attention away from other areas and free up things for other people. At the end of the day, it's just making plays and trying to lead the team by example emotionally."

"You can sit around and talk about it, but you have to go out and do it and we all like to be able to get up and go do it."

While dozens of defenders were doing it well this season, Taylor outdistanced five who received votes, in particular Broncos cornerback Champ Bailey. Taylor earned 22 votes from a nationwide panel of 50 sports writers and broadcasters who cover the NFL, and Bailey got 16.

It is a measure of how effective Taylor was that he took the award playing on a losing team. But Miami's defense ranked fourth in the NFL — thanks greatly to No. 99, naturally.

"I am playing a more complete game than I have at any point in my career," Taylor said. "I think the biggest thing that sticks out is the big plays, the touchdowns that are catching more attention."

"I think I have had some other decent years in this league, but this is probably my best."

It needed to be for Taylor to beat out Bailey, who tied for the league lead with 10 interceptions (one touchdown) even though opponents rarely test him. Bailey also is a stalwart run defender, something few cornerbacks can claim.

Patriots coach Bill Belichick, whose team faced both the Dolphins (going 1-1) and the Broncos (a loss), praised Taylor as the top guy.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. 6, 2007:

This year you express your thoughts and feelings in a manner that causes others to stop and think. Asking the right questions helps not only you understand better, but the people you question also become more enlightened. Often, people might not know why they do what they do, even if you might have a hunch. Your instincts serve you well with partnerships and money. If you are single, a relationship might be very important. Look at relating as practice right now, leading to a better or more important bond. If you are attached, spend more quality time together. LEO can wear on your nerves, as sometimes they might be quite stern.

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)

***** Those you care about appear to be affable and ready to open up. Avoid unneeded seriousness. Communication will soar if you stay open. Understanding and mutual respect bloom. Decide to do something very different. Tonight: Ever playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You will decide to use your pad as home base no matter what your original plans were. Others seek you out, but you want to make time specifically for one other person. You could be bowled over by what someone offers. Tonight: Happy at home. A talk might be very important.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Make that extra effort with those you come into contact with. Neighbors, relatives and even new acquaintances appreciate that extra time

and attention. If you feel weighed down by someone's request, say so. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You might act as if there is no tomorrow. Still, situations do present limits. Be realistic, and everyone will have a good time. Don't accept more invitations than you can deal with. Take a walk. Get exercise. Tonight: Indulge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Draw in what you want. If you tend to doubt yourself or become insecure, what seems like a nearly sure given could fall apart at the last minute. Your creativity soars. Get into a seasonal sport with a child or loved one. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Step back. You might need some downtime after the recent hectic pace. You find the role of observer interesting. A project on the home front cannot be put off any longer. Dig in. Be careful of far-out health suggestions. Plan on some private time. Tonight: Add mystery to your many trademarks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Friends might be cheering you on in one direction, whereas events point you in another. You can juggle everything if you want to, but why? Decide what would make you happy. A serious talk might be in order. Listen well. Tonight: With favorite people.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Stand up and state your case. If you have had enough, let others know it. Assume that your wishes will be respected. An expenditure can't be postponed much longer. Check prices and facts. Do all the necessary groundwork. Tonight: The spotlight is on you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** You are the spark that ignites others. You seem to get people energized, but sometimes you might be put off by what heads down your path. Eye the long-term and perhaps understand what others experience. Tonight: Do something off-beat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** If you have a complaint, address it to the specific person or a person who can make a difference. You might be suppressing some anger and frustration, which is preventing a situation from flowing. Tonight: Togetherness. Light candles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Opportunities will knock on your door if you don't react to someone's initial question. If you lie back and give people space, they will relax and be more centered. Ask questions rather than make decisions or judgments. Tonight: Very popular, and for good reason.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Easy does it. You might move from one issue to another. Perhaps someone keeps homing in on the same subject line. Your ability to stay even and observe might very well save the day. You don't need to voice everything you are thinking. Tonight: Consider an early bedtime.

BORN TODAY

Rapper Mike Jones (1981), chef Nigella Lawson (1960), comedian Rowan Atkinson (1955) ***

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FINANCIAL

Firm backed by Gates builds light jets

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Eclipse Aviation has made a major voyage with a very small jet.

The company run by a former Microsoft executive and backed by Bill Gates, has become the second in the U.S. to deliver one of the new planes, known as microjets, "very light jet," or VLJs, which are expected to fill the skies over the next decade. They generally have two engines, five or six passenger seats, automated cockpits and cost half as much as the most expensive business jet now in service.

Eclipse president Vern Raburn on Thursday handed keys to the first customer-ordered Eclipse 500 to Jet-Alliance chairman Randall Sanada and David Crowe, an owner-pilot who purchased a share of the aircraft.

"This aircraft represents the end of the development era for Eclipse," Raburn said during a ceremony inside an Eclipse hangar. "We are now a company. We have a transaction. We give Dave an invoice and Dave gives us money."

Thursday's delivery was a significant milestone after a bumpy year in which the 9-year-old manufacturer endured a lengthy federal certification process.

Only privately owned Eclipse Aviation, whose second-largest investor is Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates, and Cessna Aircraft Co., a unit of Textron Inc., have received Federal Aviation Administration certification for the jets so far. Cessna delivered its first in November.

Crowe kissed the keys to the white aircraft, trimmed in burgundy and blue with a tan leather interior, after taking them from Raburn.

"Ain't she a beaut?" Sanada said.

The Eclipse 500, dubbed the SUV of the skies, currently lists at \$1.5 million. Raburn said the company hopes to deliver 500 planes to customers this year.

Raburn said Jet-Alliance paid just \$995,000, which included \$82,000 in options. The shared-jet ownership cooperative, based in Westlake Village, Calif., was one of Eclipse's original customers — hence, the lower sales price.

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Reagan

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He introduced law and order, and kept the peace, although in not quite the same way Rudy Giuliani cleaned up New York City. Giuliani, after all, left no unmarked mass graves scattered around New York.

But hey, Saddam got results even we haven't been able to achieve, and as a result the Iraqis have now taken on the job of reducing the population without any help from the government.

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

mess he inherited in Iraq, and keep order and prevent the population from butchering each other by taking on that job himself.

Abbott

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Dairy farm lures crowd

RURAL RETREAT, Va. (AP) — One of the newest arrivals at Kirk Heldreth's dairy farm is drawing freaked-out crowds.

A calf with two faces was born Dec. 27 at Heldreth Dairy Farm, and word has spread in southwest Virginia as residents flock to his farm.

The calf breathes out of two noses and has two tongues, which move independently, according to Heldreth. There appears to be a single socket containing two eyes where the heads split.

"It's the craziest thing I've ever seen," the dairyman said.

During the calf's birth, Heldreth said he first thought there were two calves. It has two lower jaws, but only one mouth. Heldreth feeds her through a tube, and acknowledges he probably can't maintain that feeding schedule for long.

The calf was the product of artificial insemination, which was supposed to create a genetically superior specimen. "Genetically, this is one of my better calves," he said.