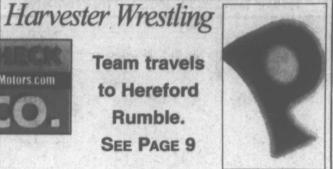


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Roger Ranney, expresses her feelings over getting this haircut.

EDC considers incentive grant for firm moving in

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa Economic Development Corporation is considering an employee incentive grant for a company moving to Pampa that makes insulation, doggie treats and potentially pharmaceuticals.

At a public hearing Thursday, Tom Martin with MXT, LLC, told the economic development board of directors that the company makes a biodegradable insulation and low cholesterol doggie treats from grain sorghum grown by local farmers. They also have the potential of making cancer-fighting drugs from grain

sorghum in the future, he said, but that's still under development.

MXT, recruited by the Pampa Industrial Foundation, is moving from Amarillo to Pampa using a U.S. Department of Agriculture grant, which helps fund companies bringing jobs to rural communities under 25,000 that have been losing popula-

The company has requested an employee incentive grant from the Pampa EDC for the creation of pri-

EDC President Dwight Fiveash on the jobs created in six-month in May at Fort Bliss at El Paso.

periods through Sept. 30, 2009. The maximum incentives would be \$141,000 based on 47 jobs.

Martin said that the company's projections now call for 58 full time

In other business, the EDC adopted a mission statement that in part says they will strive to assist with resources and financial incentives to interest firms and entrepreneurs in startup, expansion or relocation to Pampa for growth of the local econ-

The board also voted to send two said the agreement would be based representatives to a veterans job fair

Kathy Cota, board secretary, said that several firms from Pampa also planned to attend the job fair in search of skilled employees among the 1,200 Army personnel being released from active duty.

She said that Midland and Odessa had reported success in attending such previous job fairs.

"We're hoping we can draw people to this area," Cota said.

Gary Sutherland, EDC treasurer, noted there was a shortage of skilled labor in Pampa and that local firms said they could put 200 skilled peo-

See EDC, Page 3

Preparing to battle the cold





Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

The Coffee Shop at 220 N. Cuyler was a busy place this morning full of customers trying to stay warm with coffee, cappuccino and espresso. In the left photo, Kara Kidd, left, and Karen Hapeman, manager, prepare drink orders for chilly customers. Today is Kidd's last day of working at the shop during her Christmas break from Clarendon College. At right, customer Vonda Higgins serves herself a cup of "mudslide coffee." The forecast is calling for a high of 24 today with a low of 12 tonight and a 50 percent chance of a wintry mix. Saturday and Sunday's highs should only reach 20 with a 60 percent chance of a wintry mix. The low temperatures for the weekend are expected to dip down to 10 degrees.

Pampa photographer found his calling late in life



Photo by ROGER RANNEY Taylor Ranney, 11, daughter of photographer By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Roger Ranney, whose pictures have occasionally graced the pages of The Pampa News, came to photography late in life.

Ranney, 64, bought his first camera in the Spring of 2000.

"Basically, it was to take family pictures and vacations," Ranney said. "It was a film

camera." Since then he's graduated to a digital

"I don't use film anymore," Ranney said. His horizons expanded when he posted one of his pictures on a photo Web site.

"I was encouraged by the response I got," Ranney said. He said his interest has grown since then.

His works now hang at Pampa Custom Framing, Granny's Restaurant and the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

"I don't consider myself a professional," Ranney said. "I think of myself as an accomplished amateur."

Still, he puts a lot of work into his pictures, both with camera and computer.

"I went digital about five years ago," Ranney said. "I've had several cameras since then."

He said his work is about 25 percent camera and 75 percent editing.

"A lot of my photos are composites," he said. "I put several photos together to make

Much of his work reflects local scenes. here are landscapes with the warm evening light on an abandoned grain elevator at Lakeland and others of barns and windmills in the perfect evening light.

One of his more popular photos is of a bull that turned back on its rider at a Pampa

"I followed the high school rodeo circuit around for a little bit," Ranney said. "I've done rodeos. I've done weddings. I've done class reunions."

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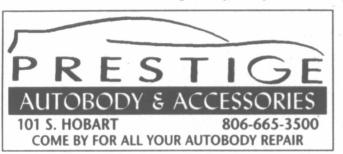
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Bessie O. Davis, 101

Bessie O. Davis, 101, of known for her doll collec-Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 9, tion and making quilts and

2007, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, and Shane Downs, grandson, Davis officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Davis was born Jan. 5, 1906, in Muskogee, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa for the past 28 years, moving from New Mexico where she and her family were pinto bean farmers.

Davis on Jan. 2, 1929, in 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Albuquerque, N.M. He pre- Texas ceded her in death in 1991.

She was a homemaker and for many years did sewing for the public. She was an active member of Central Baptist Church. She was

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Survivors include daughters, Geneva Johnston and hus-OBband Conchas Dam, N.M., Peggy Hall and husband Raye of Pampa, and Carol Downs of Fritch; one son, Nelson Davis and

wife Joyce of Saline, La.; one brother, Clyde Meadows of Austin; 18 grandchildren; 48 great-grandchildren; 14 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers and three sisters.

Memorials may be made She married Marvin to Central Baptist Church, 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Pampa, TX 79065.

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Elaine Tipton Lively, 84

Elaine Tipton Lively, 84, of Pampa, died Wednesday, Jan. 10, 2007, at Round Rock. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, 2007, Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with John Curry, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery

Mrs. Lively was born Feb. 25, 1922, in the shadow of Nichols Mesa at La Garita, San Miguel County, N.M., to Allene Nichols Tipton, La Garita postmistress, and Stuart B. Tipton, foreman of Tipton Ranch.

Elaine attended elementary school in Amarillo and Austin, where she graduated from Austin High School in 1938. In 1940, she moved to Pampa as the Area Secretary for the Texas Department of

Max Willingham, 72, of

Graveside services will be

at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 12,

2007, at Fairview Cemetery

with Rev. Leland Lewis, pas-

tor of the First Assembly of

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Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 11,

2007, at Pampa.

Public Welfare. On April 20, 1942 she

married Aviation Cadet Travis C. Lively, Jr. Corsicana. She was a legal

secretary for A. J. Carubbi and John Warner and later served as secretary for the Gray County Attorney. In the 1970's, she Lively and her husband bought his father's half of

Pampa Hardware Company, and in 1998, they opened Top of Texas Awards and Gifts. Elaine was a member of

First Methodist Church in Pampa since 1942 and was a member of various PTAs. Beta Sigma Phi, and the

Panhandle Chapter of TROA. She became a Paul Harris

Fellow of Rotary International and volunteered for several years for UNICEF, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Torch Society, and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. She also

volunteered for several years for her family friend, Governor Allan Shivers.

She was preceded in death by her precious daughter, Carol Jean Lively and her beloved dancing partner, Travis Coy Lively, Jr.

include Survivors daughter, Janis Lynn Lively.

of Pampa; a son, Clay Lively and wife Mary McGuire Lively of Round Rock; four grandchildren, Michael Lively and wife Karen Kindley Lively, MD of Edmond, Okla., Jennifer Lively of Amarillo, Courtney Carter and husband Augustus Trautweiler of Osceola, Mo., and Fitz-John "Andrew" Davis and wife Devin Holcombe Davis of San Antonio; four great-Megan, grandchildren, Rebecca, Julia, and Adelia; and one brother-in-law, Lamar Lively of Amarillo.

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Max Willingham, 72

Mr. Willingham was born Oct. 23; 1934, in Twitty, Texas. He attended school in McLean where he graduated from McLean High School. He attended Texas A&M University.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He married Joyce Myers in June of 1954 in Las Vegas,

Nev. She preceded him in death in 1997.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1958. He owned and operated J&M Machine Company since Survivors include one son,

Bill Willingham of Pampa; daughters, Denita Morrow and husband Kelley of Amarillo, and Toni Willingham of Pampa; five grandchildren; and brother, Kenneth Willingham of California.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939.

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Pampa PD

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

Thursday, Jan. 11 Fifteen traffic stops were made resulting in one arrest for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Accidents were reported in the 1200 block of Hobart and the 700 block of Campbell.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner, in the 2500 block of Aspen, in the 500

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block of Magnolia, the 700 block of South Barnes and the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of

Crossing guard duty was provided in the 2300 block of Primrose, in the 1200 block of South Nelson and in the 800 block of East Browning.

A police escort was provided in the 600 block of Ward Sex offender registration

was made on two occasions. Calls concerning animals were received from the 500 block of Crawford, the 1800 block of North Sumner, the 100 block of South Sumner, 1800 block Gwendolyn, the 2100 block INT. DECORATOR has a of Williston, the 1300 block few slots available. Paper, of Duncan, the 500 block of paint, tex. & glaze. Will help Perry and at five undisclosed

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South Wells. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Tignor, the 1900 block of Coffee and the 2900 block of

A narcotics violation was reported at the police department lobby.

West 28th Street.

Assaults were reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky and near the intersection of Mary Ellen and Harvester.

A forgery was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Thefts were reported in the 1900 block of Coffee, in the police department lobby where it was reported that \$550 cash was stolen and in the 2800 block of Charles where a handbag and underwear valued at \$43 was stolen.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Jan. 11 Aron Silva, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for aggravated assault.

Andrea Collin Shelley, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for theft by check.

Joe Bob Davis, 42, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for an expired dri-

ver's license.

Joshua Ray Taylor, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for an invalid driver's license.

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 34, of Pampa was arrested by the Precinct 2 Constable for theft by check.

Sergio Montelongo, 39, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 900 block of Duncan for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance and fraudulent use and possession of identifying informa-

Maria D. Montelongo, 48, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 900 block of Duncan for manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Tariq Sahir Carter, 24, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1100 block of Neel on capias pro fines for expired registration (two counts), expired vehicle inspection, no driver's license two counts, no insurance (third offense), and failure to use turn signal.

David Lee Meyer, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD at the intersection of Foster and Houston on a Gray County warrant for possession of marijuana.

Fire

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

Thursday, Jan. 11 11:46 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of West on a smoke scare.

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ple to work immediately in the area.

The board was also supportive of efforts by the Pampa Rotary Club to put welcome signs at the five highway entrances to the city.

Chuck White, representing the Rotary Club, told the board that he was shocked by the Outdoor Art Association's comments at Tuesday's Pampa City Commission meeting.

Sena Brainard, representing the art association, told the city commission that the art group had been working on welcoming entrances north and south of Pampa in Texas Highway 70 for almost two years. As the city commission discussed possible funding for the proposed Rotary project, Brainard asked for clarification of the two welcoming sign projects.

While the city commission shelved funding for the Rotary program Tuesday until all the parties could be

friends, he said, and then

admits that it's really for

himself. He enjoys the cre-

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He approaches photogra-

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"I like candid photos," he

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your imagination," Ranney

ativity of photography.

brought together, the EDC seemed disposed to support the Rotary project and told White to return when he had firm numbers on the money needed.

The Rotary Club is proposing an eight-foot high wall with "Welcome to Pampa" on it at the east and west entrances to Pampa on U.S. Highway 60, the north and south entrances to the city on Texas Highway 70 and the west side entrance to town on Texas Highway 152 at an estimated cost of \$25,000 per sign.

White explained to the EDC board Thursday that the Rotary Club wanted to use \$5,000 left over from club's Super Playground, \$6,000 from an insurance settlement after a truck destroyed the welcoming sign at Sunset Park on the west side of town along U.S. 60. They also asked for the city to put up \$25,000.

White said the county had agreed to put up work in-kind to prepare the sites and asked the EDC if they would be willing to partici-

He said he thought the

tographers on the Internet

Rotary Club could raise the remainder through donations. Any excess funds would be used for scholarships, he said.

White said that he expected some consultation between the city, the Rotary Club and the Outdoor Art Association.

"We're going to talk to them," White said. "We're going to suggest to them to go ahead."

He indicated that there should be no conflict. He said he viewed the art group's project as an art project, while the Rotary Club's plan would be more of a billboard for the city.

In his treasurer's report, Sutherland said the EDC had total assets of \$330,000 and the next check from sale tax receipts were expected today.

The next Pampa Economic Development meeting will be at 11 a.m., Jan. 23, in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

The EDC meets on the second Thursday and fourth Tuesday of each month.

Sunrise in grayscale



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Trees silhouetted in the morning's sunrise along the Bowers City Highway eerily resemble similar images from the Serengeti plain in Tanzania, Africa.

Pair arrested in drug bust

Maria D. Montelongo, 48,

Jail for manufacturing and

delivering a controlled sub-

stance. Sergio Montelongo

was also charged with fraud-

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department arrested a married couple and seized cash and drugs Thursday night after the search of a residence. One of those arrested turned out to be an illegal immigrant.

A search warrant was tives and narcotics officers conducted the search and seized \$4,700 in cash and an undisclosed amount of cocaine. Officers arrested a husband and wife at this location.

Commission meets Monday

Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday to consider spam protection service with Vision Computer Services.

Other items under consideration are the use of NPE funds at Perry Lefors Field, continuing a service agreement with Vaisala AviMet Data Link Service and review of the 2006 racial profiling report from the sheriff's office.

According to Assistant and Sergio Montelongo, 39, of Pampa were arrested and booked into the Gray County

Police Chief Dennis Burton, Sergio is an illegal immigrant and was in possession of a fake Social Security card.

identifying information.

Both are currently still in jail pending bond.

Ranney ulent possession and use of has been a fun and educa-Florida. tional experience. Other 'We moved to Florida in issued for a residence in the photographers on the Web 1983," Ranney said. "I lived 900 block of Gray Street. Continued from Page 1 sites have helped him, there for seven years, and Pampa patrol officers, detecincluding one photographer Most of it has been for

"We critique each other," Ranney said. "That's basically how I learned. I learned from other photographers critiquing my stuff."

from Australia.

Ranney said he's also enjoyed a lot of support locally from Sue Abbott and Grady Rose at Pampa Custom Framing, Sue of Granny's Restaurant and Joel and Bobby Combs with Forum Magazine

"They've been real supportive and encouraging," Ranney said. "I appreciate them a lot."

gave up on that a long time "I did shows at Fenton ago," Ranney said. "I do it Motors the last couple of because I enjoy it. It's fun. years," Ranney said. Self-taught, Ranney said "They've had some art he's learned a lot from other shows." photographers over the A native of Minnesota,

Internet. Finding other pho-Ranney came to the Texas Panhandle by way of

then I was hired by the State of Texas to work in the prison system in Amarillo.

He worked there about three years and was hired by the Genesis House in Pampa. He worked there four years and then opened his own counseling service.

"I retired about two years ago," Ranney said. "There is life after retirement."

When he's not taking pictures, he's off riding his Harley. Like his photographic career, his biker world came late in life. He's had a motorcycle for about two years now.

"I belong to an organization," he said. "It's BACA, Bikers Against Child Abuse.'

He said that now he's not counseling any more, it's another way to give back to the community.

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McCain backs Bush

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain defended President Bush's Iraq plan today as a difficult but necessary move, parting company with lawmakers questioning the wisdom of the military build up.

"I believe that together these moves will give the Iraqis and Americans the best chance of success," said McCain, R-Ariz., a leading presidential contender for 2008.

McCain also took a shot at Democrats who say the United States must bring some troops home within four to six months.

"I believe these individuals ... have a responsibility to tell us what they believe are the consequences of withdrawal in Iraq," he said. "If we walk away from Iraq, we'll be back, possibly in the context of a wider war in the most volatile world's region."

McCain spoke at the Senate Armed Services Committee, where Defense Secretary Robert Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, spent a second day on Capitol Hill defending the president's strategy.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., and the panel's new chairman, said that deepening America's commitment in Iraq would be a grave mistake. Bush wants to add 21,500 more U.S. troops to the 132,000 already there.

"Increasing the number of U.S. forces in Iraq is flawed strategy because it is based

on a flawed premise that there is a military solution to the violence and instability in Iraq, when what is needed is a political solution among the Iraqi leaders and factions," Levin said. Repeating an admission

that Bush made in his nationally televised address on Wednesday, Gates told the senators, "Mistakes certainly have been made by the United States in Iraq. However we got to this moment, the stakes now are incalculable."

Bush today sought support for his new Iraq military build up in telephone calls to Jordan's King Abdullah II and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak

Of Bush's telephone conversations with the king of Jordan and Egyptian president this morning, National Security Council spokesman Gordon Johndroe said, "They talked about the way forward in Iraq, Secretary Rice's upcoming trip, efforts to make progress on the road map and important regional issues."

Also, it was revealed today that Bush will meet at the White House next Tuesday with the new U.N. secretary-general, Ban Kimoon.

"There are many important issues on which the United Nations is deeply engaged," said press secretary Tony Snow.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was leaving Friday on a trip to the Middle East.

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Viewpoints

Dems: Wrong answers to wrong questions

Democratic colleagues are ment on Capitol Hill, it looks set to implement their campaign promises to remake the United States in their image by passing a whole slew of new legislation designed to reform the Congress and the nation at large.

When the scholars at the Heritage Foundation set out to examine in detail both the nature of the problems Pelosi and her henchmen are planning to solve in their first 100 hours at the helm, and the kind of solutions they've come up with, they found that in every case the solutions are the wrong ones.

If the people in their frustration over the utter failure of the Republicans to act like Republicans thought they

Nancy Pelosi and her were going see an improveas if they are about to be sadly disappointed. Looking at the Democrats' agenda and their proposed remedies to the problems they say the nation faces, it's hard not to feel more than a little depressed about the future of America under the legislative thumb of Pelosi and her

Madame Pelosi promises to push forward legislation that would "make our country safer; make our economy fair; make college more affordable; health care more accessible; move toward energy independence."

She is also reported to be planning to introduce legislation that would muzzle conservative opposition.

of the Marxian mindset of Pelosi and her far-left colleagues now controlling the House of Representatives. The legislative initiatives included in Pelosi's firsthundred-hours program, however, are just plain demagoguery -

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

proposals that sound good but are riddled with problems and

what Heritage scholars call "unintended consequences."

Take the pledge to increase the minimum wage. Sounds good – after all, who wants people to be denied a living wage? It raises up images in the public's mind

That's scary, and indicative of employees struggling to exist on a pittance. It also ignores some very inconvenient facts Heritage scholars exposed:

> · It is an extremely ineffective anti-poverty measure. It does not help the poor, low-income workers. Most

minimum wage workers do not need government assistance. than Less one in five

live below the poverty line, and the average family income of a minimum wage earner is almost \$50,000 a year. The majority of minimum wage workers are between the ages of 16 and 24, and over three-fifths

· Many will lose their jobs because, as it gets more expensive to hire workers, companies hire fewer of them. The bulk of research on the minimum wage confirms that the minimum wage costs jobs. Some workers may get a raise while others lose everything.

 Those most likely to lose their jobs are the especially vulnerable workers that the increase is intended to help, because a higher minimum wage makes hiring unskilled workers particularly unattractive to businesses. Employers will not hire lowskilled, inexperienced workers for \$7.25 an hour when they can hire more-skilled and experienced workers at the same rate. The minimum

wage puts the workers who most need to gain experience and skills at a disadvantage.

· Research shows that higher minimum wages do not reduce poverty rates or improve the lives of lowincome workers - low wages are not a primary cause of poverty. Most Americans do not work for the minimum wage - most poor Americans do not work at all, for any wage. Over three-fifths of individuals below the poverty line did not work during 2005, while only 11 percent worked fulltime, year-round. Families are not poor because they earn low wages but because they do not have full-time jobs. If at least one parent in

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 12, the 12th day of 2007. There are 353 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 12, 1945, during World War II, Soviet forces began a huge offensive against the Germans in Eastern Europe. On this date:

In 1519, Holy Roman Emperor Maximilian I died.

In 1773, the first public museum in America was established, in Charleston, S.C. In 1915, the U.S. House of Representatives rejected a pro-

posal to give women the right to vote. In 1932, Hattie W. Caraway became the first woman elected

to the U.S. Senate.

Being young is a fault which improves daily."

— Swedish proverb

In 1942, President Roosevelt re-established the National War Labor Board.

In 1948, the Supreme Court ruled that states could not discriminate against law-school applicants because of race.

In 1966, President Johnson said in his State of the Union address that the U.S. should stay in South

Vietnam until Communist aggression there was ended.

In 1976, mystery writer Dame Agatha Christie died in Wallingford, England, at age 85.

In 1986, the shuttle Columbia blasted off with a crew that included the first Hispanic-American in space, Dr. Franklin R.

Chang-Diaz. In 1987, Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite arrived in Lebanon on his latest mission to win the release of Western hostages; however, Waite ended up being taken captive him-

Ten years ago: Two recently enrolled female cadets at The Citadel announced they were not returning for the spring semester, citing harassment by male cadets. The shuttle Atlantis blasted off on a mission to pick up American astronaut John Blaha from the Russian space station Mir. The Green Bay Packers defeated the Carolina Panthers, 30-13, to win the NFC Championship while the New England Patriots beat the Jacksonville Jaguars, 20-6, to claim the AFC

Championship. Five years ago: The United States intensified its anti-terror campaign in eastern Afghanistan, dropping bombs on suspected al-Oaida and Taliban hideouts. Michelle Kwan won her fifth successive U.S. Figure Skating Championships crown and sixth overall. Former Secretary of State Cyrus R. Vance

died in New York at age 84. One year ago: Mehmet Ali Agca, the Turkish gunman who'd shot Pope John Paul II in 1981, was released from an Istanbul prison after serving more than 25 years in Italy and Turkey for the plot against the pontiff and the slaying of a

Turkish journalist. THE PAMPA NEWS

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How involved are you in present war?

Think of a war as a violent center of a circle with concentric rings of people surrounding it. At the center are the soldiers who have to fight the war. In the next ring are the people whose loved ones are doing the fighting. In the third ring, at a safe distance, are the politicians

who started the war. The fourth ring includes journalists, to whom the war is just another story. They get paid to write and talk about something, and a war

is a long-lasting topic. The fifth ring includes the self-anointed experts, who love to do sound bites on television and participate in

panel discussions. The sixth ring includes the arms industry, which, wisely, keeps a low profile. Arms merchants, after all, view the war as a permanent holiday sale. The longer it lasts, the more profits they make.

There is a distinct advantage no effect on their lives, 2001, he was at odds and in products that self-destruct with one-time use, such as bullets, missiles, bombs and artillery rounds. Even the big- ticket items like vehicles don't last too long.

The seventh and final ring

of people includes the Charley majority of Reese Americans, who have Columnist no direct interest in the war.

They are not in the military, they have no loved ones in the military, and they don't work in the arms industry.

To these people, a war in a distant place is like a television show that they can watch in the comfort of their. living room. If they get bored, they can make it go away with a flick of their remote control. The war has

which go on as if there were no war - as indeed there isn't, so far as they are concerned.

And that, ladies and gentlemen, is the problem with undeclared foreign wars.

The great majority of Americans are excludparticipation. Politicians

start wars, and politicians are the only ones who can end them. The fewer people involved in the war, the less pressure there will be on the politicians to end it. That leaves them free to posture on either side of the issue without actually doing anything.

President Bush has no interest in ending the war. Before the terrorist attack in

ends and didn't seem to know what he wanted to do. But now he enjoys being a war president. It's given him a role to play. He's not going

to give that up. Congress, of course, could stop the war by cutting off the funds. That is one of the great checks and balances the founders wrote into the Constitution. Congress has 100 percent of the responsibility for and control of all federal expenditures. There is nothing the executive

branch can do about it. The soldiers can't declare peace. The people of Iraq can't declare peace. Only the American politicians can end this war, and they can't end it by sending more Americans to the killing fields. That ploy didn't work in Vietnam, and it won't work in Iraq.

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Dec. 28 The Victoria Advocate on efforts to

cut recidivism: The Second Chance Act that failed to pass under Republican control of Congress is a modest measure in terms of the dollars involved.

But its impact could be greater than the cost of implementing it - saving much more in the long term.

So the Democrats who will take control of the new Congress next week should pass and fund the measure, and President Bush should sign it into law. The bill would provide up to \$100

million to the states, through a grant

program, to fund innovative ways to reduce the prison recidivism rate, The New York Times Magazine and Tulsa World reported.

Every year, as many as 700,000 people leave prisons and jails in this nation that incarcerates more people than any other in the world.

Since prisons and jails primarily punish inmates, rather than rehabilitate them and treat their substance abuse, ex-cons are rarely well-prepared to reenter society in productive legal ways.

The shortage of drug treatment is a severe problem when as many as twothirds of prison and jail inmates abuse illegal drugs - and will do so when they leave their cells to return to free socie-

So it is no great surprise that, within

three years, about two-thirds of former inmates wind up back behind bars with taxpayers again picking up most or all of the tab and with no greater likelihood of rehabilitation and treatment this time around.

Over the years, the federal government has sent much more money to the states to fund new prison buildings, beds and guards, to lock up more and more inmates, as the states have moved toward longer sentences.

Washington does occasionally make money available to the states to prevent recidivism, but the feds often allow it to be spent instead on prison operations. The Second Chance Act - backed by

a bipartisan coalition ranging across the

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Penney targeted over China dog fur

DALLAS (AP) - J.C. Penney Co. nal \$349.99 to \$74.99. About two dozen removed some fur-trimmed coats from its racks around Christmas after animal-rights activists objected that the fur came from wild dogs in China.

Last week, the department-store company put the coats back on the racks — but only after directing employees to use marker pens to blot out the line on the label that identified the trim as raccoon fur.

The fur-collared leather coats were sold under the house brands St. John's Bay and a.n.a., and by this week they were marked down at a Penney's in Dallas from the origiremained.

"We sold a lot of them during Christmas," said a saleswoman at a Penney store in North Carolina who spoke on condition of anonymity because she feared losing her job. "I hope people who bought those coats aren't animal lovers. But I guess if they're wearing fur, they're not."

By putting the coats back on the racks, Penney is charting a different course than rival Macy's, which last month pulled Sean John jackets after they turned out to contain the same fur.

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every poor household worked full-time year round, the child poverty rate in the United States would plummet by over 70 per-

This is just one of Madame Pelosi's proposals. The rest are just as badly thought-out and will in every case do more harm than good. To get an idea of just how foolishly demagogic and dangerous they are, take a look at Heritage's monumental study "The 100-Hour Agenda: The Network.

Congressional Majority's Uneven Proposals," at www.heritage.org. It's all there.

-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

Reese

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So, if you want to spare lives, bombard your representatives with letters urging them to end the war now. In the future, we should insist on a declaration of war with a 10 percent surtax on income and a 10 percent war tax on goods and services, both to expire with the cessation of hostil-

That would force everyone, even those in the seventh ring, to participate in the war and give everyone

an incentive to end it. A pay-as-you-fight war would be whole lot less tolerable to most Americans. As long as we force soldiers to bleed, we should bleed financially.

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

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ideological spectrum, from U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., to U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, R-Kan., would provide money that could be used only to pre-

vent recidivism. "One of the best investments you can make besides education is to reduce recidivism," Justin Jones, the director of the Oklahoma Department of Corrections, told the Tulsa newspaper. "You get a huge

return on your investment." Unfortunately, that state's junior U.S. senator, Republican Tom Coburn, blocked action on the bill

this year. The Ron Paul clone is notorious for putting holds on not just wasteful spending bills, but also useful

ones, as in this case. And the Second Chance Act could prove very useful, according to The Times Magazine:

"The bill would provide states with grants to develop model programs for prisoners returning to society. Those states that accept the grants will be asked to reexamine any laws and regulations that make it unreasonably difficult for exoffenders to reintegrate themselves into their communities - the classic example is the ban on allowing felons to receive a barber's license. ..

"The bill also provides money to faith-based organizations and other nonprofits for prisoner-mentoring programs. Finally, it requires states to measure how well their programs achieve the bill's main goal: reducing the rate of recidivism among recently released prisoners."

Such steps could help reduce the likelihood that ex-cons will return to prison in such large percentages and great numbers. Beyond that, Congress

needs to re-examine the hard line it took in the 1990s that, according to The Times Magazine, "scrapped the Pell Grant program for prisoners (and) barred drug offenders from receiving federal student loans."

Such provisions saved a

little money but also helped ensure that more ex-cons would go back behind bars.

If they cannot get clean while imprisoned and cannot get an education when they leave, they will not have much real hope of building new lives on the outside.

Congress also needs to look at expanding funding for substance abuse treatment inside the nation's prisons - both those in the federal system and those under state and local jurisdictions.

This nation simply cannot afford to continue growing its prison population and supporting the cost of building new prisons and maintaining and staffing them and existing ones.

The cost becomes prohibitive - and wasteful when preventive efforts can at least somewhat reduce the need for prison space.

Fortunately, more members of both parties in Congress, across the ideological spectrum, are recognizing this reality. In the new Congress, they

should act accordingly.

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Events calendar

 Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 Kentucky, will hold registration from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday at the campus. Evening registration will be conducted from 6-8 p.m.

 The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Marianne Logan will be the facilitator. The guest performer will be Don DeHay of Amarillo.

• 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(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler,

 The 19th annual Texas High Plains Grain Elevator Workshop is planned Thursday at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. The program has been approved by the state ag department for 5.25 CEUs. Registration is \$35. To register or for more information, contact Gray County Extension Office at 669-8033.

· "Our Diamond Miss" Youth Achievement Program will be at 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at Pampa Optimist Club. For more information or an entry form, call 665-8921 or (405) 378-0250. Competition is open to infants and youth up to 19 years of age. Categories are modeling, talent, glamour, photogenic,

portfolio, World of Babies, Beautiful Baby, baby photo and portfolio.

 Back in Control parent training will be offered from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Jan. 20 at Opportunity Program in Wellington. Registration for the class will be at 8:45 a.m. The class is being offered through Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation's STAR program. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

 The local Cancer Support Group will convene at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 23 on the second floor of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

 The Comprehensive Breast Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Jan. 23, Shepard's Crook Nursing Center, 916 N. Crest, in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost selfexam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast selfexamination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

· Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Jan. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site www.arborday.org on the Internet.

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First Christian Church

Church name: First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065 669-3225.

Minister: The Rev. Barry Loving.

Services: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship, 10:50 a.m.

Activities: Vacation Bible School each summer, usually combined with other churches such as First Presbyterian and St. Matthews Episcopal. Church bazaar each fall, sponsored by Disciples Women's Ministry. Wednesday night snack supper at 6:30 p.m. Youth groups at 7 p.m.

Members: Approximately 150 attend each Sunday.

Denomination: Disciples of Christ.

How long here: First service held in 1909. First church building was established in 1911.

Current Goal: None at this time.

Other Activities: The church, as well as individual Sunday School classes, give regularly to Good Samaritan Christian Services 'as well as Disciples ministries throughout the nation and world. The church has sponsored the "Ride for the Refugee," an effort to raise awareness and gather supplies for Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, Texas, for the past two years. SWGSM provides shelter and aid for religious and political refugees from Cuba and Central America, sponsors an orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico, and provides supplies and aid for a free clinic in a Matamoros Colonia.

Main goal: Our vision is to welcome and serve all people, share the message of Jesus Christ, and nourish spiritual growth through faith in God. Our mission is to worship God and share the gospel message by loving, serving, and witnessing to all people as we build the fellowship of Christ, one believer at a time, throughout our community and the world.

Church Message: "No creed but Christ." We believe that faith in God is revealed through the Bible and the Bible is to be studied and interpreted by the individual.

Responsible Parties: The minister Barry Loving, supported by 12 elders and a general board.

Information: FCC of Pampa welcomes all people who want a personal relationship with God and Jesus Christ, and who want to join us in helping each other while working, worshipping and growing together in the way of the gospel.



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Minister's Musings: Some sins are 'Major League'

I was having a conversation with a friend the other day when he said, "Of course, we know that God views all sins alike. With him, there aren't big and little sins."

I asked, "Where in the world did you ever get a misguided idea like that?"

Needless to say, the discussion that followed was intense in a friendly sort of

way. Well, that is the focus washed away in the blood of of today's article.

Does God view all sins alike? Are all sins the same with Him?

Let me make one thing clear at the outset. A single not at all unforgiven sin will keep mean that anyone out of heaven. It won't take 1,000 unforgiven sins, just one! Only those believers who have had every single one of their sins

the Lamb will walk through the Pearly

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Gates. However, that does God views every sin alike.

> How do we know this? Glad you asked.

First, in Luke 12:35-48, Jesus discusses the impor-

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knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do

what the master wants will be beaten with many blows. But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will

be asked." Why was there a greater punishment for one steward than for the other? Because the sin of the steward who "knows the master's will" is much worse than that of the steward who "does not know." Someone would have to be helped to miss this one.

Secondly, did not Jesus himself affirm that some sins are "greater?" Although Pilate is guilty for condemning the innocent Christ, Jesus tells him that "the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin." (John 19:11)

Jesus explicitly says that Judas's act of betrayal was a greater sin than Pilate's act of condemning an innocent

Thirdly, what about church discipline? The New Testament teaches that for certain sins (1 Corinthians 5:11, Romans 16:19, 2 Thessalonians 3:6-11, Titus 3:10), if a believer does not repent of those sins, then they are to be disfellowshipped – excommunicated from the church.

But why not for all sins?

Why just for those mentioned in those verses? Because God does not view all sins alike. Some sins are little league while others are major league.

Fourthly, if all sins are equal, how could Paul describe himself as "the worst of sinners" in 1 Timothy 1:15?

Finally, consider various lists of sins in the scriptures that identify many who "shall not inherit the kingdom of God." (1 Corinthians 6:9-10, Galatians 5:19-21)

God punishes sins differently because not all sins are equal. A murderer will not inherit the kingdom, but the person who says a four-letter word when he hits his thumb with a hammer will not receive the same punish-

Why? Why are the consequences of various sins different? Because of God's whim? Not hardly! Does this mean that God approves of four-letter words? Not hardly! Then why? Because with God "big" sins have "big" punishments and vice versa.

Now these aren't all of the scriptures that point out the error of the evangelical cliché that all sins are equal. There are many more, but these should be enough. What then is the lesson?

Don't just regurgitate what you have been taught think! This one is not at all hard to see. In fact, you almost have to be helped to miss it. God bless.



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Meal ministry

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Fenton Motors hosted a bowling tournament in December at Harvester Lanes which raised money for the Briarwood Church Children's Meal Ministry. Presenting a check for \$500 to the representative of Briarwood Church, Jerry Rhoades, left, is Fenton owner Harry Fisher, center, and Fenton Sales Manager Chris Brumley, right.

Church brief

Trinity Fellowship Church, 1200 S. Sumner, will host a "Marketplace Seminar" with Dr. John Kelly and Tom Bruno from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday,

Jan. 20. "For over 30 years, Dr. John Kelly," a news release from the church said, "has committed his life to raising up End Time Warriors and establishing the

Kingdom of God throughout the earth." Kelly is founder and CEO of LEAD (Leadership Education for Apostolic Development) and has a background in

Bruno is an attorney, counseling numerous churches and ministries for

more than 22 years. He is an authority, the release said, "in the legal principals dealing with corporate as well as government, media and political relations."

To register for the seminar or for more information, contact the church at 665-3255.

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"Beulah" is an Old Testament term that occurs only in Isaiah 62:4: "You shall no longer be termed forsaken, nor shall your land be desolate; but you shall be called Hephzibah, and your land Beulah; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married." "Beulah" comes from a Hebrew word meaning "to marry." The idea is that when a land is so loved, it is as delightful to the Lord as a beautiful bride. Hence, "Beulah Land" has come to represent heaven. Ref: Robert J. Morgan This hymn history brought to you by www.carmichael-whatley.com TOP O' TEXAS MONUMENT CO. "Personalizing Your Families Memories" 1600 DUNCAN • 665-4884 GRANITE & BRONZE MARKERS • BENCHES • VASES Fairview Cemetery Association 1500 Duncan • 665-2412 www.fairviewcemetery.org "Serving Pampa for over 100 Years" · Non Profit Association · Lot-Owner Owned Cemetery ·

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Noah," and I divorce is final. are being divorced. He moved out nine months ago. We have a 7-year-old son and a 3-year-old daughter. Last month, Noah revealed that he has had a girlfriend, "Dana," since last June, and they're moving into an apartment together this week. He said the children won't have to meet Dana until I'm comfortable with it. Noah also promised it would be "gradual." I took the kids to see his apartment a couple of days later. The next day he called me and announced he was taking them to a birthday party for one of Dana's relatives. He also said some co-workers would be there. (He and Dana work for the same company.) We're not even divorced yet! I don't want to teach my kids that people live together before marriage. By moving in with Dana, Noah has created a secret I can't tell my kids. Abby, I had to meet many of my father's girlfriends. They all fell by the wayside, each time creating more loss in my life. I don't want that to happen to my children. I'm thinking of making a rule: One year of committed relationship before either Noah or I introduce them to a potential partner. Personally, I'm waiting until after the divorce is final before I start to date. Am I right? -- PROTECTIVE **MOM IN MISSOURI**

DEAR PROTECTIVE MOM: Create all the rules you wish, but that doesn't mean Noah will abide by them. If he took the children to a birthday party for a relative of Dana's, it's logical to assume that they have already met her. While you might like your children to keep their innocence, it may be impossible under the circumstances. (If the children visit at Daddy's, is he supposed to throw a blanket over his roommate?) Honesty is the best policy -- in measured doses. Realistically, he should tell the children that Dana is his new "friend," and if things develop from there, so be it. How you conduct your own life is your business, and I admire your character and maturity in waiting to begin dating until after the

DEAR ABBY: I am a 33-year-old single mother with three children ages 11, 3 and 1. After escaping an unhealthy three-year relationship, I moved back in with my parents. I soon found a good job, and I have been paying my parents a substantial amount of rent every month. My problem is, after 11 months of living with my parents, I feel it's time for me and my children to get a place of our own. Mother keeps trying to talk me out of moving because she has become dependent on the money she receives from me every month. I don't want to leave her in a bind, but I need my own space. How can I resolve this without hurting our relationship? - CLUELESS IN ILLINOIS

DEAR CLUELESS: Set a realistic date to be out of your parents' house, and let them know in advance what it will be. That way, your mother may be able to wean herself from her dependency on your rent money, and you won't simply be cutting her off. If your parents cannot cut back to what they were living on before you moved in, then face the fact that they are the ones with the "problem" -- not you -- and they may need financial counseling.

DEAR ABBY: My life is a wreck. I have two kids, and I'm only 20. We live with our friends because my fiance's father kicked us out for telling him to get a job and help pay the bills. There are 11 people living in this three-bedroom trailer. God bless them for taking us in. My fiance lost his job the same week. I am so depressed, all I do is cry. I don't know what to do with myself. I need help. Do you have any advice? -**DISTRAUGHT IN OHIO**

DEAR DISTRAUGHT: Only this. Dry your tears and start looking for a job. I don't need a crystal ball to see that under the current circumstances, you are going to need one.

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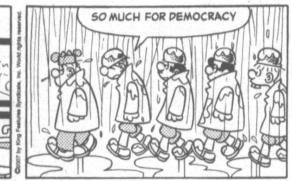






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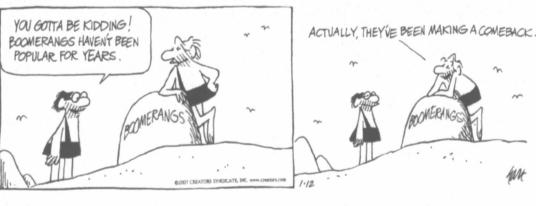
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By Bil Keane THE FAMILY CIRCUS



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Sports Day

Harvester Wrestling competes Volleyball Champs in Hereford this weekend

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester wrestling team is on the road this weekend competing against 23 other teams from El Paso to Oklahoma in the Hereford Rumble.

The Harvesters competed in their last home dual of the season earlier this week - the last home dual for seniors John Burns and Richard Leal.

"These two individuals are as tough, dedicated, and disciplined as they come," Coach Josh Cadenhead said about his two seniors, "Richard made a great showing as a junior at state last year, and this year has no doubt that he will return. John is a tough wrestler, and the only thing that kept him out last year was an injury at district."

Cadenhead has worked with Burns and Leal through their high school wrestling careers during his four years

as the head coach. Come Feb. 3, Cadenhead and his boys hope to be ready for district as they will travel to Boys Ranch.

Only the top two qualifiers will advance to regionals from Boys Ranch, so the intensity of the workouts definitely grows as district draws nearer.

"We have had several days where we have had intense practices," Cadenhead said, "Our two seniors are great leaders and keep everyone focused on our next oppo-

Also in preparation for district, the team has to make sure to see everyone in their district prior to competing, and make sure that they are ready for individual matches and know what to expect from specific opponents.

The Hereford Rumble began this morning at 9 and continue through Saturday.

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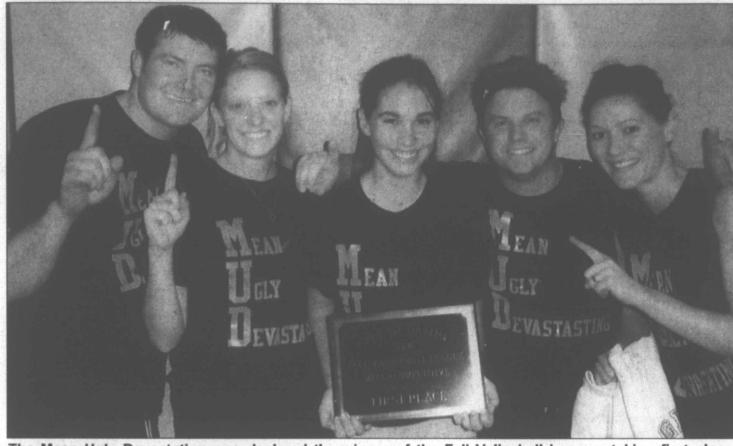
Converting football, baseball

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"The main thing for me is

Beckham's first task?

basketball-crazed



The Mean Ugly Devastation was declared the winner of the Fall Volleyball League, taking first place. Pictured here are (from left to right) Bryce Hudson, Tandi Hudson, Lilly Price, Shawn Boyd, and Micki Frazier. Entries for the spring volleyball league are due today at 5 p.m.

Bad Weather Cancellations

Due to upcoming weather conditions, several Harvester games this weekend have been canceled, or are pending cancellation.

The freshman girls game with Palo Duro scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday has been canceled, as well as the Junior High tournament scheduled for this weekend.

A decision will be made about tonight's Varsity and JV games this afternoon after our press

Memphis dominates Houston

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HOUSTON (AP) — Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 16 points, Joey Dorsey grabbed 10 rebounds and blocked three shots, and No. 20 Memphis beat Houston 79-69 Thursday night.

The Tigers (12-3, 2-0 Conference USA) lost at Arizona and Tennessee last

"We know we can get the ones at home," said Jeremy Hunt, who scored 14. "But to come into somebody else's place and be mentally tough enough to pull out the victory, that means a lot."

Robert Dozier had 12 points and three blocks for

the Tigers. Memphis is Conference USA's top-scoring team, but the Tigers beat the Cougars with their defense as much as their offense, holding Houston to 43 percent shooting (26-of-60).

LOS ANGELES (AP) improve the standard, and to David Beckham has conbe part of history really quered the rest of the world because I think soccer can be as the most recognized soca lot bigger in the U.S." cer player around. Now, he's Beckham said Friday mornbeginning his march across ing on ABC's America. Morning America."

Beckham announced a five-year deal David Beckham to play for the Los Angeles is a global sports Galaxy, starting this summer. icon who will tran-The Galaxy didn't say exactly what they'll pay him, scend the sport of but floated a figure of \$250 soccer in America' million in salary and com-

> — Don Garber ASL commissioner

That could be his biggest hurdle since the United States is the last — and largest — market where Beckham's cult of personality has few believers. A superstar whose movements have convulsed Asian capitals and helped sell millions

streets in relative anonymity. "There are so many great sports in America," said Beckham, the 31-year-old former England captain. "There are so many kids that play baseball, American football, basketball. But soccer is huge all around the world apart from America, so that's where I want to make a difference with the kids.'

David Beckham bringing soccer back to America

In Angeles, Los Beckham's mandate calls for raising the profile of an average team in a soccer league that has little respect overseas and less recognition than the University of team.

I'm going out there to hopefully build a club and team that's got a lot of potential," Beckham said. "I think that's what excites me."

On Friday, Beckham returned to his daily routine training with Real Madrid for nearly two hours. The of European tabloids has Biritsh player smiled to to improve the soccer, to been able to walk American reporters upon his arrival

and left the training ground in the outskirts of Madrid without speaking to reporters about his new signing.

The Beckham effect was felt immediately: The Galaxy sold 1,000 new season tickets Thursday morning. Their season begins April 8.

The team averages 22,000 to 24,000 fans in its 27,000seat stadium in suburban Carson, although attendance was down last season when the Galaxy missed the play-

They know we Latinos are filling the soccer stadiums. That's why they want Southern California football to bring stars here," said Juan Munguia, a 30-year-old er Don Garber. Mexican hotel cook. "I will go just to see Beckham."

> Already in the works is a 2008 Galaxy tour of Asia, where Beckham is wildly popular. A new team logo will be unveiled this summer and the Galaxy's owner is nearing a deal to slap a prime sponsor's name on its jer-

"We will absolutely market the Galaxy as a global brand," said Tim Leiweke of AEG, the sports and entertainment company whose holdings include Staples Center — where the city's resident superstar, Kobe Bryant, plays for the Lakers.

Beckham will become the biggest star to play U.S. professional soccer since Pele and Franz Beckenbauer were in the now-defunct North American Soccer League in the 1970s.

"David Beckham is a global sports icon who will transcend the sport of soccer in America," gushed Major League Soccer commission-

Becknam has not found much success since he moved to Spanish team Real Madrid in 2003 from Manchester United, where he won six league titles, two FA Cups and the Champions League title. He has no major trophies with the ninetime European Cup champi-

Worth the Wait welcomes **Emmitt Smith for lecture series**

Smith, former Dallas Cowboy running back and winner of Dancing with the NFL's all time rushing leader, Smith will be at the Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3 and will talk about his incredible football career, his experience on Dancing with the Stars, and most importantly, the importance of mentoring and education of our chil-

AMARILLO -- Emmitt Cowboys in the first round of the 1990 draft. Over the next 12 years he led the Cowboys to three Super Stars, will visit Amarillo for Bowl Championships, was a speaking engagement to selected to the pro bowl benefit Worth the Wait. The eight times, and was the first player in NFL history to rush for over 1,000 yards in 11 consecutive seasons.

Tickets to hear Smith will cost \$25 or \$40, and will go on sale Feb. 26 through Panhandle Tickets. In addition, Worth the Wait is currently offering a limited number of sponsorships. All sponsorship levels include at least two reserved tickets to Smith was drafted by the the event. Sponsorship lev-

els start at just \$100. Those sponsoring at the \$100 level or greater will also get to attend a private reception with Smith.

Smith is the second in Worth the Wait's "An Evening with..." lecture series. The series is the main fundraiser for the organization. Proceeds will allow Worth the Wait to continue to partner with parents and the community to equip teens to resist sexual activity, as well as involvement in all risk behaviors including tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs and violence.

Local Sports this weekend

Girls Basketball-Fri.- Varsity v. Palo Duro Fri.- JV v. Palo Duro

Home 6:00 p.m. Home 7:30 p.m.

Boys Basketball-Fri.- Varsity v. Palo Duro Fri.- JV v. Palo Duro

Home 7:30 p.m. Home 6:00 p.m.

Wrestling-Fri./Sat.- Hereford Rumble Away 9:00 a.m.

Boys Soccer-Fri.- Wichita Falls Tour.

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Bonds apologizes to Sweeney for amphetamines controversy

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Barry Bonds came out publicly to make it clear his teammate and good friend Mark Sweeney had no involvement in the latest allegations against the San Francisco slugger.

He insists he didn't get any amphetamines from Sweeney. He also didn't deny using them.

According to a story in the New York Daily News, Bonds failed an amphetamines test last season - and the newspaper reported that Bonds initially attributed it to a substance he had taken from Sweeney's locker.

"He is both my teammate and my friend," Bonds said in a statement Thursday. "He did not give me anything whatsoever and has nothing to do with this matter, contrary to recent reports.

"I want to express my deepest apologies especially to Mark and his family as well as my other teammates, the San Francisco Giants organization and the fans."

That's all the Giants star, shadowed by steroids allegations and only 22 home runs from breaking Hank Aaron's career home run record, said about the alleged positive drug test. Bonds has steadfastly denied using performance-enhancing drugs.

"Obviously, we're pleased that Barry has straightened this out," said Sweeney's agent, Barry Axelrod.

Bonds' reported positive test could be another snag in contract negotiations with the Giants. The sides reached a preliminary agreement on a \$16 million, one-year contract Dec. 7, but the seventime NL MVP still hasn't signed the deal or taken the mandatory physical that is part of the process.

The parties have been working to finalize complicated language in the contract that concerns the left fielder's compliance with team rules, as well as what would happen if he were to be indicted or have other legal troubles.

"Last night was the first time we heard of this recent accusation against Barry Bonds," the Giants said in a statement. "Under Major League Baseball's collective bargaining agreement with the Major League Baseball Players Association, clubs are not notified after a player receives a first positive test for amphetamines."

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for

labor relations, refused comaccording ment, spokesman Rich Levin.

San Francisco's front office and fan base long have stood by Bonds through his off-the-field problems and injuries. So have his teammates, deciding in spring training last year to support him every step of the way.

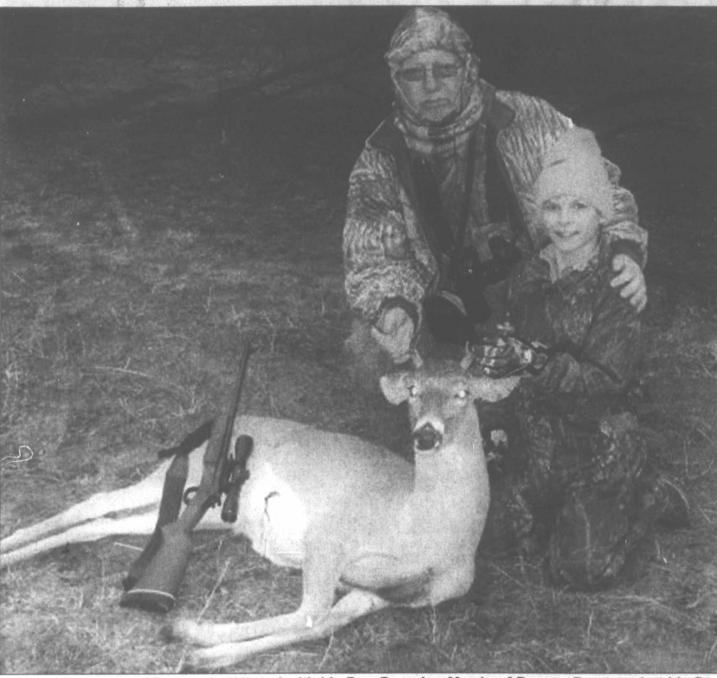
"There are so many substances out there right now you don't know what you should not," Giants shortstop Omar Vizquel said. "Right now, I'm afraid to take vitamins for the same reason. ... I don't know what the other

guys do, and I don't really

"I tell the younger guys, but you don't need to be telling Barry Bonds and Mark Sweeney what they should take or what they should not."

There's a long history of amphetamines — or speed and more commonly called "greenies" in the baseball world — fueling generations of baseball players. Many should take or what you turned to the stimulants for a way to get pepped up when their bodies couldn't do so on their own during a long season.

First Deer



Preston Morris, 11, of Forney, is pictured with his Paw Paw, Joe Morris of Pampa. Preston shot his first buck on the family's lease in Wheeler County Dec. 30, 2006. Preston is the son of Cory and Talana Morris of Forney, and the grandson of Joe and Patsy Morris of Pampa.

Optimist Club coaches to meet Monday

ward to another Pampa Optimist Youth Club basketball season. This will be his eighth year to coach.

A meeting for coaches and interested in Optimist basketball will be held at the Optimist Club at 7:30 p.m. Monday with registration and tryouts to follow on January 16, 17 and

for 15 years when you take sports are a tool to help kids into account football, soccer, learn socialization. One of assigned to a team next United Way agency.

Bino Facio is looking for-softball. T-ball and baseball as well as basketball," Facio said. "I believe sports are important to kids because it gives them an opportunity to interact with other kids their

> Facio continued, "Sports are a stepping stone to life. Kids learn to take the good with the bad, the way life is. Basketball is not about your to put it into words, but

that almost all of the teams I have ever taken anywhere have come home with the sportsmanship trophy. "I enjoy coaching," Facio

the things I am proudest of is

"We need commented. coaches for fifth and sixth grade division as well as the third and fourth grade division because we had so many last year whose kids won-loss record. It is hard are now in the junior high

All players will be Youth Club is a Pampa

week, according to Kevin Davis, an Optimist vicepresident. Games are scheduled to begin the week of January 29.

Facio and his wife, Melissa, have two children. Ashley is 15. Drew is 11. Facio is employed as a site manager for Chevron-Phillips. The Facios are

members of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. The Pampa Opti

Nash leads Suns past Cavaliers

PHOENIX (AP) - For a couple of weeks, the Phoenix Suns had been feasting on some of the NBA's weaker teams in winning seven consecutive games.

They took care of an elite team Thursday night.

Steve Nash had a seasonhigh 21 assists, becoming the first player in nine years with two 20-assist games in a season and the Suns beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 109-90.

Our goal is to come out strong, especially in big games like tonight. [It] was important for us to come out and set a tone

- Amare Stoudemire Phoenix Suns

"We played really well," Phoenix coach D'Antoni said. "The first half was about as good as we can play, defensively and offensively. It's fun to coach and fun to watch."

It wasn't much fun for the Cavaliers after the second quarter, when the Suns hit them with a 21-2 blitz in the final 5:19 and led 67-41 at intermission. The lead ballooned to 32 points, 91-59, after three periods, and Cleveland never threatened after that.

"Our main goal is to come out strong, especially in big games like tonight," the Suns' Amare Stoudemire said. "They were on a fivegame streak, we were on a seven-game streak, so tonight was important for us to come out and set a tone."

Stoudemire helped set the tone in the first quarter, nearly compiling a double-dourebounds as the Suns built a learn from whatever we did.

Nash, meanwhile, was setting up his teammates with his deft passing and the Suns were taking advantage of the Cavaliers' loose ballhandling. Overall, Eastern Conference-leading Cleveland committed 14 turnovers, leading to 19 Phoenix points. The Suns had only eight turnovers none in the first quarter that led to only three points.

Nash was just one off of his career-high total of 22 assists set against New York on Jan. 2, 2006.

"He had more assists than I had points and I had a pretty good scoring night," James Jones, who scored 13, said with a laugh. "He can take the heart out of an opposing team."

Nash's remarkable display certainly took the heart out of the Cavaliers.

"He's a great point guard, he's the two-time MVP for a reason and their guys feed off him well," the Cavaliers' Donyell Marshall said.

New Jersey beat Chicago 86-83 in the only other NBA game Thursday.

The Suns not only fed off Nash, but several of their other players as well. Overall, the unselfish Suns had 33 assists on 37 baskets.

Nash, who had 20 assists against Sacramento on Dec. 5, joined Avery Johnson, now the Dallas coach, as the last two players to reach that total in the same season. Johnson did it in 1997-98. LeBron James scored 34

points, including the first 14 of the fourth quarter, for the Cavaliers. But through the first three quarters, James was generally held in check by Shawn Marion.

James was somewhat disappointed with

Cavaliers' performance. "It's just one game," he said. "It can be a little disappointing, but we don't look ble with 10 points and nine at it like that. We have to We did some good things.

Michelle Wie off to another rocky start at Sony C

were plenty of signs that Michelle Wie was in for a rough day, starting on the first hole.

Playing in the Sony Open for the fourth straight year, her seventh start overall on the PGA Tour, the 17-year-old hit a duck-hook and was fortunate her opening tee shot didn't go onto the practice range that lines the left side of the fair-

Across the fairway about 100 yards away, someone hung a sign in the backyard of a home that spoke to a hot topic.

"Wie??? Why!!!"

The message took on even more prominence Thursday when Wie didn't stand over a birdie putt until the 12th, didn't find a fairway until No. 15 and had to play hard down the stretch — even par on the back nine — to shoot a 78.

That left her a mere 15 shots behind Luke Donald, who made nine birdies on his way to a 7-under a series of pars and closed with a

HONOLULU (AP) — There 63 for a one-shot lead over K.J. Choi.

"Very frustrating," Wie said, whose chances of making the cut for the first time on the PGA Tour rank right up there with snow in the forecast in Honolulu.

It was anything but frustrating for Donald, who is No. 10 in the world and looking the part.

Coming off a wind-blown week at Kapalua where he tied for seventh, Donald found the slick, small greens to his liking at Waialae. His swing was as tidy as ever, especially on his final two holes. It set him up for a wedge into 15 feet on No. 8, and a crisp 2-iron to about 25 feet on the par-5 ninth for a twoputt birdie.

"You have to be very specific off the tee, hit good targets, swing aggressively," Donald said.

Choi played in the afternoon when the wind was stiffer and shot 30 at the turn before he settled into birdie at No. 9 for his 64.

Another shot behind was Jim Furyk and Will MacKenzie, and there's always a good story when Willie Mac is involved.

He regaled audiences with his tales of sleeping in the back of his van for five years while living in Montana to enjoy his outdoor adventures, whether that meant climbing mountains or shooting down a raging river in his kayak.

MacKenzie tied for fourth at Kapalua with a toothache on the weekend, and it was bad enough to visit a dentist on Monday in Maui. He feared the worst, thinking he would need a root canal because "I didn't brush my teeth for about five years and I'm paying for it.'

He was joking, maybe. The first dentist confirmed his fears and sent him to a specialist. The specialist made his day by telling him that a sinus infection had caused the sore tooth, and all he needed was a decongestant.

"And lo and behold, my tooth even when all was lost. feels great right now," he said.

He was a little bummed that his 65 wasn't a shot better, especially after hitting 7-iron into the par-5 18th and then taking three putts for

Eight players were at 66, including Chad Campbell, the runner-up a year ago. Defending champion David Toms shot 31 on his opening nine holes before stumbling to a 39 and was at 70. Kapalua winner Vijay Singh birdied the last hole for

The teenager from Hawaii needs a good round to make the cut - no.

Tadd Fujikawa, who qualified for the U.S. Open last year at Winged Foot, shot a 71 and was one shot outside the cut line. Ty Tryon was the last 16-year-old to make the cut on the PGA Tour, at the Honda Classic in 2001.

The other island teen didn't fare so well, although she kept battling

Wie hit into the water twice, the bunker twice, hit two palm trees on one hole, and her 43 on the front nine might have been worse if not for holing three putts (two for par, one for bogey) from the 8-foot

Playing the back in even par allowed Wie to end a dubious streak of three straight rounds in the 80s competing against the men.

"Even though I was playing bad, I knew I could always come back if get the ball in the fairway," she said. "If I just get everything right, get the ball in the fairway - get the ball anywhere in play, actually — I think I can definitely tear this golf course up."

She didn't make a birdie until a 6-iron through out of the rough and through a gap in the palm trees to 15 feet on No. 12. Her other birdie came on the par-3 17th, where she hit 5-iron into 18 feet.

No. 10 Arizona bounces back against Oregon State

10 Arizona wanted to start another roll.

Enter Oregon State, winless in Pac-10 play.

Marcus Williams scored a career-high 27 points and the Wildcats jumped on the Beavers early in an 83-72 victory Thursday night.

Arizona (13-2, 4-1) won a game it was supposed to win, but the Wildcats know they need to play more consistently when 15th-ranked Oregon visits Sunday night — and they need to find more production from their

there," Mustafa Shakur said. "We just need to put it starters each average more

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — together for 40 minutes. If than 30 minutes per game. Five days after its 12-game we can continue with that winning streak ended, No. energy for 40 minutes, then we'll be good."

> 'I keep saying that defense is a full-time job and we have some guys that think it's a part-time

> > — Lute Olson Oregon State Coach

But that's the problem: Arizona's energy level ebbs "We had a lot of spurts out at times. Perhaps that's to be expected on a team whose

The Wildcats' starting five guards Shakur and Jawann McClellan and forwards Chase Budinger, Ivan Radenovic and Williams is as formidable as any in the country. But their subs are unreliable at best.

Although the Beavers (8-9, 0-4) whittled a 22-point deficit to nine late in the game, the lack of depth didn't hurt Arizona against the overmatched opponent. It figures to become a problem against better, deeper teams.

"We're going to have to cut back on some of the minutes for some of the starters because I'm not sure we can keep that kind of enthusiasm for that long," coach Lute

Against the Beavers, four reserves played a total of 20 minutes. The best contribution came from little-used forward Fendi Onobun, who scored seven points in 6 minutes. He had scored eight points in his first six games.

In other games involving ranked teams Thursday night, it was: No. 15 Oregon 60, Arizona State 55 and No. 22 Washington State 73, California 56.

Arizona needs its reserves to begin producing quickly because the Wildcats are wading into the toughest part of their schedule. After playing host to the Ducks, the Wildcats travel to Los Angeles to face Southern California and No. 4 UCLA, which came into Thursday

night tied for the conference

Arizona comes home to face Arizona State and then plays host to top-ranked North Carolina on Jan. 27. No. 22 Washington State visits McKale Center the following week.

"We have good competition all year," Shakur said. It might be hard for the Wildcats to turn up their game and go after a high seed in the NCAA tournament if their starters wear

Steady seniors Shakur and Ivan Radenovic each committed five turnovers against the Beavers, a sign they may be tiring. Radenovic attributed his mistakes — and his

beyond the 3-point arc — to a lapse in concentration. Shakur also denied he's

Olson said he's more worried about his starters' defense than their minutes. No matter how long they play, he said, they have to work harder on the defensive end.

"I keep saying that defense is a full-time job and we have some guys who think that it is a part-time job," Olson "Unfortunately, in some of those situations, some of our top offensive guys aren't doing the job defensively that we need to have. Until we can be consistent on the defensive end, we are not going to be consistent at all."

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF **PROPOSED** TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Amarillo Contract 0904-00-122 for THERMOPLASTIC STRIPPING in POTTER County, etc will be opened on February 08, 2007, at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Contract 0904-00-123 for CONSTRUCTION OF PRE-FAB & RAISED PAVEMENT MARK-

INGS in **POTTER** County, etc will be opened on February 08, 2007 at 1:00 pm at the State Office. Plans and specifications

are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applica-tions for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit preqaulification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction com-

the contractor. NPO: 22414 State Office Constr./Maint.Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

panies at the expense of

Dist/Div Office(s) Amarillo District District Engineer 5715 Canyon Dr. Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708 Phone: 806-356-3283

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Jan. 12, 14, 2007 F-83 NO. 9,362 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

ROBERT B. ECHOLS, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT IN AND FOR GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the estate of Robert B. Echols, Deceased, were issued to Reed Echols on December 27, 2006, by the County Court of Gray County, Texas. All perhaving claims against the estate are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law at the following address:

Reed Echols c/o W.H. Brian, jr. P.O. Box 9238 Amarillo, TX 79105-9238 Jan. 12, 2007

3 Personal

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Jan. You make headway because you insist on

getting things done this year. If you hit obstacle after obstacle along your path to a certain goal, you might want to rethink the end result. You find friendship instrumental to your happiness, even more so than in the past. Keep your eye on your desires, and you might realize what you want. Network. Open doors. Recognize a need to end certain situations or relationships if they are no longer tenable. If you are single, a friendship might be instrumental to a developing bond. A friend also might introduce you to someone. If you are attached, don't let the little issues get to you. SCORPIO always is a friend.

4-Positive; Have: 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You might be tossed out of kilter by others' energy buffeting you in dif-

ferent directions. Instead of feeling

tossed by the winds of fate, step out and

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

look at the many options appearing at your door. Tonight: Decide to indulge a special person. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Challenges only add to your strength and power. You might feel as if you have just stepped into a whirlwind. Jump out and decide what you want. Others seem to have flaky energy. Pick and choose your company. Tonight: So

* Slow down rather than get caught up

in a frantic pace. If you step back, you

will feel much happier and contained.

many invitations - poor you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Laughter will break out if you can lighten up and not be so serious. Don't make every statement or action significant. Tonight: Easy does it. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** Your creativity can bypass

any problem that might mosey down your path. If you need to say "no," don't

hesitate. You will be much happier as a result. Refuse to go overboard, even with another's encouragement. Tonight: Live LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Sometimes you simply cannot control what comes through your door. A similar situation could develop. If you want to run away or vanish, no one is

stopping you! Enjoy wandering. Tonight: What would make you feel good? VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Speak your mind, and others will listen. They might act as if they are impervious to your words. Not so! A strong sense of direction helps you make decisions when others seem at a loss. Tonight: Laugh and enjoy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ** Expenses go overboard, unless you lock up your checkbook and say 'no." You still might not have a choice. Pressure heads your way from friends or because of some plans you have. Be willing to adjust and be realistic if need be. Tonight: Fun doesn't need to cost.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Claim your power, especially as you could be overwhelmed by all that

is spinning around. The Moon in your

sign gives that additional push to create

more of what you want. Someone might

disappoint you - for now. Tonight:

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Decide what works

** Take your time making decisions. You might not feel comfortable with what is happening. Don't hesitate to back out or do something very different. Make it OK to head in your own direction, with or without support. Tonight: A low profile might be most comfortable. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Aim for what you want;

you are wading through others' issues. Keep your focus on friends and enjoying your life. A partner could simply be out of sorts. Tonight: Zero in on what you AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** A must appearance seems inevitable. You could be put off by an

associate or people in general. Having an

attitude will not help you work through

hassles. Put yourself out there with a

though at some point, you might feel as if

smile and a positive attitude. Tonight: Trust your instincts. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Plans could rapidly change, whether you go to the movies or decide on some other adventure. Maintaining a sense of humor can turn a not-so-nice happening into a memorable one. Not everything has to be significant or heavy.

BORN TODAY Actor Robert Stack (1919), actor Rip Taylor (1934), actress Penelope Ann Miller (1964)

Tonight: Be an observer in the situation

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