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## County OKs expansion at Perry LeFors airport

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

A \$374,000 expansion at Perry LeFors Airport was approved by Gray County commissioners at their 9 a.m. meeting today in the second-floor courtroom at the county courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Ninety percent of the cost of the expansion will be covered by state funds provided to the county through the Texas Department of Transportation, with the county responsible for the remaining 10 percent. The county's share of \$37,000

has already been set aside in a fund earmarked for airport construction, according to County Auditor Elaine Morris.

The county already has \$283,000 in state funds available for use at the airport, according to County Judge Richard Peet, with another \$130,000 to \$140,000 expected from TxDOT in 2007.

"The project is for an additional 300 feet of apron, or ramp, to the east," Peet said. "It would allow us to put some more hangars there. We have had two requests to allow cus-

tomers to build additional hangars."

The \$374,000 is made up of \$54,000 in engineering costs and the remaining \$320,000 in construction costs.

The \$130,000 to \$140,000 expected to be received via TxDOT is an increase over the past two years, during which \$66,000 per year was granted to the county.

"They're certain we're going to get the increased funding," said Paul Loyd, president of the airport board. "TxDOT is solidly behind this proposition."

Loyd said he understood the state funds to be awarded to Gray County could go as high as \$150,000 this year.

Construction on the apron expansion is expected to begin this fall, with completion sometime in 2008, Peet said.

County commissioners also voted to renew a contract with Vaisala AviMet Data Link Service concerning the airport's automated weather observation system. The renewal, for

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## Crossing guards needed by city

By **KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

There is an urgent need for crossing guards at three elementary schools in Pampa.

Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said crossing guards are needed for Travis, Wilson and Lamar elementary schools. Applications are being accepted and these positions will be filled immediately.

"We currently only have one of the four crossing guards needed for the elementary schools here in Pampa," Pitner said. "Any parent or retiree that is inter-

ested is encouraged to apply. We are looking for responsible and dependable people that want to look after the care and safety of the children."

The police department is responsible for hiring and managing the crossing guards. Along with the safety of the children, these people will also be expected to report any major traffic violations that are seen near the schools. A local training session will be conducted for anyone hired. Applicants will undergo a drug screen

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## Water main break



Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**

Another water main break, this time on Brown Street, forced workers from the water distribution department to work in freezing temperatures this morning. These "water dogs" as they are called are shutting off a valve to slow the water pressure so a digging crew can start digging. Turning the valve are Deon Bell, left, and Vickie Long.

## Firm seeking EDC funds for new workers

By **DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

A company that turns locally grown grain sorghum into packing material, insulation and cancer-fighting drugs, wants the Pampa Economic Development Corporation to fund an employee incentive program to bring new

workers to the city.

Tom Martin with MXT, LLC, shared his plans with the economic development corporation last week, explaining that his company manufactures natural plastic resin from grain sorghum grown around Lefors and Groom.

After being recruited by the

Pampa Industrial Foundation, MXT is moving to the old Marie Foundations building on Kingsmill from its facility in Amarillo.

"Dick Stowers had a lot to do with that," Martin said.

Presently, he said the company makes packing material, commonly known as peanuts, and pet toys for

the Kong Company, a privately owned company. The president of Kong is a partner in MXT.

As MXT expands in Pampa, Martin said they plan to manufacture insulation and build trailers that can produce insulation from grain

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## Cold geese



Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**

The cold and icy weather did not seem to bother the geese in the lake at Recreation Park this morning. The weather forecast is calling for a low tonight of 14. Tuesday should be sunny with a high of 31 with another chilly night dipping down to 15.

## Blood drive to aid ailing Wayne Jones

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will host a blood drive in the Pampa area on Jan. 22.

All blood types are currently needed and residents are urged to support this blood drive. It will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. on Jan. 22 at the First United Methodist Church, 201 E. Foster.

The blood drive is being done "In Honor of Wayne Jones," who is a member of First United Methodist Church. Since early December, Jones has had five surgeries and has received large amounts of blood during these procedures. His family and friends

would like to give back to Jones in a way that will help him as well as others.

Jones, who turns 80 years old this month, was an employee of Cabot. He and his wife Jean have three children, Connie, Pam and Tim.

A Coffee Memorial Blood Center representative said there are a few reasons a person cannot donate blood, but he said they would like everyone to come in and see if they qualify because most people do.

If you are on a tight schedule and cannot wait in line to donate, appointments

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## A new day dawning



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
The sun sets recently over the homes and trees of Walnut Creek, just north of town on Highway 70.

## Sex stories hold back school paper

DANBURY, Texas (AP) — School officials said they did not distribute the high school newspaper, which included articles about sex, because the content was not reviewed beforehand by the principal.

The Panther Press was scheduled to go out just before the holiday break. It had already been printed when the decision was made to hold it back.

The newspaper contained articles written by Danbury High students about the consequences of teenage sexual activity, sexually transmitted diseases and teenage parenting, and editorials making abortion rights and anti-abortion arguments, said journalism teacher Kristi

Piper. "We determined that the campus principal had not reviewed the campus newspaper, so we conferred with the teacher, the campus principal and some other district administrators and made the decision not to allow the full distribution of that edition of the student newspaper," Superintendent Eric Grimmert said.

"Our district policy was not followed, which requires prior review before publication," he said.

He said district officials also objected to some of the content.

Piper said she believes the material was age-appropriate.

"I do think they really did a responsible job writing about it, and so I thought they handled it really well," she said. "And it is something that's part of their lives, and I didn't want to say, 'No, your lives are inappropriate.'"

Danbury school administrators met with journalism students last week to explain why they kept the newspaper out of students' hands.

District officials are within their rights to censor student publications, according to a landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Kelly McBride, an ethics group leader at the Poynter Institute, said she understands why schools might censor sensitive issues. However, she said she believes censorship is one of the least democratic ways to handle the situation.

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## Bizarre case has two missing boys home

KIRKWOOD, Mo. (AP) — The uncle of a 13-year-old boy rescued four days after he was snatched on his way home from school said today that no one is pushing the boy to talk about his

ordeal. Lloyd Bailie, the uncle of teenager Ben Ownby, told CBS' "Early Show" that the boy was only talking with FBI counselors.

"No one's pushing him at this point to answer these questions," Bailie said. "The biggest concern right now is all of the media coverage ... that somebody's going to ask the wrong question. ... (But) at this point, everyone has been very respectful of Ben and his family."

On Friday, police found Ben and another missing boy, Shawn Hornbeck, in the home of 41-year-old

Michael Devlin. Shawn was 11 when he disappeared in 2002.

Devlin was arrested and jailed on \$1 million bond. He was awaiting arraignment on one charge of kidnapping but more charges are likely, authorities said.

Devlin's lawyer refused to discuss details of the case Monday. The lawyer, Michael Kielty, said he has not seen any evidence and will enter a not guilty plea at the arraignment. Kielty said he would not seek a reduction in bond; he did not say why.

Bailie, meanwhile, said

the first thing Ben asked for when he was returned to his family was a snack. Then he asked to play video games.

"It's just amazing that this just had such a great ending," Bailie said.

Also Monday, one of the officers who arrested Devlin said he knew the man even before he began staking out his home: He had eaten at the pizza parlor he managed.

"Obviously we were shocked. He was a very laid-back and quiet individual so it kind of threw us for a loop also," police officer Gary Wagster said on the CBS program.

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maintenance and upkeep of the airport's system, specifies the same cost as the previous year, \$195 per month.

A spam protection service contract with Vision Computer Services was approved. Daniel Silva of the company had addressed commissioners at their Jan. 5 meeting concerning spam being received on county-owned computers at the courthouse.

"Those who use their e-mail on a regular basis have significant amounts of spam, some over 300 per day," Silva had said Jan. 5. "The average is 50 spam messages per day. It's not going to get better, it's only going to get worse."

There are currently 77 county employees with e-mail accounts, Silva said. His service would filter out spam from incoming e-mails to county accounts before they reached the courthouse computers.

No information was given during this morning's meeting or was available as of press time concerning the cost of the spam service. Vision Computer Services already has a contract with the county to provide computer-related services to the county.

Commissioners accepted Sheriff Don Copeland's 2006 racial profiling report and Treasurer Scott Hahn's report.

The sheriff's report showed that in 2006, deputies stopped 135 individuals, 101 of whom were male and 34 female. During the stops, 51 searches of vehicles and persons were conducted, 14 of which were by consent, with 37 arrests made as a result of the searches. Eighty percent of those stopped during the year were white, with six percent black, approximately 12.6 percent Hispanic and one and one-half percent Asian.

Bills totaling \$285,458.15 and salaries of \$233,481.81 were approved for payment.

## Blood

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can be set up by calling 877-574-8800. The people who have appointment times set up will be taken care of before those who do not.

## MXT

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sorghum. The trailers would be leased out so contractors would be able to produce their own insulation.

"We'd sell them the raw materials," Martin told the EDC.

They are also exploring taking part of the grain that is a byproduct of their resin process and selling it to pharmaceutical companies for cancer-fighting drugs and to cosmetic companies for hand and face crèmes and body lotions.

Within two years, he said he expects one of the buildings the company has in Pampa to house the extraction process for cosmetic and pharmaceutical materials.

Martin said the company plans on completing its move from Amarillo to Pampa sometime in the spring or summer.

The company has nine fulltime employees now. Martin said the company plans to increase employment to 58 employees when they reach full production, although the original projection was 47.

At stake is \$141,000 over a three-year period if MXT meets its employment goals.

"Initially," said Fiveash, "we'll look at the employment over a six-month period."

The employment will be based on hourly employees working a base of 40 hours a week.

"At the end of that six months," Fiveash said, "MXT will present us with the documentation that will give us the total number of hours worked."

The Pampa EDC will figure the number of employees for which they will reimburse \$3,000.

"At the end of the second six months," Fiveash said, "we'll follow the same process."

The number of hours would be reduced by the number of hours already reimbursed for the first six months.

"That would be the next eligible group of employees," Fiveash said.

If the total number of hours doesn't equal the total number of hours for the first six months, no payment would be made.

If MXT goes bankrupt or moves out of town, Pampa EDC would be reimbursed for the total amount paid to date, Fiveash said.

"This agreement can be canceled by either party with 30 days notice," Fiveash said.

The period runs from Oct. 1, 2006 through Sept. 30, 2009.

The maximum amount is based on 47 employees at \$3,000 each. That would be \$141,000.

"That's the maximum," Fiveash said.

The end of the first six-month period would be March 31, 2007.

## Guards

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and background check.

The positions pay \$20 per day and require two hours of work each weekday. The morning shift will be around 7:30-8:30 a.m. and the afternoon shift will be

2:30-3:30 p.m. Substitutes are also needed when the permanent crossing guard is sick or unavailable.

"Police officers have been fulfilling these duties lately and although they do not mind this assignment, it takes them off of the streets protecting the citizens," Pitner said. "We do not want our officers to get backed up and not be able to

go out on calls when needed."

To fill out an application, go by the police department at 201 W. Kingsmill or call 669-5700. Applications can also be turned in at the finance department on the third floor of City Hall or by contacting Julia Wood at 669-5736.

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# Viewpoints

## Document provides a look at Texas during the last 'ought seven'

Printed on crumbling acid-based pulp paper and water damaged from years of sitting in a cardboard box stored in a leaky barn, Volume V of "The New Practical Reference Library" was neither new nor practical.

First copyrighted in 1907, the slowly disintegrating reference book has no monetary value, but the not-quite-three-page entry it contained on Texas was worth reading — and keeping — because it shows what a difference a century can make.

The Lone Star State had long since been civilized by the time this multi-volume set became available, but as the calendar moved toward the end of the first decade of the 20th century, Texas was a much different place than it is today.

Primarily, it was a lot smaller. Not in size, of course, but in population. Fewer than four million

people then called Texas home. Today, more than that number lives in the metropolitan areas of either Houston or Dallas areas.

For that matter, the whole nation had fewer people a hundred years ago. The United States in the early 1900s had only 50 cities with more than 100,000 residents — none of those cities in Texas. Of those half-a-hundred major cities, the lineup of the top 10 has changed considerably as well.

Back then, though New York reigned as the biggest American city, Chicago stood at second (today it's third, behind Los Angeles), Philadelphia came in third and St. Louis — the gateway to the west — claimed fourth place with 687,000 residents. The closest top-10 city to Texas was New Orleans, which then had 339,000 residents, more than it has today.

Today, three of the top 10 cities are in Texas — Houston, San

Antonio and Dallas. While all three of these cities amounted to important Texas urban areas a century ago, none of them had quite tipped the 100,000 mark. (San Antonio then enjoyed the status of being Texas' largest city.)

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



To put the difference 100 years can make in further perspective, Austin now has more residents than any but three American cities had in the 1910 census. Today, it is the nation's 16th-largest city. In the first decade of the previous century, it ranked only as one of 48 state capitals and home of the University of Texas and its 3,000 students.

A fold-out, color map of the United States does not even show Bryan-College Station, McAllen, Harlingen, Midland, Odessa, or Victoria. But it does include Sanderson, then an important division point on the Southern Pacific Railroad and these days virtually a ghost town.

What made Texas' economy percolate during the last "ought seven?" In a word, agriculture. Back then, Texans could pride themselves on being the nation's number one cotton producer. In fact, Texas farmers grew one-fifth of the whole world's supply.

Texas also ranked first in cotton seed cake and cotton seed oil production, though its petrochemical industry had barely begun. The old reference work devotes more words to describe Texas' coal mining industry than its oil resources, which netted only three sentences. Oil play in early 20th century

Texas was confined to Southeast Texas, with annual production running a mere 13 million barrels. "Natural gas is found in a number of regions," the article casually noted.

"Manufacturing in Texas is yet in its infancy," the reference book correctly predicted.

To export its mostly agricultural goods, Texas had more miles of railroad than any other state — 13,500 miles. But no paved highways linked its cities.

Finally, after boiling the state's colorful history down to two long paragraphs, the anonymous compiler of all these statistics concluded: "Since [Texas' readmission to the Union following the Civil War] the state has increased rapidly in population and wealth."

With a population of 28 million projected for Texas by 2015, it's hard to imagine what the next "ought seven" will be like.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 15, the 15th day of 2007. There are 350 days left in the year. This is the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 15, 1929, civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. was born in Atlanta.

On this date:

In 1559, England's Queen Elizabeth I was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1777, the people of New Connecticut declared their independence. (The tiny republic later became the state of Vermont.)

In 1844, the University of Notre Dame received its charter from the state of Indiana.

In 1942, Jawaharlal Nehru was named to succeed Mohandas K. Gandhi as head of India's National Congress Party.

In 1943, work was completed on the Pentagon, now the headquarters of the U.S. Department of Defense.

In 1947, the mutilated remains of Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress known as the "Black Dahlia," were

*'I refuse to accept the idea that the 'is-ness' of man's present nature makes him morally incapable of reaching up for the 'ought-ness' that forever confronts him.'*

— Martin Luther King Jr. (1929-1968)

found in a vacant Los Angeles lot.

In 1967, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeated the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League 35-10 in the first Super Bowl (although the matchup was then officially called the AFL-NFL World Championship Game).

In 1973, President Nixon announced the suspension of all U.S. offensive action in North Vietnam, citing progress in peace negotiations.

In 1976, Sara Jane Moore was sentenced to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford in San Francisco.

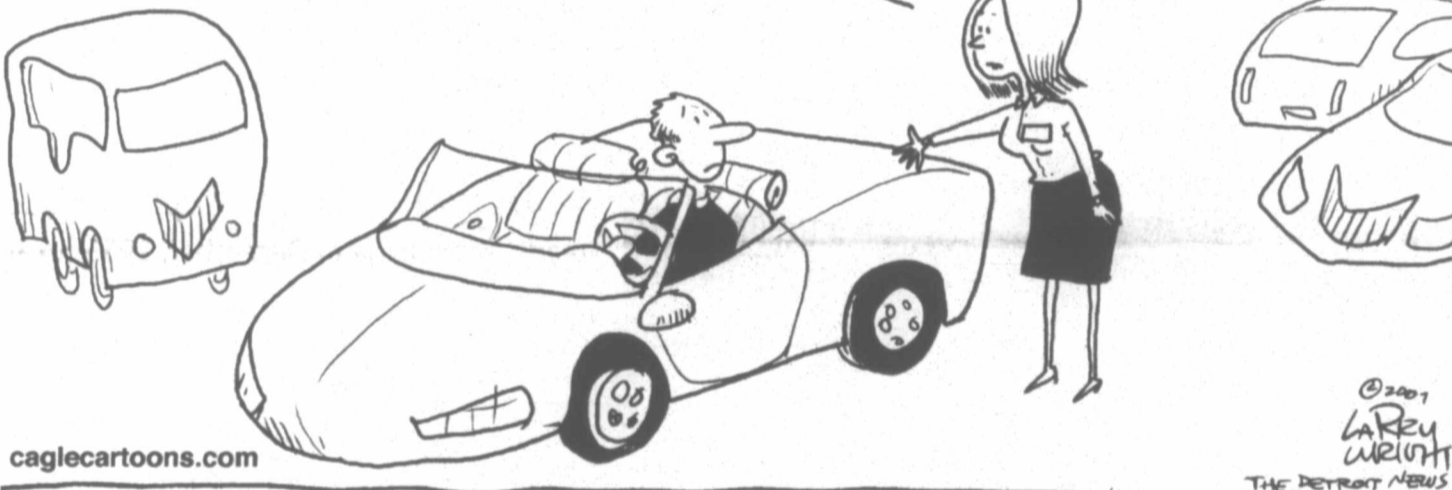
In 1987, entertainer Ray Bolger, perhaps best known for playing the Scarecrow in the 1939 MGM musical "The Wizard of Oz," died in Los Angeles at age 83.

Ten years ago: A bitterly divided Israeli Cabinet agreed to withdraw troops from most of Hebron and rural West Bank areas, approving an accord wrapped up hours earlier by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

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## 2008: We can worry about that tomorrow

What a bummer the last week of 2006 turned out to be. Gerald Ford — our 38th president — the 3,000th American in Iraq and former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein all died.

Ford and the dead GI were decent people. Saddam was not as evil as his enemies painted him nor as good as the U.S. government painted him when he was our ally and Washington was blaming the Iraqis for gassing the Kurds. One can at least say of old Saddam that he was better at governing Iraq than we are.

If Ford sinned by pardoning Richard Nixon, we paid for it, because that act put Jimmy Carter in the White House. Carter was one of the worst presidents in the history of the U.S. Ironically, he's turned out to be one of the better ex-presidents.

In case you've forgotten

Carter, I have a few quotes. The editor of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution at that time wrote publicly, "If you knew Carter like I know Carter, the thought of him being in the White House is enough to make you throw up."

A Navy officer who had served with Carter said, "When I realized who this guy was, I told my wife, 'God help this country if he ends up as president.'"

A former Carter White House aide said that if Carter had been president during the Falklands War, there would have been 600,000 sheep in Miami. That's a reference to the time when Carter sucked his thumb while Cuban leader Fidel

Castro emptied his prisons and insane asylums and shipped them all to Miami.

You would have to have lived through the Carter administration to appreciate the jubilation over Ronald Reagan's election.

Of course, one has to say that while the pardoning of Nixon was an effort to "put Watergate behind us" and avoid the trauma of an ex-president being criminally prosecuted (once Nixon resigned, impeachment was no longer an option), later Republicans thought the trauma of impeaching Bill Clinton was perfectly OK.

Clinton was and is a sleazebag, but I never thought lying about a sex

relationship with an aide qualified as a "high crime or misdemeanor." Be honest. If you were married to Hillary, would you be eager to fess up to straying off the reservation? She is said to have a bullwhip of a tongue and a good throwing arm when properly provoked. I can't think of another couple in history who have sacrificed more by putting up with each other for their political ambitions.

As we as a nation have grown more vulgar, sleazier and stupid, our choice of leaders has reflected that unpleasant fact. Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower, who were intelligent, honest and morally courageous, seem like characters out of a novel when compared with their successors.

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Charley Reese  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Jan. 7  
Houston Chronicle on the turnover of national intelligence directors:

The principal lesson learned in the aftermath of 9/11 was that the United States needed a central gathering place for intelligence. That place, unlike the CIA, had to avoid turf battles with spy agencies controlled by the Pentagon, and its director had to have the ear and confidence of the president.

Toward that end, President Bush nominated John Negroponte, former ambassador to Iraq, as the first national intelligence director. Less than two years after his appointment, however,

Negroponte is leaving the intelligence post to become deputy secretary of state. His departure from the intelligence job poses several possibilities:

Negroponte, a career diplomat, was ill-suited for and unhappy in the job of giving the president unbiased information without a recommendation on policy. His replacement, retired Vice Adm. J. Michael O'Connell, will have to move swiftly to make up for lost time.

The intelligence chief performed his job well and resisted the desires of Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney that he provide more alarming assessments of Iran's nuclear ambitions and more positive predictions of victory in Iraq. For his trouble, he is being replaced.

Ostensibly in charge of the entire

intelligence community, the national intelligence director cannot control agency budgets and spending, rendering him powerless to guide and improve intelligence gathering. Negroponte's departure, then, will have little consequence.

Negroponte made a good start at reforming the intelligence community, but 20 months is barely enough time to memorize the names of the 16 U.S. spy agencies and master the details of their \$40 billion annual budget. O'Connell, former head of the National Security Agency, likely will have no more time than that to master the job.

The least likely scenario is that Negroponte completed his assignment,

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# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

JANUARY 15, 1929 -- APRIL 4, 1968

Martin Luther King, Jr. was born Michael Luther King, Jr., but later had his name changed to Martin. His grandfather began the family's long tenure as pastors of the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta, serving from 1914 to 1931; his father has served from then until the present, and from 1960 until his death Martin Luther acted as co-pastor. Martin Luther attended segregated public schools in Georgia, graduating from high school at the age of fifteen; he received the B. A. degree in 1948 from Morehouse College, a distinguished Negro institution of Atlanta from which both his father and grandfather had been graduated. After three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania where he was elected president of a predominantly white senior class, he was awarded the B.D. in 1951. With a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving the degree in 1955. In Boston he met and married Coretta Scott, a young woman of uncommon intellectual and artistic attainments. Two sons and two daughters were born into the family.



In 1954, Martin Luther King accepted the pastorage of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the leading organization of its kind in the nation. He was ready, then, early in December, 1955, to accept the leadership of the first great Negro nonviolent demonstration of contemporary times in the United States, the bus boycott described by Gunnar Jahn in his presentation speech in honor of the laureate. The boycott lasted 382 days. On December 21, 1956, after the Supreme Court of the United States had declared unconstitutional the laws requiring segregation on buses, Negroes and whites rode the buses as equals. During these days of boycott, King was arrested, his home was bombed, he was subjected to personal abuse, but at the same time he emerged as a Negro leader of the first rank.

In 1957 he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, an organization formed to provide new leadership for the now burgeoning civil rights movement. The ideals for this organization he took from Christianity; its operational techniques from Gandhi. In the eleven-year period between 1957 and 1968, King traveled over six million miles and spoke over twenty-five hundred times, appearing wherever there was injustice, protest, and action; and meanwhile he wrote five books as well as numerous articles. In these years, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience. and inspiring his "Letter from a Birmingham Jail", a manifesto of the Negro revolution; he planned the drives in Alabama for the registration of Negroes as voters; he directed the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his address, "I Have a Dream", he conferred with President John F. Kennedy and campaigned for President Lyndon B. Johnson; he was arrested upwards of twenty times and assaulted at least four times; he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by Time magazine in 1963; and became not only the symbolic leader of American blacks but also a world figure.

At the age of thirty-five, Martin Luther King, Jr., was the youngest man to have received the Nobel Peace Prize. When notified of his selection, he announced that he would turn over the prize money of \$54,123 to the furtherance of the civil rights movement.

On the evening of April 4, 1968, while standing on the balcony of his motel room in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was to lead a protest march in sympathy with striking garbage workers of that city, he was assassinated.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I was married recently, but I am extremely embarrassed about the wedding. My husband and I are recently out of college and have no money. The wedding was done on a shoestring, and it looked it. It was certainly not the fantasy I had envisioned. We are now trying to buy a house and, coincidentally, using the same mortgage company my parents have used for years. During a chat with our loan officer, she let it slip that "the wedding must have been gorgeous" because my parents took out a huge loan to pay for it. Well, they didn't pay for anything but the food. It was barbecue and not expensive. I am very hurt that my parents used me as an excuse to get a large loan and didn't even offer to help. I never expected anything from them. I worked my way through college. Now that I'm aware of their lie, I want to talk to them about it. Should I? — **UPSET IN IDAHO**

**DEAR UPSET:** The loan officer was wrong to have revealed confidential information. However, rather than being hurt by the news, perhaps you should be concerned. It's possible your parents took out the loan to help with the wedding but needed the money for some emergency. By all means discuss it with them, but don't do it with a chip on your shoulder.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 23 years old and in the Navy. I am in the medical field, and the chances of my going to Iraq are very high. Lately, all I can think about is when I die what song I want my parents to play at my funeral. I have the song already picked out. My problem is, how do I bring this up to my parents without freaking them out? — **CONFUSED CORPSMAN IN ILLINOIS**

**DEAR CONFUSED:** Write your parents a letter "to be opened in the event of my death." In that letter, outline whatever wishes you have regarding your funeral — should you need one — and the disposition of your property. (I am surprised that the subject of a last will has not been raised already by the command of your unit.) It is not necessary to discuss this with your parents right now. Hold a good thought and keep in mind that most members of the military come back alive after their tours of duty. Leave the letter with your attorney or your parents — or a trusted friend, to be delivered if you do not return. P.S. Please do not think negatively. It will only distract you. Your safe return is in the prayers of many people today and every day.

**DEAR READERS:** Today marks the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a martyr of the civil rights movement, who was shot to death at the age of 39 in 1968. Dr. King rose to prominence because of his eloquence in pleading for social justice and his persistence in the face of violent opposition. In 1964, he was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His words of wisdom ring as true today as when they were spoken during his acceptance speech: "Nonviolence," he said, "is the answer to the crucial political and moral questions of our time: the need for man to overcome oppression and violence without resorting to oppression and violence. 'Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.' God bless America. May we as Americans learn from Dr. King's example."

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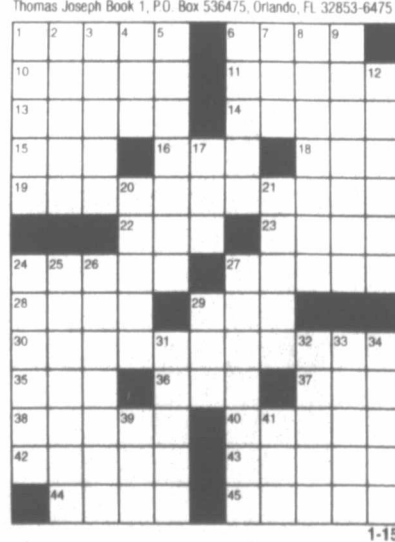
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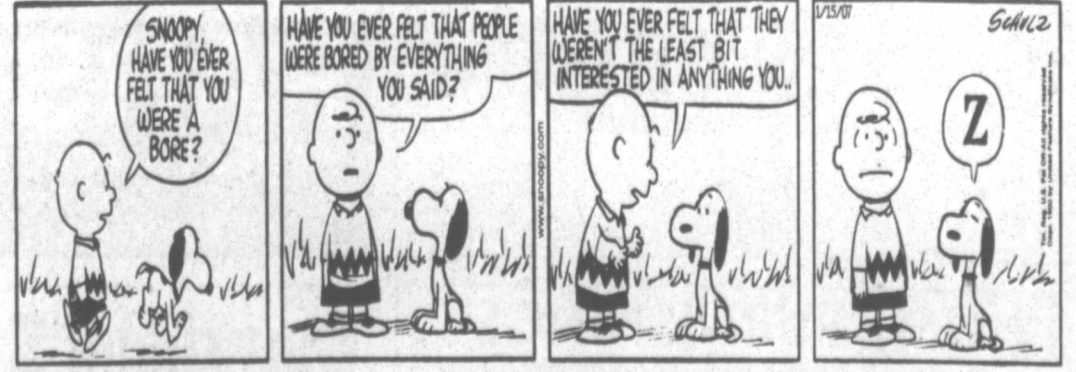
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## Letter from the desk of the executive director

For What It's Worth.....

The old song by Buffalo Springfield began with the line "There's something happening here." And that has never been more true than now. With the tremendous exposure Pampa received thanks to Stone Philips and the Dateline NBC bunch, Pampa is under serious scrutiny by a variety of folk who wouldn't have even given us a second look before.



Vanderpool

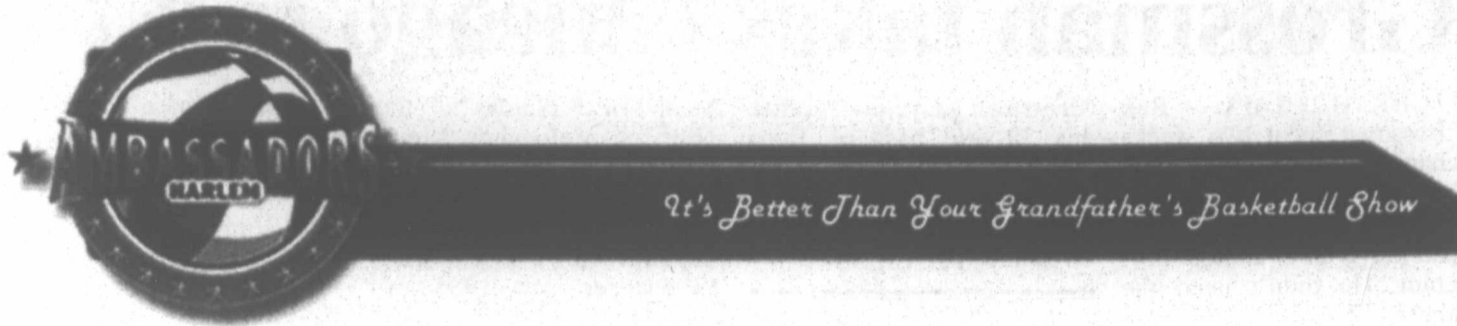
And what exactly IS that worth? More than we could have ever afforded via traditional advertising means. More than the EDC could have budgeted, and more than the Tourism Committee of your chamber could have even imagined.

But here's the moral of that story. What it's worth will depend on what we do with it now. Now that we're under the looking glass, do we look the way we want? Recent discussions about signage at our entryways into the city and a proposal to develop a downtown makeover are very, very timely. But what we do with those items will determine "what it's worth."

We are fortunate that Andy Cavalier has agreed to speak to us at our January chamber luncheon on Tuesday. He can help us understand what the exposure and experience mean to us. And perhaps just as important will be to understand what it means for our kids.

I hope you can join us Tuesday. And I hope you can join us as we move forward to find out "what it's worth."

Pat Vanderpool  
Executive Director  
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## King: 'We must keep reaching across the table'

ATLANTA (AP) — The eldest daughter of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King evoked the civil rights movement while reminding those remembering her parents that America has not yet reached the promised land of peace and racial equality.

"We must keep reaching across the table and, in the tradition of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, feed each other," Yolanda King said Sunday at Ebenezer Baptist Church during a presentation that was part motivational speech, part drama.

King, 51, spoke a day before today's celebration of the civil rights leader's birthday, the first since the death last year of Coretta Scott King.

Yolanda King told The Associated Press the holiday provides an opportunity for everyone to live her father's dream, and that she has her mother's example to follow.

"I connected with her spirit so strongly," she said when asked how she is coping with her mother's loss. "I am in direct contact with her spirit, and that has given me so much peace and so much strength."

The stage and television actress performed a series of scenes that told stories including a girl's first ride on a desegregated bus and a college student's recollection of the 1963 desegregation of Birmingham, Ala.

After the performance — attended by members of the extended family and Yolanda's sister, the Rev. Bernice King — Yolanda King and her aunt, Christine King Farris, signed copies of their books, and Bernice King posed for photographs with attendees.

On Monday, Ebenezer Baptist Church, where King

preached from 1960 to 1968, was to be the venue for more remembrances and speeches. The keynote speaker was to be Dr. Otis Moss Sr., pastor of Olivet Institutional Baptist Church.

In New York, rallies, speeches and volunteer efforts were to mark the King holiday, some invoking the Iraq War, the conflict in Sudan and local tensions surrounding the fatal police shooting of a black groom.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Rev. Al Sharpton and Gov. Eliot Spitzer were expected to attend a forum.

## Reese

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John F. Kennedy — who, like Abe Lincoln, was canonized by an assassin's bullet — was an even bigger womanizer and adulterer than Clinton. His presidency was one foreign-policy disaster after another. Lyndon Johnson wrecked the economy and wasted thousands of American lives in Vietnam.

The only lesson you need to learn from Vietnam was that the generals kept saying to give them more troops and the U.S. would win. They got the troops, but we

lost. The goal was to prevent South Vietnam from going communist. Fifty-eight thousand dead Americans later, Vietnam is a communist country. Keep that in mind as George Bush continues to bungle along in Iraq, refusing to recognize that liberal democrats in Iraq are as nonexistent as weapons of mass destruction.

Judging by the politicians making presidential noises, the outlook for 2008 is not that promising, but to paraphrase Scarlett O'Hara, we can worry about that tomorrow.

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

## Fund-raiser



Pampa band boosters are preparing for their annual spaghetti supper fund-raiser from 5 to 8 p.m. Feb. 2 in the high school cafeteria. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for those under 10, and are available from band members or at Home Sporting Goods. Pictured, from left, are Ryan Braswell, Eric Morales, Sara Darling, Landon McNeely, Garrett Jonas, Ryan Olson, Lensey Mixon, Sara Swan and Courtney Ericson.

## Stranded camper rescued in New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — A camper who became stranded nearly five weeks ago in a national forest because she could not cross a swollen river was rescued Sunday, more than two weeks after the search for her was called off.

A New Mexico National Guard crew waded across the icy Gila River to rescue a dehydrated and weak Carolyn Dorn of South Carolina, who entered the Gila National Forest alone on Dec. 6 for a two-week camping trip.

She was found by two brothers, Albert and Peter

Kottke, as they hiked an area they had visited several times in the past two years without ever seeing another human being. They realized Dorn was too weak to get out of the wilderness with them and left her Tang, almonds, dried apples, hot soup and cheese. They also filled her water bottles and left her a book — Michael Connelly's "Chasing the Dime."

The brothers hiked 20 miles over the next day and a half, then hitchhiked into Silver City, where they contacted the National Guard.

"We got her prepared to

spend another couple of nights while we went upstream to get help," Albert Kottke, 25, a doctoral student in civil engineering at the University of Texas at Austin, said Sunday from his parents' home in St. Paul, Minn.

Dorn told the brothers she was warm enough at night, but her eyes lit up when they offered her the book, he said.

He felt comfortable leaving her after that because "you could tell she had a positive outlook," he said.

Dorn was hospitalized in Silver City and should be fine, said search and rescue coordinator Frankie Benoist of Silver City. Dorn's condition was unavailable.

"We needed a large helicopter ... one with night vision and a hoist, and we also needed a medic on

board because of her condition," Benoist said.

Dorn, who travels often to Silver City, had planned to camp for two weeks. But five days into her trip, it rained and snowed and the Gila River rose, trapping her, Benoist said.

"The river got big, as she put it, so she did not want to cross it again," Benoist said. "It had become too dangerous and also she did not want to get her clothes wet and get hypothermic. By the time the river went down, she had run out of food and was starting to get weak."

Dorn had a tent, a sleeping bag and enough food and water for two weeks. After she became stuck, she drank from the river, kept warm by building fires and "used very little energy," Benoist said.

## Opinion

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ended turf wars, initiated generous sharing of intelligence and is now being transferred to the State Department to reshape U.S. policy toward Iraq. Negroponte created another layer of 1,500 intelligence bureaucrats, which can't be good for the swift forwarding of secrets to the president. As for coordinating

policy on Iraq, the president has few options, and Bush seems reluctant to choose any of them except an increase in troop strength.

Also worrisome, Negroponte's departure leaves all intelligence agencies, including the civilian CIA, headed by members or former members of the military. Careers spent at the Pentagon, which seeks to classify public documents, do not induce the impulse to share information.

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