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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 secondfloor 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 Texas Department of Transportation, with the county responsible for the remaining 10 percent. The county's share of \$37,000

earmarked for airport construction, according to County Auditor Elaine

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

"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-

has already been set aside in a fund tomers to build additional hangers."

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

ed 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

Construction on the apron expan-The \$130,000 to \$140,000 expect- sion is expected to begin this fall, with completion sometime in 2008,

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 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 cancerfighting drugs, wants the Pampa Development Economic 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 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

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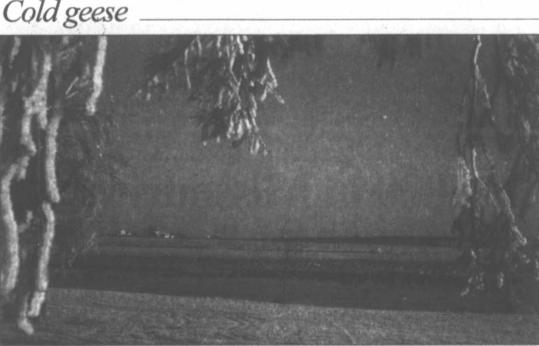
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The cold and icy weather did not seem to bother the geese in the lake at Recreation Park this morning. The weather forecast is calling for a low tonight of 14. Tuesday should by sunny with a high of 31 with another chilly night dipping down to 15.

### 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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Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 15. Wind chill values between 5 and 10. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

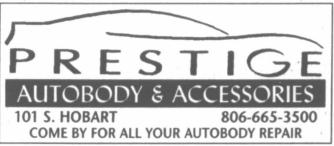
Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 36. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 22. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 42. North

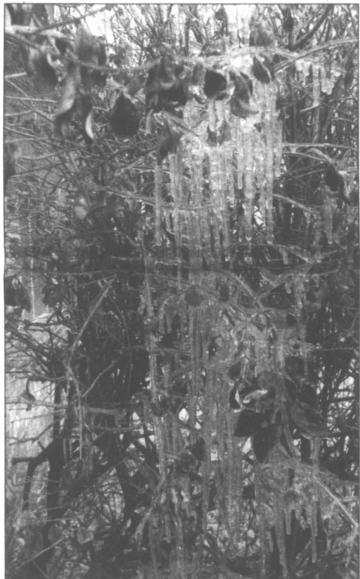
northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. North northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

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#### Icy bush



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

All seasons of the year seem to be represented by this bush, with green and brown leaves still clinging to the branches as ice coats all in a transparent coat. Temperatures in the Pampa area are expected to remain below freezing for another day, with more wintry precipitation possible this weekend.

### **Burger history fight brewing**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A burger battle is brewing between a Texas state legislator and the owners of Louis' Lunch, a restaurant established in 1895, where it has been claimed that the hamburger was invented.

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However, with the new session of the Texas legislature now under way, Republican State Rep. Betty Brown has proposed a resolution declaring Athens, Texas, is the original home of the hamburger.

Brown, an Athens resident, says that a long ago resident of the town, Fletcher Davis, had a luncheonette in the late 1880s and sold the first burgers there.

A magazine article also suggests that Davis not only created the hamburger, but sold it from a booth at the St. Louis World's Fair in 1904. A spokeswoman in Brown's office said she is proposing the resolution on behalf of the Athens Chamber of Commerce,

Those claims are not sitting well with Ken Lassen Sr., 89, the third-generation owner of Louis' Lunch, where he says his grandfather came up with the first hamburger.

### **Emergency Services**

#### Pampa PD

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

Twenty-two traffic stops were made resulting in two arrests.

Accidents were reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler, in the 1600 block of Duncan, in the 800 block of West, in the 1400 block of North Hobart, and two accidents were reported in the police department lobby.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Duncan and Harvester, the intersection of Frederick and Pitts, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of Cinderella and the 1100 block of Willow.

Calls concerning animals were received from the intersection of Francis and Cuyler, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 500 block of West, the 700 block of Naida, the 1000 block of Wilks, the 1500 block of Dogwood, the corner of Duncan and 18th, the 1800 block of North Sumner, the intersection of Crawford and Prairie, the 1100 block of Duncan, the 500 block of Montagu, the 1100 block of South Dwight, the intersection of Hamilton and 20th, the 12000 block of East Frederick, the 1100 block of Varnon and 10 undisclosed locations.

Crossing guard duty was provided in the 800 block of East Browning, the 2300 block of Primrose and the 1200 block of South Nelson. Police escort was provided in the 600

block of Ward. Agency assistance was provided in

the 300 block of North Frost. Sex offender registration was done in

the police department lobby. Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of Pitts, the 1400 block of Charles, the 2200 block of Russell, the 400 block of Roberta, the 800 block of West Kingsmill, the 800 block of Frost,

Phone harassment was reported in the 1400 block of South Hobart and in the police department lobby.

the 100 block of Wynne and the 800

block of Nelson.

Welfare checks were made in the 600 block of Sloan, in the 700 block of Russell and the 100 block of West 30th.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersections of 23rd and Price Road and Hobart and Crawford.

Violation of city ordinance was reported in the 200 block of West Craven, Highway 152 and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Lost property was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1600 block of Somerville, the 1000 block of Varnon, the 1800 block of Lynn and in the 300 block of Anne.

Warrant service was attempted at one

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of Plains and in the 2100 block of

Suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart, in the 100 block of East Craven, in the 2600 block of North Hobart and in the 2400 block of Charles where loud and profane language was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby, in the 200 block of North Banks where a glass door valued at \$350 was broken, in the 400 block of Rider where tires valued at \$501 were slashed, in the police department lobby where someone reported that \$165 in stolen and cashed checks were taken and in the 500 block of Plains where a back door window was broken with an estimated value of

Assaults were reported in the 100 block of North Dwight and the 100 block of West Foster.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of Coffee and in the 500 block of Montagu.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the police department Forgery was reported in the police

department lobby. One open door was reported.

Six alarms were reported.

Thefts were reported in the 1800 block of Lynn, in the police department lobby and in the 1100 block of Seneca.

Burglary was reported in the 300. block of Anne where 15 movies and two X-Box games valued at \$80 were

Burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight where a door facing valued at \$300 was broken.

Stolen vehicles were reported in the 400 block of Wynne and in 1200 block of South Hobart where a 2003 Chevy Cavalier was taken.

#### Sheriff

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

Friday, Jan. 12

Lenardo Alonzo III, 29, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for burglary of habitation. Detria McIntosh, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Tammie McIntosh, 47, of Par arrested by GCSO for violation of probation possession of marijuana.

Sunday, Jan. 14

Adam Lee Wright, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of Coffee by

PPD for failure to comply with requirement on striking a highway fixture.

Jeremy Wayne Hoskins, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of West Brown by PPD for no valid drivers license, no insurance, failure to maintain financial responsibility, no valid motor vehicle inspection and possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Jan. 13

7:12 p.m. - Six units and 12 personnel responded to the 1200 block of Farley on a structure fire, a vacant

Sunday, Jan. 14

1:02 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 400 block of Ballard on a fire alarm malfunction activation.

7:14 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of East Kentucky on a Dumpster fire.

8:20 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Faulkner on a carbon monoxide check.

#### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Jan. 12

12:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Gray and Kingsmill and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Dwight. No

9:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Henry and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Jan. 13

11:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

3:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Banks and transported a patient to PRMC

9:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Jan. 14 12:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to

7:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient o a local nursing facility.

### Bush, Cheney steadfast in troop buildup

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush concedes he isn't popular, and that the war in Iraq isn't either. Yes, progress is overdue and patience is all but gone. Yet none of that changes his view that more U.S. troops are needed to win in Iraq.

"I'm not going to try to be popular and change principles to do so," Bush said in a television interview that aired Sunday night.

Digging in for confrontation, Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney say they will not budge from sending more U.S. troops to Iraq no matter how much Congress opposes it.

"I fully understand they could try to stop me," Bush said of the Democratrun Congress. "But I've made my decision, and we're going forward."

As the president talked tough, lawmakers pledged to explore ways to

"We need to look at what options we have available to constrain the president," said Democratic Sen. Barack Obama of Illinois, a possible White House candidate in 2008. Democrats remain wary, though, of appearing unsupportive of American

A defiant Cheney, meanwhile, said Democrats offered criticism without credible alternatives. He pointedly reminded lawmakers that Bush is commander in chief.

"You cannot run a war by committee," the vice president said of con-

gressional input. The aggressive White House reaction came as the House and Senate prepare to vote on resolutions oppos-

ing additional U.S. troops in Iraq. As the White House watched even

some GOP support peel away from the war plan, it went all-out to regain some footing.

Bush gave his first interview from Camp David, airing Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes." It was his second prime-time opportunity in five days to explain why he thinks adding U.S. troops can help stabilize Iraq and hasten the time when American soldiers can come home. He addressed the nation from the White House last Wednesday evening.

"Some of my buddies in Texas say, You know, let them fight it out. What business is it of ours?" Bush said of Iraqis. "And that's a temptation that I know a lot of people feel. But if we do not succeed in Iraq, we will leave behind a Middle East which will endanger America."

# 330,000 in Missouri without power

By BETSY TAYLOR Associated Press Writer

ST. LOUIS (AP) — As the death toll from a powerful winter storm rose to 30 across six states, utility crews worked on Monday to restore electricity to about 330,000 Missouri households and businesses.

Crews hoped to take advantage of moderate weather expected Monday to bring power back on before an expected drop in temperatures to the single digits Monday night.

The remains of the storm system streamed toward New England on Monday, shutting down numerous businesses, day care centers and schools in Maine with a mixture of sleet and snow that made roads treacherous. Lower Michigan and parts of New

England could see more than a foot of

snow Monday, as rain fell from the

lower Mississippi Valley up through

the Ohio Valley, The National Weather Service said. On the back side of the storm, snow in Iowa closed some schools Monday.

Waves of freezing rain, sleet and snow since Friday had been blamed for at least 15 deaths in Oklahoma, six in Missouri, five in Iowa, two in Texas and one each in New York and Maine.

Seven of the Oklahoma deaths occurred in one accident, in which a minivan carrying 12 people slid off an icy highway Sunday and struck an oncoming truck, the Highway Patrol said. All of the van's occupants were adult residents of Mexico, who were traveling from Arizona to North Carolina, Highway Patrol Capt. Chris

As the storm blew across the lower Great Lakes and northern New England on Monday, a layer of heavy ice up to a half-inch thick knocked out power to

more than 11,000 customers in northern New York and was blamed for dozens of traffic accidents, authorities officials said.

The ice accumulation also blacked out at least 1,000 utility customers in New Hampshire, but for the northern part of the state, ski areas were celebrating their first significant snowfall of the season.

Most of the Missouri power outages were caused by the weight of freezing rain snapping tree branches and dropping them onto power lines, officials

Guardsmen went door to door checking on the health and safety of residents in the hardest hit parts of the state and helping to clear slick roads. The temperature in the St. Louis area hovered just above the freezing mark Monday morning, and the wind chill was 24 degrees, the weather service said.

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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 antiabortion arguments, said journalism teacher Kristi

"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 Grimmett 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

Piper said she believes the material was age-appropri-

"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 newspa-

per 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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Edward Jones MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

### Bizarre case has two missing boys home

KIRKWOOD, Mo. (AP) — The uncle of a 13-yearold 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

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maintenance 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 company addressed commissioners at their Jan. 5 meeting concerning spam being received on county-owned computers at the courthouse.

"Those who use their email 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 email 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 Services Computer 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.

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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.

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 of 41-year-old home

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sorghum. The trailers

would be leased out so con-

tractors would be able to

produce their own insula-

"We'd sell them the raw

materials," Martin told the

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

he expects one of the build-

ings the company has in

Pampa to house the extrac-

tion process for cosmetic

and pharmaceutical materi-

Martin said the company

plans on completing its

move from Amarillo to

Pampa sometime in the

spring or summer.

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and background check.

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

The positions pay \$20 per

Within two years, he said

and body lotions.

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Michael Devlin. Shawn was the first thing Ben asked for 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

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 laidback and quiet individual so it kind of threw us for a loop also," police office Gary Wagster said on the CBS program.

The company has nine fulltime employees now. Martin said the company plans to increase employ-

> they reach full production, although the original projection was 47. At stake is \$141,000 over a three-year period if MXT

> ment to 58 employees when

meets its employment goals. "Initially," said Fiveash, "we'll look at the employment over a six-month peri-

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 \$141,000. reimburse \$3,000.

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

2:30-3:30 p.m. Substitutes

are also needed when the

permanent crossing guard is

"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

sick or unavailable.

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 "That's the maximum,"

The end of the first sixmonth period would be

go out on calls when need-

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### 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 prac-

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 are in Texas — Houston, San

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 halfa-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

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

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"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.

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.)

'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)

1844, 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 mutilatremains Elizabeth Short, the 22-year-old aspiring actress known as the "Black Dahlia," were

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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### THE DETROIT AUTO SHOW ....



### 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 Iranians 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

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enough -to make you throw up."

A Navy officer who had served Columnist with Carter said,

"When 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. O

course, one has to say that while the pardoning Nixon was

sold as an effort to "put Watergate behind us" and avoid the trauma of an expresident 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 succes-

### 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, com-

pleting 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.

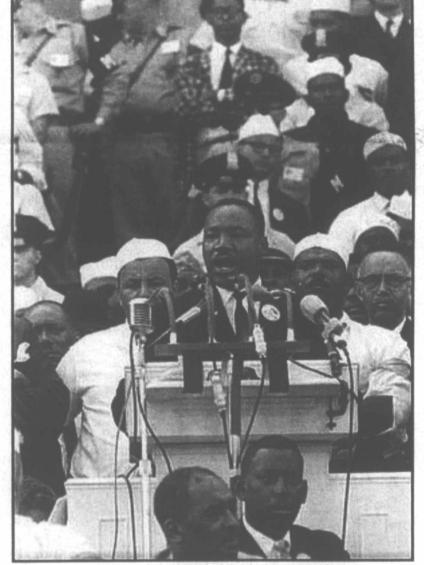
In 1954, Martin Luther King accepted the pastorale of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Always a strong worker for civil rights for members of his race, King was, by this time, a member of the executive committee of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 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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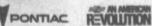
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# Dear Abby...

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 ILLI-NOIS

**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 ñ- 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 -ñ 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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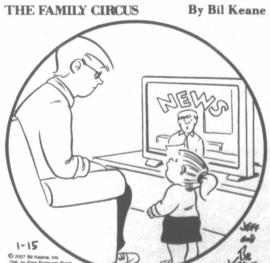
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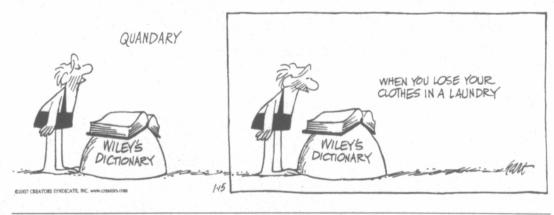
"How many of your bones are you planning to bury under the rug?"

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# Sports Day

# Grossman takes Chicago to NFC Championship

CHICAGO (AP) — Rex Grossman spent two weeks channel-surfing. Every time he'd see a clip or story about himself on TV, he'd click and move on to another program. He didn't need the abuse.

The criticism, the scrutiny and the analysis of the Chicago Bears' quarterback was overwhelming at times. So much so that he finally found a place where he could shut it all out and, at the same time, take the Bears where they hadn't been in 18

Grossman's play at the newly sodded surface at Soldier Field wasn't perfect, but it was good enough especially a solid pass he made in overtime — to lead the Bears to a 27-24 victory over the Seattle Seahawks and a berth in the NFC title game.

"The most important thing is we won. I don't care how we do it, I really don't,"

Grossman said Sunday after his 30-yard pass on third down to Rashied Davis set up Robbie Gould's gamewinning 49-yard field goal in overtime.



'The Super Bowl is the reason why you play football."

— Thomas Jones Chicago Bears Running Back

"This is an unbelievable situation we are in now," Grossman said. "We're in the NFC Championship and we win one game, we're in the Super Bowl, Two wins away from having a ring on my finger for the rest of my

Chicago will host the

Saints next Sunday in the Berrian. It was quite an NFC championship game; New Orleans never has been

The Bears haven't reached the Super Bowl since beating the Patriots in the 1985 sea-

"The Super Bowl is the reason why you play football, even at Pop Warner, you watch the Super Bowl as a kid. Now we have an opportunity, we win one home game and we're there," said Bears' running back Thomas Jones, who ran for two touchdowns. "It's something that you never expect, and when it happens, it's kind of like, 'Wow.'

Gould, working construction 16 months ago, hit his second field goal of the game. He'd just barely made a 41-yarder late in the fourth to tie the game.

Grossman completed 21of-38 for 282 yards with an interception, a fumble and a 68-yard TD pass to Bernard you can't do something, you

upgrade from his final performance of the regular season, when he had a quarterback rating of 0.0 in a 26-7 loss to Green Bay.

Seattle got the ball first in overtime, but Chicago's Israel Idonije forced an 18yard punt by Ryan Plackemeier with a strong rush. Grossman hit Davis, a former Arena League player, for a third-down pass of 30 yards to the Seattle 36. Four plays later, Gould connected.

The Bears had won a division title and earned a firstround bye in their previous two playoff appearances, only to lose their first game at home, so their elation was tinged with relief.

"It's a stressful-type of situation just because you hear a lot of people, you hear what they're saying, and you want to prove people wrong," Jones said.

"Anytime somebody says

want to show them that you go for it. But Matt can. It was definitely a stressful week as far as hearing the one-and-done and all that kind of talk, but they can't say that now."

The Seahawks (10-8), ravaged by injuries throughout the season, got a strong performance from Shaun Alexander, Alexander, who missed the first meeting between the teams because of a broken foot, a 37-6 Chicago win in October, gained 108 yards and gave the Bears' defense a tough time. He had a pair of touchdowns runs, including a 13yarder in the third quarter that gave Seattle a 24-21

"It's hard to say 'If we had this or that," Alexander said. "It was, 'Nah we came up

Late in the fourth quarter, the Bears stacked up Alexander on third-and-1 for no gain at the Chicago 44, and the Seahawks decided to

Hasselbeck bobbled the snap and Lance Briggs threw Alexander for a 2-yard loss, turning the ball over to the Bears with just under two minutes to go.

"If the snap was smooth, I could have run for a TD," Alexander said. "It was definitely the best I felt all season running the ball."

After a short completion and two of Grossman's passes were deflected - one nearly intercepted - the Bears punted.

The Seahawks got the ball at the 20 with 1:38 to go and moved to the Bears 45 before Tank Johnson, whose legal problems have been a headache for his team this season, sacked Hasselbeck.

"This will be one we think about for a long time," said Hasselbeck. "We know what we're capable of as a team and the win was right there for us. We just couldn't get it

#### first-round jitters Federer overcomes

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Players always worry about a little bout of the jitters in the first round of a Grand Slam tournament even Roger Federer.

The top-ranked Federer uncharacteristically dropped serve three times in the first set against Bjorn Phau before rallying to win 7-5, 6-0, 6-4 and kick off the defense of his Australian Open title Monday.

Amelie Mauresmo, who claimed her first Grand Slam title last year here, also started a bit nervous and Andy Roddick had to survive a slow start against a wild-card entry ranked only 212th.

The bottom line in the first days of the two-week event is getting through without because it looked like it was injury and finding form after the off season, often while facing unfamiliar opponents

with nothing to lose. Fourthseeded Ivan Ljubicic didn't make it, falling 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4 to American Mardy Fish, who has climbed back into the top 50 after plummeting to 341 in the wake of two wrist operations in 2005.

Federer feared losing the first set, which helped him regain his focus.

"I got broken in the first set three times, and that makes you a little bit nervous," said Federer, who went 92-5 with 12 titles last season and is on the cusp of breaking Jimmy Connors' record of 160 consecutive weeks atop the men's rankings. "You try to stay cool, but I got a little bit nervous.

"I'm happy I'm through definitely going to head for a first-set loss, but I came through. That's the most

important."

That was Roddick's mantra, too, after Jo-Wilfred Tsonga, riding a powerful serve in only his sixth match in a top level ATP event, took the first set in a marathon tiebreaker and served for the second set. Roddick wasted four set points in the but came through with a 6-7 (18), 7-6 (2), 6-3, 6-3 victory.

"I thought it was a pretty ordinary performance," the sixth-seeded American said. "I think I got a little firstround jitters. These first matches are a little bit uncomfortable sometimes. But it got better as I went along."

early with three errors against American Shenay Perry, then righted herself upset.

and took control to advance 6-3, 6-4.

Serena Williams, seeking her eighth Grand Slam title but unseeded after a rash of injuries, started slow, too, but picked up her game to oust 27th-seeded Mara Santangelo 6-2, 6-1 in an error-plagued night match. Santangelo had only six winners to 23 unforced errors, while Williams ripped 10 aces in an otherwise lackluster service effort.

"I'm feeling pretty good," Williams said. "I came out and finally did what I was supposed to do, to a certain level. I feel I have nothing to lose. There is only one way I can move, and that's up."

Federer remembers all too Mauresmo dropped serve well what it was like to be on the other side, just another hopeful looking for a big

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### Goydos ends 11-year victory drought

HONOLULU (AP) -Paul Goydos had gone 11 years and 256 tournaments since his last victory, so long ago that some players were using wooden clubs, Greg Norman was No. 1 in the world and Tiger Woods was still an amateur.

He rediscovered Sunday at the Sony Open that winning doesn't change.

"You do have to get some good things happen in order to win," Goydos said. "And today, I definitely had some good things happen. Not only did I play pretty well, but the last few holes, the breaks went my way."

Goydos made three birdies in the final four holes and closed with a 3-under 67 for a one-shot victory over Charles Howell III and Luke Donald that essentially came down to eagle chips for all three of them on par-5 18th

Goydos' shot banged into the pin and stopped a foot away for a tap-in birdie.

Playing in the final group behind Goydos, Donald's pitch to force a playoff hit the pin and spun out, while Howell's chip slid by the cup and rolled 15 feet by. He misread the birdie putt and had to settle for second place

"I never felt like I was going to win," said Goydos, who finished at 14-under 266. "I'm still stunned."

So was Howell, who had control of his tournament after making an eagle on the par-5 ninth and took a twoshot lead to the back nine. But he made back-to-back bogeys with a bad drive on No. 12 and a pedestrian chip on the 13th, then had to scramble for pars until the last one wasn't good enough. He closed with a 70.

# Saints help New Orleans keep the faith

weekend's raucous party at the Superdome is over, the city is quiet and New Orleans is once again immersed in the endless process of putting itself back together.

Look closely, though, and the New Orleans Saints' presence is everywhere. From the black and gold that's now standard wardrobe to the mention of them during Mass at historic St. Louis Cathedral to the small storewindow sign that says: "Faith."

The Saints' sway reaches far beyond gameday in this beleaguered

"We've got a lot of hard work that needs to be done. The Saints coming in and winning the way they have has just lifted all of us," Gov. Kathleen Blanco said Sunday. "It's lifted us emotionally and it's energized us.

The Saints will play the Bears in Chicago next Sunday for the NFC championship, another chapter in the most unlikely and heartwarming story of the NFL season.

The Saints tortured their fans for most of their 40 years in New Orleans. It took 21 seasons before their first

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — This winning record, and playoff appear- they did before Katrina, and the city ances were as rare as a modest Mardi Gras. Their fans may have mocked them as the 'Aints, but it didn't lessen their love for them.

When Hurricane Katrina stormed through Aug. 29, 2005, it looked as if the Saints might break New Orleans' heart once again. Dislocated like so many residents, the Saints moved to San Antonio and many feared that's where they would stay.

But the team returned, and has been the one thing that's held the city together when everything else conspires to pull it apart.

"It's just been a great diversion from the daily problems we see with the crime and the still unfixed portions of the city," said Lloyd Aucoin, who is still helping his mother-in-law repair the home they share.

"I wouldn't have traded last night for anything," Aucoin said. "Except maybe a new city."

Unless you live in New Orleans or have visited recently, it's hard to grasp how much the team means to the city and why.

Parts of New Orleans look much as

still has its uniquely eclectic air. Tourists are filling the French Quarter streets again; maybe not quite to the old numbers.

But Katrina's scars remain deep and angry, and it will be years before the city fully recovers. Early Sunday morning in the Garden District, two men tackled one of the many debris piles that dot the city. A few blocks away, a man had set up sawhorses on the sidewalk and was cutting boards.

In Lakeview and the Lower Ninth Ward, two of the hardest hit areas, neighborhoods are still empty and rubble sits where houses once stood. Martin Manion had his Lakeview street pretty much to himself Sunday as he cut the grass in front of his home and the concrete slab that is all that remains of his neighbors' home.

Manion recently moved out of the FEMA trailer in his Lakeview yard, but he is no closer to being home. The house that's been in his family for 40 years will be bulldozed in the next few weeks, and Manion hopes a new home will be finished by Christmas - of

### New England capitalizes on top-seeded San Diego's mistakes for win

SAN DIEGO (AP) -Tom Brady and Tedy Bruschi walked off the field together after stunning the San Diego Chargers, very much alive in their quest to get the New England Patriots to the Super Bowl for the fourth time in six seasons.

"I said to Tedy, 'Man, that was not easy," Brady said. "He says to me, 'They never

are buddy, they never are." If not easy, then maybe expected from the Patriots. Despite a big game from league MVP LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers made too many mistakes and the Patriots took advantage for a 24-21 win on Sunday to advance to the AFC championship game.

Brady was as cool as ever, delivering every time the mistake-prone Chargers handed him another chance. He overcame three interceptions, his career playoff high, to finish 27-of-51 for 280 yards and two touchdowns.

Brady and coach Bill Belichick now have a 12-1 postseason record together,

and need to win at Tomlinson, like Brady one of Indianapolis next Sunday to make their fourth Super Bowl trip in six seasons. It was a gut-wrenching

loss for San Diego and its Marty coach, Schottenheimer, whose job could be in jeopardy after his career postseason record tumbled to 5-13.

Tomlinson shattered several league records in helping the Chargers go an NFLbest 14-2, including 8-0 at home in the regular season.

Once it was over,

the most laid-back superstars in any sport, lost his cool. He went after an unidentified Patriots player and had to be restrained by a teammate and former Charger Reche Caldwell, who had a huge game for the Patriots.

Tomlinson yelled and pointed at the Patriots player, upset that some Patriots were dancing on the Chargers logo at midfield after they had silenced the record crowd of 68,810 **Oualcomm Stadium.** 

"I would never react in that way. I was very upset," Tomlinson said. "When you go to the middle of our field and start doing the dance Shawne Merriman is known for, that is disrespectful. They showed no class and maybe that comes from the head coach."

Merriman, nicknamed "Lights Out," did a spasmodic dance to celebrate each of his NFL-high 17 sacks.

today," Tomlinson said. 1,815 yards.

"Hopefully the next opportunity we have we'll learn something from this."

Tomlinson ran for 123 yards and two scores, and caught two passes.

San Diego had nine players voted to the Pro Bowl team and five to the All-Pro team. And it had been supercharged by Tomlinson, who became the most prolific scorer in one season in NFL history with 31 touchdowns and 186 points while win-"We lost to a better team ning the rushing title with

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### Letter from the desk of the executive director

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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.

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\*\*\*\* An associate, close friend or loved one becomes an invaluable resource once more. It appears you have really perfected the art of teamwork. Before making a major decision, find an expert or get more info. Tonight: Surf the Internet or watch TV.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Others want their way. Truth be told, you cannot change anyone or anything anyway. A power play late in the afternoon might demand that you walk the other way and not get into it. Tonight: Special time with a loved one. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* You might want to take in new vistas and would like to see situations differently. If you achieve this goal, your ability to enhance the quality of your life will increase. Just because someone wants something doesn't mean you have to give it. Tonight: Decide who you would most enjoy.

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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 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 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.

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

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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.

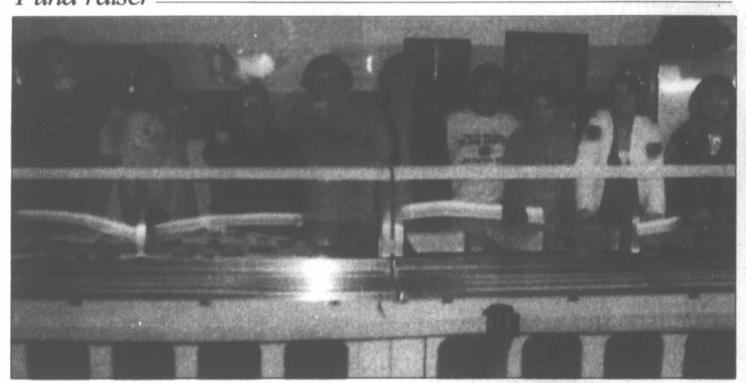
The only lesson you need to learn from Vietnam was that the generals kept saying to give them more troops and the U.S. would win. They got the troops, but we

lost. The goal was to prevent South Vietnam from going communist. Fiftyeight 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 tomor-

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### 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 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 on Dec. 6 for a two-week camping trip.

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 cross a swollen river was Dorn was too weak to get rescued Sunday, more than out of the wilderness with two weeks after the search 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

The brothers hiked 20 Gila National Forest alone miles over the next day and a half, then hitchhiked into Silver City, where they con-She was found by two tacted the National Guard.

"We got her prepared to

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

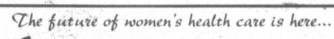
spend another couple of board because of her condition," Benoist said.

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.





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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 informa-



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