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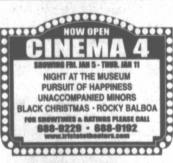
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Airport project will double space for hangars

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Expansion of a taxiway at Perry LeFors Airport will double the amount of space for corporate hangars at the airport after the expansion is finished sometime next year.

"We have six large corporate hangars right now at the airport," said Paul Loyd, president of the airport board of directors. "I think we'll have room for six more large hangars, depending on the size they want to build."

The \$374,410 project will expand a ramp, or taxiway, by 300 feet to the east, said County Judge Richard Peet at Monday's county commissioners' meeting. County commissioners approved the expansion during the meeting, enabling the project to go

"It will allow us to put some more hangars there," Peet said. "We have had two requests to build additional

Ninety percent of the cost of the project will be covered by block grant funds from the Federal Aviation Administration. The nondiscretionary entitlement funds are distributed to each state, and Texas Department of Transportation's aviation division administers Texas'

share of the grants.

Gray County receives funds each year from TxDOT for aviation purposes. A previous project at Perry LeFors Airport cost \$450,000 in FAA funds and \$45,000 in county funds for a concrete parking ramp. Most projects are funded 90 percent by the federal money and 10 percent by county funds, although some are a 75/25 split, depending on the project, Loyd said.

Gray County currently has \$283,000 in FAA funds to apply to the proposed taxiway expansion, with \$37,000 already budgeted as the county's 10 percent share of the total

cost, said County Auditor Elaine

Morris. The remaining amount needed to pay for the taxiway expansion is expected to be received within a few

months, Loyd said. "I anticipate sometime within the next couple of months, we will get our allotment," he said. "We will get a minimum of \$66,000 and maybe up to \$150,000."

The minimum amount expected will be more than enough to cover the remaining \$54,410 needed to pay for the expansion.

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Volunteers at work



Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

Volunteers help prepare food trays at Meals on Wheels to be delivered today. Today's menu included chicken nuggets, potatoes, and peas and carrots. Pictured from left are Kathy Leever, Margie Pontious, Sheila Niccum, Barbara Trimble, Betty Goldsmith and Billie LeVick.

PISD school board to meet Thursday

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District will hold a regular board meeting at 7 school library. Items on the agenda are the approval of several purchases over \$10,000 and the consideration and possible approval of extra professional development absences for some staff members.

The appointment of several committees, a resolution to support a Habitat for Humanity Chapter in Pampa and reports on accidents that have occurred at local schools are also on the agen-

The governor's proclamation calling for School Board Recognition Month in

January will be read as well. Board approval

required for expenditures over \$10,000 and there are several that will be considp.m. Thursday in the high ered A natural gas purchase order for December in the amount of \$51,377 and an electric purchase order for December for \$14,814 are on the consent agenda.

The purchase of numerous computers are also up for approval. The high school has a purchase order for \$29,728 for 32 computers and the elementary schools each have purchase orders ranging from \$10,219 to \$18,580 for new computers. An excess educational cost for the 2006-2007 school year for students par-

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Welcoming signs issue has backing from two factions

Outdoor Art has

not asked for any

taxpayer money

nor will they.

Outdoor Art Association

Sara Brainard

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Chuck White, who heads the Rotary Club's project to build welcoming signs to Pampa, told the Pampa Economic Development Corporation that there is no conflict between what the Rotary Club wants to do and what the Outdoor Arts Association wants.

White appeared before the Pampa City Commission last month to present them with an idea for welcoming signs at each of the five highway entrances to Pampa.

Last week, Sena Brainard, representing the Outdoor Art Association, told the commission her organization had been working on a similar project for the past year and a half. She asked for clarification of what the city wanted done.

The Outdoor Art Association wants to put twin pumpjacks at the north and south entrances to Pampa along Texas Highway 79 with a Welcome to Pampa sign. She said her organization could do it without any cost to the city.

White said that for the last decade or more, people have suggested put-

ting up signs with derricks, pumpjacks, cowboys and combines at the entrances to town, but these were proposed by committees and the committees couldn't reach agreement on what should be built to represent Pampa.

Speaking to the Pampa Economic Department of Transportation, and

Development Corporation week, White said he doesn't have any problem with a montage representing the city's history and activities.

White said he thinks the Outdoor Association should go ahead with their project wherever they want to do it.

Brainard agreed. "There is no con-

flict with Pampa Rotary," she said. "The only conflict would arise if Rotary puts their welcome signs in the area which Outdoor Art has already selected. Mr. White has assured me this would not be a problem. Outdoor Art has not asked

"I believed all the key players involved in the situation were informed due to a meeting Outdoor Art had with John Horst, city of Pampa, Mark Tomlin, Texas

Clay Rice, Chamber of Commerce.

"Outdoor Art is not proposing an advertisement for Pampa, but a sign welcoming visitors to our city. Each member of Outdoor Art submitted a design for the welcome sign, one member submitted a bid for their design from John Clark, Mr. business White's partner. In one meet-

ing the designs were reviewed and the decision was made to use the pump jack design.

"The Rotary was contacted after the December commission meeting and before the January meeting informing them the Outdoor Art

for any taxpayer money nor will Association was in the final stages for the north and south Highway 70 entrances. I agree with Mayor Lonnie Robbins that the three parties need to meet together to end the confusion in order to clarify locations on Highway 70.

> "Outdoor Art does wish Rotary the best of luck with their signs." White said Robbins is going to

> visit with the art association. White said that various groups had been talking about building signs for the city for at least 10 years. He said he thought somebody ought to take on the project, and he was getting frustrated because of the committees and politics involved.

> "The Rotary is in the position to do it because they don't have to go out for bids all the time," he said. "We could get donations from people and keep the costs low. I thought we should just go ahead and do it."

> White indicated he wanted to see something like the welcoming signs in Childress, simple and elegant. The signs in Childress simply say, "Welcome to Childress."

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Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 16. North-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

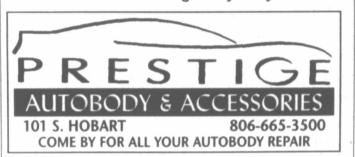
Friday: A 20 percent chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a high near 32. North wind around 5 mph becoming south-southwest.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a low around 22. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: A 50 percent chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a high near 32. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of snow showers. Cloudy, with a low around 21. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west-northwest.

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Lee Britton West, 64

LEFORS — Lee Britton West, 64, died Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship in Pampa with Dr. Edward Barker, pastor, officiating.

Additional services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the First United Methodist Church in Leedey, Okla., with the Rev. David Jenkins, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in New Hermon Cemetery in Leedey under the direction of Shaw Funeral Home of Leedey. Local arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. West was born on April 15, 1942, in Leedey, Okla., to Seba and Eloise West. He graduated from Florence Union High School in Florence, Ariz., in 1959. He attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater for two years and graduated from OSU Tech at Okmulgee in 1964.

He moved back to Oklahoma in 1963 where he met and married Judy Beth Misner on June 21, 1963, in Sapulpa, Okla. Lee moved to Texas in 1964 where he began to work for Cities Service Oil Company where he was employed for 35 1/2 years. He attended Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship in Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Judy West, of the home; two daughters, Amy Yearwood and husband Robert of Pampa, and Lisa Gibson and husband Lance of Roanoke; a son, Jeff West of Hooker, Okla.; a brother, Joe West and wife Brenda of Leedey, Okla.; five grandsons, Brian Yearwood of Canyon, Astin Yearwood of Pampa, Alex Gibson of North Carolina, Kyle Gibson of Roanoke, and Tyler West of Hooker, Okla.; three nephews, Jason West of Okmulgee, Okla., Joe Zane West of Leedey, Okla., and Jevon West of Hammon, Okla.; one niece, Johnna Hughes of Elk City, Okla.; and many cousins and friends including special friends, Garry and Jennifer Davis and Michael and Susan Oldham, all of Lefors.

MEMORIALS: Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow.

WEST, Lee Britton — 10 a.m., Lighthouse Covenant Fellowshipo, Pampa.

Amy Bynum, 67

HEFLIN, La. — Amy Bynum, 67, died Jan. 12, 2007, at Heflin. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

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

Mrs. Bynum was born Aug. 16, 1939, in Jackson County, Ark. She came to Pampa, Texas, in 1958. She married Gene Bynum on Sept. 21, 1959. They retired to Louisiana in 1989.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Ringgold, La. She enjoyed gardening and quilting. She recently entered her first quilting contest where she won a blue ribbon for "best in class."

Survivors include her husband, Gene Bynum, of the two daughters, home; Elizabeth Thrasher of Nixa,

Mo., and Glenna Swanson of Skellytown, Texas; a son, Mickey Bynum of The Colony, Texas; three brothers, Leroy Rutherford of Morrilton, Ark., Freddie Paul Rutherford of McCrory, Ark., and Junior Rutherford of Bossier, La.; one sister, Ann Rogers of Benton, Ark.; six grandchildren, Daniel Thrasher, Becky Covalt, Dayla Soto, Paul Swanson, Heaven Swanson, and Tifney Swanson; three great-

grandchildren, Covalt, Jacob Covalt, and Sunli Soto.

She was preceded in death by a son, Rocky Bynum.

Memorials may be made to the local organ donation program or the DAV Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301

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Ola Fay Emerson, 91

Ola Fay Emerson, 91, past resident of Pampa, passed away January 11, 2007, at Carlsbad Medical Center, Carlsbad, N.M.

Funeral services were held Sunday, January 14, 2007, at Denton-Wood Funeral Home Chapel in Carlsbad.

Interment followed at Carlsbad Cemetery, Carlsbad, N.M. Denton-Wood Funeral

Home was in charge of the arrangements. Ola Fay Lesley was born

to Oscar and Mary Alice Lesley on February 3, 1915, in Montague County, Okla.

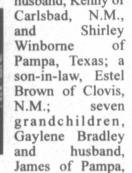
Ola Fay married Carl Edgar Emerson on May 23, 1933, daughters, Carla Blair and Tishamingo, husband, Kenny of

The couple lived most of their married life in Pampa, Texas, and moved to Carlsbad in 1983. Fay was a faith-

Okla.

homemaker ful dedicated and mother and grand- Emerson

Fay was preceded in death by husband, Carl Emerson; daughter, Mary Jane Brown; one sister; and one brother.



Texas, Jamie White and husband, Scott of Pampa, Texas, Bruce Brown and wife, Darlene of Texaco, N.M., Kelly Brown of

in the 600 block of North

Sumner by Pampa Police

Department on a Payne

County, Okla. warrant for

being a fugitive from justice.

Survivors include two Clovis, N.M., Kelly Brown of Clovis, N.M., Tommy Winborne and wife, Jamie of Pampa, Texas, Sarah Blair of Carlsbad, N.M., and Allison Blair of Carlsbad, N.M.; great-grandchildren; nine sisters, Lillie Mae Timmons, Rene Costner and Inez Cass, all of Madill, Okla.; and brother, Richard Muncrief of Madill, Okla.

PALLBEARERS: Bruce Brown, Kelly Brown, Joshua Chris Brown, Brown, Tommy Winborne, Britton White

Emergency Services

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

Eleven traffic stops were

made. Motorist assistance was

rendered in the 300 block of North Hobart and at an unreported location. Vehicle accidents were

reported in the 100 block of East Foster, the intersection of Worrell and Williston streets, and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Calls concerning animals were received from the intersection of Brown and Huff streets, the 1700 block of Charles, the 1100 block of Terry Road, the 300 block of North Perry, the 700 block of Bradley Drive, and an unreported location.

Civil matters were reported in the 1900 block of Coffee, the 500 block of Montagu, and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Duncan and Sunset streets.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one arrest.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401

Charles.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1700 block of Grape.

A suspicious person call was received from the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of North Naida and the 2300 block of Beech.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. Telephone harassment

was reported in the police department lobby. A domestic disturbance

was reported in the 700 block of North West. A sexual offense was

reported in the police department lobby. One burglar alarm was

reported. Theft was reported in the

500 block of North Perry. A mini DVD player, tools and tool box were taken, resulting in a loss estimated at \$565.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow-

ing arrests today. Tuesday, Jan. 16 Lori Ann Stallings, 27, of Pampa was arrested by

GCSO on a probation violation for injury to a child. Kimberly Sue Osborne,

40, of Pampa was arrested

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Tuesday, Jan. 16

11:24 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of Coffee on a medical assist.

2:13 p.m. – One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Nelson on a service call.

6:35 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of North Russell on a lifting assist.

9:25 p.m. - Three units seven personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Wells on a rubbish

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

Tuesday, Jan. 16 11:24 a.m. - A mobile

ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 4:04 p.m. – A mobile ICU

unit responded to BSA Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC. Wednesday, Jan. 17

5:16 a.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Price Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today. Saturday, Jan. 6

12:30 a.m. — A 1999 Toyota 4-Runner, driven by

Shalyn Sue Garner, 23, of 700 E. 17th Ave., left the roadway in the 2200 block of North Sumner and struck a tree. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Monday, Jan. 15

12:50 p.m. - A 2002 Chevrolet Trail Blazer, driven by Terry Morris Blodgett, 51, of 525 Doucette, and a 1999 GMC Safari, driven by Isidoro Navarro Hernandez, 45, of 1204 Darby, collided at the intersection of Jordan and Lefors streets. Blodgett was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS Ambulance with possible injuries. No citations were issued.

4:00 p.m. — A 2000 Ford F350, driven by Ruth Marie Williams, 45, of 1013 E. Foster, left the roadway and collided with a fence post in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill. No injuries were reported. Williams was cited for failure to meet requirements concerning hitting a fixed object.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

11:45 a.m. — A 1996 Dodge Ram 1500, driven by Scott Bransford Hahn, 64, of 8691 County Road 5, and a 1993 Lincoln Continental Town Car, driven by William Coy Sheehan, 81, of 300 S. Tignor, collided in the 100 block of East Foster. No injuries were reported. Hahn was cited for unsafe backing.

12:35 p.m. — A 2001 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Loye Cunningham Wright, 45, of 1610 Coffee, and a 1998 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Ryan Wayne Baggerman, 16, of Miami, collided at the intersection of Worrell and Williston streets. No injuries were reported. Wright was cited for failure to yield right of way at an open intersection.

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watched the program. He also shared some ideas

Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH Pampa High School head football coach Andy Cavalier spoke at the January Chamber of Commerce luncheon and discussed the NBC Dateline special on Pampa. He read sample e-mails from all over the United States from people who

on the future of Pampa football as well as the future of the city of Pampa.

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Derailed train

BROOKS, Ky. (AP) -Thick, billowing smoke and flames fed by volatile chemicals leaking from a derailed train continued to belch into the sky today, frustrating officials long after the accident shut down a highway and forced evacuations.

Fire officials used 2,000 gallons of foam and an "ungodly amount" amount of water to extinguish some of the flames, but other spots will likely have to burn out on their own, expected later today.

Foam has proven more effective, said Maj. Garry Key of the Zoneton Fire Department. "The foam smothers the flames."

The derailment Tuesday morning caused no serious injuries, but at least 11 people near the crash site south of Louisville checked themselves into a hospital and were soon released, authorities said. Officials asked residents within a mile to evacuate.

The blaze produced a large column of black smoke in the mostly rural area. Television footage showed several blazing CSX cars stacked across the rail lines and flaming liquid flowing down ditches from the mangled tanker cars.

Bullitt County resident Daymon Strange said he was outside his home less than a half-mile from the crash site when he heard an explosion.

"I turned around and looked and there was fire at least 500 feet in the air," he said in a telephone interview. "I've never seen such a fire. It was huge."

The chemicals released when 12 of the train cars derailed were cyclohexane, methyl ethyl ketone, butadiene and alcohol, said Gary Sease, a CSX spokesman.

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Look at it this way, that's a pretty good vacation nest egg or Christmas fund! Of course you have to pay for some gas now and then, but if you live close to your school, you can walk yourself to work and your kids to school. I figure you're going to net about \$2,900.

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coin are the kids. Our children and grandchildren are our nation's greatest asset. We need some people to step up and take on these valuable positions for the kids' sake. You can pick up an application at City Hall or come by the police department and I'll fix you

Cop Corner is provided Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

Winter storms paralyze state's largest metropolitan areas

By JEFF CARLTON Associated Press Writer

Ice, snow and sleet pounded most of Texas today, shuttering businesses, government and schools, and slowing normally crowded roadways in three of the nation's largest cities to a slippery and dangerous crawl.

Houston and San Antonio were under rare ice warnings, and Dallas residents awoke to sleet-covered roads that kept morning highway commutes in the 20-mph range. Austin was also under a second day of icy conditions.

temperatures and winter weather advisories extended from the borders of Mexico to Oklahoma, more than half the nation's secondlargest state.

Two people died in a weatherrelated accident near Austin on Tuesday, making five such deaths in Texas since wintry storms moved in over the weekend. At least 54 people have died across the country due to the winter storms.

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport canceled 100 flights today, and the Austin airport canceled 32

With a few exceptions, the frigid outbound flights and 28 inbound. The Austin airport ran out of deicing fluid, DFW spokesman Ken Capps said. Twenty-three of today's first 25 scheduled departures from San Antonio International Airport were canceled, said airport spokesman David Hebert.

> Airline passengers weren't the only ones stranded. A 300-mile stretch of Interstate 10 from Fort Stockton to San Antonio was shut down Tuesday night, leaving about 50 motorists stranded at a a convention center in Ozona.

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"They have air mattresses and Morrow said the winter storms cots for everybody — and pizza and doughnuts," said Joe Stokhaug, who along with his pregnant wife, Sarah, were turned away from two fully booked motels. "We've already made a couple friends here who are from Los Angeles."

The highway remained closed early this morning. Kim Gillit, a Department of Public Safety dispatcher in Ozona, said a light snow was falling overnight. Traffic calls were few because motorists were keeping off the roads, she said.

Ozona Assistant Fire Chief Brian

were the worst he'd seen in 20 years. The road closure made city officials scramble to find emergency supplies to help those taking shelter at the convention center.

"We had about 50 cots in route from Fort Stockton but the roads closed up," Morrow said. "The jailhouse has provided blankets and pillows that are normally used for the inmates.'

Numerous schools and universities across Texas announced they were canceling or delaying classes today.

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He said he talked to Rusty Stevens with West Texas Landscape, and Stevens came up with a conceptual drawing showing a brick sign saying "Welcome to Pampa." The design also featured trees behind the sign and landscaping in front along with recirculating water. It was planned for Sunset Park, a triangular piece of land where U.S. Highway 60 bends to enter Pampa on the west. There had been a welcoming sign there, but a truck that didn't make the curve destroyed the previous signage.

The cost was an estimated at \$65,000 with Stevens agreeing to donate \$10,000.

"We decided that was pretty indigestible," White said.

White said there are questions about the treatment of the water and the costs of maintaining a beautifully landscaped park.

He said the city is so short-handed, they can't get to the parks today.

Dwight Fiveash, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, suggested setting up a maintenance program like Lovett Memorial Library has.

"That's city property," Fiveash said. "The Friends of the Library pays a consultant to maintain those grounds, the sprinkler system and flower beds. There is no expense to the city."

White indicated he would like to see a massive brick wall, eight feet high and maybe 20 feet long that needed little or no maintenance.

Acme Brick was asked if they would be interested in designing a sign. They said yes and would not charge for the design.

White said he'd already talked to the city commission and told them that the Rotary Club wanted to do signs at all five entrances to Pampa, two on U.S. 60, two on Texas 70 and one on

Texas 152.

"We think we can get it done in six months," White said. "We think we can do it for about \$100,000 or \$125,000."

He said he hoped it could be done for less.

Before the Outdoor Art Association appeared before the city commission, White said he'd planned to use \$5,000 left over from Rotary's Super Playground project and \$6,000 that was part of a settlement from the insurance company representing the trucker who hit the sign at Sunset Park.

He said he had also approached the city about putting up \$25,000. That was on the commission's agenda the night that the Outdoor Art Association asked for clarification on the sign issue.

The city tabled the resolution to make the money available to the Rotary until all sides of the issue could be discussed.

All the signs would be in County Commissioner Willoughby's Gary precinct. Willoughby is president of the Pampa Rotary Club this year.

"We've got \$50,000 ready to go," White said. He said he thinks the Rotary Club can raise another \$10,000 or \$20,000

from individual donations. If the Rotary Club gets commitments for \$125,000 and not all of the funds are used, White said what's left over would go to scholar-

ships for Pampa students.

Although the appearance of the Outdoor Arts Association at the city commission meeting was a shock to him, White said there aren't really two sides to putting up signs at the entrances to Pampa.

"Outdoor art is art," White said. "To me it and a business approach to recognize the town's welcoming are totally different functions. Having been through the discussions of tourism with the Chamber of Commerce, a smokestack, a derrick, a pump jack, a cowboy, a combine are not things that we think should be on a welcoming opera-

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Deaf amounts to \$11,459. All of these expenditures will be up for possible approval.

Staff members that are away from their campuses for more than eight to bring a list of members to serve on days each school year for professional this committee for the board's teaching must receive board approval. There are eight staff members that need approval from the various cam-

Several committees that were discussed during the last board meeting could be appointed. Derrell DeLoach has volunteered to chair the committee for studying the standards of dress for students and staff. DeLoach and Superintendent Barry Haenisch plan to present members to this committee that are from a broad background for the board to approve.

Greg Brown was appointed to chair

a committee to study the advantages and disadvantages of a grade level elementary school configuration in the Pampa ISD. Brown and Haenisch plan approval.

Dr. Joe Donaldson has been working to create a Habitat for Humanities Chapter in Pampa. He has presented programs to different organizations to raise awareness of a need for more low-income housing in Pampa. A group of people has been recruited to work with him, but they need a resolu-

tion from the community's governmental agencies supporting the awarding of a charter to the community. The board will consider and possibly approve this resolution.

A report of major injuries that have occurred during the first semester of 2006-2007 in the schools will be presented. In August, a student at Travis Elementary fell on the playground and broke his arm and a high school student jumped from the bleachers suffering a fractured leg

A junior high student running in the hall knocked down a teacher who was transported to the hospital emergency room with back and neck pain. A Lamar Elementary student was helping a teacher move a piano and when the piano fell. The student fractured two fingers.

Airport

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Corporate hangars are those which are large enough to accommodate company jets. The largest jet capable of landing at the airport is one the size of a Gulfstream 5, which weighs 98,000 pounds.

The ability to host corporate aircraft also depends on width of hangars and taxiways. The apron, or taxiway, to be expanded is 110 feet wide.

"It's an extension of what's already there," Loyd said of the project. "We have at least two who want to build large, corporate-size hangars and no place to build them."

The expansion project is a reflection of area growth and increased airport use, some believe.

"There has been a signifi-

the airport in recent years," Loyd said.

"There has been an increase in local usage," said airport manager Ron Unruh. "Most are private individuals, but it is also used for business, too.'

tremendously concerning business and personal usage," said Precinct 2 County Commissioner Gary Willoughby. "Traffic has picked up out there. I don't not expected to begin until think it's due solely to oil this fall, Peet said, with comand gas, either. I'm glad to see it and glad to be able to offer space for more hangars and expansion."

Companies such as United Parcel Service land and take off from the airport regularly to deliver and pick up packages. Local companies also use the airport for their business travel in corporate-size

There are currently about 50 small hangars at the air-

cant increase in the use of port in addition to the larger, corporate hangars, Loyd said. These hangars are for

private planes. A north-south runway is the main runway of the two at the airport. A shorter, narrower crosswind runway which runs southwest to "The airport has picked up northeast is available if strong winds are occurring which are not running in the prevailing northerly southerly direction.

> The expansion project is pletion some time in 2008.

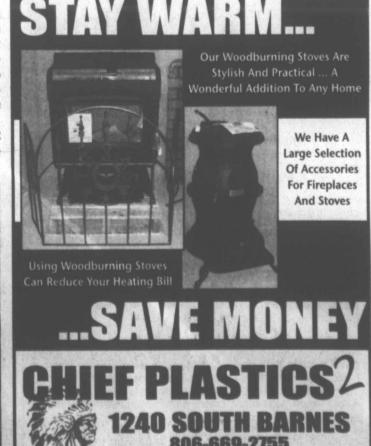
"Construction at the earli-

est could start this fall, maybe not 'till the early part of next year," Loyd said.

Once a project is approved by the local governing entity, in this case county commissioners, and by TxDOT, the state agency seeks engineers to design the project.

"We get to pick the engineering firm" from among a handful selected by TxDOT, Loyd said. A contractor is chosen next after bids are sought by TxDOT and a price is negotiated between TxDOT and the prospective builder. TxDOT chooses the contractor.





Viewpoints

Iraq: Success will require getting down and dirty

President Bush has decided to send an additional 20,000 troops to Iraq in a "surge" specifically designed to put an end to the killing and carnage in the Baghdad area.

Although I want to win the war in Iraq every bit as much as George W. Bush wants to win it, I have not been in favor of a surge in troop levels, and I'm still opposed to one unless the troops are to be used for just one thing - to win.

And winning this nasty back-alley conflict, against an enemy that hides among the people in crowded urban neighborhoods, means being just as hard-nosed and determined as the insurgents have proven to be.

Our failure to get down and dirty in this war is the

reason why we have reached the Cold War. this sorry state. We have been fighting with the hands of our troops tied behind their backs by both our own government and the government of Iraq. We are shackled by rules of engagement that the insurgents ignore. With them, anything goes.

That's because we have labored long and hard to satisfy the "elite media" and allow our "left-of-center" politicians a r m e d singled out by Newt Gingrich the other night as embracing a "level of routine cowardice" that he said works to embolden America's enemies.

He advised following the example of my father, President Reagan, who he recalled steered America out of the "malaise" of the late 1970s and toward victory in

My dad understood that there is no substitute for victory in war, as General Douglas MacArthur pointed

We can win this war if we to take the restrictions off and untie the hands of the military. If

Michael

Reagan

Columnist

we are not going to forces to go in and do what they

do best break things and kill people - then we might just as well give up and go home.

In war as in sports, the late Brooklyn Dodger's manager Leo Durocher's motto rules: "nice guys finish last."

President Bush bought

himself a little time by advocating a new war policy in Iraq. He has just six months to prove that it will work. If it hasn't provided results by then the Democrats will defund the war, America will withdraw, and all hell will break loose.

> One test President's resolve, and the ability of Iraqi Prime Minister Maliki and his govern-

ment to dig in their heels and do what must be done, will be how they attack the problem of Muqtada al-Sadr and his Mahdi army in their redoubt in the slums of Sadr

Muqtada al-Sadr, a Shiite

instrument of the Shiite regime in Iran, and his army represents an advance guard of the Iranian regime's armed forces, just as Hezbollah is their advance guard in Lebanon.

It has to be one of the combined U.S. and Iraqi armed forces' first goals to eliminate al-Sadr and his 10,000-man army of wellarmed thugs. We should have dealt with al-Sadr a long time ago before he became as powerful and as popular as he is today among Iraq's Shiite majority.

Up until now, Maliki has been unable to face up to the al-Sadr problem. If he continues to resist getting rid of him and his army, we might just as well fold our tents and depart. Muqtada al-Sadr

cleric, is nothing less than an must go - preferably following in the footsteps of Saddam Hussein. And soon. Very soon.

> As retired army Lt. Col. Ralph Peters wrote in the New York Post Thursday, "Ultimately, it's the Iraqis, not the additional American soldiers and Marines, who'll decide Iraq's future. And the acid test will be their government's handling of Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army."

Col. Peters warned that, "If we and the Iragis try to avoid Sadr City's challenges, you'll know the entire effort's a hollow sham."

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

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2007. There are 348 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 17, 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

On this date:

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 70.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate. In 1917, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for

the Virgin Islands.

'If there is one basic element in our Constitution, it is civilian control of the military.

> Truman (1884-1972)

In 1919, pianist and statesman Ignace Jan Paderewski became the first premier of the newly created republic of Poland.

In 1945, Swedish Raoul diplomat Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1961, in his farewell address, President Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the mili-

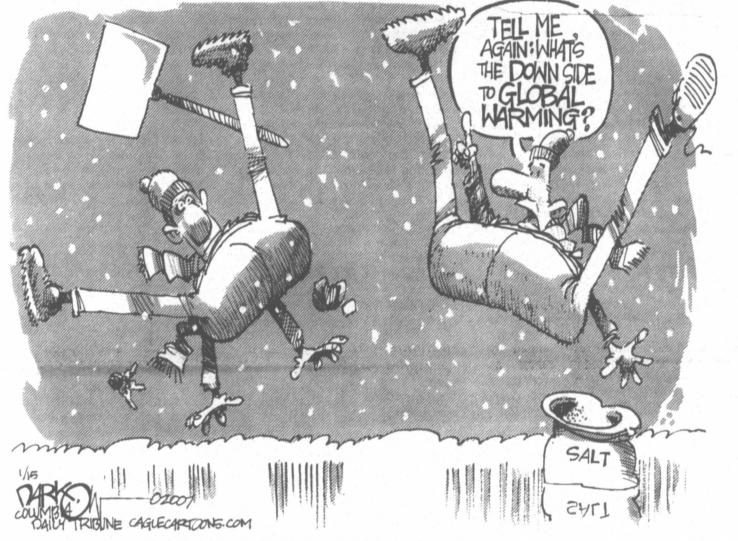
tary-industrial complex.' In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of

the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't found until April.) In 1977, convicted murderer Gary Gilmore, 36, was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. exe-

cution in a decade. In 1994, a 6.7-magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 60 people and causing \$20 bil-

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

Ten years ago: Speaker Newt Gingrich agreed to submit to a reprimand by the House and pay a \$300,000 penalty as punishment for his ethics violations. Israel handed over its military headquarters in Hebron to the Palestinians, ending 30 years of Israeli occupation of the West Bank city. A court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the Roman Catholic country's history.



Celebrities, weather don't annoy me much

I read a blog recently by some guy who listed the 100 most annoying people and things in 2006. Well, maybe I'll steal that idea, I thought, but then I realized that nothing in the past year annoyed

It's difficult for me to imagine someone who gets annoyed by the antics of people he doesn't know or by television shows, bands or movies. The answer is simple: Don't watch, don't listen and don't go. It seems you must have a pretty empty life if the antics of celebrities bother you.

Personally, I don't know any celebrities, don't watch or read anything about celebrities and, to tell the naked truth, don't care if they even exist or not. Celebrity is always an ephemeral phenomenon.

Weather doesn't annoy

me. Weather just is. It's wrong side of his celestial forced to climb to his roof. always something - hot or cold or in between, wet or dry, windy or still, sunny or cloudy. Personification of things that aren't people is a bad habit. Even weather

conditions that can be hazardous Charley are without malice. It's much more Columnist rational just to say what the weather

conditions are than to say they are good or bad. Those are human concepts and don't apply to nature.

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I've always found it more comforting to live in a rational universe governed by immutable natural laws. Blaming God for natural disasters is a bum rap. It would be sacrilegious to suppose that God might get up on the

bed one morning and decide to kill 300,000 people with a tsunami out of spite.

He has given us a planet that has everything we need for life. He has given us a brain with

which understand our planet. It's not his fault if people Southeast

Asia don't establish a tsunami warning system. It's not his fault if people decide to ride out a hurricane and drown.

a preacher in the path of a flood. Officials came by in a Jeep and offered to evacuate him. "Don't worry about me," the preacher said. "The Lord will take care of me." The waters rose, and he was

Rescuers in a boat and later a helicopter came, but he sent them away, saying, "The Lord will take care of me."

The waters rose and the preacher drowned. When he arrived in heaven, he complained to the Lord, "I thought you would take care of me.'

"Well," replied the Lord, "I sent you a Jeep, a boat and a helicopter. What more did you want?"

Using one's brain to adapt to natural phenomena is a much safer choice than having faith in supernatural intervention. As for being There is an old joke about annoyed, that is a purely subjective reaction to situations and people and is therefore under our control. You can choose not to be annoyed and you won't be.

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Texas Thoughts.

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

Texas: Jan. 7

San Antonio Express-News on Mexican President Calderon combatting drug lords:

Abandoning his tailored suit for an army jacket, Mexican President Felipe Calderón was not making a fashion statement the other day.

He was making a point about the violence plaguing his country a rash of killings so frequent and brutal that it amounts to war.

Think about it: Drug cartels were

responsible for about 2,000 murders in

Against that backdrop, Calderón has

called in troops, deploying more than 10,000 soldiers and federal officers to combat the drug lords, 7,000 in Michoacán and 3,000 in Tijuana, according to the Associated Press.

In Tijuana, a major route for drugs entering the United States, more than 300 people were slain last year, the wire service reported.

The drug organizations, entrenched in the criminal scene for decades, have become particularly grisly in recent months, decapitating victims and leaving their heads in front of government

buildings.

While Calderón seems determined, critics point out that Vicente Fox, his predecessor, employed the same strategy without success.

The difference is that Calderón seems to be taking a more proactive approach, responding to the problem as a whole rather than to a specific incident, and the plan seems to be working.

Troops have arrested more than 50 people, including suspected cartel leaders, in Michoacán, the AP reported.

The key will be to maintain the effort at full strength rather than allowing it to ebb and flow, as previous administrations have done.

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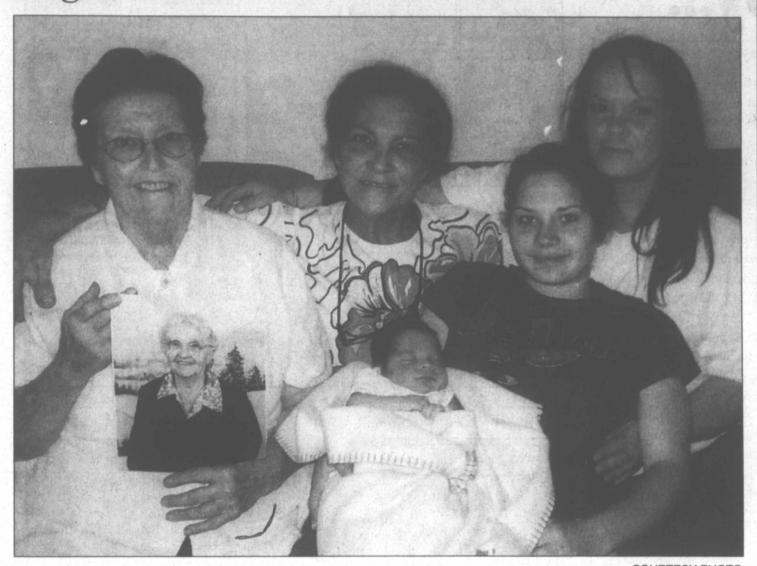
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Vesta Thomas of Pampa holds a photo of her mother, Alice Forster, 100, who is in a rest home in Gordon. Neb., as part of a six generation event. Caroline Smith of Pampa, back center; Misty Pritchard of Crosby, back right; and Betthany Caviness who is holding Aaliyah Caviness, both of Pampa, complete the group.

Odds and Ends ...

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A lawmaker wants the Wisconsin Legislature to back the city of Seymour's claim as birthplace of the hamburger, now that a Texas town is trying to cook up a claim of its own.

State Rep. Tom Nelson, a Kaukauna Democrat, said he is proposing a resolution declaring that the eastern Wisconsin city is where the hamburger got its start, after he learned that a similar resolution has been proposed in Texas on behalf of the community of Athens.

"Seymour is the hamburger capital, period," Nelson Conn.,

Seymour Mayor Harold Pingel agreed a resolution is needed and described the Texas claim in one word — "bologna."

On its Web site, Seymour says Charlie Nagreen created the first hamburger in 1885 at the Seymour Fair. Each August, Seymour's Burger Fest attracts thousands of people for such features as the Ketchup Slide, a parade and the Bun Run. The city also claims a record for the largest burger, which weighed 8,000 pounds.

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The Texas claim refers to Fletcher Davis as the originator of the hamburger and the man who sold it at the World's Fair in St. Louis in 1904.

But a panel of five judges found differently at the Hamburger National Festival in Akron, Ohio, last year. The so-called Burger Commission put the issue to an online vote, won by Seymour with nearly 40 per- answered the door, and the cent, with

Athens trailing far behind the communities in the running. Akron's claim has

been challenged by others as well. In Haven, Lassen Sr., the thirdgeneration owner of

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Lunch.

says his grandfather came up with the first hamburger there in 1900.

On the Net: Seymour: http://seymour-

Athens: http://hamburgerhome.com/tolbert.shtml

NEW YORK (AP) -Looks like he knocked on the wrong door.

A man was arrested Tuesday on charges of attempted burglary and car theft after he rattled the doorknob and pounded on the front door of the head of the police union, authorities

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> — Ann Rademacher Primate keeper

> > needed money for other reasons, but when the family's large dog came to the door he walked back to the car, Lynch said.

Feeling uneasy, Cathy Lynch telephoned her husband, who returned home and contacted their police precinct to see if there was any information on the man or his vehicle. It turned out the car had been reported stolen, so police arrested Genovese and a woman who was waiting inside it, Lynch said.

Genovese, of New York City's Queens borough, also was being held on suspicion of burglary because of a string of burglaries in the

There was no home telephone listing for Genovese.

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — An escaped chimpanzee at the Little Rock Zoo raided a kitchen cupboard and did a little cleaning with a toilet brush before sedatives knocked her out on top of a refrigerator.

The 120-pound primate, Judy, escaped Tuesday into a service area when a zookeeper opened a door to quarters. sleeping unaware the animal was still

As keepers tried to woo Judy back into her cage, she rummaged through a refrigerator where chimp snacks are stored. She opened kitchen cupboards, pulled out juice and soft drinks and took swigs from bottles she managed to open.

"Then she went in the bathroom and picked up a toilet brush and cleaned the toilet," primate keeper Ann Rademacher said. "Her technique was good enough to make me think she must have done it before."

The 37-year-old Judy was a house pet before arriving at the zoo in 1988. Rademacher said that might explain how Judy knew how to wring out a sponge and scrub down the fridge.

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Cervical Cancer

AMARILLO — January is designated as National Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and The Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center along with Cancer Centers around the country are hoping to increase awareness of Cervical Cancer by observing Cervical Cancer Awareness Day this Thursday.

Cervical Cancer begins in the lining of the cervix, but does not form suddenly. Cells first begin to change from normal to pre-cancerous cells and then to cancer cells. This process usually takes a number of years, but

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That is why it is

important for women to have regular Pap tests. Although the precise cause of cervical cancer is unknown, the following risk factors may increase the likelihood of developing cancer of the cervix:

Infection from the human papillomavirus (HPV) -The greatest risk factor for cervical cancer is having this sexually transmitted virus.

Age - The average age of women newly diagnosed with cervical cancer is between 50 and 55 years, though this cancer can appear in women as young as in their twenties.

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Reese

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I often hang up on telephone salespeople, but I'm not annoyed by them. They are just human beings in a low-wage job trying to earn a living. Unless we were lucky enough to enter the Earth through a wealthy woman's womb, we're all trying to earn a living. If we allow ourselves to become annoyed, then there is something wrong in our life.

Epictetus, the Greek philosopher, said the world is divided into two realms: The things we cannot control and the things we can control. In the realm of things we can control, there is only one thing - our mind. We cannot control what other people do or say, but we can control how we react

to what they do or say. That's how to avoid lists.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Pan," and I Scandinavia, where we spend most of the have been together nearly two years. We fell in love quickly and knew we wanted to marry one day. We are loving, respectful and kind to each other. Our only source of conflict involves his family. Pan and his family are Greek; I am American. From the beginning, Pan's father refused to speak to me or acknowledge me because I am not Greek. I am expected to hide from his father and uncles, whether it be in a bedroom, the car outside their house, or in the office at the family business. The rest of the family, his mother, sister and cousins, try to find fault with my character. They say I'm too quiet, too American, too young and not pretty enough. In the beginning, Pan assured me that "in time" his family would come around. Well, I'm running out of patience. Abby, Pan is 35. I'm 23 mature, kind, attractive and hardworking. I have a full-time job and at night I attend classes to earn my master's in clinical psychology. Three months ago, I bought a home and Pan moved in with me, but this issue with his family is tearing us apart. I no longer want to stay hidden and celebrate holidays alone. I want Pan to stick up for me when his family says bad things. I feel it's time for him to choose sides and stop remaining "neutral" to please a family that's acting ridiculous. Is this the end of the road for us? -- HURTING IN NEW YORK

DEAR HURTING: Frankly, I hope so. Men who are "loving, respectful and kind" do not tolerate their women being treated the way you have been. Face it, this "golden Greek" is 35 and never married. You will never be good enough in his family's eyes for reasons they have made only too clear. My advice is to evict him and run in the opposite direction. If he asks you why, tell him it just didn't "pan" out.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I retired several years ago and moved back to

year. We live on a fixed income. A number of people have contacted us either asking to visit or have a family friend visit us to show them around the country. Abby, the cost of gasoline reached the equivalent of \$7.50 a gallon last summer, plus the cost of road tolls and ferries makes it quite expensive. How do we let people know that we can't afford to just drive them around, plus offer them food and lodgings in our home? -- JUST CALL ME JOHN

DEAR JOHN: As much as people complain about the fluctuations in gas prices in the United States, I'm sure they have little concept of what the prices are like in Europe, which are higher. The most effective way to get the message across is to tell them plainly what the problem is. If your prospective guests are truly friends, they will understand. And if not, they're not friends.

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old brother was arrested for stealing a bottle of alcohol from a grocery store. I am heartbroken. He really isn't a bad kid. He has been raised in a lov.ng household where he has wanted for nothing. I don't understand. This isn't the first incident of trouble he's been involved in, but it's the most serious. His only defense for his actions was that he didn't think he'd "get caught." He knows I love him and that no one expects him to be perfect. We just want him to be smart and consider the consequences of his actions. How can I help him? I live 30 miles away. -- HEARTBROKEN IN CHICAGO

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Let your brother know you love him, but recognize that the surest way for him to learn responsible behavior is to suffer the consequences of his actions.

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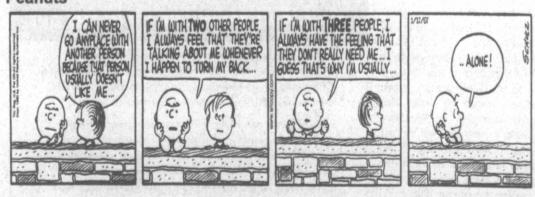
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Sports Day

Pampa turns over to Hereford

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Tyler Hall led the Pampa Harvesters Tuesday night's game in Hereford with 22 points.

Hall's points and Pampa's defense held them through the first half, but as things got hotter the second half, Hereford pulled ahead and took the game, 71-65.

Pampa committed 14 turnovers on Tuesday night, while Hereford only committed 9.

Other high scorers were Alex Clendening with 15 points, Matt Smith with 14, and Shavious Kelley and Trent Harris, both with 5.

Smith, Clendening and Hall each pulled down 10 rebounds.

Pampa held on through the first quarter, only behind by 1 point, 26-25, and actually pulled ahead by halftime, 45-44.

The third quarter seemed to close the door on the Harvesters, as they lost it 15-7, making the score 59-52.

Pampa outscored Hereford in the fourth quarter to narrow the gap, but it wasn't enough as they lost, 71-65.

The Harvesters will play again at 7:30 p.m. Friday against Randall at McNeely Field House in Pampa.



Blake Sieck attempts a 3-point shot against Hereford on Tuesday night.

All Alone



Leading scorer in Tuesday night's game, Tyler Hall jumps to take a shot.

Lady Harvesters come back from 5-point deficit

By JORDAN REAGAN

Sports Editor Britteni Rice scored 25 points Tuesday night's game in Hereford to lead the Lady Harvesters to a 50-42 victory

over Hereford. Rice sank 13 of her 15 free throws and pulled down 5 rebounds and McKensie East scored 15 points and brought down 7 rebounds.

The Lady Harvesters were on top of the game through p.m. on Friday against the first quarter, leading 15- Randall at McNeely Field 13, and went into halftime House in Pampa.

The third quarter served as an opportunity for Hereford, as Pampa fell behind 37-32, but with the help of Jasmaine Moore's big defensive plays and a myriad of successful throws, Pampa outscored Hereford 18-5, and won the game, 50-42.

The girls' record is now 10-12 and 2-2 in district. They will play again at 6



Kelsie Wyatt seemingly has the court to herself as she makes a clean layup against Hereford on Tuesday night. Wyatt and the rest of the Lady Harvesters took control of the game after almost losing it in the third quarter, and ended up winning, 50-42.

Ali turns 65 with his voice muted, but his mind still clear

The images are unsettling at best, upsetting at worst. The world, after all, remembers what he once was.

and has to be wheeled to a ringside spot to watch his daughter fight in New York. A frail Ali needs to be sup-Dwyane Wade at the Orange Bowl in Miami.

The voice that once bellowed that he was "The Greatest" is but a whisper now, and he communicates mostly with facial expressions.

His body is ravaged by Parkinson's disease and the effects of recent spinal surgery. He tires easily. His mind, though, remains sharp and clear, and his passion for people hasn't faded with age.

Ali turned 65 on Wednesday. The heavyweight champion who shocked the world is a senior citizen now, eligible to collect Social Security.

Visitors to the home in a gated area of Scottsdale, Ariz., that he shares with his fourth wife, Lonnie, often find him absorbed in the past, watching films of his fights and documentaries on his life — and Elvis movies.

Even more, he loves to watch himself talk.

"Muhammad is a little sentimental. He likes looking at older things. He likes watching some of the interviews and saying some of the crazy outrageous things he used to say," Lonnie Ali said. "Sometimes I think he me? Did I really say those

Those were the days when Ali still floated like a butterfly and stung like a bee, when he added to his legend Muhammad Ali trembles by defying the odds to beat George Foreman in Zaire and Joe Frazier in the Philippines.

"Rumble young man, ported by basketball player rumble," cornerman Bundini Brown would yell to him.

That young man's face is distorted Parkinson's, making him look far older than he is. Now, instead of the "Ali Shuffle" that once dazzled the boxing world, he is reduced to sometimes using a walker, the result of surgery to help correct spinal stenosis, the narrowing of the spinal canal which causes compression of the nerve

Some days are better than others. Ali reads fan mail every now and then and painstakingly signs autographs with his trembling hand. Sometimes, mostly in the morning before his medication kicks in, the family can understand every word he says.

"We give him enough meds to make his day go well enough, but not enough to make him look absolutely normal," Lonnie Ali said. "He would look better if we did, but we don't want to. We don't want him on too

many medications." His birthday will pass with calls from his nine children and other relatives. Ali's only request to mark the occasion is a trip to one looks at it and says, 'Is that of his favorite magic shops so he can pick up a new trick or two to show visitors.

Optimist Club tryouts delayed

Tryouts were delayed a day but registration was brisk as 28 boys signed up for Pampa Optimist Youth Club basketball Tuesday. Registration for boys in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades continues at the Optimist building today and Thursday from 5:30 to 7

"The prisoners from the Jordan Unit cleaned up our gym on Tuesday," Optimist Vice-President Kevin Davis explained. "The floor was too wet for tryouts. I turned on the heaters to help it dry up, but we were not able to get it dry enough to conduct tryouts. We will have try-Wednesday and

Thursday."

A playing donation of \$35 is requested. Scholarships are available. A draft of players will be held Thursday with every boy being assigned to a team. Games are scheduled to start Jan. 29 with the season expected to end on March 8.

"We are still looking for

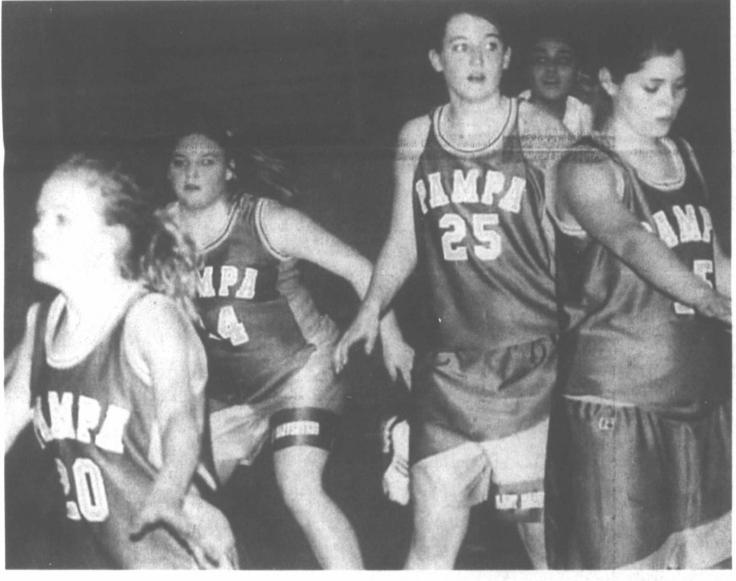
more coaches so we can have more teams," Davis said, "We would prefer to have eight or nine players on a team so that each boy will have more playing time."

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Freshman Girls



Cheyenne Collins takes a jump shot wihle Andi Hutto looks on during Monday night's game against Hereford. The freshman girls won the game, 45-21 to improve their record to 13-1. Collins pulled down 6 rebouds during the game.



Cheyenne Collins, Destry Hand, Andi Hutto and Haley Smith stay on their toes while defending against Hereford or Monday night. Hutto led the team in rebounds, pulling down 7.

George keys Mavericks to win over Rockets

DALLAS (AP) — When Tracy McGrady scored 21 points in the first quarter, Devean George started thinking about the 81-point game Kobe Bryant had last season.

Back then, Bryant was George's teammate, so he was able to enjoy the show.

This time, McGrady was on the other side George did something about

His defense helped the Dallas Mavericks "hold" McGrady to a season-high 45 points and his offense helped spark a 109-96 victory over the Houston Rockets on Tuesday night.

McGrady shot 9-for-11 in the first quarter, a performance George called "Kobelike." Then the Mavericks began mixing up his defenders and sending different guys at him on double teams.

"He's Tracy McGrady, he's going to get his points," George said. "But we made him work for it."

McGrady put the Rockets ahead 65-52 with a 3-pointer midway through the third quarter, but he couldn't keep it up. Dallas pestered him into missing three straight 3s while George made two straight to spark a 15-2 run that tied it.

Soon after, Dirk Nowitzki led a 20-4 spurt and the Mavericks were cruising to the victory — their fifth straight and 18th in 19 games. Houston had won four straight and nine of 10.

"Fortunately, we just had a little more energy in the second half," Dallas coach Avery Johnson said.

In other games Tuesday night, New Orleans beat Orlando 84-78 in overtime; and Seattle topped Cleveland 101-96.

McGrady set his season high and challenged the 47 points he scored in an overtime loss in Dallas two years ago. He went to the bench with 2:14 left and to the locker room after that because of a stiff back that he insisted was "nothing major."

"It's pretty frustrating to lose when you play well like that," McGrady said. "They're a great team, we knew that. That's why I attacked early. But it wasn't enough. We still have a ways to go before we catch up to this team."

The Mavericks countered McGrady's solo act with several big efforts - 30 points, 10 rebounds and six assists from Nowitzki, and 28 points from Josh Howard.

Nowitzki, who was named the conference player of the week earlier in the day, cracked 30 points for the sixth time in nine games.

McGrady scored Houston's first 12 points and 16 of 18. Problem was, his surge prevented any of his teammates from getting into a groove. No other Rockets player had more than a single basket until there was 1:51 left until halftime.

Oklahoma State and Texas provide a 55-minute thriller

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP) — Texas phenom Kevin Durant walked through a set of doors, turned the corner and found Oklahoma State's Mario Boggan surrounded by a nug and went on his way.

After dueling for 40 minutes and then three overtimes after that, there was nothing left for the Big 12's top two scorers to say.

Boggan set career highs with 37 points and 20 rebounds and hit the winning 3-pointer with 3.2 seconds left in the third overtime to lift No. 12 Oklahoma State to a 105-103 win over No. 21 Texas on Tuesday night.

"That's what it's about. It's about having fun, playing ball until it's over with," said Boggan, who played all but 93 seconds of the 55 minutes.

After Durant put Texas ahead with a three-point play with 10.5 seconds left, Boggan took an inbounds pass near midcourt and fought through defenders to launch the winning 3 from the left wing.

The senior forward, who is 6-for-37 from 3-point range this season, fell to the floor and was joined by celebrating teammates after Texas' A.J. Abrams was huddle of reporters. He called for traveling with 0.2 stopped, gave Boggan a brief seconds left to clinch the win for the Cowboys

In a rare occurrence at Gallagher-Iba Arena, fans stormed the court in celebration of Oklahoma State's second multiple-overtime win against a ranked opponent this season. The Cowboys beat then-No. 7 Pittsburgh 95-89 in double overtime on Dec. 21 in Oklahoma City.

"As long as we keep going out there and showing toughness, anything can go," said Boggan, whose 21.1 scoring average trails only Durant (23.7) in the conference.

Durant, a 6-foot-9 freshman who averaged 33 points and 14 rebounds in his first three Big 12 games, hardly disappointed. He tied his career best with 37 points, had 12 rebounds and rallied the Longhorns in regulation and all of the overtimes.

Federer, Roddick, Williams cruise into third

(AP) — The early jitters are over.

Roger Federer, Andy Roddick, Amelie Mauresmo and Serena Williams all posted straight-set victories Wednesday to advance to the third round of the Australian Open, serving notice they're rounding into form after some opening-match nerves and glitches.

But Marcos Baghdatis, last year's losing finalist to Federer and a crowd darling, was ousted by Gael Monfils of France, who shrugged off a sore foot to advance 7-6 (5), 6-2, 2-6, 6-0.

Roddick and Williams set up showdowns with tough opponents. Sixth-seeded Roddick beat Frenchman Marc Gicquel, 6-3, 7-6 (4), 6-4 and next faces 2005 Australian Open champion Marat Safin, who is seeded 26th after a knee injury kept him from defending his title last year.

think I expected to play Marat," Roddick said. "I think we're both maybe better than a third-round matchup against each other. But that's the way it shakes

Safin was shaky in going the distance for the second consecutive match, benefiting from a rain break to rally from a set down to oust Dudi Sela of Israel 6-3, 5-7, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-0 in a match with 20 service breaks.

Play was halted with Safin serving at 5-6, 30-30 in the fourth set. After the roof was closed, Safin came out sharp, serving an ace on the first point and running through the tiebreaker against Sela, who lived down to his No. 202 ranking the rest of the

"If the rain doesn't come, I was lost," Safin said.

Baghdatis, seeded 11th, couldn't hope for such intervention, as the roof stayed the 20-year-old Monfils, who was plagued last year by a stress fracture in his left

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Serena Williams

foot and sprains to his right. Monfils took the first two mixing whiplike groundstrokes with deft, well-disguised drops shots, and windmilling his arms after key points to get the crowd wound up.

Then the left foot started bothering him again, and he sought treatment after drop-

"When I saw the draw, I closed for his match against ping the third set. Baghdatis' supporters from Melbourne's large Greek community were roaring and it looked like he might rally.

But Monfils ran off the

last six games, grabbing his face in near disbelief when Baghdatis hit a forehand long on match point. Defending woman's champion Mauresmo, seed-

ed second, beat Olga Poutchkova 6-2, 6-2 and next faces unseeded Eva Birnerova. Williams, a two-time

champion here but unseeded after dealing with a knee injury, will play No. 5 Nadia Petrova.

"It's définitely a step up," Williams said. "I feel excited to go into the match. I feel ready." On a much cooler day

after searing heat postponed several matches Tuesday, top-ranked Federer generated his own heat, ripping six forehand winners in the first

three games while dominating Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.

"I think I was pretty much in control of the match today," said Federer, seeking his 10th Grand Slam title and third in a row.

Federer served for the match just as the sun broke through the clouds briefly. On the final point, he jumped high for an overhead. Bjorkman got it back, only to have Federer whack another overhead, this time out of reach.

Federer next meets U.S. Open semifinalist Mikhail Youzhny after the 25th-seeded Russian beat Lu Yen-hsen of Taiwan 7-5, 6-4, 6-4. Next could be No. 14-seeded Novak Djokovic, who beat Feliciano Lopez in straight

Roddick and Gicquel engaged in long rallies. The Frenchman won one 34-shot exchange, but it wasn't enough.

After fending off three break points in the first set, Roddick never faced another. He steadily cranked up his serve, smacking an ace to finish off the second-set tiebreaker. He finished with 18.

"Today, it felt like there was some good stuff. Feel like I'm pretty close to playing clean tennis," Roddick said.

"I was making a tremendous amount of errors. I just couldn't get the balls in for some reason," Williams said. "And the second set I was making more shots and I was playing just more what I had planned, more of the game that I had practiced."

Thailand's Danai Udomchoke upset No. 24 Juan Carlos Ferrero to oust the former world No. 1. A former Australian Open champion also tumbled, with 2002 winner Thomas Johansson losing to No. 16 David Ferrer.

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**** Take an overview or make

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ture, find someone you consider wise to

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IPM programs slow housefly resistance to pesticides

Extension News

STEPHENVILLE Thanks to years of unrestricted spraying, the ordinary housefly is becoming more resistant to commonly used pesticides every year, said a Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist.

"Resistance is widespread, and it's not confined to agricultural operations," said Dr. Jeff Tomberlin, Extension entomologist.

That's the bad news. The good news is that integrated pest management techniques greatly slow the development of resistance to pesticides, said Tomberlin, who is based at the Texas A&M University System Agricultural Research and Extension Center Stephenville.

In a recent study, Tomberlin and Dr. Greta Schuster, Extension entomologist, looked at housefly resistance to commonly used chemical controls at restaurants and confined livestock feeding operations. With the livestock operations, they compared resistance between those using integrated pest management - IPM for short methods, and those that did

At the livestock operations, housefly resistance to commonly used chemical controls was much lower where IPM methods had been in use, Tomberlin said.

IPM methods, whether at livestock operations or restaurants or public or private facilities, all include:

 Using localized instead of area-wide treatments. Using pesticides only

when insect pests are a problem, not as a prophylactic treatment:

Rotate methods used, such as sprays, pour-ons,



Texas Cooperative Extension photo by ROBERT BURNS

Dr. Jeff Tomberlin, Texas Cooperative Extension entomologist, recently completed a study showing housefly resistance to common pesticides increases more rapidly where integrated pest management methods are not used.

baits, etc.

 Whenever possible, preserve beneficial insects. In the case of the housefly, this would mean using chemical controls in a manner so as to not kill natural predators such as parasitoid wasps.

"When you use insecticides broad-spectrum, you kill most insects, including beneficial ones, Tomberlin said.

Keeping things clean. For restaurants, this means better management of garbage; for livestock operations improved manure upon farmland, livestock management.

they breed in manure and regurgitate food, they spread many human and animal diseases. In restaurants and homes, the primarily complaint is their insanitary nature. For livestock opera-

most common insect pests

on the planet, are more than

just a nuisance. Because

tions, this is also cause for complaint, but in large numbers, houseflies can irritate to the point of reducing weight gain and milk production of the animals. And, as urban areas encroach

operations are under more

Tomberlin said.

Most chemical controls used today are pyrethroids, a class of chemicals that are low in toxicity to humans and other mammals and therefore safer to use around livestock, he said.

Tomberlin Schuster's study, housefly resistance was measured by trapping samples of houseflies at both types of facilities. Three generations of flies were reared from those trapped, and the scientists then measured the percentage killed by differing rates of common pyrethroids after four hours and 48 hours for for resistance," he said.

each generation.

Flies from both restaurants showed a high rate of resistance to all pesticides tested, with the highest level of resistance exhibited to the older pesticides, Tomberlin said. With some commonly used pesticides, the fly mortality rate was for all practical purposes zero.

Tomberlin noted that later generations of test flies showed less resistance over-

"This was to be expected as there's less pressure (from pesticides) on suc- resistance to the new prodceeding generations to select

Tomberlin and Schuster conducted similar tests at four large north central Texas feedlots, with herd sizes ranging from 30,000 to 100,000 head. In these tests, two of the feedlots practiced some IPM methods and two did not.

Again, trapped flies were bred in three generations, but with the feedlot flies, Tomberlin and Schuster tested pesticide effectiveness on the flies at one, three, 10 and 100 times the recommended label rate.

Pesticides approved for use on feedlots differ from those used at restaurants, but again all were of the pyretheroid class, Tomberlin

As with the restaurant flies, the flies from the feedlots that did not practice IPM methods showed a very high rate of resistance to common pesticides. Several pesticides showed less than 20 percent control at labeled rates. For two of the pesticides, the 90 percent or better control wasn't reached until 100 times the labeled rate was used.

All four pesticides performed significantly better at the feedlots using IPM methods. At one of the feedlots where IPM methods were used, three of the four pesticides tested gave better than 75 percent control at labeled rates.

Though there are newer pesticides in development, such as Spinosad, which was just recently released, Tomberlin noted that unless agricultural producers, restaurant owners, school facility managers and householders practice IPM, it will only be a matter of time until houseflies develop

Houseflies, one of the scrutiny of their fly control, Accused kidnapper in Missouri case often interacted with police at pizza place

pects — and that may have kept notice. police at bay for years.

accused of abducting two Missouri him into the legal system and boys was not one of the usual sus- would have put authorities on

Devlin was apparently so confi-Michael Devlin, a 41-year-old dent that he could escape detection ing space. pizza parlor worker, had no crimi- in suburban Kirkwood that he chat-

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The man nal record and no history that thrust ted and joked with police who fre-fooled," John Walsh, host of went to Devlin's two-bedroom quented the pizzeria he managed. Devlin even phoned officers last year, authorities say, to complain that a neighbor had taken his park-

"America's Most Wanted," said in an interview. "I'd say this is a pretty smart guy."

after police searching for a 13-"He had the whole little town year-old boy kidnapped on Jan. 8

apartment in Kirkwood. In a stunning development, police found not only the 13-year-old, but 15-Devlin was arrested last week year-old Shawn Hornbeck, who vanished 4 1/2 years ago while riding a bike near his home.

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Sexual behavior – Intercourse at an early age, having many sexual partners, and/or having unprotected sex at any age can increase the risk.

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Citrus prices soar for California fruit after cold weather

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — From Valentine's Day bouquets to Superbowl spreads, shoppers soon will be feeling the sting of higher prices from a wave of icy weather that has hit California farms.

This is not just about the crop this vear. It could also have a devastating effect next year.'

> - Arnold Schwarzenegger California governor

As much as three-quarters of the state's citrus crop withered in the field during the cold snap, but nearly every winter crop, from avocados to freshcut flowers, has suffered severely. The shortages' impact

wasn't lost on Joseph Vasquez, who realized what it could mean for his party plans with NFL playoffs in full swing.

32-year-old Pasadena all crops.

school teacher said. "We may have to do without guacamole for a while. And we may be drinking our Coronas without limes."

Price hikes still won't be enough to offset the damage, as growers

cope with nearly \$1 billion in losses following four consecutive nights of subfreezing tempera-

On Tuesday, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger asked the federal government for disaster aid from the U.S. Department Agriculture and Small Business Administration for growers and other affected businesses.

"This is not just about the crop this year. It could also have a devastating effect next year,' Schwarzenegger said after touring a devastated orange grove in Fresno. "My administration will make sure that we do everything we can to help the farmers and workers get through this."

The state's citrus indus-"Avocados are expen- try stands to take the sive enough as it is," the biggest economic hit of