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Pampa soldier says new general in Iraq will do well

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

On Jan. 4, President George W. Bush announced that Lt. Gen. David Petraeus will relieve current commander Gen. George Casey as commander of the multinational forces in Iraq. He will be promoted to General and will oversee all the forces in Iraq and carry out the new Iraqi strategy plan.

A Pampa soldier, Dave Bridges, served under the leadership of Petraeus in Iraq in 2002 and is proud of the connection to the man who will carry out the President's new war plan.

Bridges recalled how Petraeus tried to visit every base and as many soldiers that he possibly could in 2002 and 2003 when Petraeus commanded the 101st Airborne Division during the invasion of Iraq. He said that Petraeus made sure they were being taken care of and getting

what they needed.

"He was a hard man, but a very fair man," Bridges said. "He cared about the soldiers and was a good commander. He would deal directly with the enlisted guys, which not many of the high ranking officers do very much. He would tell us what needed to be done and then get out of our way and let us do our job."

"When no one would tell us how long we were going to be stationed in Iraq, Petraeus was up front and honest," Bridges said. "He told us we were going to be there awhile, but that he was sorry we would be away from our home and families that long. We appreciated that from him."

As reported by The Associated Press, Petraeus urged congress and the public to be patient with the new strategic plan by Bush to send an additional 21,500 troops to Iraq to join the 132,000 already there.

"The situation in Iraq is dire and none of this will be rapid," Petraeus told the senate armed services committee recently. "The way ahead will be neither quick nor easy."

Petraeus said the important factor is how the extra troops are used and not the numbers of extra people being sent to Iraq. He also thinks the main focus should be on securing the civilian population of the capital rather than killing the insurgents. Because of this philosophy, Bridges believes that Petraeus will do a great job implementing the new war plan.

Bridges has collectively served in the military for six years. Four of those years were active duty and two have been in the reserves. In May 2000, he joined the army at the age of 21.

He was in the 101st Infantry and trained at bases in Georgia

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Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**
David Bridges recalls serving under Lt. Gen. David Petraeus in the 101st Infantry in Iraq.

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McLean district listed in register of historic places



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The Avalon Theater, above, and the Mantooth Chevron Station, below, are two of the 43 properties in the Commercial Historic District of McLean that have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places.



MCLEAN — The McLean Commercial Historic District in McLean was listed recently in the National Register of Historic Places. The Texas Historical Commission assisted in the nomination in recognition of its importance to the history of Gray County. The district features 43 contributing properties recognized for their architectural and historical significance.

The McLean Commercial Historic District is located along historic Route 66 in the Texas Panhandle. McLean was formed along the tracks of the Rock Island Railroad during the early 20th century, and later prospered as a commercial center along Route 66, which connected Chicago with Los Angeles. The buildings within the historic district reflect development from 1914 through the 1950s.

Among those locations listed are the Hindman Hotel at the corner of Main and Railroad Streets. It is a two-story brick hotel built in 1914 by Fred O'Dell and originally known as the O'Dell Hotel. It was purchased in 1916 by the Hindman family. It's now used for storage.

The Avalon Theater, built in 1936, was in use up through the 1980s. It's now vacant.

The Mantooth Chevron Station was built in 1945 for Odell Mantooth. It replaced an earlier service station. Mantooth ran the station from 1945 to 1981.

McLean Mayor Bob Martin said that any of the refurbished buildings in downtown McLean were not considered by the Texas Historical Commission for nomination.

The district was listed in the National Register as an important commercial area that served a regional population as well as interstate travelers, offering a wide variety of grocery stores, hardware stores, gas stations and automobile repair shops. Of all the small towns along U.S. Route 66 in Texas, the McLean Commercial Historic District contains the largest and most intact concentration of build-

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Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 14 and 19. South southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest.

Wednesday: A slight chance of snow, mixing with rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 35. Southwest wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest 5 to 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of snow, mainly after midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 19. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 38. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of snow. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 20. Windy, with a south southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

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Barbaro put down

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) — Kentucky Derby winner Barbaro was euthanized today after complications from his breakdown at the Preakness last May.

"We just reached a point where it was going to be difficult for him to go on without pain," co-owner Roy Jackson said. "It was the right decision, it was the right thing to do. We said all along if there was a situation where it would become more difficult for him then it would be time."

Roy and Gretchen Jackson were with Barbaro this morning, with the owners making the decision in consultation with chief surgeon Dean Richardson.

It was a series of complications, including laminitis in the left rear hoof and a

recent abscess in the right rear hoof, that proved to be too much for the gallant colt, whose breakdown brought an outpouring of support across the country.

"I would say thank you for everything, and all your thoughts and prayers over the last eight months or so," Jackson said to Barbaro's fans.

On May 20, Barbaro was rushed to the New Bolton Center, about 30 miles southwest of Philadelphia in Kennett Square, hours after shattering his right hind leg just a few strides into the Preakness Stakes. The bay colt underwent a five-hour operation that fused two joints, recovering from an injury most horses never survive.

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World's oldest dies

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Emma Faust Tillman, who became the world's oldest known living person last week, died at a nursing home. She was 114.

Tillman, the daughter of former slaves, had several family members with her when she died Sunday night, said Karen Chadderton, administrator of Riverside Health and Rehabilitation Center in East Hartford.

"She went peacefully," Chadderton said Monday. "She was a wonderful woman."

Obituaries

Dale G. Lewis, 90

CHOCTAW, Okla. — Dale G. Lewis, 90, died Friday, Jan. 26, 2007, in Choctaw.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 30, 2007, at Sooner East Church of Christ in Midwest City, Oklahoma, with Jerry McCorkle, minister, officiating. Arrangements are by Ford Funeral Service of Midwest City.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Lewis was born Oct.

1, 1916, in Hollis, Oklahoma, to Henry and Sina Robinson Lewis. He graduated from Southwestern College in Weatherford, Oklahoma, in 1928 with a bachelor's degree in biology in secondary education. He married Mildred Orene Trammel in 1938 near Hollis, and they were married until her death in 1974. In 1975, he married Frieda Roan Ross in Pampa where they lived until her death in



Lewis

1998. Mr. Lewis worked for Phillips Petroleum from 1944 until 1981, when he retired as field superintendent. He had served as an elder at the Wells Street Church of Christ in Pampa for many years before moving to Oklahoma, where he had been an active member of the Sooner East Church of Christ. Dale preceded in death by his

wife, Mildred, of 36 years; his wife, Frieda, of 23 years; his parents, Henry and Sina Lewis, and by a brother, Nevel Lewis.

Survivors include a son, Dr. Larry J. Lewis and wife Barbara of Choctaw; two grandsons, Gary Joe Lewis of Lubbock, Texas, and Dr. Terry Neal Lewis and wife, Cindy, of Midwest City, Okla.; and by six great-grandchildren, Devree, Megan and Jared, all of Lubbock, and Kayla, Alyssa, and Brock, all of Midwest City.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Services tomorrow

LEWIS, Dale G. — 10 a.m. Sooner East Church of Christ in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Jan. 26

Four traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1100 block of North Starkweather, the intersection of Harvester and Evergreen streets, and the 200 block of West Craven.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 100 block of North Naida, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 1800 block of North Wells, Highway 60 East, the intersection of Starkweather and Browning streets, the 900 block of North Somerville, the 1000 block of South Gray, and an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 500 block of North Naida.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of North Wells and the 700 block of South Barnes.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 300 block of Jean.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells and the 800 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct, criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500, and escape from a correctional facility were reported at Genesis House, 420 N. Ward. Holes were punched in walls.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of East Brown.

A disturbance was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes. The incident was verbal only.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. The incident was verbal only.

Possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance was reported in the 700 block of West Crawford.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported at Granny's Home Cookin', 328 E. Frederic. Food valued at \$8.34 was not paid for.

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 Charles.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2300 block of Duncan. Jewelry valued at \$10,000 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. The incident involved a 1995 Ford Taurus.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Denver.

Saturday, Jan. 27

Eleven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

One traffic stop involved city warrants for minor in possession of alcohol and failure to identify as a fugitive at the intersection of Thut and Russell streets.

One traffic stop in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive involved evading arrest/detention, failure to identify, and resisting arrest, search or transport.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Brown and Gray streets, the 1500 block of Duncan, the intersection of Ballard

and Francis streets, and the 1300 block of North Russell.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1500 block of Williston and on four occasions from unreported locations.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of West Wilks.

Welfare checks were made in the 1300 block of West Kentucky and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the police department lobby, and the 300 block of North Faulkner.

A suspicious person call was received from the 600 block of North Frost.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of Bradley Drive.

A prowler was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Farley.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of Hamilton.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the police department lobby and the 800 block of North Wells.

Problems with a child and information were reported in the 1400 block of Hamilton.

One burglar alarm was reported.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$60.77 was taken.

Credit card abuse was reported in the 100 block of North Faulkner.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Sunday, Jan. 28

Three traffic stops were made.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 500 block of North Wells, twice from the 1600 block of East Harvester, the 1000 block of North Dwight, the 1600 block of East Highway 60, the 600 block of East Foster, the 1600 block of North Faulkner, on three occasions from the 1400 block of North Hobart, and the 900 block of Twiford.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Price Road and Highway 60 and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Found property and information was reported at the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. A Mexican flag with racial slurs was found.

Runaways were reported in the 2700 block of Navajo and the 1200 block of East Francis.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of Tignor.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 200 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Murphy and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight. A door on a storage building was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$75.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Cinderella. Eggs were thrown at a vehicle.

Assault of a family member, public intoxication, and violation of a protective order were reported in the 700 block of Deane Drive. A window on a habitation was broken in connection with the incident. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. Injuries to the face were reported in connection with the incident.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic. A camera and prescription medications were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$500.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Starkweather. Stereo equipment was taken. No estimated value of loss was reported.

Monday, Jan. 29

A suspicious person call was received from the 300 block of East Louisiana.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, Jan. 28

Christopher Dale Reames, 19, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for theft by check.

Justin Billy Adams, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Deane Drive by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury/family violence, violation of a protective order, and public intoxication.

William Cecil McPherson, 32, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Kimberly Elaine Mojica, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by PPD on a capias pro fine for non-payment of court costs and fines.

Francis Ealena Steen, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a Hutchinson County warrant for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Jan. 27

2:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Meredith House.

5:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 East and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Garland. No transport.

11:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Nursing Center and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Jan. 28

12:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to PNC.

5:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

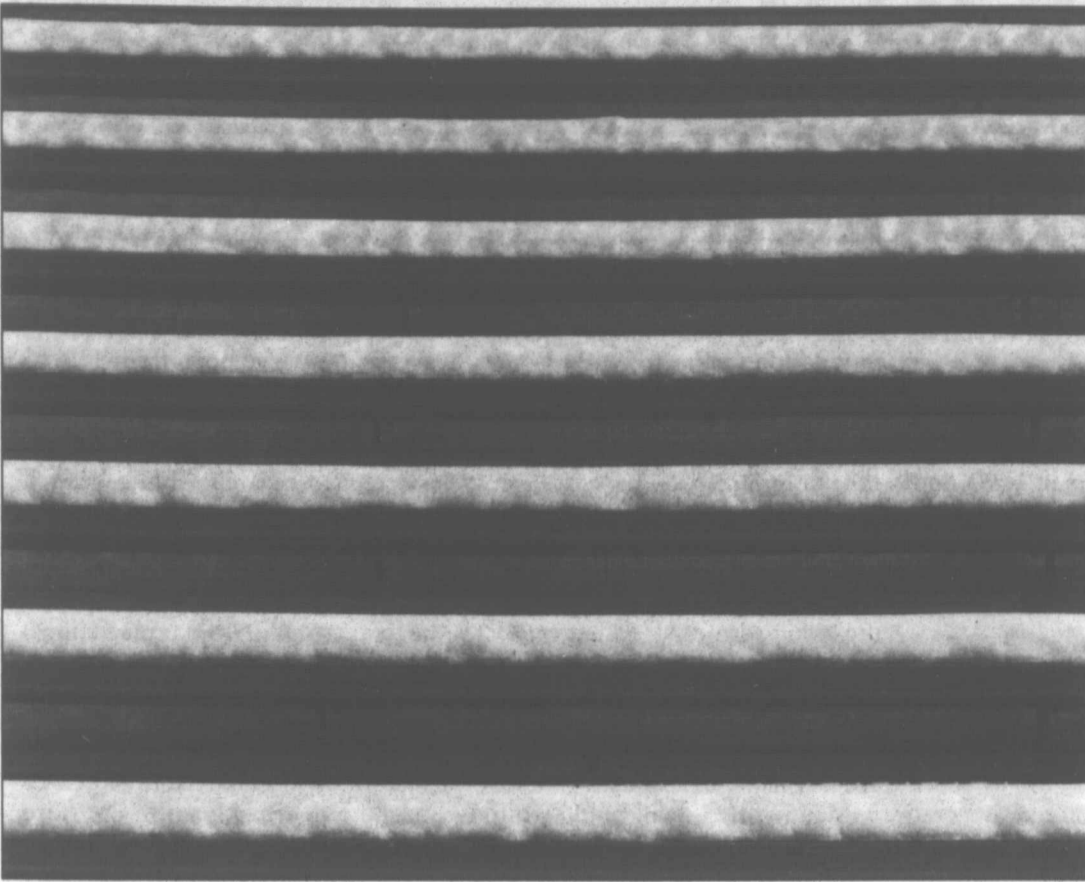
7:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Kiowa and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Gillespie and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported no calls for the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Bleacher feature



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Snow on the bleachers of Harvester Stadium creates a gridwork of natural lines that appear at once simplistic but curious nonetheless.

Dutch citizen faces terror charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Iraqi-born Dutch citizen pleaded not guilty Monday in what the Justice Department called the first U.S. terror charges against insurgents targeting Americans in Iraq.

Wesam al-Delaema, 33, has been wanted by the United States since 2003, when he and his fellow "Mujahideen from Fallujah" videotaped themselves planting explosives along an Iraq road used by U.S. troops. The explosives did not result in any deaths.

He was extradited from the Netherlands over the weekend after being held there for nearly two years, and will become the first suspect tried in a U.S. court for alleged terrorism in Iraq's bloody insurgency.

"After a lengthy extradition process, this defendant will now face justice for his efforts in orchestrating and launching roadside bomb

attacks against our men and women serving in Iraq," Assistant Attorney General Kenneth Wainstein said Monday.

Al-Delaema has claimed he is innocent, and his lawyers have argued the U.S. does not have the right to try him. He nodded his head and spoke in broken English with his attorneys during a 10-minute hearing in front of U.S. District Judge Paul Friedman in Washington. Prosecutor Gregg Maisel said the government would be seeking hair samples and other DNA from al-Delaema, but did not say why.

As part of the extradition agreement with the Netherlands, Justice Department spokesman Dean Boyd said that al-Delaema will be tried in a federal court — not by a military commission such as those set up for terror suspects being held at

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. The U.S. will also not oppose al-Delaema serving his sentence in a Dutch prison if he is convicted, Boyd said.

Al-Delaema's attorney, Victor Koppe, had argued that he feared al-Delaema could be tortured by U.S. authorities and said the U.S. legal system couldn't be trusted.

Al-Delaema traveled to Iraq after the U.S.-led invasion. Evidence against him includes a videotape he filmed of a group called "Warriors of Fallujah" preparing a roadside bomb.

Have IRA Questions? Let's Talk.



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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

Anti-Vietnam war priest Drinan dies at 86

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Rev. Robert Drinan, a Jesuit priest elected to Congress on an anti-war platform during the height of the Vietnam War, has died. A staunch human rights advocate, he also worked for desegregation, impeachment of a president and abolishment of the draft.

"He was a profile in courage in every sense of the word, and the nation has lost one of the finest persons ever to serve in Congress," said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Drinan, 86, had suffered from pneumonia and congestive heart failure, according to a statement by Georgetown University, which said he died Sunday at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

Drinan represented Massachusetts in the U.S. House for 10 years during the turbulent 1970s. He stepped down only after a worldwide directive from Pope John Paul II barring priests from holding public office.

During his congressional tenure, Drinan continued to dress in the robes of his clerical order and lived in a simple room in the Jesuit community at Georgetown.

But he wore his liberal views more prominently. He opposed the draft, worked to abolish mandatory retirement and raised eyebrows with his

more moderate views on abortion and birth control.

"Father Drinan's commitment to human rights and justice will have a lasting legacy here at Georgetown University and across the globe," said Georgetown President John J. Degioia.

"All of us who knew him and served with him admired him for his deep faith, his profound commitment to public service, and the bold actions he constantly urged us to take to live up to our principles, especially in ending the Vietnam War," Kennedy said.

Drinan, dean of the Boston College Law School from 1956 to 1970, called for the desegregation of Boston public schools during the 1960s and challenged Boston College students to become involved in civil rights issues.

Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who attended the law school under Drinan and later served with him in Congress, said Drinan became "the conscience of the House of Representatives with every vote he cast."

"It was an honor to serve with him and to seek his guidance and advice on issues such as halting the spread of nuclear weapons, mitigating the plight of Soviet Jews and protecting the rights of political prisoners," Markey said in a statement. "He was a man of faith who never stopped searching for truth, and

he was a committed educator who stayed true to his faith."

Drinan was elected in 1970, after he beat longtime Democratic Rep. Philip J. Philbin in a primary — and again in the November election, when Philbin was a write-in candidate.

Although a poll at the time showed that 30 percent of the voters in his district thought it was improper for a priest to run for office, Drinan considered politics a natural extension of his work in public affairs and human rights.

His run for office came a year after he returned from a trip to Vietnam, where he said he discovered that the number of political prisoners being held in South Vietnam was rapidly increasing, contrary to State Department reports. In a book the next year, he urged the Catholic Church to condemn the war as "morally objectionable."

He became the first member of Congress to call for the impeachment of Richard Nixon — although the call wasn't related to the Watergate scandal, but rather what Drinan viewed as the administration's undeclared war against Cambodia.

"Can we be silent about this flagrant violation of the Constitution?" Drinan demanded angrily back then.

Bridges

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and Kentucky. He wanted to be airborne, but on his first parachute jump he had a hard landing and suffered a stress fracture in his ankle. He then went on to serve in Delta Company and took care of heavy weapons, such as a 40 mm grenade gun, a 50 caliber machine gun and the TOW (tube launched, optical tracked, wire guided) missiles.

He entered Iraq on March 6, 2003, and served there for 11 months. They moved around to different towns and were responsible for running out the Baath party, which was Saddam's regime. He remembers that on April 5 of that year he and his fellow soldiers fought for 20 hours straight. He'll never forget that date because it was his 25th birthday.

"It was hard to fight the people over there because we tried not to hate them," Bridges said. "We knew they were just doing what they were told and living the only life they had ever known. It is hard for people to change when their leaders base the government on their religion, the Koran and Allah."

Bridges said the hardest part of

being over there was telling the difference between civilians who just wanted to come up and thank them for what they were doing for their country and those rebels who wanted to kill them.

The worst period was when his unit had to go three months without taking a shower.

"You don't know stink until you've gone that long without a shower," Bridges said. "We were so thankful for the baby wipes that people sent over to us because we could at least wipe off and feel a little better. The cotton swabs also came in handy because we could use them to clean our weapons as well as ourselves."

That experience is one reason Bridges now serves in a shower and laundry unit of the reserves. They can take big trucks and machinery in to the soldiers and wash 200 pound loads of laundry at a time. They can also set up shower tents so the men and women can take showers and wash their hair.

"The day I got to take a shower after three months was the happiest day of my life at that time," he said. "That really boosted morale of the unit."

Bridges misses the discipline and structure of the military since he is not on active duty now. He said he would go back to Iraq if he was called and his country needed him, but he now knows that it would not be a pleasant experience.

"I'm proud of the job I did, but it was difficult for me to deal with all of the stuff that happened over there once I got back to the United States," Bridges said. "I tried going to counseling, but that didn't work because the guy sitting in the chair across from me had no idea what I'd been through. The best way to cope with feelings is by talking to other guys that were over there. They understand just how difficult it was over there."

When asked what he thinks about the additional troops being sent to Iraq, he replied, "It doesn't matter what I believe or think. Soldiers just do their job and do what they are told because that is what we signed up to do. I do not like to talk about my political views and Americans just need to support the soldiers even if they don't support the President. Just make sure those fighting in Iraq and putting their lives on the line know they have the support of everyone back home."

"If people want to blame anyone for putting us at war with Iraq, they need to blame the terrorists that flew those planes into the twin towers and killed all of those innocent people that day," Bridges said.

Bridges currently works with his stepdad Vic Larramore at his locksmith shop. He enjoys being able to interact with people and not having to sit behind a desk all day.

McLean

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ings associated with the highway. The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources deemed worthy of preservation. Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a federal program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate and protect the country's historic and archeological resources.

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Viewpoints

Priddy good sandwich available in Priddy, Texas

Being a Baptist preacher and former Texas Ranger, Thomas Jefferson Priddy brooked little foolishness.

In 1858, serving under Lt. John Williams, he and 13 other Rangers and volunteers trailed a party of Comanches who had massacred four members of the Mose Jackson family and stolen two of their surviving children all the way from Mills County to near what is now Sweetwater. Priddy and the others recovered the missing youngsters.

Years later, he must have felt honored to have a town named after him, but chances are he would not have approved of anyone having verbal sport with his last name, as in "Lookit that priddy lady."

Even so, the word "Priddy" begs to be played with worse than a spotted pup, as in "Aside from learning some interesting history, you can get a priddy good sandwich in Priddy." But that's jumping

priddy far ahead of the story.

As a minister, the Rev. Priddy tried to keep his flock mindful of where the Good Book said sinners ended up. As a hard-riding Ranger, he had no qualms about shooting the hell out of those proving themselves beyond redemption.

Born on July 29, 1833, in Mississippi, Priddy and his family eventually settled in Brown County. In 1886, the Priddys moved to northeastern Mills County, which had been cut from Brown County. Soon a little community grew near their farm. When it came time to petition Washington for a post office, the new town adopted his name and on March 31, 1891, the federal government approved Priddy as Priddy's first postmaster.

Four years later, the Priddy Post Office was discontinued, with its records moved to Indian Gap in Hamilton County. In 1899, the

government re-established the Priddy post office and it's been in service ever since.

Priddy never boomed, but it has held its own over the years. It reached its peak population in 1980, stayed the same in 1990, and

Mike Cox

Texas Tales



dropped slightly in 2000. For years it had a school, cotton gin, general store and a bank. Today Priddy's down to a school, a feed store, an auto shop and a general store.

The store opened for business in 1900. It's had several owners, but much of the time the folks in and around Priddy knew it as the Stegemoller Store.

Roy Stegemoller, like most of Priddy's predominantly German population, came to Mills County for the black soil. Most folks made their living raising cotton, but Stegemoller made his in providing the community with groceries, notions and hardware. During the Depression, he extended credit to his customers.

Rev. Priddy never lived to see those hard times. He died on Oct. 13, 1925, and is buried in the cemetery south of town that bears his name. Of 82 graves, 22 are the final resting place of someone with the last name of Priddy.

Meanwhile, Jean and Walton Hohertz bought the Stegemoller store from Jerry Seider, a kinsman of Stegemoller, in 1980. Being the new owners, they changed the name to Hohertz General Store and Deli.

Her husband died in 1998, but she has kept the store running.

"I get here at 6 a.m. Monday through Saturday and close at 7," she said. "We're open from 11 to 5 on Sundays."

Early on, she and her husband converted the store's old egg vault, a screened-in area with a beaded ceiling, into a walk-in freezer. As Mrs. Hohertz explained, the descendants of the original German settlers have retained their taste for beverages made from brewed hops. "We have the coldest beer anywhere," she said, pointing to the well-supplied vault.

Though the Hohertz' had a new vault, they kept the same old Coke machine that had been in the store for decades along with a vintage ice cream box. And until two years ago, when the shipping charges finally got too high to allow for a profit, the store sold pickled herring.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of 2007. There are 336 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 29, 1820, Britain's King George III died at Windsor Castle, ending a reign that had seen both the American and French revolutions.

On this date:

In 1843, the 25th president of the United States, William McKinley, was born in Niles, Ohio.

In 1845, Edgar Allan Poe's poem "The Raven" was first published, in the New York Evening Mirror.

In 1850, Henry Clay introduced in the Senate compromise proposals on slavery.

In 1861, Kansas became the 34th state of the Union.

In 1936, the first members of baseball's Hall of Fame, including Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth, were named in Cooperstown, N.Y.

In 1958, actors Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward were married.

In 1963, the first members of pro football's Hall of Fame were named in Canton, Ohio.

In 1979, President Carter formally welcomed Chinese Vice Premier Deng Xiaoping to the White House, following the establishment of diplomatic relations.

In 1996, fire destroyed Italy's opera house La Fenice.

In 1998, a bomb rocked an abortion clinic in Birmingham, Ala., killing Robert Sanderson, an off-duty police officer working as a security guard, and critically injuring nurse Emily Lyons. (The bomber, Eric Rudolph, was captured in May 2003.)

Ten years ago: Threatened with lawsuits across the country, America Online agreed to give refunds to customers who weren't able to log on because of the overwhelming demand created by AOL's flat \$19.95 per month rate.

Five years ago: In his first State of the Union address, President Bush said terrorists were still threatening America — and he warned of "an axis of evil" consisting of North Korea, Iran and Iraq. Actor Harold Russell, who received two Oscars for his sensitive portrayal of a disabled veteran in "The Best Years of Our Lives," died in Needham, Mass., at age 88.

One year ago: ABC "World News Tonight" co-anchor Bob Woodruff and a cameraman were seriously injured in a roadside bombing in Iraq. Roger Federer won his seventh Grand Slam title, overcoming an early challenge from unseeded Marcos Baghdatis to win the Australian Open 5-7, 7-5, 6-0, 6-2.

'Love is an irresistible desire to be irresistibly desired.'

— Robert Frost
— American poet
(1874-1963)



Time to get tough with hollow-heads in Congress

Republicans and a few Democrats are holding up the minimum-wage bill in the Senate. They want to tack onto it tax breaks for businesses.

Both houses of Congress have developed a bad habit of sticking multiple subjects onto one bill. There should be a straight up-or-down vote on the minimum wage. Tax measures should be considered separately.

Moreover, the Constitution requires that all tax measures originate in the House, not the Senate. What the Republicans are demanding the Senate do is forbidden by the Constitution.

As for the minimum wage, if you don't think it doesn't need raising, just look at the cumulative effects of inflation during the past 10 years it's been unchanged.

Well, I know the libertarian position that the govern-

ment should not interfere in wages and prices in the private economy. I agree, but the trouble is that we don't have a free economy. The government has so inter-twined itself in the private economy that it's become inextricable.

A mandated raise in the minimum wage will help some, though a lot of employers will just cut the hours they allow their employees to work. And don't buy this malarkey about the poor little small businessman. One of the largest corporations in America routinely works people 32 hours a week, which means they don't qualify as full-time employees and therefore are ineligible for all benefits.

Most American corporations today are just cash cows being raped and milked by their executives, who don't give a damn about the employees or the customers or the future of the business. The kind of capitalism practiced in America today more and more resembles the kind of capitalism in the days of Charles Dickens.

Thomas Jefferson was not far wrong when he observed: "Merchants love nobody. Merchants are the least virtuous citizens and possess the least of amor patriae (love of country)." To send American jobs to foreign countries is a deliberate decision made by American executives; to import cheap foreign goods instead of

encouraging American manufacturing is a decision made by American executives.

You think these kinds of people care about the working poor? If you do, then congratulations, for you were born into and have led a most sheltered life.

The federal government has been taken over in large part by the big-money guys. The question is, Can the American people get it back? They can if they stop being naive and stop giving politicians the benefit of the doubt.

As for giving businesses more tax breaks, that's the last thing they need. Businesses already have the best of tax breaks. It isn't so much taxes that cause hardship for the genuinely small businesses, but the mountains of government regula-

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 21
Houston Chronicle on the global climate change:

One of the hallmarks of the evangelical movement is personal conversion. The intensity of that experience can lend a special conviction when evangelicals take up an earthly cause. So it's good news that more and more evangelicals have seen the light on climate change. Even more promising is their alliance with their frequent political rivals, scientists.

Earlier this month, 28 scientific and evangelical leaders publicly released an "Urgent Call to Action." The damage

from human-generated carbon emissions, the statement said, requires nothing less than "fundamental changes in values, lifestyles and public policies to address these worsening problems before it is too late."

Amen. Scientists have been warning about climate change for years, but they've failed utterly to move the White House. Evangelicals, who account for one-fourth of voters, get a lot more traction. Their rising activism on climate change may be catching President Bush's attention.

Of course, the evidence of global warming is growing, too: Even the administration now admits that warmer ocean temperatures threaten survival of the polar bear. But if Bush finally gives global warming its due in his State of

the Union speech tomorrow night, evangelicals' new activism will surely deserve some credit.

Given the current political climate, the scientist/evangelical alliance is close to astounding. But it's actually part of a trend: Several leading evangelicals now work on causes once linked with social progressives.

In December, megachurch preacher Rick Warren sponsored an ambitious anti-AIDS summit. The month before, pastor Joel Hunter stepped down as Christian Coalition president because leaders resisted his ground-breaking new agenda "environmental stewardship" and "society's marginalization."

Not all evangelicals support the new

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Ted," and I recently met an attractive girl I'll call "Bridget." Ted was married and suggested I date Bridget. Within a few days, before I got up the nerve to ask her on a date, Ted broke up with his wife, moved in with me and started seeing Bridget. This was awkward, but in addition, Bridget started making sexual advances toward me. Unfortunately, I didn't have the wisdom to keep away from her. Although we didn't have sex, I was closer to her than I should have been to my best friend's girl. Ted knows about it, and now ensures that Bridget and I are never alone together. He constantly worries about the situation, and it is interfering with his job. I believe he wants to break up with her, but he's afraid I will date her. I agreed with his suggestion that we both stop talking to her, but they are still dating. She continues to flirt with me every time he leaves the room, and I am defenseless against a pretty woman. Bridget says she likes me, but she loves Ted. She clearly has some attachment issues. I would love to talk to her about them and help her. I think Ted and I both have strong feelings for her. What should we do? Neither of us can resist when she cries or wants something. — **STUCK IN THE MIDDLE**

DEAR STUCK: You are not helpless. Find your backbone, start using your head, and thank your lucky stars that Bridget "loves" Ted. If you were in his shoes, YOU would be the one constantly worried about who she was coming on to the minute your back was turned. Bridget appears to use sex as a way of getting attention and validation. It's a problem that's beyond your expertise to fix -- and also mine. She may

need professional counseling, or a self-help group for sexually compulsive people, once she finally admits she has a problem. The best way I know to avoid temptation is to avoid tempting situations. In your case, that means spending as little time in Bridget's presence as possible.

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law, "Shirley," is a dear, sweet, caring and generous person. Therein lies the problem. Each time she comes to visit, she brings things for the apartment. "Jasper" (her son) and I live in a small renovated loft. We both prefer a minimalist look, with just a few decorative items: a museum poster or something that an artist friend created. Shirley loves crafty, cutesy, cottage and country-style things. (To me, her home is cluttered with all of her "collections.") The things she brings us look completely out of place in our apartment. I'm sure other people encounter this problem, too. What do we do with all the stuff she brings? And how do we convince her that, while she's entitled to her own preferences, they are not ours? — **HATES DUST-CATCHERS IN N. C.**

DEAR HATES: Your problem is common. The time to nip it in the bud is now, before the situation becomes any more awkward than it already is. You and Jasper need to have a frank, kind, face-to-face chat with Shirley and let her know that you love her and appreciate her thoughtfulness -- but while some people regard empty space as a vacuum to be filled, others find it restful and serene. You and Jasper fall into the latter category. (Surely, she'll understand.) As for what to do with gifts already received, offer to give them back to her.

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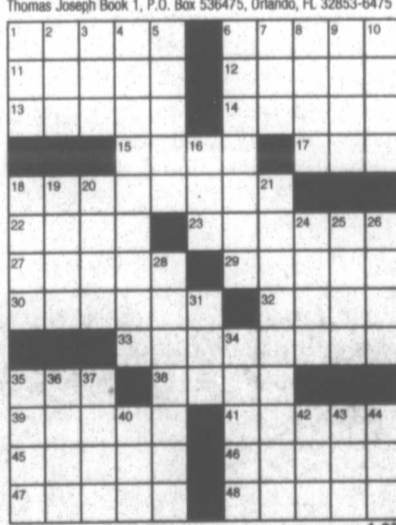


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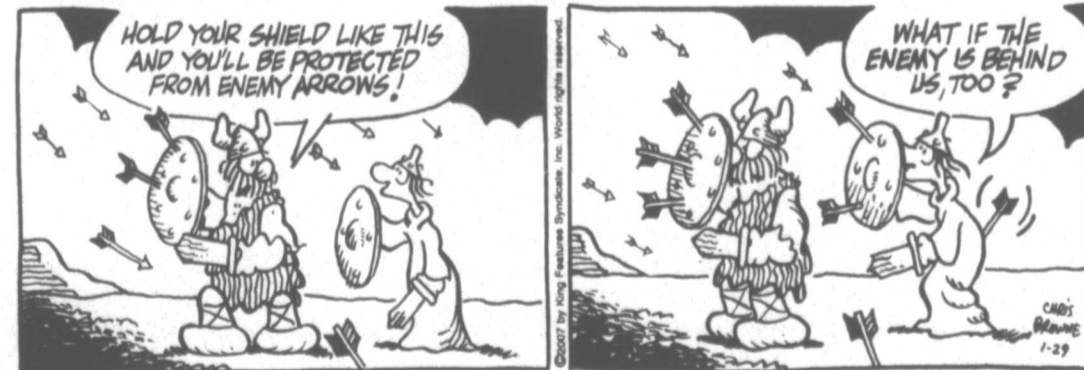
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Sports Day

Freshman girls take the lead at Canadian

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The 9th grade girls took control at the Canadian Freshman Tournament this weekend, to improve their record to 16-1 with three wins over their competitors.

In the first round, the girls defeated Sunray, 33-14, led by Ashley Facio with 12 points, 7 rebounds and 4 assists.

Hayley Smith had 8 points, and Sam Pearson had 7.

Next, Pampa played Borger, who defeated Spearman for the semifinals position.

Pampa took a commanding lead from the first quarter, which ended at 22-2.

The girls continued to dominate the game, ultimately defeating Borger, 45-12.

Shelbie Watson led the victory over Borger with 16 points, 9 rebounds and 4 assists, followed by Facio with 12 points, 3 steals and 3 assists.

Andi Hutto was also strong on the boards with 8 rebounds.



Pampa Freshman Basketball team, Canadian Tournament Champions - Bottom row (L-R): Destry Hand, Sam Pearson, Haley Smith, Ashley Facio, and Brooklyn Barker. Back Row (L-R): Serina Wagner, Andi Hutto, Cheyenne Collins, Shelbie Watson, and Coach Gene Valentine

In the Championship against Canadian, Pearson and Watson led the girls to a 51-13 victory with 11 points each.

The girls took over from the first quarter with an 11-5 lead, and didn't allow

Canadian to score in the second quarter, going into halftime 29-5.

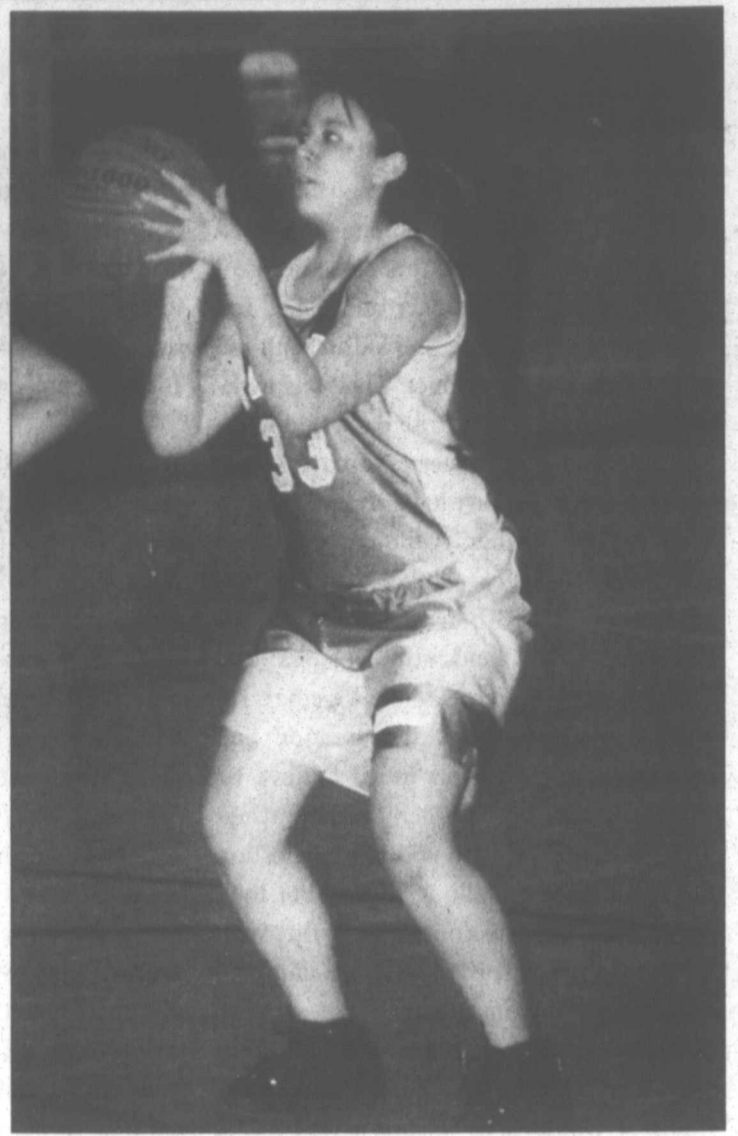
Only allowing 2 points in the third quarter, Pampa went into the fourth ahead 40-7.

The entire team con-

tributed to the win, along with Watron and Pearson.

Facio had 9 points, 4 steals and 3 assists, Hutto had 8 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals, and Destry Hand had 5 rebounds and 2 steals.

The 9th grade girls will



Ashley Facio takes a free throw at Caprock earlier this month.

5-year old places 4th at C-T Winter Series Steer Riding

Five-year-old Colt Klaus, kindergarten student at Canadian Elementary School and one of the youngest steer riders in the 30-year history of the C-T Winter Rodeo Series, is making his hometown of Miami, Texas proud.

Klaus is currently 4th in the standings in the 12 and under age bracket. Colt's fellow competitors are 10 to 12 year olds.

Charlie Thompson, owner of C Bar T Enterprises, said, "He is very exceptional. I have had several through the years to start out in the steer riding and become really good bull riders but none as young as Colt. He is very dedicated and it would be too cool to see him become a World Champion."

He is a 2-year veteran in rough stock competitions in

the mutton bustin' division, placing 10th in the state of Oklahoma in National Junior Bull Riders Association, and 3rd in the Out West Junior Bull Riders Association Summer Series in 2006.

Colt is the son of Clint and Dustie Klaus of Miami and the grandson of Larry and Mary Quisenberry of Miami and Bob and Audrey Klaus of Borger.

C-T Winter Series Steer Riding Current Standings are as follows:

1. Corbin McKee 29.5
2. Julian Melendez 22.5
3. J T Cavazos 21.5
4. Colt Klaus 12.5
5. Colter Peck 9.5
6. Felicia Barshersra 4
7. Cody Austin 4
8. Colby Arbuckle 4
9. Christopher Tyson 1



Five-year old Colt Klaus takes off on his steer, placing 4th among competitors twice his age.

Bears beat Colts — to Miami, at least

MIAMI (AP) — Touchdown, Bears. The NFC champions arrived by charter plane to begin Super Bowl preparations, beating AFC champion Indianapolis to Miami by more than 24 hours.

With the game still six days away, the Colts have plenty of time to catch up. But Bears coach Lovie Smith was glad to be the first team in town, especially when a balmy breeze greeted him as he stepped off the plane Sunday.

"We left Chicago in the 20s with snow, and got a chance to come down here with sunshine and in the 70s. So we're off to a good start," Smith said. "I wanted to get down here as soon as possible. Up in Chicago we couldn't practice right now out on the grass, so this is perfect for us."

The Bears' first workout at the University of Miami was scheduled for Monday. The Colts were to land Monday night, and the Pro Football Writers Association lodged a complaint about the team's late arrival.

In Indy's absence, at least half a dozen Super Bowl-related news conferences were on the schedule Monday, including one to discuss security. Media day is Tuesday at Dolphin Stadium, where the 41st Super Bowl will be played Sunday night.

While Indy was in no hurry to take part in the hype, Smith cheerfully stepped onto a podium wearing team colors — a dark suit, orange shirt and orange tie — and fielded questions for 20 minutes at the kickoff news conference at the Bears' hotel.

He was asked about his laid-back personality, his Texas hometown and his ethnicity. He and the Colts' Tony Dungy are the first black head coaches to meet in the Super Bowl.

"I'm just excited that progress is being made," Smith said. "I'm excited about having the opportunity to be the first African-American coach to hold up the trophy. That's our ultimate goal."

The Bears (15-3) like their chances, even though they're seven-point underdogs against Indy (15-4). They say they've been taken lightly all season despite winning their first seven games, running off another four-game win streak in December and beating Seattle and New Orleans in the playoffs.

'I don't know what people are missing. We're winning. Maybe we're not winning the way people are wanting us to win, but who cares?'

—Alex Brown
Chicago Defensive End

"We played 18 games, and I don't think a lot of people picked us to win many of them," defensive end Alex Brown said. "I don't know what people are missing. We're winning. Maybe we're not winning the way people are wanting us to win, but who cares?"

Not everyone is skeptical of Chicago's chances, and at the team hotel there were signs — literally — that the Bears' bandwagon is sizable.

A huge team banner hung in the lobby. An orange and blue "C" adorned the elevator. Two banners bore the team slogan "Finish," bracketed by Bears heads.

"All we've been talking about all season is getting to the Super Bowl and winning the Super Bowl," Brown said. "It wasn't that long ago that the coaches drew up a map, and it had a road from Chicago to Miami, and we're here and we've still got to finish. Hopefully, we can do that."

While the trip to the title game took months, the flight lasted only three hours. Some players watched the movie "The Prestige." Star linebacker Brian Urlacher slept the entire way. Smith studied the Indianapolis media guide.

"I looked at 18 pages of Peyton Manning," Smith said. "That tells you a little bit what we have in store."

As the plane sporting a Bears logo on the side pulled up to the gate, the pilot opened a window and unfurled a team flag.

"It finally sunk in today for the first time that we're in the Super Bowl," cornerback Charles Tillman said. "You see all the Super Bowl 41 stickers and we get to the hotel and we have all the fans and media here — it's actually starting to sink in that I'm in the Super Bowl, that the Bears are in the Super Bowl."

The hotel is a five-minute trip from the airport, and 20 minutes from the allure of South Beach nightlife. Rookie kick returner Devin Hester, a former Miami Hurricanes star, said the team's midnight curfew beginning Monday should keep players out of trouble.

"I told the guys everything starts at 1 o'clock, so we'll already be in bed," Hester said. "Miami is a great place to visit and there are all kinds of things you can get into. We do want to have a little fun, but careful of your surroundings. We're here to play a football game."

Tiger stretches his tour streak to 7

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Tiger Woods is more interested in a fifth green jacket at the Masters than 11 straight victories on the PGA Tour.

At this rate, he might have a chance to get both.

Woods resumed his improbable pursuit of Byron Nelson with a predictable result at the Buick Invitational on Sunday, winning for the third straight year to stretch his PGA Tour winning streak to seven. That's the second-longest streak in tour history behind Nelson in 1945, and there is little evidence anyone can stop him.

"It ain't easy beating that guy," said Charles Howell III, who certainly tried.

Woods caught up to the pack with a 3-wood from 276 yards to set up a 25-foot eagle putt on the ninth hole. He buried the hopes of his final challenger with a 9-iron to 2 1/2 feet on the 17th hole for birdie. His final act was figuring out how to get his ball out of a small hole in front of the 18th green, hitting it with the edge of his sand wedge to 3 feet for a par and a two-shot victory.

It gave him a 6-under 66, the best score all week on the demanding South Course, site of the U.S. Open next year. Nelson's record often has been thought to be untouchable, which now describes the world's No. 1

player. "As far as how special seven is, you're in elite company," Woods said. "There's only one person ahead of you. He's one of the greatest legends in the history of the game. To be in company like with Mr. Nelson ... it's pretty special."

This is the second time Woods has made a run at Nelson, who died in September.

Woods won six straight in 2000, a streak that Phil Mickelson stopped at Torrey Pines. But against a cast of challengers short on experience or victories, Woods met little resistance in winning at Torrey Pines for the fifth time in 10 tries.

The only question is the veracity of the streak — Woods failed to win once in Europe and twice in Asia during his run — and when he will resume his chase of Nelson's mark.

Woods believes his winning streak ended when he lost in the first round of the HSBC World Match Play Championship last September, a European tour event. The PGA Tour record book only reflects its own tournaments.

All that matters to Woods is his pursuit of Jack Nicklaus' record 18 professional majors. Woods has won two majors during his PGA Tour streak, taking him to 12 for his career.

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Read Right award



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Lamar Elementary student Samatha VanHouten recently received a certificate from teacher Pama Miller for graduating the Read Right Program. Samatha is the first student to complete the program at Lamar. The Read Right Program is designed to help children to become better readers.

No-pass, no-play inconsistencies noted

DALLAS (AP) — A law that allows Texas school districts to decide which advanced courses fall under the no-pass, no-play rule has created inconsistencies across the state, according to a newspaper analysis of state records.

In the past 12 years, some districts have created no-pass, no-play exemptions for classes ranging from calculus to cooking and auto repair. Others allow no exemptions.

"I don't think we ever would have envisioned (competing) schools being allowed to exempt different classes," said former state Rep. Paul Sadler, who chaired the House education committee when the no-pass, no-play law was altered in 1995.

"It creates an uneven playing field," he said.

First enacted in 1984, the no-pass, no-play law banned students who failed a course from practicing or playing in extracurricular activities for six weeks.

The law allowed some exemptions for courses deemed advanced by the

state, but the 1995 modification of the law resulted in school districts getting more authority to exempt additional courses that they labeled advanced.

A Dallas Morning News review of hundreds of documents from the University Interscholastic League found disparities in how districts handle exemptions. No one at the state level has the power to grant or deny the exemptions, according to the newspaper.

The state classifies Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, dual-college enrollment and some other top-level courses as eligible for no-pass, no-play exemption. A district can add courses to the state's list as long as the district considers them to be advanced or honors courses.

The districts' decisions vary widely. The Austin school district exempts 166 courses, according to UIL records, while the Southlake Carroll district exempts none.

"There is kind of a broad range of

allowance there," said Bill Farney, executive director of UIL, which regulates sports and other extracurricular activities. "We can't have a master list of courses they can and cannot exempt. Trying to make one rule fit everybody ends up with some discrepancy and some difference in interpretation or application."

The Austin district exempts all honors or advanced courses that give students extra points for taking them.

"We know it's a higher level course. And we know you're going to have to work harder," said Ann Smisko, Austin's assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction.

Kelly Callaway, director of advanced academics for the Texas Education Agency, said it's up to local school districts to determine their no-pass, no-play exemptions.

"We would certainly expect that an honors class would go into greater depth or rigor, but we don't have any state guidelines on that issue," she said.

Tubing businesses fret impact of new rules

NEW BRAUNFELS, Texas (AP) — Businesses upstream from the Guadalupe River are working to distance themselves from new city rules meant to crack down on drunken behavior among tubers.

Business owners are pointing out that the new rules, which got preliminary approval from the City Council last week, will only apply to the stretch of the river within the New Braunfels city limits.

"I've already had several calls from people asking about the new rules," said Bobby Hanover, owner of Second Crossing Camp on the Guadalupe River.

The council has given initial approval to rules for the Guadalupe and Comal rivers that would ban open alco-

hol containers and limit the size of riverfront parks and limit the number of coolerfront on the rivers to those that hold only six 12-ounce drinks. It also agreed to limit tubers to one tube per person, limit the size of tubes and require jackets for children younger than eight.

The new rules, which must pass a second vote next week, don't apply to the first 15 miles of the Guadalupe River.

Outfitters along the river say they hope their customers aren't repelled by news of the rules.

"Most of our people come out of Houston and Dallas, and they have no idea where the city limits are," Hanover said.

Paul Rich, owner of the Mountain Breeze Camp along the Guadalupe,

said customers have asked about the rules when they inquire about reservations.

"I'm getting seven to 10 calls a day and three or four e-mails a day and they all ask about cooler-size rules and the one-tube-per-person rule," he said. "It's going to take a couple of years for people to figure out it is not happening up here. Until then, it will definitely hurt business."

The city has worked over the past few years to eliminate booze-fueled tubing parties and the accompanying litter. The council voted last summer to ban beer bongs and drink containers smaller than 5 ounces, which targeted Jell-O shots. The city also increased fines for noise ordinance violations.

Climate

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climate-change alliance. Within the coalition, some scientists will differ from some evangelicals on environmental theory. Certainly, they'll differ on other social issues. But as evangelical activists now are showing, there's nothing ideological about needing a livable habitat. That evangelicals have now joined scientists to fight this crisis should make a convert of even the president.

Priddy

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"We got it from Chicago in wooden barrels," Mrs. Hohertz said. "The fish were about 12 inches long. People took them home, washed off the salt and fixed 'em with onions, cream cheese, vinegar and sugar."

Born and raised in Mills County, until she started school, Mrs. Hohertz spoke only German. She picked up English in the classroom and went on to graduate from Priddy High School in 1950.

In addition to selling local residents the basic

items they don't want to have to go to Brownwood, Goldthwaite or Comanche to buy, she cooks.

She makes breakfasts in the morning and then cooks lunch. Wednesday is chicken fried steak day, with catfish on Friday. Mrs. Hohertz also makes sandwiches, including what may be the best ham and cheese sandwich to be found the Lone Star State. To say the least, it is a priddy good sandwich.

Here's the recipe, with a caution that even by using all the ingredients Mrs. Hohertz does, the sandwich won't be nearly as good the ones she makes:

Spread real mayonnaise on two slices of white bread
Add a layer of shredded

lettuce and just enough chopped onion to enhance the flavor without overpowering the other ingredients

Cover that with a big slice of tomato

Add salt and pepper
Lay down a slice of American cheese

Add several slices of deli ham

Add three sliced pickles
Close the sandwich and wrap in white butcher paper (well, that's what she does)

For this, she charges \$2.95. Considering the price of fancy, big city franchise-made sandwiches, that's a priddy good deal.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

Reese

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tions they have to comply with, not to mention insurance costs aggravated in part by America's insane litigation system.

A Basque friend of mine once said it was easier to open a business in Franco's Spain than it is in the United States.

If yours is one of the senators holding up the minimum-wage increase, write a letter or send an e-mail and berate him or

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