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Volunteers needed to help dismantle lights display at park

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Volunteers are needed to help take down the Celebration of Lights displays at Recreation Park, according to Celebration of Lights President Pat Bagley.

"Inmates will be taking down the big displays," Bagley said.

Plenty of strings of lights and other decoration components also need to be removed from the park and stored for another year, however. Transport of the decorations to the storage facility will be provided.

Most of this year's displays were lighted, with few of the painted ones seen in previous years due to the condition of many of

them. "Some of the older painted pieces need to be repainted," Bagley said. "Volunteers can take them home to work on them, or can work on them at the storage facility."

As many as 100 candy canes, gingerbread men and women, and lollipops are included among those needing a fresh coat of paint. Materials for painting the decorations will be provided by Celebration of Lights.

Individuals and organizations may volunteer to help with the dismantling and/or painting.

To volunteer for one or both of the tasks, or for more information, call Bagley at 665-8997.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Carroll Clark of the Celebration of Lights organization winds a string of Christmas lights onto a spool on the back of his pickup at Recreation Park. Volunteers are needed to help take down the Christmas decorations at the park which make up the annual Celebration of Lights display.

Duncan says groundwater won't be legislative issue

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa's state senator does not think groundwater will be a major issue during this session of the Texas Legislature.

"This session of the Legislature should be fairly calm with regard to groundwater," said Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who represents Pampa. "However, we still see movement coming out of Dallas."

Duncan said he thinks that pressure is coming from Picketts and others who are pressing for pipelines to transport Panhandle water to the Metroplex.

"I don't think that's good policy

for Dallas," Duncan said, "nor do I think it's good policy for Texas."

He said it's not the most efficient means of providing water resources for Dallas.

"That may be an issue in the legislative process this session," Duncan said. "We're going to keep a close eye on it. Obviously, all of the West Texas delegation will be, I think, on the same page of trying to preserve that water up in Roberts County for use by Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland, San Angelo, Odessa and the areas of West Texas that will eventually, in 50 or 100 years, need that water."

C.E. Williams, general manager of

the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer, agrees that groundwater issues probably won't be a major point of contention in Austin as the Legislature slogs its way through the biennial session this spring.

"I surely agree that the state should not be in the business of constructing pipelines to take water from the Panhandle to Dallas," Williams said.

Williams also agreed with Duncan's assessment that groundwater conservation districts are the best ways to manage groundwater given the diversity of aquifers in the state.

"One of the best things that the Legislature did in 1997 was establish groundwater districts as the preferred way to manage our underground aquifers," Duncan said.

The reason that's good for West Texas, Duncan said, is that it allows local people to control and manage groundwater in their areas.

"Now, in Texas, we have what we call the rule of capture, which basically means that you own the water that you pull out of the aquifer," Duncan said, "but on the other hand we have a system now where we can balance competing interests through

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Two are arrested for possession after traffic stop

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A traffic stop netted two drug-related arrests early Saturday by Gray County sheriff's deputies.

Deputies stopped a Pontiac for failure to signal a lane change at about 2:05 a.m. at the corner of Barnes and Brown streets. They stopped the vehicle at the intersection of Brown and Houston streets.

"Officers got consent to search the vehicle, and found some drug paraphernalia in the vehicle," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

Joshua Kale Seymour, 19, of Pampa was arrested and booked into Gray County jail for possession of drug

paraphernalia. Tara Dawn Slater, 25, of Pampa, another occupant of the vehicle, was arrested after her purse was searched. "Officers searched the female's purse with her consent and found a crystalline substance," Hoard said.

Slater was arrested and booked into jail on charges of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and forgery of a financial instrument.

Seymour was released Saturday to pay any fines concerning the charge at a later date. Slater was released Saturday on \$12,500 bond.

"The case is still under investigation," Hoard said.

Man leads officers on car chase

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

What started out as a fight involving a weapon turned into a chase on Pampa streets in the early hours of Sunday morning for Gray County sheriff's deputies.

Deputies were dispatched to a nightclub in the 2400 block of Alcock at about 12:50 a.m. on a report of a fight involving a weapon. The deputies arrived and pulled up behind a sport utility vehicle that was parked in the roadway in front of the club.

"The SUV fled the scene and led officers on a chase," said Lt. Joe B.

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Appraisal district names new officers

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Darville Orr was elected as the new chairman of the Gray County Appraisal District board of directors at their Jan. 31 meeting in the conference room of the appraisal district's office at 815 N. Sumner.

Nancy Coffee was re-elected as the board's secretary, the only other office position.

Both Orr and Coffee are

in their third two-year terms on the appraisal district board of directors. Gary Willoughby is currently serving his second term, and Doug Locke is in his first term.

Joe Morgan, a farmer-rancher in McLean, is the new board member, replacing Sam Haynes, a 20-year veteran who retired from the board at the end of his last

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Limb pickup on schedule

City Manager John Horst said Monday that city crews are almost half done with the tree limb pick-up campaign after the recent ice storms.

"We are finished with Ward 1 and if the weather allows we should finish up in

Ward 2 this week," Horst said. "We will then continue to pick up tree limbs by the curb in Wards 3 and 4."

Ward 3 is the southeast portion of the town and Ward 4 is the southwest area.

NEXT DAY FORECAST



Wednesday Partly cloudy, with a high near 41. Wind chill values between 25 and 35. East-northeast wind around 10 mph.
Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 25. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Partly cloudy, with a high near 43. Calm wind becoming south-southeast around 5 mph.
Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Partly cloudy, with a high near 51. Southeast wind around 5 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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Soybeans	6.21

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OXY	46.83	+0.17
BP PLC ADR	63.18	-0.61
Cabot Corp	45.81	+0.26
Celanese	28.40	+1.83
Cabot Oil Gas	66.58	+0.59
Coca Cola	48.09	+0.19
VLO	56.05	+0.36
HAL	30.07	+0.25
TRI	49.51	-0.14
KMI	106.13	+0.10

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OKE	43.40	+0.23
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Silver	NA	NA
West Texas Crude	NA	NA

Obituaries

Stephen Fletcher Ellis, 54

AMARILLO — Stephen Fletcher Ellis, 54, died Feb. 5, 2007, at Lubbock. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Ellis was born Feb. 7, 1952, at Pampa. He had been an Amarillo resident for 17

years, moving to Brownfield in January. He worked for the Coronado Inn, Hudson Oil and Atlas Construction, and was a nurse's aide. He belonged to the Church of God. Mr. Ellis was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest

F. and Velda Ellis; and a sister, Margaret Ann Hulsey. Survivors include four brothers, Kedron Ellis of Portland, Ore., Keldon Ellis and Weldon Ellis, both of Pampa, and David Ellis of Amarillo; and five sisters, Stacey Stubbs, Alinet

Eldredge and Elizabeth Jan Wood, all of Pampa, Kathy Taylor of Dora, N.M., and Marsha Lermon of Lake Jackson. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Janet Lynn Caswell, 50

Janet Lynn Caswell, 50, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, in Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Feb. 6, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Caswell was born Oct. 6, 1956 in Germany and came to Pampa in 1981 from Midland. She was a 1974 graduate of Abilene High School in Abilene and

received her B.S. degree in nursing from West Texas A & M University.

She married Jimmy Caswell on Jan. 16, 1976, in Abilene. She was a registered nurse, and she worked for Shepard's Crook Home Health Care and Hospice of the Panhandle.

She was a member of the First Methodist Church and the Koinonia Sunday School

Class. She was preceded in death by her father, Edwin Dudley.

Survivors include her husband, Jimmy Caswell of the home; two sons, Matthew Caswell of Amarillo and Spc. Peter Caswell with the U. S. Army in Fort Carson, Colo.; a daughter, Carrie McKissick of Pampa; her mother, Jean Dudley of Abilene; two brothers, Mike

Dudley of Virginia Beach, Va., and John Dudley of Houston; three sisters, Sue Queton of Selma, Calif., Betty Tecson of Virginia Beach, Va., and Barbara Morton of Orting, Wash.; and four grandchildren, Andrew, Alex, Allen, and Aric McKissick, all of Pampa.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church, P. O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.



Caswell

Thelma Webb, 83

Thelma Webb, 83, of Pampa, died Feb. 5, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Webb was born June 10, 1923, at Foster, Okla. She had been a Pampa resident since 1959. She was in housekeeping at the Coronado Inn for over 20 years, retiring as housekeep-

ing manager in 1981.

She was a member of the Grace Baptist Church.

Mrs. Webb was preceded in death by a daughter, Louise Edwards; three sisters; and four brothers.

Survivors



Webb

include three sons, Kenneth Hugh Nunn and Raymond Lee Nunn, both of Pampa, and Cecil James Nunn of Skellytown; a brother, Calvin Moon of Wenatchee, Wash.; 15 grandchildren;

23 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Grace Baptist Church, 824 S. Barnes, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Graves 'Pete' Presson, 75

Graves "Pete" Presson, 75, of Pampa, formerly of Perryton, died Sunday, Feb. 4, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Ochiltree Cemetery in Perryton with the Rev. Scott Barton offici-

ating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Boxwell Funeral Home of Perryton. Burial will be in Ochiltree Cemetery.

Mr. Presson was born March 8, 1931, at Webber

Falls, Okla. He moved from Perryton to Pampa 35 years ago and worked in the oil field as a roughneck.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bryant and Tennie Presson.

Survivors include a

daughter, Ronda Watts of Pampa; three sisters, Eulene Cornsilk of Moore, Okla., Shirley Presson and Mary Hathcoat, both of Pampa; a brother, Charles Presson of Moore; and seven grandchildren.

Astronaut accused of attempt to kidnap rival in love triangle

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — A NASA astronaut charged with attempting to kidnap a romantic rival in a love triangle with another astronaut was allowed to go free on bail today on the condition that she not contact the alleged victim. The judge told Lisa Marie Nowak she could be released on \$15,500 bond, then asked if she understood the conditions. She responded "yes."

Nowak, a married mother of three, stood in a jail uniform, looking down during most of the hearing. She planned to return home to Houston, and the judge ordered her to wear a tracking device.

The 43-year-old robotics specialist faces charges including attempted kidnapping, attempted burglary with battery, destruction of evidence and battery.

Police said she drove 900 miles, donned a disguise and was armed with a BB gun and pepper spray when she confronted a woman she believed was a competitor for the affections of Navy Cmdr. William Oefelein, an unmarried fellow astronaut.

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Nowak rode aboard Discovery in July. Oefelein, 41, piloted the space shuttle Discovery in December. They trained together but never flew together.

Nowak told police that her relationship with Oefelein was "more than a working relationship but less than a romantic relationship," according to an arrest affidavit. Police found a love letter to Oefelein in her car.

According to authorities, Nowak believed another woman, Colleen Shipman, was romantically involved with Oefelein. When Nowak found out Shipman was flying to Orlando from Houston, Nowak decided to confront her early Monday, according to the arrest affidavit.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Seven traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered at an unreported location.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, and the 500 block of Huff Road.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of East Browning, the 1200 block of North Russell, on two occasions in the 700 block of Sloan, on two occasions in the 400 block of North Rider, the 400 block of East Browning, the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, the 600 block of North Somerville, the 1900 block of Evergreen, the 300 block of West Kingsmill, the 800 block of North Frost, an unreported location, the 1100 block of South Nelson, the 1100 block of Sandlewood, the police department lobby, and the 800 block of North Somerville.

One suicide attempt was reported. A missing person was reported in the 500 block of Montagu. A welfare check was made at One Medical Plaza. Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Montagu and Doyle streets. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1300 block of West 22nd. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from an unreported location. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill. Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of Sloan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Scott. Two house windows were broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$45.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells. Telephone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy. Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby. One burglar alarm was reported. Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. A case of beer valued at \$30 was taken. Fraud was reported in the police department lobby. Credit card abuse was reported in the police department lobby. The location of the incident is unknown. Estimated value of charges is \$750.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Feb. 5

Joseph Ben Willis, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.

Rod Lamont Donnell, 30, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury.

Dieter Robert Long, 18, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for criminal mischief.

Michael Eugene Horton Jr., 24, of Skellytown was arrested in the 1800 block of Hamilton by Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a Carson County warrant for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Friday, Feb. 2

1:50 p.m. — A 2006 Toyota Prius, driven by Charles Buzzard, 55, of 1006 N. Wells, and a 1991 Ford Aerostar, driven by Marian Dawes, 53, of 8533 County Road 10, collided in the 1200 block of West Somerville. No injuries were reported. Buzzard was cited for unsafe backing and no driver's license.

Saturday, Feb. 3

10:40 p.m. — An unknown vehicle and driver collided with a legally parked 1995 Mazda MX6, owned by Steven C. Smith, of 1301 Charles, in the 1300 block of Charles and then fled the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported no calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Feb. 5

8:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of West 21st and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Francis. No transport.

4:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Finley and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Oil drilling companies to pay record settlement in bribery case

WASHINGTON (AP) — Three oil drilling companies accused of bribing Nigerian officials for fast customs clearance will pay the U.S. government \$26 million in the largest criminal settlement of foreign corruption charges, the Justice Department said today.

The companies are subsidiaries of British-based Vetco International Limited, and at least one of them settled similar bribery charges in 2004.

A Justice Department official said the companies — Vetco Gray UK Limited, Vetco Gray Controls Inc., and Vetco Gray Controls Limited — paid Nigerian customs officers \$2.1 million to speed equipment and employees into the country.

The payments, 378 in all, were largely processed through Vetco Gray Controls, Inc., which is based in Houston. The three companies are expected to sign off on the settlement in U.S. District Court in Houston later Tuesday, said the Justice official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the hearing had not yet occurred.

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He's a winner



Courtesy Photo

Jacob Wichert recently attended the Texas VFW Mid-Winter Conference in Austin to present his "Voice of Democracy" speech after winning the local and district competition. Out of the 2,600 entries from Texas, the top 25 finalists were sent to Austin for two days of tours and sightseeing. Wichert placed 10th in the state competition and received a \$1,250 scholarship. Since he is a sophomore this year, he hopes to compete the next two years. Pictured at the conference are, from left, District 9 VFW Commander Bill Frasier, mom Jarilyn Wichert, Jacob Wichert, dad Rodney Wichert and President of the District 9 Women's Auxiliary Carol Holden.

Perry proposes to sell state lottery to fund insurance, cancer research

By KELLEY SHANNON
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry on today proposed creating an endowment for Texans without health insurance and a trust fund for cancer research, saying the state could pay for them by selling the lottery to a private firm for at least \$14 billion.

Perry, in his State of the State address to legislators, said that potential price tag for the lottery was based on conservative estimates.

The money could be used to form a \$2.7 billion endowment for the uninsured and to create a \$3 billion fund for the fight against cancer, according to Perry. Both funds would generate ongoing payments.

"This moment in time is a unique opportunity to address great challenges and build the foundation for a future of unparalleled prosperity," he said.

Perry, a Republican viewed in some circles as a potential vice presidential nominee in 2008, said while there are hundreds of thousands of cancer survivors in the state, there will be 95,000 Texans diagnosed with the disease this year and 34,000 who will lose the fight.

"We must do everything in our power to defeat cancer," Perry said. "These people are our neighbors, our colleagues, our co-workers, our husbands, our wives, our precious children."

Perry called his plan to provide more health insurance to the state's residents "Healthier Texas." He said he wants to create a funding pool to help purchase insurance for low-income working Texans.

Some states, including Indiana and Illinois, are considering proposals to sell their state lotteries. In Texas, the lottery reported more than \$3.77 billion in sales in the 2006 fiscal year, the biggest total in 14 years.

Perry said his plan to sell the lottery would provide more than \$8 billion that could be dedicated to a public education endowment, providing \$800 million a year for public schools. However, the state-run lottery currently contributes \$1 billion per year to public schools.

Also during Tuesday's speech, Perry re-emphasized his executive order last week making Texas the first state in the nation to require girls to get a vaccine that prevents the spread of the virus that is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

Perry said he understands the criticism of his decision, but he said, "If I err, I'm going to err on the side of protecting life."

In other parts of his speech, Perry proposed his often-repeated idea to provide \$100 million for Texas-Mexico border security and said again that he supports passage by Congress of a guest worker program for immigrants.

Cold snap blamed for 7 deaths

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Thousands of youngsters got a second day off from school today in the midst of a bitter cold snap that combined with heavy snow several feet deep along the Great Lakes.

At least seven deaths were blamed on the weather.

Cold air surging from the Arctic stretched from the northern Plains through New England, and temperatures were below zero as far south as the mountains of West Virginia, but slightly milder weather was on the way.

Dozens of school districts in western and central New York closed for a second day, including Buffalo and the 34,000-student Rochester district, because of the cold and locally heavy snow.

Rochester had a late morning temperature of 13 degrees, but wind whipping through the city at 22 mph made it feel like 5 below

zero, the National Weather Service said.

The wind also picked up moisture from the Great Lakes and turned it into 3 to 4 feet of snow on New York state's rural Tug Hill region, downwind from Lake Ontario.

The city of Fulton got 7 inches of snow in a two-hour period during the night, and at one point crews stopped plowing because the snow was falling too fast.

"It's horrible driving," said Chris Sachel, who owns Mimi's Drive-In Restaurant, just north of Fulton. "Pretty much the only people we've seen this morning are the plow drivers. They're about the only ones who can get around."

Snow also made roads slippery across part of the Midwest. In the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, a pileup on Interstate 35 involved four tractor-trailer rigs and several cars, the State Patrol said.

District

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term in December. Haynes, also of McLean, was president of the board at the time of his retirement.

County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead is an ex officio non-voting member of the board.

Board members also signed a contract with Brown Graham & Co. CPA naming the company as the district's auditors, and continued the district's current medical insurance with no changes.

Chase

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Hoard of the sheriff's office. "They caught the vehicle and driver around the intersection of Naida and Alcock."

Elliot Chad Parks, 31, of Pampa was removed from the SUV and arrested. He was booked into Gray County Jail on a charge of evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, a felony.

Parks was released from jail Sunday on \$5,000 bond.

"No information was given to officers at the scene concerning a fight, and no weapons were found," Hoard said.

Water

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the groundwater districts to make sure that we conserve those aquifers for future years."

It also gives local areas the ability to avoid water-marketing situations where a lot of water could be exported out of their region, thus depriving the area of water resources in the future, he said.

"For example," Duncan said, "the Boone Pickens issue up in Roberts County. That groundwater district up there (the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District) that has jurisdiction over those water rights has done a very good job of coming up with conservation plans that should help us preserve that water."

He said there are communities like Dallas that are looking for more water, but groundwater conservation districts have been able to preserve the ability to have local control over those decisions.

"While it is true that there is water not currently being used doesn't mean that that's the way it will always be," Williams said. "We need to be looking 100 years or longer into the future not just 50 years."



Ken Rheams with grand prize winner Janise Schoonover.

Rheams giveaway winners announced

Rheams Diamond Shop's 30th anniversary giveaway was held Dec. 14 with more than \$13,000 worth of gifts given back to customers in appreciation of shopping with Ken and Stephane Rheams the past 30 years.

Grand prize winner was Janise Schoonover who won a \$3,000 shopping spree.

Other winners and their prizes are Ron Smith, a one carat diamond ring; Jimmy Gould, a one carat diamond heart pendant; Debbie Bowers, a 1/2 carat diamond love knot pendant; Leona Rhoades, a 14 karat pearl bracelet and necklace; Angela Duenes, a 20-inch, 14 karat Figaro gold chain; Donna Burger, a 14 karat gold nugget pendant; Jere Salazar, a 10 mm pearl necklace; and L. Smith, a diamond necklace.

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Troop buildup not last chance for Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Robert Gates asserted today the increase in U.S. forces in Iraq is "not the last chance" to succeed and conceded he's considering what steps to take if the buildup doesn't work.

"I would be irresponsible if I weren't thinking about what the alternatives might be," Gates told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Gates was grilled on the war as the full Senate remained stalled over Democratic leaders' efforts to begin a debate over President Bush's course for Iraq.

Gates did not say what other options he was considering if the addition of 21,500 troops fails to control the violence in Baghdad and western Anbar province, where the Sunni insurgency is based.

"We at this point are planning for success," he said.

Gates and Gen. Peter Pace, chairman

of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, sought to assure lawmakers the additional troops pegged for Iraq will go there with sufficient equipment for the fight.

They said that a shortage of armored vehicles in one phase of operations will be remedied by July, and troops who need them will not be deployed from their compound in Iraq until the vehicles are supplied.

Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia pressed Gates on the question of what happens if Bush's plan doesn't work. "I have to believe we're thinking beyond the Baghdad operation," the senator said.

"It is not the last chance," Gates replied.

Despite divisions over the troop buildup, lawmakers on the committee voted 16-0 to approve Adm. William Fallon's nomination to become top U.S. commander in the Middle East.

They also approved Gen. George

Casey, who has been the top U.S. general in Iraq, as the next Army chief of staff, on a 14-3 vote. Both nominations must be approved by the full Senate.

Negotiations on how to move forward on the full Senate debate were playing out alongside an emerging struggle over Bush's \$624.6 billion request in defense spending.

The spending request marks the first time Bush has offered an estimate of how much the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will cost a year in advance.

Gates spoke a day after Bush sent Congress a proposed budget that includes nearly \$142 billion for war costs for the next budget year starting Oct. 1.

That would bring total spending on the Iraq and Afghanistan wars and the armed forces' worldwide efforts against terrorism to a massive \$662 billion.

Viewpoints

Warmer weather can't get here fast enough

I would like to say "thank you" to everyone who expressed sympathy concerning the subject of my column last week, the death of our dachshund. Your kind words helped me cope with the situation and were very much appreciated.

I was looking at upcoming months on my calendar yesterday, curious to know when Easter would be celebrated this year, when I came across an odd notation.

According to my calendar, daylight-saving time begins this year on March 11 and ends Nov. 4.

Notice the difference?

Until this year, daylight-saving time always began on the first Sunday in April and ended on the last Sunday in October.

When did we pick up another four weeks of daylight-saving time? I must have slept through that announcement.

Upon doing a little research, the new, extended daylight-saving time period is part of the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The act specifies that the new dates be observed starting this year as part of an effort to promote more energy conservation.

My research also uncovered information on the ori-

gins of the idea of DST. The idea can be traced all the way back to Benjamin Franklin, who in 1784 mentioned such a method of time observation in an essay, although he apparently didn't mean to be too serious about it.

A British builder, William Willett, is credited with being the first serious advocate of DST. He wrote about the idea in a pamphlet in 1907.

The United States and

many other countries have used DST since World War I, but it was mainly implemented during wartime and was haphazardly employed, resulting in the disruption of travel scheduling.

Congress finally passed the Uniform Time Act in 1966. This act established a system of uniform DST within each time zone in the United States and its possessions. The only exceptions to the schedule were states in

which the state Legislature voted to keep the entire state on standard time. Non-DST observers include Hawaii, Arizona, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has done studies which they say show that DST does save energy. The country's electricity usage is trimmed by about one percent per day during DST.

The DOT also found that the use of DST reduces the number of traffic accidents and fatalities by close to one percent.

All well and good. And I

love the summer evenings when the sun doesn't set until around 9 p.m., according to DST.

But there seems to be something inaccurate, nevertheless, in observing a time schedule in which the sun isn't directly overhead at noon. Just think about all those sun dials which are firmly fixed in place and unable to "spring forward" one hour.

Maybe I like DST also because it heralds the beginning of warmer weather. This year, it can't get here fast enough for me.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2007. There are 328 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

On this date:

In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

In 1778, the U.S. won official recognition from France with the signing of treaties in Paris.

In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

In 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded as reigning monarch by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

In 1959, the United States successfully test-

fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral.

In 1987, Wall Street Journal reporter Gerald Seib was released after being detained six days by Iran, accused of being a spy for Israel; Iran said the detention was a result of misunderstandings.

In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

In 1996, a Turkish-owned Boeing 757 jetliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from the Dominican Republic, killing 189 people, mostly German tourists.

Ten years ago: President Clinton sent Congress a \$1.69 trillion budget for fiscal 1998, saying it would erase deficits by 2002 and for 20 years beyond; Republicans scoffed that the plan was brimming with costly new programs and phantom savings, but said they were ready to bargain.

Five years ago: A federal judge ordered John Walker Lindh, the so-called "American Taliban," held without bail pending trial. Britain's Queen Elizabeth II reached a bitter-sweet milestone, somberly marking 50 years as monarch on the anniversary of the death of her father, King George VI.

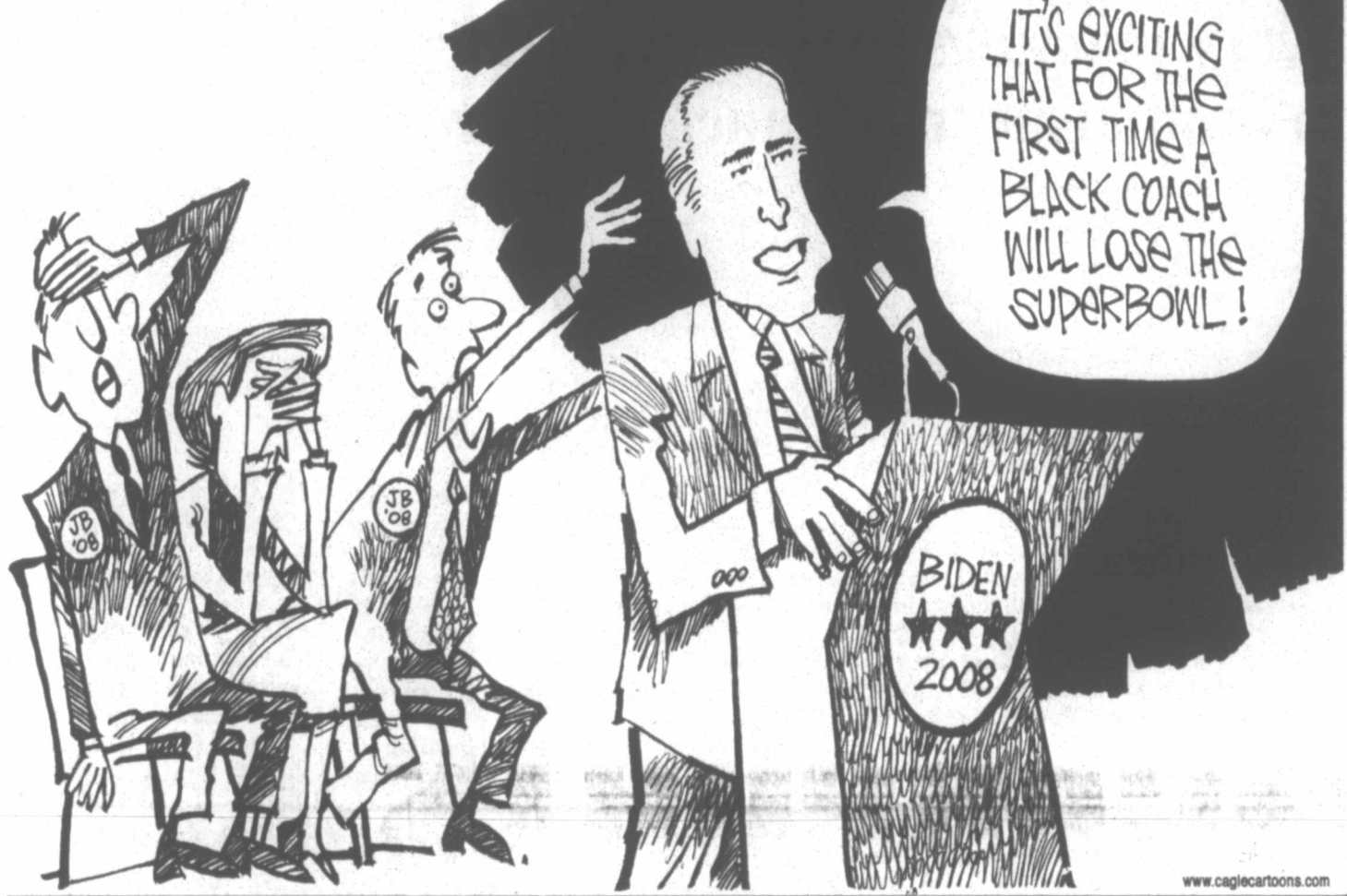
One year ago: Attorney General Alberto Gonzales defended the Bush administration's eavesdropping program before the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Terrorist conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui disrupted the opening of his sentencing trial in Alexandria, Va., and was tossed out of court. Hundreds of protesters hurled stones and fire bombs at the Danish Embassy in Tehran to denounce published caricatures of the prophet Muhammad.

'If you can talk brilliantly about a problem, it can create the consoling illusion that it has been mastered.'

— Stanley Kubrick
American movie director (1928-1999)

Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST 02/04/07



The demise of private property rights ...

"Imprimis" is Hillsdale College's monthly publication that has over 1.25 million readers. It's Hillsdale's way of sharing the ideas of the many distinguished speakers invited to their campus. And, I might add, Hillsdale College is one of the few colleges where students get a true liberal arts education, absent the nonsense seen on many campuses.

The January edition of "Imprimis" contains an important speech by former New Jersey Superior Court Judge Andrew P. Napolitano titled "Property Rights After the Kelo Decision." For those who haven't kept up, the Kelo decision is the 2005 U.S. Supreme Court 5-4 decision that upheld the city of New London, Connecticut's, condemnation of the property of one private party so that another private party could use it to build an office facility.

Such a decision was a flagrant violation of the letter and spirit of the Fifth

Amendment, which reads in part, "nor shall private property be taken for public use without just compensation." Public use, according to the Constitution's framers, means uses such as roads, bridges, and forts.

While most Americans appreciate the concept of yours and mine, Judge Napolitano's speech gives it greater focus. Formerly a law professor, Napolitano says, "When teaching law students the significance of private property, we tell them that each owner of such property has something called a 'bundle of rights.' The first of these is the right to use the property. The second is the right to alienate the property. The third and greatest is the right to exclude people from the property."

Can the government force one to sell his property?

James Madison said yes, so long as it was for a public use and the owner was paid a fair market value. Thomas Jefferson was opposed to a person being forced to sell his property for a public use, arguing that the essence of private property is the right to exclude anyone, including government, from the property. But Madison's view prevailed, hence the Fifth Amendment provision.

In recent years, state and local governments have been running roughshod over private property rights in ways that would have horrified our founders. In the 1959 Courtesy Sandwich Shop case, a New York court held that if the tax collector collects more taxes by taking the private property of one party and transferring it to another, that's a public use permitted by the

Constitution.

Recently, the city of Port Chester, N.Y., gave a private developer virtual power to condemn property within its designated redevelopment area. Bart Didden and Dominick Bologna, owners of property within the redevelopment area, approached the private developer for a permit to build a CVS pharmacy on their land. The developer told them to pay him \$800,000 or give him a 50 percent interest in the CVS pharmacy or he'd have the local government condemn the land. Didden and Bologna refused, and the next day their land was condemned. The 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the local government's decision, which is nothing less than sanctioning extortion.

Napolitano concluded his speech pointing out something that few Americans appreciate. Natural rights do not come from government;

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Jan. 29

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on repairing the justice and jail systems:

Every time an individual walks free from prison because it turns out that he or she didn't actually commit the crime, the system has failed.

If it hadn't failed, the wrong person wouldn't have been convicted. If it hadn't failed, the real guilty party wouldn't have evaded detection.

And because the system failed, everyone involved and the public at large are entitled to know why. Everyone involved and the public at large are entitled to a reliable system

that doesn't continue repeating mistakes.

Was it error by people acting in good faith? Was it prosecutorial misconduct? Inept defense representation? Sloppiness or malfeasance? Inadequate police investigation? Flawed lab work? Unreliable witnesses? Deliberate deception?

And, perhaps most important, what changes should state and local governments make to prevent the future waste of money on wrongful prosecutions and erroneous incarcerations — not to mention the human toll?

The innocence commission proposed by Texas Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, in SB 263 is designed to find those answers. It has the potential to push crucial improvements to the state

criminal justice system.

The commission would examine cases in which convicted defendants were later exonerated. The goal would be to have an independent body determine what led to the improper conviction and to recommend corrections that would guard against similar blunders.

This shouldn't be a hard sell for a state in which, according to a Star-Telegram news report, two dozen inmates or former inmates have been exonerated by DNA testing after conviction and imprisonment. Twelve exonerations have occurred in Dallas alone, the most recent a man who spent 10 years in prison for a child rape he didn't commit.

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'Dads' Breakfast'



Pampa News photo by LACI KENNEDY
Travis Elementary School recently hosted a father/child event called "Dads' Breakfast." Greg Poole ate at the school with his daughter, Holland.

Williams

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they spring from our humanity. Or, as our founders put it, we are endowed by our "Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness," the latter meaning property. We establish governments to secure these rights.

Unfortunately, Americans have permitted governments at every level to become increasingly destructive of the ends they were created to serve. Under the color of law, government often does to us what thieves and crooks do, and like a nation of sheep we stand by and take it, and what's worse, sometimes we ask for it.

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

Justice

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Nationwide since 1989, DNA has been used to prove that 192 inmates were wrongly convicted, according to the Innocence Project, a New York-based legal clinic. In 75 percent of those cases, erroneous eyewitness testimony was a key factor.

In 2006, North Carolina became the first state to set up an Innocence Inquiry Commission that will review evidence to determine whether inmates were wrongly convicted.

But Ellis' proposed innocence commission doesn't go that far. Instead, it would examine cases after exoneration and focus on systemic weaknesses.

It also would focus on specific cases, unlike the Criminal Justice Advisory Council that Gov. Rick Perry established in 2005 to recommend a broad array of improvements in dealing with crime labs, sex offender supervision and law enforcement technology.

In January 2006, the council, among other things, recommended following federal standards for compensating individuals who are wrongly convicted in Texas courts. Ellis' SB 262 would make that change.

Texas currently pays \$25,000 per year of wrongful imprisonment, with a \$500,000 cap.

However, the 2004 Justice for All Act provides for \$50,000 per year on incarceration in federal noncapital cases and \$100,000 per year in federal capital cases. The council estimated that the increase would cost the state about \$500,000 a year.

The Legislature might decide that Texas can't afford that kind of increase, though lawmakers should bear in mind the damage that a mistaken conviction causes to the defendant's life.

They also should consider that convicting the wrong person carries a range of costs, not just to the individual but to the victim who gets a false sense of closure, to potential victims if the perpetrator remains free, to the public's trust in the system and to taxpayers who must foot the bill for redoing what wasn't handled properly in the first place.

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Frederick Douglass

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The Famous Frederick Douglass

Abraham Lincoln called him a friend. He had many famous friends — presidents of the United States, teachers, artists, poets, writers and judges. His name was Frederick Douglass, and he was famous as well.



He Never Forget

As an adult, Frederick Douglass was well known and admired. But he never forgot the pain and suffering of his childhood.

Douglass was born a slave. As a small child, he was taken away from his mother and rarely saw her. When he was a young man, he ran away to the northern states where he could live as a free man. But he couldn't forget the men, women and children who were still slaves in the South.

Standards Link: History: Understand how democratic principles came to be, and how they have been exemplified by people and events.

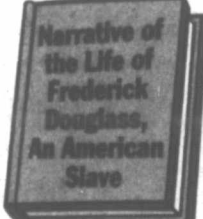
The Power of the Pen

When Frederick Douglass was a child, it was against the law to teach a slave to read and write. But, when Frederick was eight years old, he became the slave of Sophia and Hugh Auld. Young Sophia, unaware of the law against educating slaves, taught Frederick the alphabet until her husband found out and made her stop. Sophia stopped teaching, but young Frederick didn't stop learning.

His ability to read and write made Frederick Douglass famous. But he didn't write in order to become famous.



When he went north to freedom, Frederick traveled from town to town speaking about slavery in the South.



He wrote a book about his life as a slave. His words made people feel the pain of being owned.

He started a newspaper where black people could write about their news, ideas and opinions.

Use the code to discover the name of Frederick Douglass' newspaper.

A = ★	N = ◆	S = ▼
E = ○	O = ►	T = ◈
H = ■	R = ▲	U = ◄

Standards Link: History: Know that Frederick Douglass advanced the cause of human rights, equality and the common good by advocating the abolition of slavery.

Unfinished Work

Frederick Douglass helped end slavery. After the Civil War and for the rest of his life, he continued to work toward equality for black people and women. He wrote more books and was named to important jobs in the government.

Not long before his death, Douglass wrote, "Others will fight on." He believed that others would continue the struggle until people everywhere believed as he did: "One man's skin can be black and another man's skin can be white—but under the skin we are all the same."

Standards Link: History: Understand the ways in which people have advanced the cause of human rights, equality and the common good.



Find the things that are the same about these kids.

Extra! Extra! Punctuation Pictures

Collect newspaper pictures that represent a question mark (?), an exclamation point (!), or a period (.). Make a Picture Punctuation booklet. Write an original sentence for each picture in your booklet.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Use appropriate punctuation when writing sentences.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Write Light

Frederick Douglass needs enough candlelight to write for four hours each night for one week. Each candle is labeled with the number of minutes it will burn. Does he have enough light for one week?



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Standards Link: Number Sense: Use a variety of strategies in the problem-solving process.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Scan and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

Newsmakers
Find pictures of newsmakers in the newspaper. For one month, collect and make a scrapbook of them. After one month, how many of the newsmakers can you still identify? Which ones appear in the paper most often?

Standards Link: Research: Use newspapers to locate information.

Write On! Mission Possible

If it were possible for you to be anything in the world, what would you want to be? What would you do if this happened to come true? Why?

Kid Scoop Together: Missing Words

Fill in the blanks in the story below by using the word list.

Escaping to Freedom

Frederick Douglass named his _____ after a symbol of _____ to slaves, as well as a physical guide to those slaves escaping the South and traveling north. They were taught to locate this star by using the stars of the Big _____.

Slaves often passed _____ instructions from plantation to plantation by _____.

"Follow the Drinking Gourd" is a song that provided in code the route for an _____ from Alabama and Mississippi. A portion of the song and its coded message follow:

When the sun comes back
And the first quail calls,
Follow the drinking gourd.
For the old man is waiting
To carry you to freedom
If you follow the drinking gourd.

"When the sun comes back" means the time in _____ when the altitude of the sun increases each day. Quail are a migratory bird that winter in the South, and the drinking gourd is the Big Dipper. Most freedom seekers had to cross the _____ and powerful Ohio River, a difficult crossing most of the year. The song urged freedom seekers to begin their journey in winter, which would enable them to reach the Ohio when it was still frozen and easier to cross.



Standards Link: History: Understand how the music of people from a variety of regions long ago influenced the nation.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **SLAVERY**
The noun slavery means the owning of people by other people.

Frederick Douglass called for an end to slavery. Try to use the word slavery in a sentence today.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You advised "Wondering in Concord, N.H." (Dec. 29) that "as long as the flag is treated with respect -- taken down at night, and not allowed to become tattered and faded because of exposure to the elements -- it would be a loving tribute to (her) friend if it were displayed." Although I could not find it in any flag etiquette site, it is customary that a flag used on a casket never be unfolded. It was folded and presented as an honor to the deceased soldier/Marine and should be unfolded only by God. This is a sentimental tradition, not a rule or law. My husband has the flag that draped his brother's casket. He would probably kill before he would let someone unfold it. — **DAWN IN HAMP-TON, ILL.**

DEAR DAWN: If I was incorrect in my reply, thank you for correcting me. However, you are not the only reader who wanted to weigh in on this subject, and the suggestions I have received are varied. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I belong to three veterans organizations. Most veteran posts, American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars will take a memorial flag and either fly it or dispose of it properly. — **ROBERT O., RICE LAKE, WIS.**

DEAR ABBY: A better answer to "Wondering" would be to buy a triangular display case and place the very important gift of the American flag from the friend on the mantel or a table in his/her home. What a topic of conversation it would become in memory of a dear friend. — **RESPECT-FUL IN OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: "Wondering" could, if she so desires, donate the flag to a military cemetery. In Battle Creek, Mich., we have Fort Custer, a veterans cemetery, and I donated the flag given to me at my grand-

father's funeral to it. There is an "Avenue of Flags" as you enter the cemetery, and it's a very moving sight to see all these flags flying in the breeze, knowing that people gave their lives for them. — **SANDY E., KALAMAZOO, MICH.**

DEAR ABBY: After my father died, my mother donated his flag to a local memorial cemetery. Every Memorial Day the flags are brought out, pressed, and hung on flagpoles lining the driveways and walkways. Friends, family and the community are invited to a memorial service for all of our fallen men and women. Some come alone; others have family gatherings under the flags. My father's flag has flown every Memorial Day for the last 23 years. It's a great way to pay tribute and very reassuring to know his flag is being cared for properly. — **VETERAN'S DAUGHTER IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: As someone who is currently in the military and deeply rooted in its culture, I have to disagree with your answer to "Wondering in Concord, N.H." Flags given at a memorial service signify something that goes above and beyond the meaning of an ordinary flag. It is not uncommon, and usually considered a special tribute, for them to be flown for a day over special locations in memory of that individual. However, it is not appropriate for memorial flags to be used in a daily capacity, and certainly should not be flown over the house of someone who, in all likelihood, didn't know the person. That would be like using someone's tombstone because you needed a big rock for something. Although the flag itself is just cloth, it symbolizes that the individual made a huge sacrifice of him- or herself that everyone in this country benefits from. If all they need is a flag, I will gladly buy them one in exchange for the honor of caring for the flag of a fallen brother. — **DEVLIN B., SNEADS FERRY, N.C.**

For Better Or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

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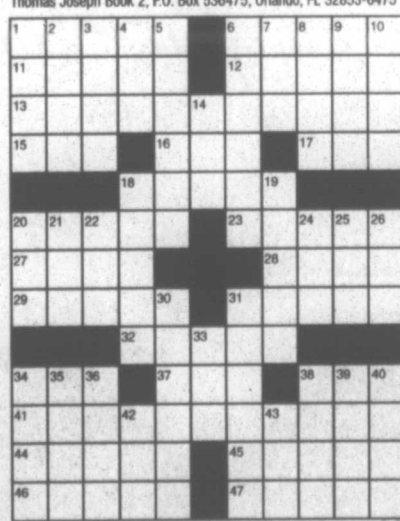
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Sports Day

John Burns receives 'Wrestler of the Month' honors from Amarillo Chamber

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

Senior John Burns of Pampa High School was selected as Outstanding Wrestler of the Area for the month of January by the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Sports Committee.

Chuck Bailey of the Chamber Sports Committee found Burns to be most deserving of the honor.

Bailey and his wife review stats and oversee the wrestling throughout the area, which extends from Plainview to Peryton, and everywhere between.

"We found that [Burns] really outshined every kid in the area," Bailey said, "winning at Vernon 3 years in a row is just outstanding."

"I am excited for John," coach Josh Cadenhead said,

"He is loyal, honest, and portrays characteristics of a true champion."

Cadenhead has worked with Burns all four years of his high school wrestling career, coaching him through his three straight victories in Vernon, and all other accomplishments thus far.

"He is the leader of this wrestling team, and has really picked up his intensity for his senior year," Cadenhead said, "I am looking forward to see John wrestle and compete in a sport that he truly

loves."

Along with Burns, Kirsten Iruegas of Hereford was selected as Outstanding Female Wrestler of the Area for the month of January, and Brandon McDonald from Randall was selected as the Outstanding Wrestler of the city of Amarillo.

On Feb. 15, a luncheon will be held to honor Burns and all other recipients of January sports honors throughout the area.

Seniors make Academic All-State Football team



Academic All-State Football team selected from PHS pictured here: (L-R) 2nd Team - Ben Gibson, Elite Team - Bobby Sikes, 1st Team - Craig Crowell.

The Texas High School Coaches Association announces the Academic All-State Football team for 2006-07.

The teams are selected by a point system that awards points for GPA, class rank

and SAT or ACT score. The student/athletes are then placed on teams according to the number of points they have earned.

The Elite team represents the highest point total that can be achieved.

Criteria required to be nominated is 1) overall GPA of 92 or above, including grades 9-12 and the first six weeks of grade 12; 2) Be a member of the team in good standing at the time of nomination; 3) Be of good moral

character.

Bobby Sikes of Pampa was selected to the Elite Team, Craig Crowell of Pampa was selected to 1st Team, and Ben Gibson of Pampa was selected to 2nd Team.

Leal, Botello advance to regionals after wrestling at Boys Ranch

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

Last weekend, the Harvester Wrestling team traveled to Boys Ranch for district competition.

With an outstanding performance at district, the team as a whole did very well as they produced two champions and three third place winners.

After the first round of the tournament, Steven Botello, John Burns and Richard Leal were still at the top while Jeremy Maxwell, Nick Riley, Robert Douglas, Garrett Fatheree and Jonathan Olson were into the consolations after a first round loss.

"I told those guys that after their first loss, that the next match was the most important because we needed to win third place to put ourselves in a position for a wrestle back for second place," coach Josh Cadenhead said.

After the second round, Maxwell and Olson placed third as the team awaited the finals in which Botello, Burns and Leal were to compete.

In the finals at 130, Botello, a freshman, proved himself and took on Luis Martinez of Dumas, and won the championship with a 9-3 victory, advancing to regionals.

At 119, Leal defeated Anthony Chavez of Boys Ranch with a takedown in a

challenging match, taking the championship, also advancing to regionals.

In the final championship match at 180, Burns took on Jake Topper of Borger.

"John came out shooting," Cadenhead said, "but Jake played defense and wrestled on the line."

After swapping takedowns and one escape, Topper was up 3-2, and time ran out for Burns in the third period as he took second place.

After the finals, the team had two wrestle backs in which Olson was fighting for second place, and Burns for his chance at regionals.

Burns was challenged for second place by Paul Dubiel from Dumas, which proved to be yet another tough fight.

While trading takedowns, one received penalty points and the other escaped, and after six minutes, the boys were tied at 3-3.

As Burns went to throw Dubiel near the end of the match, something popped in his left foot, and as he went down, injury time ran out, causing him to forfeit the trip to regional due to injury default.

"I am extremely upset about the whole situation for John since he is a senior," Cadenhead said. "He was in the same situation last year when he dislocated his elbow in the championship match and had to forfeit his trip to regionals."



Regional qualifiers, pictured here: (L-R) Steven Botello - 130, and Richard Leal - 119

The full results for the district tournament held at Boys Ranch are as follows:
119 - Sr. Richard Leal - CHAMPION 1-0
130 - Fr. Steven Botello - CHAMPION 2-0
140 - So. Nick Riley - 5th Place 0-2
145 - So. Jeremy Maxwell

3rd Place 1-1
452 - Fr. Robert Douglas
4th Place 0-2
171 - Fr. Garrett Fatheree
5th Place 0-2
180 - Sr. John Burns - 3rd Place 0-2
285 - So. Jonathan Olson
3rd Place 1-2
Though Burns won't be

Girls soccer has big win over Borger

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

Following their first district loss to Caprock last Friday, the girls soccer team was able to pull out a big win over Borger on Monday.

The Lady Harvesters defeated the Lady Bulldogs 3-2, bringing them to a 1-1 record for district.

Angelica Pena scored the first goal early in the first half, sending the ball in after it was passed to her in the penalty box.

Midway through the half, Krista McKleland sent the ball in after a clean pass from teammate Kylee Wariner to bring the score to 2-0.

Five minutes later, Faby Sorina sent in Pampa's third goal with a left-footed kick from the penalty box to give the Lady Harvesters a comfortable 3-0 lead.

Seconds before the first half concluded, Borger got their first goal in, sending the Lady Harvesters into half-time ahead 3-1.

"At halftime, we told the girls how well they were doing," coach Trent Davis said, "but they had to be ready because Borger wasn't done yet."

Proving the coaches right, Borger scored once more early into the second half to make the score 3-2.

Goalkeeper Erin Hall kept Pampa alive in the second half, keeping several goals from the Lady Bulldogs with some intense, game-making one-on-one saves.

"[Hall] was put in a few situations where she had to make some big saves," Davis said, "and she came up big on those chances."

In the end, Pampa came out on top with a 3-2 victory, finding out that hard work and good defense can make or break games.

The Lady Harvesters have just three days to prepare for their next game against Canyon, which will take place at 5 p.m. Friday at Kimbrough Stadium.

Harvesters take on Randall tonight

The Pampa Harvesters will travel to Randall to take on the Raiders tonight.

The boys, who are currently 2-5 for district and 5-22 overall will face Randall, who are 6-1, 19-6.

Last time they played, Pampa lost the game, 72-50 after having lost to Hereford earlier that week.

Now that the boys have had a victory over Hereford, they may have the morale boost needed in order to take control of tonight's game.

The Lady Harvesters were also defeated by Randall, 54-40 last time they played, but have had much success in district games since that night.

Now 5-4 for district and 13-14 overall, the girls hope to keep that record in their favor after tonight.

The varsity girls will start at 6 p.m., the same time as the JV boys, followed by the varsity boys at 7:30 p.m., with the JV girls going on at the same time.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Feb. 7, 2007: New opportunities head your way this year. Sometimes all you need to do is think about what you want and it happens. Use special care with your finances, as you pull the wild card. You never know what is happening or which way a risk could flip. Stability marks your relationships — finally. Sometimes you get bored, but not for long! Learn to detach and understand where others are coming from. If you are single, "exotic" describes a new person who strolls into your life. You will change your perspective and relating style. If you are attached, a new energy infuses your bond. Allow your sweetie to move as slowly as need be. LIBRA helps you see someone else's perspective.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Use the a.m. for people-related projects. Others seem to work with you, as if they are part of your team. You don't want to miss hitting a home run. New beginnings will come out of the blue if you are willing to defer. Tonight: A sudden insight about a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Step up to the plate; you have much to do and accomplish. You might not be sure about someone's intentions, as you find this person nearly too compliant. Deal carefully with a quirky friend or new acquaintance. Tonight: Know when to put your feet up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Easy does it with a child or loved one. Though you might feel as if

nothing can stop you, others might not have the same devil-may-care attitude. Check over any creative project. Yes, ideas might be that good, but double-checking or brainstorming won't hurt. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★ A partnership plays a major role in creating stability and happiness. Knowing when to pull back can make a big difference. Reevaluate a decision carefully, especially in the face of unexpected news. Work with the moment. Tonight: Rest up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Stability and opportunity surround the happy Lion, as long as you can deal with the unexpected and uproar. A partner, though well-intended, brings excitement and change. Enjoy good communication. Tonight: Laugh rather than become uptight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Express your attitude about those you care about. Sometimes people don't get your warmth because of the natural aloofness of your sign. Get ready for the unexpected. You certainly cannot predict others! Tonight: Buy a card or token of affection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Smile, knowing that even in the face of unpredictability you come out smelling like a rose. A work-related matter could take a surprising twist, though you are not nearly at the end of the story. Tonight: Love the moment.

Super Bowl party pack



COURTESY PHOTO
Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. along with Team Members Dr. Nathan L. Lester and Pamela Smith, of Ford Family Chiropractic in Pampa, recently presented Stephanie Beddo with a Super Bowl XLI Party Pack to enjoy while watching the game. Dr. Ford and his staff wore the jerseys of their favorite NFL Teams leading up to Super Bowl XLI. Each patient reporting for treatment in January had a chance to win the party pack.

Fresh floods bring more misery to Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — Overnight downpours sent storm waters coursing back into some low-lying areas today, as authorities warned of the threat of diseases and anger mounted at the government's response to the disaster that has killed at least 44 people in the capital.

Authorities said flooding had receded in some areas of Jakarta, but that between 220,000 and 430,000 people remained in temporary shelters. The conflicting figures came from different government agencies and it was not immediately possible to reconcile them.

Electricity and water supplies were still cut to much of the city of 12 million people.

Meanwhile, rains triggered a landslide in a village some 100 miles west of the capital that killed six others, including a young boy, said Banten Police Chief Brig. Gen. Timur Pradopo.

In the capital, medical officials said there were shortages of baby food, clean water and medicine with reports of widespread skin disease and other problems caused by poor hygiene.

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— Nuraini
Military doctor

yesterday," said Nuraini, a military doctor overseeing local relief efforts in the Central Jakarta district. "Most people have diarrhea and are sick after being in the water for too long."

Among them was Mohammed Syaifudin, 31, who said he swam through floodwaters outside his house that were more than 8 feet deep to get supplies and medicine for his wife, son and parents who had moved upstairs.

"I called my relatives for help, but their homes were flooded too," he said. "We want to leave but don't know where to go."

The flooding is estimated to have cost the country some \$452 million so far, the country's planning minister said today. Paskah Suzzeta said the losses in Jakarta were "mostly due to an inactive economy and closure of offices and facto-

ries." The floodwaters burst river banks throughout the city on Thursday, turning scores of districts, rich and poor alike, into lakes of debris and sewage.

"We live in modern times. People should have been warned," said Stefanus Lamury, who lives in a flooded-out residential area close to the city's center. "No one should have died because of this."

In scenes reminiscent of New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, residents of Jakarta have waded through poor neighborhoods in water up to their necks, or floated on makeshift rafts bearing clothes and other salvaged possessions. Some have scrambled onto roofs to await rescue from soldiers and emergency workers in rubber dinghies as floodwaters as deep as 12 feet.

Soldiers on boats deliv-

BP 4th-quarter earnings fall 22 percent

LONDON (AP) — BP PLC said today its fourth-quarter profit dropped 22 percent to a two-year low, driven down by the declining price of oil and increased safety spending after a series of high-profile mishaps including a deadly refinery blast in Texas and an oil spill in Alaska. The oil company also slashed its growth targets and raised its capital expenditure forecast for this year.

BP said adjusted net profit dropped to \$2.88 billion, from \$3.69 billion a year ago. Adjusted net profit measures earnings before extraordinary items and excluding changes in the value of inventories.

Revenue for the fourth quarter, including asset disposals, fell 1.6 percent to \$62.8 billion.

Over the full year, adjusted net profit fell 1.3 percent to \$22 billion, from \$22.3 billion in 2005. Revenue rose 11.7 percent to \$274.3 billion, from \$245.5 billion.

BP was the last of the major oil companies to report earnings. Oil companies have been recently stung by a steady decline in crude oil prices, which have plunged more than \$20 per barrel from their peak reached last summer. Chevron Corp. on Friday reported its first quarterly profit decline in more than a year, but the second largest oil company in the United States still ended up with its third consecutive year of record earnings.

BP's increased safety spending follows criticism of its operating standards after a fatal explosion at its

Texas City refinery in 2005 and an oil spill in an Alaskan pipeline.

"The fourth-quarter result reflects the recent declines in the overall price and margin environment, as well as operational factors and increased safety and integrity investments," said outgoing Chief Executive John Browne.

"We remain committed to addressing the recent operational issues while executing our strategy with discipline and focus."

BP announced last month that Browne, whose ability to stay in control of the company had been the subject of intense speculation, would resign at the end of July — bringing his expected departure forward by more than a year.

CIA LEAK

Jurors to listen to grand jury tapes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jurors appeared intrigued when they were told they'd be hearing audiotape of former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby's grand jury testimony and were handed transcripts so they could follow along. Several mouths

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dropped, however, when they were told the tapes ran about nine hours long.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald pushed hard to get Libby's entire grand jury testimony — the sworn statements he made regarding outed CIA operative Valerie Plame — admitted into evidence at Libby's leak trial. He's betting that jurors will hear Libby's testimony and agree that he lied and obstructed the leak investigation.

Tuesday, he plans to put that to the test. Jurors heard 90 minutes of testimony Monday and Fitzgerald has set aside all of Tuesday for jurors to listen to tapes and follow

along in their books and on a big-screen transcript.

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Both Fitzgerald and Libby sounded relaxed in early testimony. Fitzgerald was not confrontational and at times came across as casual as he asked pointed questions about the highest levels of government.

Fitzgerald wanted to know how Cheney's office responded in 2003 to the growing criticism from former Ambassador Joseph Wilson, who went on a one-man fact-finding

mission that he claimed refuted some prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Cheney's former spokeswoman, Cathie Martin, has testified that Cheney's office viewed Wilson's criticism as a direct attack on the president's credibility and was focused on beating it back.

During that effort, Libby said, Cheney mentioned in an offhand way that Wilson's wife worked for the CIA. Fitzgerald asked whether Cheney was upset by the apparent "nepotism" in the fact Plame may have arranged the fact-finding trip. Libby said he did not recall.

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