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Conservation district accepting orders for trees

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is currently accepting orders for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs.

The conservation tree program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost with the aim of protecting cropland, feedlots and buildings, and to control erosion and enhance wildlife, according to a news release from the district office.

Several species of potted conifers are available, including arborvitae,

Austrian pine, pinyon pine, red cedar, Rocky Mountain juniper, Scotch pine and spruce.

Bare root hardwoods available include bur oak, caragana, catalpa, chokecherry, cotoneaster, golden willow, green ash, hackberry, honeylocust, hybrid cottonwood, lilac, Lombardy poplar, Nanking cherry, native plum, pecan, sand cherry, sawtooth oak, shumard oak, Siberian elm, skunkbush sumac and smooth sumac.

Two different wildlife packets are also available. Each packet contains

25 seedlings each of four different species designed to enhance populations of deer and squirrels.

The tree seedlings will arrive at the district office at the end of March 2008. District representatives suggest that tree orders be placed early, as many species sell out quickly, according to the release. Deadline for ordering the seedlings is March 10.

In addition to the tree seedlings, the district is currently working on a source for larger trees, including hardwoods in five-gallon and 10-

gallon sizes, fruit trees and shrubs in the five-gallon size, and evergreens in one-, three-, five-, 10- and 15-gallon sizes.

Deadline for ordering the larger trees is March 30. Expected delivery date for the larger trees is the end of April.

Anyone interested in ordering any of the trees or shrubs may pick up an order form at the district office located in the Gray County Annex, 12125 East Frederic, or call 665-1751, ext. 102.

Library friends to host visit, talk by noted author

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pampans will be able to meet and talk to New York Times and USA Today best-selling author Jodi Thomas at Lovett Memorial Library Monday.

The Friends of the Library are hosting the event that will feature Thomas speaking on "How to put together the award-winning best-seller."

Thomas will hand out free booklets and materials to those attending her lecture.

Thomas has a degree in family studies and is a marriage and family counselor by education, which gives her a background that enables her to write about personal relationships. She is also known for her expertise in historical research and genealogy.

The novels that Thomas has written have earned her a long list of awards. Her first book, "Beneath the Texas Sky" (1988), won the National Press Women's Novel of the Year in its category. Her second book, "Northern Star" (1990), was named best novel by the Texas Panhandle Professional Writers and the Oklahoma Writers Federation.

Book 12, "To Kiss a Texan" (1999), was her first novel to earn a spot on the USA Today Best-selling Books list. The 16th book



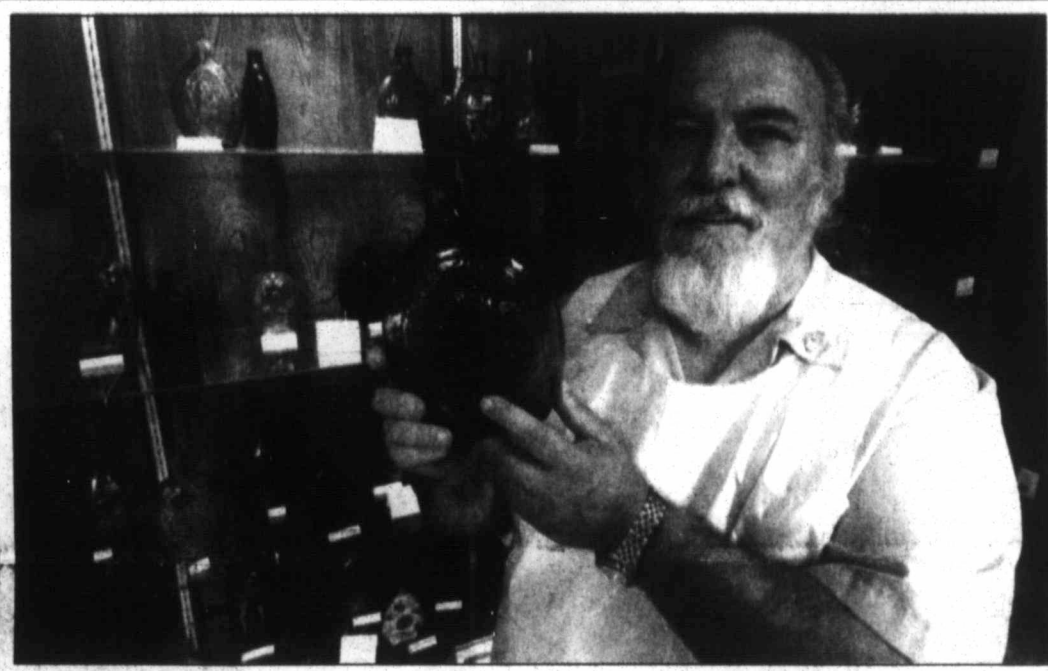
Thomas

that Thomas penned, "The Texan's Wager" (2002), was named as number 16 on the New York Times extended bestseller list. In 2005 and the novel "Finding Mary Blaine" (2004) received the National Readers' Choice Award.

As the 2006 inductee into the Romance Writers of America Hall of Fame, three-time RITA winner Thomas joins only 10 other authors to be honored in the organization's history.

"I never tire of writing, of telling the stories that play in my head, or introducing the characters to my readers," Thomas said. "And believe me, there are many more stories in there clamoring for attention. I'm especially excited about "Texas Princess" because it was so much fun to write."

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Doug Rapstine, a history teacher and retired Pampa principal, holds up one of the glass bottles he has collected over the past 30 years. Each bottle has historical significance.

Doug Rapstine finds historical significance in bottle collection

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- Doug Rapstine may have retired as the principal from Travis Elementary School, but he never lost his love of history.

He's back where he started; teaching history in the classroom, but this time the classroom is at Clarendon College. His college teaching career leaves him enough time to pursue his hobby -- history.

One aspect of that is a collection of glass bottles, which he calls U.S. History in Glass, but the exhibit in the parlor of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church parish hall is labeled simply American Glass.

Actually, Rapstine said Sunday on a break from kitchen duty during the Sacred Heart Catholic Church's Polish Sausage Festival, the glass bottles on display comprised only about half his collection.

The display in the parish hall was divid-

ed up according to history. Almost half of it consisted of empty whiskey bottles from the American Revolution period. There were bottles from the War of 1812, the War Between the States and bottles with the likenesses of famous people through the country's history.

Part of the collection was perfume and cologne bottles.

One shelf featured mustard dishes, milk white glass bowls with covers with ornate tops, from the time of the Spanish-American War.

Each bottle, each dish, has a particular story to tell about the nation, often with lessons that have been repeated throughout history, such as the mustard dish of the Battleship Maine, which sparked the Spanish American War when it was blown up in Havana Harbor.

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BBB taking entries for annual ethics awards

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A call for entries for the 2008 Better Business Bureau Torch Awards for Marketplace Ethics has been issued by the BBB of the Texas Panhandle, in partnership with the College of Business at West Texas A&M University.

Outstanding businesses from the 26-county Panhandle area are honored annually with the BBB awards,

the only ones in the area which recognize business ethics, said Janna Kiehl, CEO of the BBB of the Texas Panhandle.

Companies must submit a complete application in order to qualify for the award. Nominees must be in good standing with the BBB, but membership in the BBB is not required.

Nominations may be submitted by others and by the companies them-

selves. After being nominated, a company must submit a complete application in order to be considered for the awards.

Nominations are accepted year-round, Kiehl said, but applications for the 2008 awards are due by Jan. 15.

Each year's winners and finalists receive a crystal trophy, area-wide publicity and the right to advertise the BBB Torch Award for

Marketplace Ethics honor.

Last year's winners include Marcella Furs & Leather Inc., Custom Gardens, Happy State Bank and two non-profit agencies, Care Net Crisis Pregnancy Centers of Amarillo and Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

"Winners and finalists of the Torch Awards set an example for businesses of all sizes," Kiehl said.

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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 52. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. West-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
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DUNN, Frederick M. — 11 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

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Wheat	7.04
Milo	6.15
Corn	6.96
Soybeans	8.53
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa	
QXY	70.91 -1.01
BP PLC ADR	75.32 -1.58
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HAL	39.10 -0.74

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JCP	47.90 -2.57
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SLB	95.90 -0.43
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Obituaries

Frederick M. Dunn, 83



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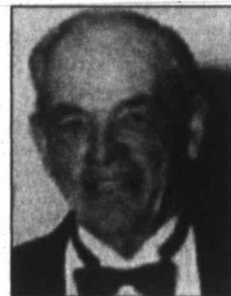
Frederick M. Dunn, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 8, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Dunn was born May

4, 1924, in Lake Forest, Ill. He married Jacqueline L. Finn on Oct. 9, 1948, in South Portland, Maine. Fred was a superintendent for Natural Gas Pipeline. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church where he

served as an usher for many years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy for 4 1/2 years, serving as a Lt. JG. Survivors include his wife, Jacqueline Dunn, of the home; one son, Jeffery M. Dunn and wife Diann; seven grandchildren;

and two great-grandchildren. **MEMORIALS:** Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106. **SPECIAL NOTICE:** The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9, 2007, at Carmichael-Whately Funeral Home. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Robert Olan 'Bob' Eastham, 77



Eastham

Robert Olan "Bob" Eastham, 77, of League City, Texas, formerly of Pampa, passed away Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Services and burial will be Saturday, November 10, 2007, at 3:30 p.m. in Llano Cemetery, Amarillo, Texas (direction/info: www.llanocemetery.org <<http://www.llanocemetery.org>>). Bob was born in Amarillo on May 30, 1930, graduated from Amarillo High School, served in the U.S. Air force as a Staff Sergeant on B-26 and B-29 aircraft during the Korean War. He retired from Celanese Chemical Company in 1987 after 32 years where he was a Fire

Captain and Supervisor. He went on to a second career retiring from Cal Farley's Boys Ranch. He enjoyed his retirement years watching his beloved Chicago Cubs and relaxing near Galveston Bay in League City. He was preceded in death by his parents, Olan Eastham and Avo Eastham; and three sisters, Lila, Jackie, Joyce, and brother Jerry. Survivors include a sister Jeannie and husband Calvin Salmon of Seguin, Texas; a daughter, Stephanie Eastham

of St. George, Utah; three sons, Keith Eastham and wife Patricia of Pampa, Texas, Mark Eastham and wife Trisha of League City, Texas, Steven Eastham and wife Nicole of Murphy, Texas; 13 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren, Bridget Velasquez and son Aaron, Brian Bailey and wife Heather expecting a baby this month, Brad Bailey, Beth Bolyard and husband Dan and daughter Abigail, Christina Fulton, Terri Sanford and daughter Sabrina and son James Jr., Jackie

Eastham and daughter Audrey, Chris Archibald and wife Mandy in labor with a new baby and daughter Rylee Ann, Matt Archibald, April Eastham, Chandler Eastham, Amber Eastham, Natalie Eastham, Julia Eastham, Jarred Eastham; and many nieces and nephews, as well as numerous other relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, P.O. Box 1890, Amarillo, TX 79174-0001. Arrangements made under the direction of Jeter Funeral Home, Friendswood, Texas, www.jeterfuneralhome.com <<http://www.jeterfuneralhome.com>>.

Bill J. Harris, 79



Harris

Bill J. Harris, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 9, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mr. Harris was born Sept. 1, 1928, in Lockney, Texas, and had been a resident of Pampa since 1952. He married Betty Williams on March 8, 1947, in Amarillo. Bill was in the car business for 52 years and was associated with Country Chevrolet in Borger for the

past several years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church where he and Betty taught Sunday School for the 2-year-old children for over 43 years. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He dearly loved his family, friends and the Pampa Harvesters. Survivors include his

wife, Betty Harris, of the home; two sons, Randy Harris and wife Pam, and Rick J. Harris and wife Cindy, all of Pampa; one daughter, Judy Osborn and husband Steve of Rowlett; one brother, A.J. Harris of Dumas; one sister, Lora Lee Easley of Dumas; six grandchildren; and three

great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Willie Lora Harris. **MEMORIALS:** First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Two traffic stops were made. Accidents were reported in the 2300 block of Primrose, the police department lobby, the intersection

of 23rd and Hobart, and the 700 block of North Hobart. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of West Alcock. Found property was reported in the police department lobby. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of North Sumner, the 1000 block of North Sumner,

twice in the 100 block of North Hobart, once in the 1200 block of South Finley, the 400 block of West Kingsmill, the 700 block of North Dwight and the 700 block of West Foster. Escort service was provided in the 800 block of West 23rd. Criminal trespass was reported in the 400 block of West Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance broke out in the 800 block of South Sumner which resulted in an arrest. A welfare check was made in the 500 block of North Sumner. Disorderly conduct reports came in from the 100 block of East Harvester, the 600 block of South Plains and the 900 block of Twiford. Theft was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks. A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. Assaults were reported in the 300 block of South Miami and the 400 block of North Christy. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Zimmers. An animal complaint was reported in the 900 block of North Dwight. Warrant service was attempted at one location, resulting in an arrest. Burglaries were reported in the 1800 block of Holly and the 1900 block of North Duncan.

aggravated robbery and two counts of aggravated assault. **Friday, Nov. 9** Travis Lee Ward, 26, of Chelsea, Okla., was arrested by PPD in the 600 block of Hazel for aggravated assault upon family member/weapon. Theodore Whitley, 33, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 600 block of Hazel on two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility. Harry Ray Chester Green, 47, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 600 block of Hazel for failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear. Valerie Marie Vigil, 22, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to display a driver's license, two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear for bail jumping, and open container. Neil Mason, 34, of McLean was arrested by PPD in the 600 block of Hazel on two counts of possession of drug paraphernalia and evading arrest. Sheena Williams, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for theft under \$50.

LifeStar Helicopter. 11:49 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a call for medical assistance. 4:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of North Hobart on a vehicle accident. **Ambulance** Guardian EMS Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Nov. 8** 11:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of East 23rd and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 11:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of North Charles and transported a patient to PRMC. 12:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to PRMC. 4:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC. 4:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Hobart. No transport. 5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Fir and transported a patient to PRMC. **Friday, Nov. 9** 12:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette and transported a patient to PRMC.

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Sheriff Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Thursday, Nov. 8** Jerry Lee Music, 39, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for failure to maintain financial responsibility and displaying expired registration. Carlos Jose Cordova, 26, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on two counts of

Fire Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Nov. 8** 10:53 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center on a standby for

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Mukasey confirmed as attorney general

WASHINGTON (AP) — Of neither Washington nor President Bush's Texas power circle, Michael Mukasey won his new job as attorney general in large part by vowing to be his own man.

But Bush, his Capitol Hill allies and congressional Democrats have plenty of expectations for the retired federal judge, and political pressure will be there.

The president wants him to carry out the administration's terrorism-fighting agenda.

"Judge Mukasey will lead the Justice Department as it works to protect the American people whether from drug

traffickers and other criminals on our streets or from terrorists who seek to attack our homeland," Bush after the Senate confirmed Mukasey 53-40 late Thursday.

Bush added another instruction: "Now that Judge Mukasey has been confirmed, I look forward to working with the Senate to fill the other senior leadership positions at the Justice Department so that America has the strongest, most capable national security team during this time of war."

The statement was a bow to reality — and to the demands of Democrats that Mukasey clean up the mess Alberto

Gonzales left at the helm of the nation's federal law enforcement agency.

At least 15 senior Justice Department officials have resigned since Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y. began his investigation of the firings of federal prosecutors at the start of 2007. The departures include Mukasey's predecessor Gonzales, his second- and third-in-command and five assistant attorneys general.

Majority Democrats in the Senate have a list of expectations, too — chiefly, that Mukasey work closely with them.

Municipal Courts Week



Courtesy photo

Mayor Lonny Robbins signed a proclamation recognizing November 5-9 as Municipal Courts Week. Municipal courts are the courts most routinely experienced by Texans, both adult and juveniles, and they could be said to constitute the arm of government that is the closest to the greatest number of people. It is most appropriate to recognize the accomplishments of the Municipal Courts in the state of Texas and salute their critical role in preserving public safety, protecting the quality of life in Texas communities, and deterring future criminal behavior. Shown with Mayor Robbins is The Honorable Judge Kurt Curfman and Belinda Stafford, Court Clerk.

Bottles

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Almost a century after the sinking of the Maine, Rapstine said the U.S. Navy held a court of inquiry and decided the explanation was an internal explosion, not a Spanish mine as speculated by the newspapers of the day.

"Ships in those days were powered by coal," Rapstine said, "and the Navy decided that a coal dust explosion most likely caused the sinking of the ship."

The United States wanted to go to war, Rapstine said, and the sinking of the battleship gave them the excuse.

A mustard dish next to the Battleship Maine dish reflected on the political view of the day. Called the American hen, it portrays an eagle rising, wings spread, over three eggs labeled Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines.

There were bottles from the American Revolution honoring the Marquis de Lafayette, a critical ally and popular personality in the new country's fight against Britain. The Marquis de Lafayette was a wealthy French citizen who came to America to support the American Revolution. He befriended George Washington, and was with Washington at Valley Forge.

When Lafayette left America to return to his native France, he took with him a crate of dirt so he could be buried in American soil.

"He's buried in France," Rapstine

said, "in American soil."

There are ornate glass whiskey bottles from the Klondike Gold Rush and from Pike's Peak.

Bottles from the War of 1812 promote sailors' rights and freedom of the seas.

An operatic singer, Jenny Lind, is honored on several of the glass bottles.

Known as the Swedish Nightingale, Lind was introduced to America by noted showman P.T. Barnum in the mid-19th century.

"The money she raised from every third concert went to poor kids," Rapstine said.

She used her own money to build a children's hospital in England.

One of her bottles, Rapstine noted, is extremely light.

"Old glass is usually really light," he said, "not heavy like you'd expect."

That is both good and bad, he said. It's very elegant, yet not much of it has survived because it was so delicate.

Another bottle honors Lewis Kossuth, the president of Hungary in the 1840s. He was deposed while on a trip to the United States and stayed on in America.

"Everybody thought he was wonderful," Rapstine said, "but nobody helped him return to his country."

There's also a bottle honoring Maj. Samuel Ringgold, a member of a prominent New York family who was one of the first U.S. soldiers killed in the Mexican War of 1845, Rapstine said.

"At the time, he was honored as a hero," Rapstine said.

Also from the Mexican War era is a

bottle honoring Gen. Zachary Taylor.

Taylor was a popular general but was from an opposing political party than President James Polk at that time. Polk held up Taylor's progress in Mexico, Rapstine said, so that Gen. Winfield Scott could make an amphibious landing at Vera Cruz and march on Mexico City in an effort to defuse Taylor's presidential ambitions.

Rapstine's collection comes from a variety of places. He found one of his prize bottles in a box of junk. It's a small cologne bottle with the likeness of Charlie Ross, the first American child kidnapped for ransom. That was in the 1850s.

The Ross family was wealthy, and police finally tracked down two men they thought had kidnapped the child.

One of the men was killed in a shootout as police closed in. The other man was captured and admitted to the kidnapping, but told police that his partner, who had been killed, had hidden the boy. The man who was captured had no idea where the child was.

Charlie Ross was never found. "It was the most famous kidnapping," Rapstine said, "until the Lindbergh case."

Rapstine said he began collecting bottles in the mid-1970s, when he was cleaning up around the family farm.

He would find old bottles and give them to his sister-in-law. Finally, he laughed, she said, "Enough." He began keeping them for himself.

"I love them for their history," he said, gazing back over the collection.

Thomas

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"Texas Princess" is the latest in the Thomas library and is her 25th novel. It is the second novel in the Whispering Mountain trilogy, which pairs the romance genre with western

history.

When not working on a novel or interacting with students at West Texas A&M University, where she serves as its Writer in Residence, she enjoys traveling with her husband, Tom, and renovating a historic home in Amarillo. Thomas is already working on the final Whispering Mountain book, which is due out in November 2008, and will release an anthology of

short stories in February of next year, in which she collaborated with three other authors.

Thomas will be at Lovett Library from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Monday and will begin speaking at 1 p.m. The Friends of the Library will provide punch and cookies for the event. For more information, contact the library at 669-5780.

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"I encourage the many outstanding companies in our community to enter and heighten public appreciation of ethical business practices."

Awards are given for every size business, based on number of employees, and in the non-profit category.

"If your company or organization strives to sincerely do the right thing, is honest and fair, you should apply for this award," Kiehl said.

Entry forms, criteria and additional information are available by calling (806) 379-6834 or by visiting www.txpanhandle.bbb.org. The telephone number and Web site may also be used to submit a nomination. Companies will receive

notification of any nominations.

Two workshops will be held to answer questions and assist applicants. They will be from 4 to 5 p.m. Nov. 29 and from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Dec. 4. Both workshops will be at the BBB offices, 720 S. Tyler, Suite 108, in Amarillo. Those wishing to attend a workshop must call (806) 379-6222 to make reservations.

"Time-honored values do make a difference, and ethics are more relevant today than ever," Kiehl said. "A good value today must include a trustworthy company that people can have a long-term relationship with. This award highlights those companies and the value of ethics overall in our community."

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Viewpoints

Media too eager to showcase politicians

If you are a television watcher, you might be forgiven for believing that the American people have become "extras" in a drama that features only two sets of star players — the media and the politicians.

When someone first learned how to attach a soundtrack to film, silent movies became the "talkies," as they were originally called. To this day, all simulations of reality, and even reality itself, captured on film or video or digital media requires pictures and talk.

Nobody, except the media, is better at and more eager to talk than politicians. Another factor is the superstition of journalists that something doesn't exist unless "an official" says it exists.

You would think in the current extravaganza called the California wildfires that reporters could simply describe what they are seeing. That, of course, would be "unoffi-

cial," so they need some official or politician to tell them how bad what they are seeing really is. Also there is the problem that television reporters generally stay in one spot with their cameraman and repeat the same hearsay all throughout the news cycle.

Inevitably, things get exaggerated. One NBC reporter standing in front of some rubble 40 miles from the San Diego fires said that "10,000" homes had been destroyed. Actually, so far as is known at the present, the number is likely to be considerably less than that. The 1 million evacuees are now said to be about 500,000. That, too, is probably a high number.

Drought and wildfires are as natural to that part of California as gully-washers and hurricanes are to the Gulf Coast. Yet, like the Gulf Coast, that part of California is

beautiful, and nobody can be blamed for wishing to live there. Not many places give you a mild climate and easy access to the beaches and the mountains. Nor, to dispose of another media myth, are all the people who live there rich.

Charley Reese
Columnist



I also can tell you from personal experience that Californians observe the 70 mph speed limit in all parking lots.

Our generic problem is that God did not construct the United States to house 300 million people, or the planet to hold 6 billion. In the distant past, wildfires and hurricanes

would zip through areas hardly noticed because there were few people to get in their way. With our excess population and the buildings that go with it, all natural disasters will be expensive. So will insurance. The cost of the current wildfires is nothing compared with the cost of a really major earthquake, which is always a risk in that part of the U.S.

One of the networks dredged up a "family psychologist," whatever that is, to talk about the tremendous trauma facing people whose houses have burned down. I had to wonder why no one has ever thought to ponder about the trauma of people in Iraq who have lost both their homes and the lives of their loved ones. Fires and major hurricanes just give you a taste of what war is like with modern bombs and artillery.

Well, there is nothing we can do

about overpopulation. Natural reproduction will always outrun birth-control pills and fallible condoms. The weather is another thing we can't do anything about. Eventually we'll see the return of water wars, because most of the American West is naturally an arid area.

We humans tend to be a cocky species because we've invented ways to easily kill animals and chop down trees. But if I were a gambling man, I'd bet on nature rather than on man. As a species we are, after all, a relative newcomer to the planet. Nature, to use the vernacular, can be one mean and ruthless mother when messed with. Our end may be the last televised extravaganza.

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

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 9, the 313th day of 2007. There are 52 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 9, 1965, the great Northeast blackout happened as a series of power failures lasting up to 13 1/2 hours left 30 million people in seven states and part of Canada without electricity.

On this date:

In 1872, fire destroyed nearly 800 buildings in Boston.

In 1918, it was announced that Germany's Kaiser Wilhelm II would abdicate. He then fled to the Netherlands.

In 1935, United Mine Workers president John L. Lewis and other labor leaders

formed the Committee for Industrial Organization (later Congress of Industrial Organizations).

In 1938, Nazis looted and burned synagogues as well as Jewish-owned stores and houses in Germany and Austria in what became known as "Kristallnacht."

In 1953, author-poet Dylan Thomas died in New York at age 39.

'He who seeks rest finds boredom. He who seeks work finds rest.'

—Dylan Thomas
Welsh author-poet
(1914-1953)

In 1963, twin disasters struck Japan as some 450 miners were killed in a coal-dust explosion, and about 160 people died in a train crash.

In 1967, a Saturn V rocket carrying an unmanned Apollo spacecraft blasted off from Cape Kennedy on a successful test flight.

In 1976, the U.N. General Assembly approved resolutions condemning apartheid in South Africa, including one characterizing the white-ruled government as "illegitimate."

In 1986, Israel revealed it was holding Mordechai Vanunu, a former nuclear technician who had vanished after providing information to a British newspaper about Israel's nuclear weapons program. (Vanunu was convicted of treason and served 18 years in prison.)

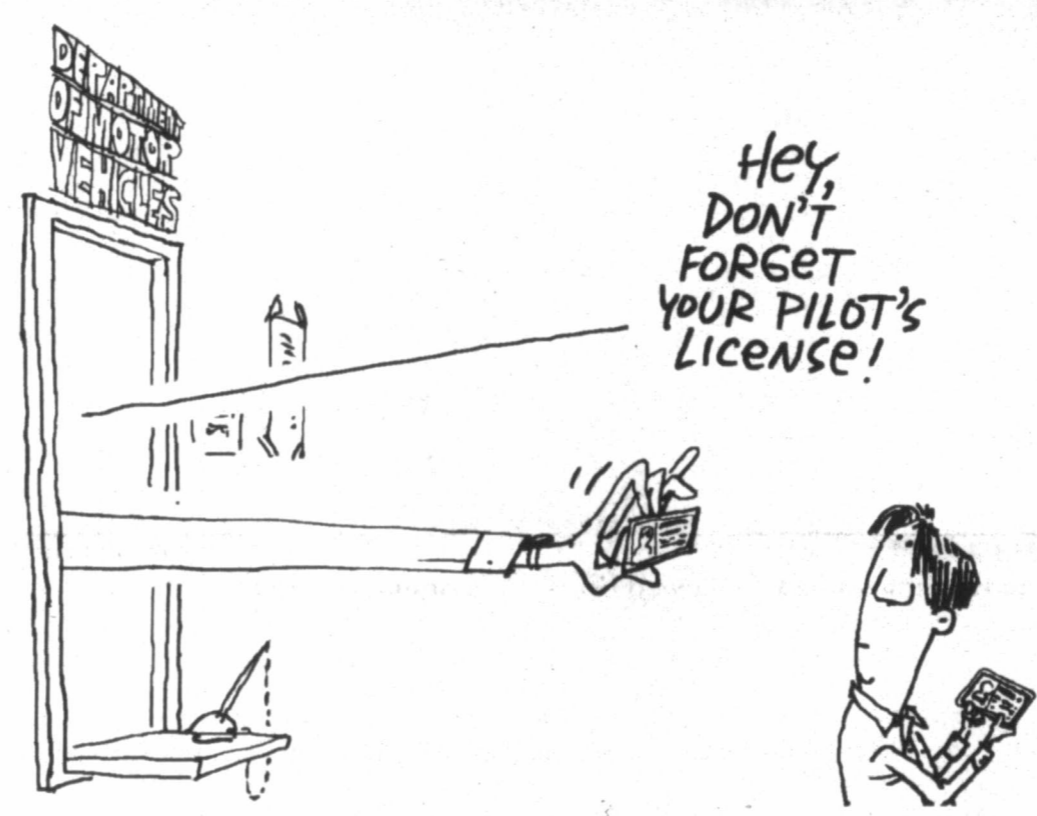
In 1989, communist East Germany threw open its borders, allowing citizens to travel freely to the West; joyous Germans danced atop the Berlin Wall.

Ten years ago: A Boeing 707 jetliner carrying first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton was forced to return to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington after a sensor indicated an engine fire, which turned out to be a false alarm. (Clinton left the following day for a tour of Central Asia.)

Five years ago: President Bush said in his Saturday radio address that Saddam Hussein faced a final test to surrender weapons of mass destruction.

One year ago: Republican Sen. George Allen conceded defeat in the Virginia Senate race to Democrat Jim Webb, sealing the Democrats' control of Congress.

NEWS ITEM: New York Gov. ELIOT SPITZER WANTS TO GIVE DRIVER'S LICENSES TO ILLEGAL ALIENS... WHAT'S NEXT?



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Be thankful for public school system

Later this month, this nation will celebrate its annual Thanksgiving holiday. This recalls the natural bounties a small group of religious refugees from England found when they crossed the Atlantic in 1620. It also recalls the welcome they received from the native inhabitants, who shared their own bounty with the newly arrived Pilgrims.

A few years later, another group of religious refugees founded another colony just a few miles away from the Pilgrims' Plymouth. In the 1640s, the Puritans who settled in Boston and the nearby area created one of the most important institutions in this nation's history — the first public schools.

We look back today at those early settlers and thank them for what they did to make their communities — and later this nation — a place where teaching and learning mattered, where public schools gave students knowledge and skills and opportunities that became the envy of the world.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving in a few weeks, let's first pause to celebrate American Education Week, Nov. 11-17.

Sponsored by the 3.2 million teachers and education support professionals who make up the National Education Association, this weeklong celebration spotlights the importance of making sure every child in this country gets a quality public education.

Great public schools, as the General Court and the residents of Massachusetts Bay Colony knew 360 years ago, are a basic right for every child and a basic responsibility for the adults who care for and govern them.

American Education Week is a good time for all of us to renew our commitment to our children and to their future — to this nation's future, which they will shape and lead. It is the responsibility of every adult in this country to provide our children with quality public schools so they can grow, prosper and achieve

great things as they become adults. The colonies at Plymouth and Boston began as small settlements, with populations numbering in the few hundreds. In their early days, what they would become — even whether they would survive, let alone grow — was uncertain.

Donna Haschke
TSTA



Rich natural resources boosted the chances that Plymouth and Boston would survive — and perhaps more. But it was the dedication and hard work of visionaries — people such as Plymouth's Gov. William Bradford and Massachusetts Bay's Gov. John Winthrop — who would use those resources to accomplish growth and successful futures.

Likewise, our nation today has rich resources that boost the chances that our children will grow up to be well-educated and successful. But using those resources effectively requires the dedication and hard work of visionaries. Who are today's Bradfords and Winthrops?

We are all stakeholders in our public schools. Taxpayers fund them. Local school board trustees, state legislators and members of Congress allocate that revenue and adopt policies and laws for public education. Parents can get involved in schools and in support organizations such as local Parent-Teacher Associations. Teachers teach and education support professionals perform other essential work every day.

All stakeholders can help improve our public schools and make them stronger and more effective.

Taxpayers and the elected officials need to ensure that our schools are

properly funded to meet the growing needs that range from increased enrollment to globalized economic competition. This has to include getting a fully qualified teacher in every classroom and appropriately paying every teacher and education support professional.

Parents who become actively involved in their children's education — both at school and outside of it — help keep their kids in school. Conversely, parents who are not involved increase the risk that their kids will drop out before graduating from high school. The dropout crisis costs both those individuals and their communities far too much, and not all of that can be measured in mere economic terms.

"We have entered an age in which education is not just a luxury permitting some men an advantage over others. It has become a necessity without which a person is defenseless in this complex, industrialized society," a great Texan said more than 40 years ago in words that are just as fitting today.

"If we deny a man access to the education to which he is entitled by capacity, we also deny him access to his rightful place in our economy. And, I might add, we also deny ourselves his productive skills," Lyndon B. Johnson added.

As we prepare to celebrate American Education Week and Thanksgiving, let us thank this country's earlier visionaries whose dedication and hard work built the world's greatest system of public schools. And let us today commit ourselves to renewing and strengthening our schools to serve new generations of our children.

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Religion

Hallowed House



COURTESY PHOTO
Calvary Baptist Church of Pampa recently staged "Hallowed House," an original production that depicts the battle of good versus evil — Satan vs. Jesus Christ. The show was attended by 750 people this year, according to the church. Danny Cowan, left, played demon-possessed "Legion" as depicted in the Bible, and Ronnie Holmes portrayed Satan.



COURTESY PHOTO
The scene above is taken from the recent production of "Hallowed House" at Calvary Baptist Church in Pampa. Jason Jones acted the part of Jesus on the cross. Included in the photo with him as "soldiers" are Bill Crook, from left, Steve Gordon, Brian Wall and Billy West.

Catholic, Muslim leaders approve 'mission statement'

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Concluding a three-day gathering at the nation's largest mosque, a collection of Muslim and Roman Catholic leaders emerged with a 114-word blueprint for greater understanding between the two faiths.

The Midwest Dialogue of Catholics and Muslims, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and the Islamic Society of North America, was staged at the Islamic Center of America, a Shiite mosque.

Several dozen participants weighed tough questions — including ideas for guidelines governing attempts to convert Muslims to Catholicism and Catholics to Islam — and approved a mission statement to guide future dialogue.

"Our common belief in the one God of mercy and love calls us into relationship with one another," the statement reads. "Therefore we see our dialogue as a spiritual journey. Common ethical concerns compel us to take responsibility for our relationship within U.S. society."

Bishop Francis Reiss, an auxiliary bishop of Detroit, said the goal is not theological compromise but spiritual growth.

Sayyid Syeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America, said: "Catholics are 60 million in the U.S. We are hardly eight to 10 million, and we are still exploring ways of establishing our community and gaining the recognition and respect that we deserve as American Muslims. And so, we truly appreciate this big brother relationship."

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Veterans Day concert in offing

Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will honor American veterans with a gospel concert featuring



Songwriter/performer Darrell Archer at 10:45 a.m. Sunday.

"Darrell is a talented composer, gifted recording artist, and one of the most exciting and eloquent singers on the current sacred and gospel concert circuit," a press release from Church of the Nazarene said.

Archer has entertained as a soloist, in small groups and with orchestras. His concerts often include a variety of traditional, classical, Caribbean, jazz and popu-

lar variations. "Darrell is a very gifted lyric and music composer," according to the release, "with over 1,000 songs and arrangements in addition to cantatas, musicals, orchestrations and sheet music."

Archer, a veteran of the U.S. Air Force, began singing in church as a youngster and continued to perform during his college years. He holds a degree in music and is proficient on the piano and guitar.

Admission to the concert is free, and a nursery will be provided.

Church briefs

A gospel music concert with the Singing Bragg Family will be staged at 6 p.m. Sunday at Calvary Assembly of God Church, 1030 Love.

"The Singing Bragg Family," a press release from the church said, "is a totally live band supplying a fresh genre of gospel music to the whole family."

The group's motto is "Braggin' about Jesus." Child care will be provided.

WAKA — Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday at Waka Christian Center. All Emmaus members, families and friends are encouraged to come gather for potluck supper, sponsor training, fellowship and worship. A nursery will be provided.

"The Church's One Foundation"

This hymn emerged from a rugged controversy that threatened to tear the Church of England asunder. In the mid-1800's, a South African bishop, John Colenso, denied that Moses had really written the Pentateuch or the first five books of the Bible. In 1853, Colenso, a servant of the Zulu people, was removed from his post but was reinstated by a London court of law. The resulting conflict shook the Anglican Church to its foundations. In 1866, Samuel Stone, the curate at Windsor Castle, wrote this hymn which was based on the ninth article of the Apostle's Creed, which says: "I believe in the holy catholic church, the communion of saints."

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Eight years ago, while visiting my son, "Jack," and his wife, "Mary," in a nearby state, I saw a few dishes in the sink waiting to be washed -- so I washed them. When Mary saw what I had done, she became upset. She said, "I don't keep house the way you do." My reply at the time was that I was only trying to be helpful. That was all the cleaning I did -- I swear. A few years later, when they visited me, Mary vacuumed, scrubbed floors and cleaned out my refrigerator -- all without asking me or being asked to do so. When Jack noticed this unusual activity and questioned it, Mary replied, "She cleaned at our house when she visited us." How do I handle such a long-held resentment without damaging my son's and my own relationship? I have never been invited to stay at their home since. Jack does visit me alone, and the two of them stop by on their way to other vacation spots. Mary's latest ploy is to be very "concerned" about Jack driving such a long way by himself to visit me. They plan to be here in about six weeks. I need to confer with my son about my private finances, house repairs, and show him needed chores that I can no longer do myself. This house will be his to dispose of at my death. My husband died 20 years ago. Until then I had never worked. I earned my college degree soon after and joined the workforce. I asked little of others during that emotionally draining time. I am not a person who demands much attention. I know that I must prepare to move from my own home soon, and have asked Jack to investigate community living arrangements in a city near where he lives. He's dragging his feet. What should I do? He has my power of attorney. I have a brother, but he's 87 and not well. I also have a daughter on the East Coast, but she has problems of her own and a mentally ill

husband. Please help me do some clear thinking. — **SECOND THOUGHTS IN RHODE ISLAND**

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: You appear to be thinking very clearly already. It's time to stop depending on your son. Hire a handyman to change the lightbulbs and do the little repairs around your house. And rather than waiting for Jack to investigate assisted-living facilities, begin doing it yourself. It would be a smart move because only you know what kind of a place will make you happy. A word of warning, however: If at all possible, before making any permanent decisions about where you intend to live, rent out your house for a year and see how you would really like living in another community. If your support systems are all based where you are, you may decide you want to return to your home rather than relocate far from friends and familiar surroundings.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl who recently got a job working as an usher at a movie theater. My problem is moviegoers who come in late for a film and try to rush me when I'm working at the concession stand. It's not my fault that they're late for their movie. How can I tell them they should have arrived earlier in a nice way without sounding rude? — **ANGELICA IN LOS ANGELES**

DEAR ANGELICA: There's an adage in business: "The customer is always right." It would be a public relations mistake to enlighten your customers about their "sins" -- even in the City of Angels. So fill their orders as quickly as you can, give them a smile, and let them pay the penalty for their tardiness.

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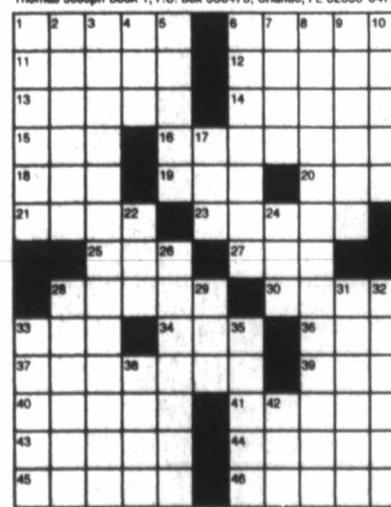
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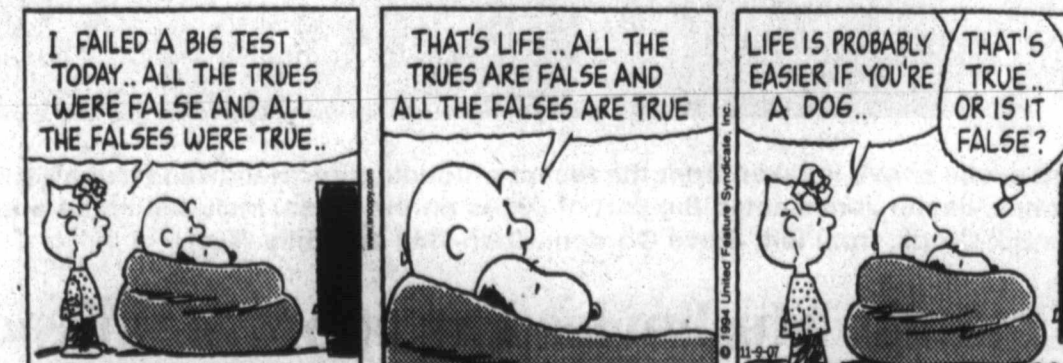
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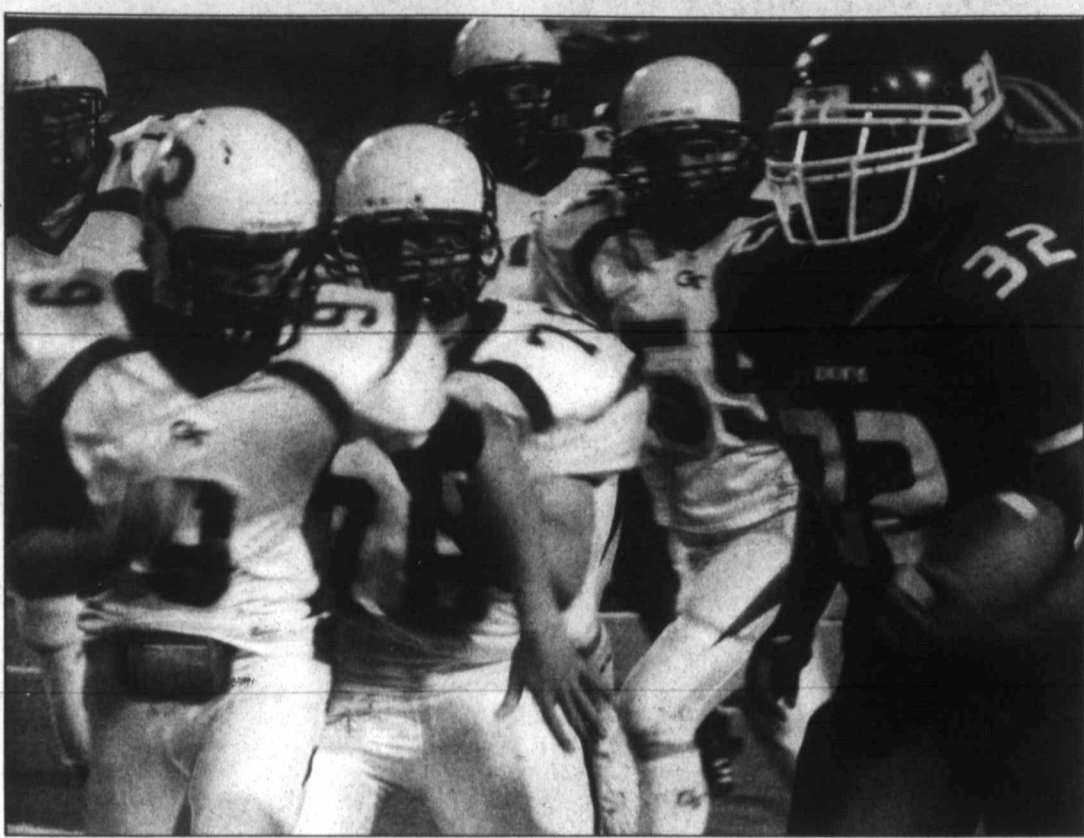


Photo by RODGER SMITH

Junior defensive back John Luke Covalt chases down Palo Duro's O'Quinn Young during Thursday night's game at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo. Following behind Covalt (L-R) are Sean Beedy, Nick Dudley, Ryne Malone and Taylor Busse.

Palo Duro puts down Pampa in final match

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The Pampa Harvesters led until the fourth quarter of their last game against the Palo Duro Dons, but failed to hold off the other team and ended up with another loss, which ended Pampa's season with a 4-6 (1-4) record.

The game started off with Pampa receiving the ball and after keeping possession of the ball for about two minutes, they went for it on fourth and six by giving it to Shavious Kelly. He was unable to get the first down and the ball was turned over to Palo Duro.

With 6:49 left in the first quarter, one of the Dons broke away with the ball and it looked like he would make it to the end zone after breaking multiple tackles. Josh Mulkey did not allow the Don to score when he finally brought down the runner on the 3-yard line.

Palo Duro had the ball for first and goal on the Pampa 3-yard line and then received a five-yard penalty and had to replay the down. This gave the Dons first and eight and with 6:09 left in the quarter they scored a touchdown, that was called back and did not count due to Palo Duro receiving a penalty on the play for an illegal man downfield.

The first down was replayed and Palo Duro was at first and 13. Again, Palo Duro received a 10-yard penalty and had to replay the down at first and 23. The Harvesters held them back and the Dons were forced to attempt a field goal on fourth and 17. The field goal was good and the first score of the game went to Palo Duro, 0-3.

The next possession for Pampa was led by quarterback Alex Clendening and was riddled with penalties for the Harvesters. With 4:06 left in the first quarter, Pampa received a five-yard penalty for a false start. Just a few seconds later, the second penalty on Pampa was for an illegal motion. The Harvesters did get a first down and started their way

down the field again, but with 2:10 left in the quarter the Harvesters received another five-yard penalty for delay of game. This led to Pampa having to punt the ball back to Palo Duro. The first quarter ended with a score of 3-0 in favor of Palo Duro.

After Pampa got possession of the ball again at the start of the second quarter, Casey Trimble began the charge down the field with a pass to Michael Fernuik and then carrying the ball himself for seven yards. Palo Duro helped the cause for Pampa when they received a personal foul penalty and was penalized half the distance to the goal. After second and goal and third and goal, Trimble carried the ball into the end zone himself for Pampa's first score of the game with 9:32 left in the second quarter, bringing the score to 7-3.

Palo Duro only had pos-

session of the ball for about two minutes when they had to punt the ball back to Pampa. Pampa received another penalty, this time for holding, and after declining the penalty they lost a down and the Harvesters were playing for third and 16. Trimble was able to connect a pass with Heath Skinner who got the first down.

Pampa was playing for first and goal, but received a five-yard penalty for an illegal shift and got moved back to the six yard line. With 4:35 left in the second quarter, Ryne Malone was able to score Pampa's second touchdown of the night. It looked like the touchdown would not count when penalty flags flew on the play. The referees had an unsportsman-like conduct on Pampa and Palo Duro, so the penalties canceled each other out and the score did count, bringing the score to 14-3.

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Photo by RODGER SMITH

Junior receiver Heath Skinner runs with the ball during Thursday night's game against Palo Duro.

Freshman girls basketball game, boys scrimmage to take place Saturday

The freshman girls basketball team will take on Borger at 10 a.m. Saturday at McNeely Field House in Pampa.

Immediately following the freshman girls game, the varsity boys will scrimmage with Woodward, Okla. The boys basketball sea-

son will officially begin Tuesday as they travel to Amarillo High to take on the Sandies.

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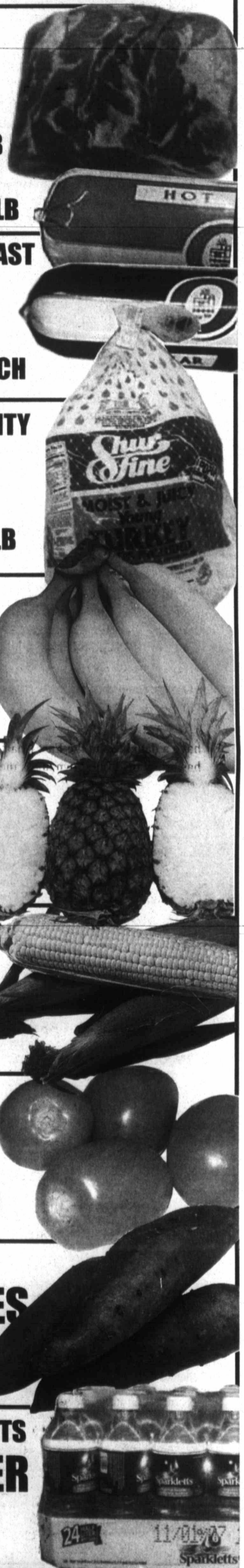
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Harvesters

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The Harvesters punted the ball to the Dons. Pampa was able to sack the Palo Duro quarterback and on second and eight, Jeremy Maxwell intercepted the ball for the Harvesters. Pampa received another penalty a play later for a block in the back and had to play for third and 23. Another pass by Trimble connected with Skinner and he made the first down, but the Harvesters were unable to score.

With 1:24 left in the first half, Pampa had a short punt to Palo Duro who quickly got a first down. With 57 seconds left, the Dons were able to score their first touchdown of the game. The first half ended with Pampa leading, 14-10.

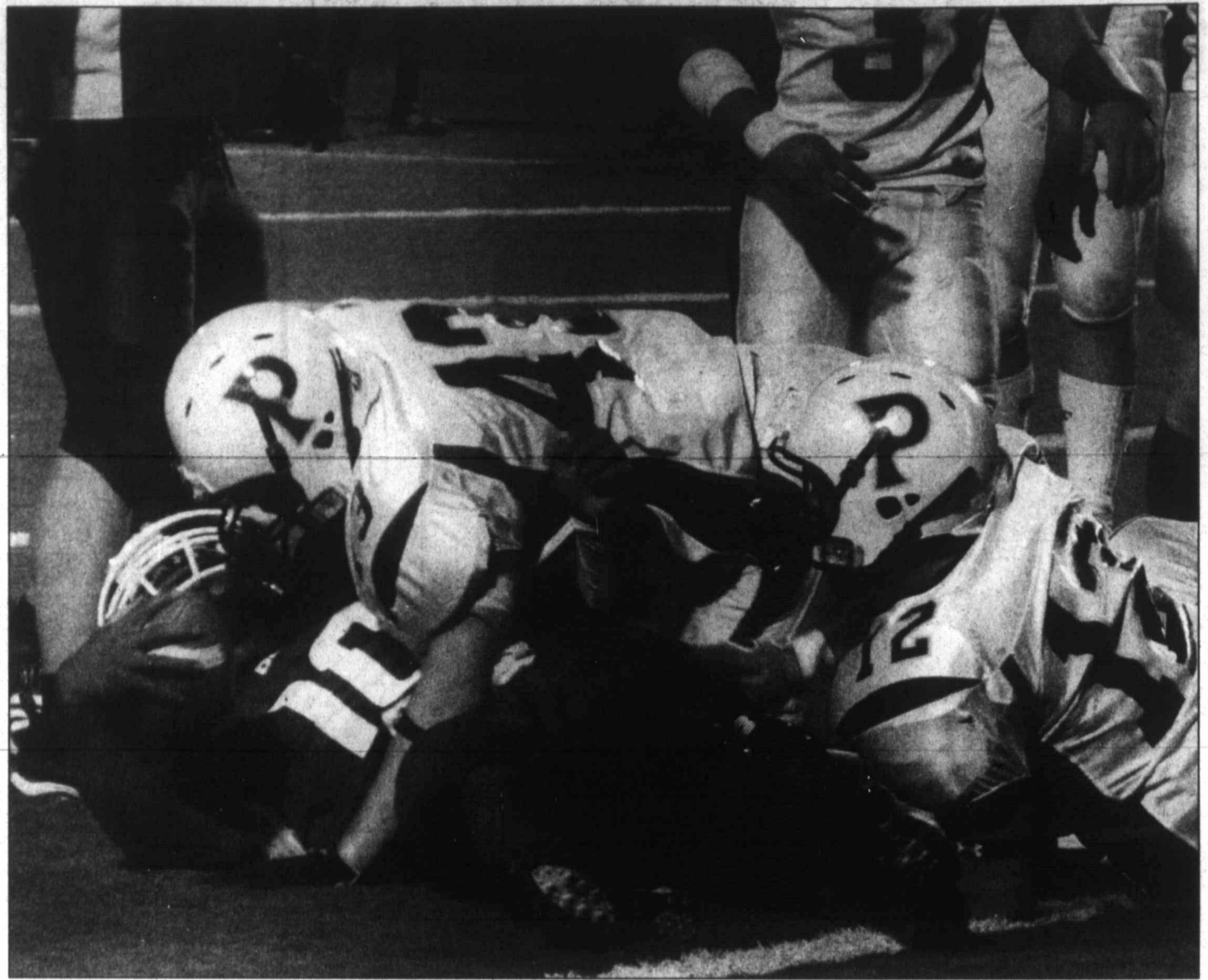
The first part of the third quarter was pretty uneventful until Palo Duro seemed destined to score. Sergio Salazar made sure that did not happen when he intercepted the ball in the end zone and gave possession of the ball back to Pampa. The third quarter ended with no points being scored and the score stayed in Pampa's favor, 14-10.

As the fourth quarter got

started, Palo Duro received a penalty for holding and lost five yards. The Harvesters made their way to the Palo Duro quarterback and sacked him, but during the process received a face mask penalty, which cost the Harvesters 15 yards. Pampa seemed to hold the Dons back on the one yard line, but Palo Duro was able to score and this put the Harvesters behind for the first time, 17-14, with 8:44 left in the game.

Pampa only had possession of the ball for 20 seconds before having to punt the ball back to the Dons. With 5:38 left in the game, Palo Duro was able to score another touchdown, which made the score 24-14. This score seemed to deflate the Harvesters and it got even worse when Palo Duro intercepted the ball with 3:43 left in the game. Pampa was able to hold the Dons back when Josh Humphrey made a tackle on the 19-yard line.

With 1:32 left in the game, Taylor Busse was ejected from the game on a personal foul and the Harvesters were penalized half the distance to the goal and put the Dons on the Pampa three-yard line. Pampa was able to hold the Dons back and did not allow them to score again. The game ended with the final score of 24-14.



Palo Duro quarterback Maurice Burks is sacked by junior linebacker Brett Powell (43). Junior Ryan Funderburg (12) assisted on the tackle.

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Wilson Leaders



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These Woodrow Wilson students were recently honored at the Pampa High School Pep Rally for their leadership on the bus. They are pictured with Pampa Harvester Colden Fortenberry and "Harvey," Tonya Kiper. Back row, (L-R) Erica Soto, Kasandra Resendiz, Joseph Poteet, Joannia Wilhite and Jose Cruz. Middle row, (L-R) Jazlyn Garcia, Sabrina Downhour, Alex Salazar and Ullices Olivias. Front row, (L-R) Olivia Vasquez, Genesis DelaTorre, Maycon Montero and Omar Tovar.

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 10, 2007:
You demonstrate unusual creativity and dynamic energy this year, making you close to unstoppable. Your charisma also comes out with a great deal of ease, especially when needed. In other words, should you know what you want, it easily could be yours to get. If you are single, you certainly will have your pick of potential suitors. You could meet someone very important to your life this year. If you are attached, let your sweetie be more dominant and strong-willed. He or she will appreciate this behavior from you. If you can balance the power between you, you will be happier.
SCORPIO is a soul mate.

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)
★★★★ Finally you feel free to put on your dancing shoes. Do take off for wherever your fantasy leads. It also might be fun to visit with a friend at a distance. Getting together proves to be valuable and important to your friendship. Think positively. Tonight: Go for unique.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Work with a partner directly, and you'll get results, the type you might have dreamed of. Make today about the two of you and the quality of your life. This type of event bonds you even closer. Let it happen. Tonight: Say yes.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to try another approach or do something far differently. You will want feedback from those in

your life who count. Don't instantly negate what you are; remember, you might be just reacting to another's view. Anything and all is possible, you know. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Get into a job, and you'll clear out more work than you ever thought possible. Demonstrate your ability to help all sides meet. You might wonder what you need to do in order to accomplish your long-term goals. Tonight: Easy does it.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Allow your creativity to flourish in a new dimension. Sometimes you get locked in certain thought processes. Open up to possibilities, and you'll initiate new beginnings. How you see an adventure could color an event considerably. Tonight: Fun and games.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to continue a situation or talk that is very important. You might not have the answers you would like right off the bat. Trust that because of someone else's input, you will have the answers. Tonight: Togetherness works.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Work with someone as clearly as possible, especially if money is the issue. If you make a new resolution or a decision to head in another direction, it could be vital to your own well-being. Extremes mark people's visions. Tonight: Your treat.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You might want to stay on top of your game. Many want and expect a lot from you. Timing works, especially with a new beginning. Don't underesti-

mate your charm or charisma. Go for what you want. Tonight: As you like it.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Take your time making important decisions. You will know when the time comes to change gears and approach a situation differently. Communication could be vague. Don't jump to conclusions. Tonight: Get some extra R and R, or at least vanish.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Friends might want to coerce you into a different direction than you might normally choose. Just be sure you understand the risks involved. Unexpected news tosses in a different perspective. Tonight: Follow the crowd.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Yes, you are seeing the world through rose-colored glasses, and you might not really care. Loosen up and decide what works for you. Don't you want to escape all the disappointment? Tonight: A must appearance.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are full of punch and get-up-and-go. You might have difficulty making certain decisions with an element of confusion around you. Are you the one working in the haze? Ask a trusted associate to help you gain some perspective. Tonight: Follow the music.
BORN TODAY
Singer Donna Fargo (1945), lyricist Tim Rice (1944), theological scholar Martin Luther (1483) ***
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Wounded Texas secondary gets scary Texas Tech

AUSTIN (AP) — For a defensive back, there's nothing more fun — or challenging — than facing Texas Tech and the throw-it-till-the-cows-come-home offense the Red Raiders have been flinging around the Big 12 for nearly a decade now.
It can also be exhausting trying to catch up to swarms of receivers who run like jackrabbits on the West Texas plains.
But toss out an injured safety, throw in a couple of gimpy linebackers and suddenly the prospect of facing Texas Tech is looking less like a fun Saturday afternoon and more like a potential nightmare for No. 15 Texas (8-2, 4-2 Big 12).
For a game that requires depth to rotate defensive backs and linebackers and keep them fresh, the Longhorns may be critically short on numbers.
Reserve senior safety Drew Nelson will not play because of a left knee strain. Linebackers Jared Norton and Sergio Kindle, two of the best athletes on the team, are

struggling with shoulder injuries. The defensive line, which must generate a pass rush, will be missing starting end Eddie Jones.
Coach Mack Brown won't use injuries as an excuse, but the sore bodies are piling up at a bad time.
"I love covering the pass," cornerback Brandon Foster said. "This is our biggest test all year."
It certainly is for co-defensive coordinator Duane Akina, who coaches the defensive backs and has been responsible this year for game-planning against opponents.
He not only has to figure out how to cover the receivers but also how to mix up blitzes to get pressure on Tech's Graham Harrell, the Red Raiders' gunslinging QB who leads the nation with 4,412 yards passing and 38 touchdowns.
"This may sound crazy, but I really enjoy games like this where there's a lot of movement and a lot of activity," Akina said. "There's a lot of stress out there. You are exhausted when that game's over."

Mavericks finally hold off Baron's boys for 120-115 victory at Golden State

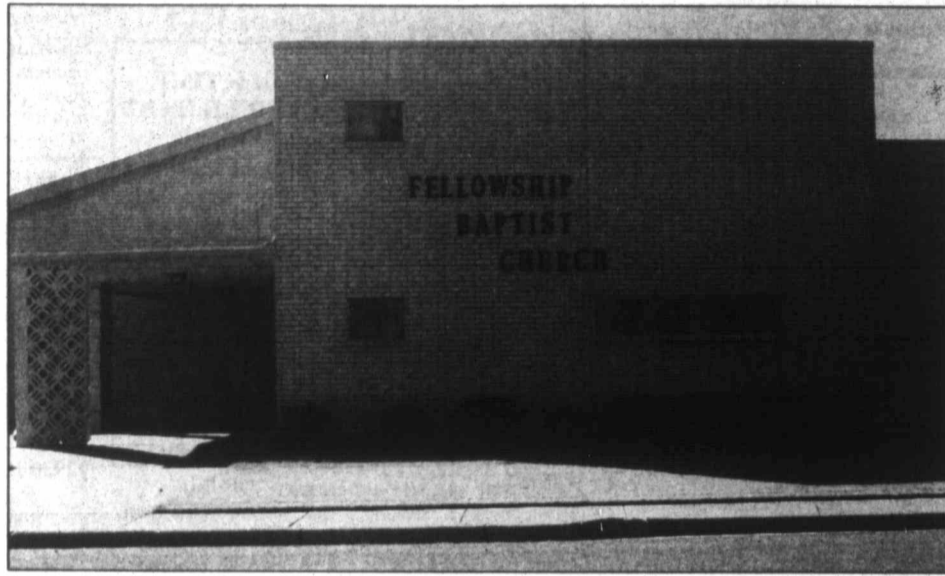
OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — When the NBA's best regular season team beats a winless opponent in November, it's normally not hailed as a huge achievement.
Nothing is normal about the Dallas Mavericks' tortured relationship with the Golden State Warriors, however.
Dirk Nowitzki, Jerry Stackhouse and the Mavericks moved their biggest mental block a few inches Thursday night, fleeing Oakland with a 120-115 victory that provided a bit of hollow revenge for their historic playoff failure last spring.
"It was very important for us at this point in the season, knowing they beat us four or five times last year," said Jason Terry, who had 24 points. "We came in and got the monkey off our back."
Oracle Arena has been a barrel of monkeys in recent years for the Mavericks, who made the worst kind of playoff history in their last visits. Eighth-seeded Golden State beat Dallas three times in Oakland last spring, when the Mavs became the first No. 1 seed to lose

a seven-game first-round series.
Dallas also had lost five straight regular season games against Golden State, and the Mavs seemed headed for even more trouble when Baron Davis lined up a straightaway 3-point shot to tie the latest meeting.
Davis, who tormented the Mavericks with incredible post-season play last spring, scored 15 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter — but his final shot was just short.
"We gave Baron a look like that, and it looked like he was going to get it," said Dirk Nowitzki, whose MVP season ended with a playoff meltdown against Stephen Jackson's defense.
"It was a fun game with a playoff atmosphere in November. We have more of a rivalry with San Antonio or Phoenix, but the way the Warriors have been playing, it can definitely turn into one."
In the only other NBA games on Thursday, New Jersey beat Washington 87-85 and Chicago defeated Detroit 97-93.

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