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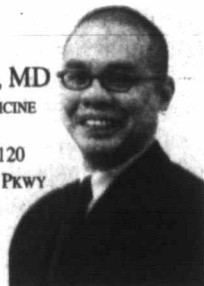
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No action taken on wind farm reinvestment zone

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

No action was taken by Gray County commissioners Thursday morning to establish a reinvestment zone concerning a proposed wind farm by T. Boone Pickens, a Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman.

County Judge Richard Peet was absent from the 9 a.m. meeting in the second-floor courtroom of the county courthouse. Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright

chaired the meeting.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby and Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley each said they owned property within the proposed reinvestment zone and wished to learn more about the proposal and about the propriety of their voting on the issue before taking action. The two comprised half of the total number of votes possible, forestalling any possible action by commissioners Thursday morning.

A reinvestment zone, once called

an enterprise zone, is an area in which businesses could apply for potential tax abatements if they establish a facility within the zone, according to County Judge Richard Peet in an interview earlier this year.

Possible tax abatements which might be granted to businesses locating within a reinvestment zone can vary widely, Peet said. Abatements could range from 0 to 100 percent over a time span of up to 10 years.

Taxing entities which create reinvestment zones may or may not

award such abatements, and may also require specific situations such as a minimum number of employees to be hired and maintained by the business.

A public hearing at 10 a.m. Thursday on the proposed reinvestment zone drew comments from two individuals before commissioners decided to take no action on the issue.

Kathleen Greene, a lifelong resi-

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Democrats accused of farm bill politics

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Pampa's man in Congress is accusing the Democrats of playing politics with the 2007 Farm Bill.

"The key is how does this affect folks trying to earn their living off the land rather than those folks who are engaged in Washington games," Rep. Mac Thornberry said. "We've got to keep our eye on the ball."

Thornberry and two other Republican Congressmen from West Texas accused Senate Democrats of not being able to deliver a Farm Bill.

Thornberry, who represents the Texas Panhandle

and parts of North Texas; Randy Neugebauer, who represents the Lubbock area and South Plains, and Mike Conaway, who represents San Angelo, Midland and Odessa, said in a telephone news conference Thursday afternoon that they intend to introduce an extension to the 2002 Farm Bill after the 2008 elections next November.

"It's become evident that the Senate is not making near as much progress as we'd hoped for them to get something done over on their side of the Capitol," Neugebauer said, "so that we can get the House and Senate to confer-

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Traffic accident



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

At least one person was transported by Guardian EMS Ambulance Service after two vehicles collided between 1 and 2 p.m. Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Price Road and Kentucky Avenue. Pampa Fire Department, Pampa Police Department and Gray County Sheriff's Office also responded to the scene. A red Honda auto was damaged on the driver's side, while a gold Pontiac was damaged on the front end.

School board strengthens dress code punishment

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The Pampa Independent School District Board changed the consequences for dress code violations, heard a report on training for coaches and heard updates on the high school renovations at a school board meeting held Thursday evening.

Superintendent Barry Haenisch told the board he thought the conse-

quence for the third offense on dress code violations should be changed.

"I think we need to come up with a different consequence than having students and their parents meet with the school board on their third dress code violation," Haenisch said. "I think the school board should not get involved in this issue unless there is a level three grievance filed by a parent or student and then we will make

a decision. If we talk to the students before a grievance is filed, we may not be able to be impartial during the grievance process."

The board agreed with this idea and threw around a variety of consequences that could be put in place instead of meeting with the board.

"We need to make sure that we come up with consequences that have some teeth in them so the stu-

dents will be inclined to abide by the rules," board member Lee Porter said. "I don't have a problem making that change, but we need to make sure it's something the students want to avoid."

The new consequences for dress code violations are the following: The first offense will stay the same

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Pampa author has new book

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

He said it is his favorite of the 19 books he's written.

Author and photographer Jerry Heasley was born in Oklahoma but grew up in Pampa. He dedicated his new book, Corvette Masterpieces, to his father, Herbert Victor Heasley, with whom he drove around as a kid looking at the different automobile models on Pampa car lots.

"I like special interest cars of all types," Heasley said.

A prolific writer, he said that over the last 29 years, he's written more articles on cars than anybody in the world.

"We know I've shot more Corvettes than anybody in the world," Heasley said. "I've shot more Mustangs than anybody in the world for car features."

His new book is a compilation of feature stories that he's done on Corvettes over the

years. Unlike many coffee table books that have a publicity picture of a car and the dry facts of the vehicle, Heasley's book is as much about the people who have the cars and designed and built the Corvettes and it is about the car.

"The publisher came to me with the idea for the book," Heasley said. "I didn't want to do the book. Books are hard work."

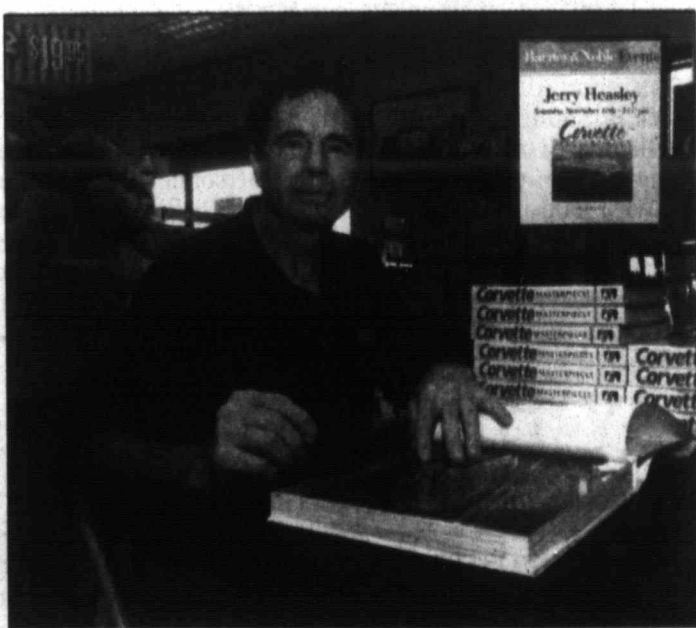
Car books are specialty markets and the profits are usually small.

"I could have made a lot more money if I'd done magazine articles," Heasley said.

But he did the book because he thought he could do a better book than other coffee table books that had been done on the American sports car with their factory pictures.

"Those cars have no history," Heasley said. "No owners."

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Jerry Heasley of Pampa signed his new book earlier this month at Amarillo's Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Soncy.

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Saturday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds around 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Light and variable winds becoming north around 10 mph after midnight.

Sunday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph shifting to the east in the afternoon.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.

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Corn	6.69
Soybeans	8.89

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	66.82	+0.84
BP PLC ADR	72.65	+1.31
Cabot Corp	32.91	-0.18
Celanese	37.38	-0.33
Cabot Oil Gas	35.45	+0.31
Coca Cola	62.47	+0.52
VLO	67.71	+0.49
HAL	36.81	+0.24
XCEL	22.04	-0.01

Anadarko	56.47	+0.62
XOM	84.95	-0.40
Nat'l Oilwell	61.97	-1.12
Limited	18.31	-0.08
Williams	34.44	-0.01
MCD	58.03	+0.85
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Atmos	26.95	-0.26
Pioneer Nat	49.74	+0.08
JCP	42.79	-1.53
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

ADAMS, Dorothy — Graveside services, 11 a.m., White Deer Cemetery, White Deer.
LARSON, Rosemary — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
OLIVER, Bama Nell — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Paducah.

Rosemary Larson, 90

HOUSTON — Rosemary Larson, 90, died Nov. 13, 2007, at Houston. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mrs. Larson was born Aug. 25, 1917, at Blossom, Texas. She married Hermon Larson on April 29, 1939, at Paris, Texas; he died in August of 1986. Mrs. Larson was a mem-

ber of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Houston. She was preceded in death by a sister, Routhie Hall; and a brother, Newton Eades. Survivors include a daughter, Jane Ramsey of Houston; a son, Jerry Larson of Allen; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchild-

ren. **MEMORIALS:** St. Luke's United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 22013, Houston, TX 77227. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Bama Nell 'Sis' Oliver, 83

Bama Nell "Sis" Oliver, 83, passed from this life November 14, 2007, at a nursing center in Clyde, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007, at the First United Methodist Church of Paducah with Glendell, Paul and Curtis Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Paducah's Garden of Memories Cemetery under the direction of Seigler Funeral Home of Paducah. Bama Nell was born May

8, 1924, in Dumont, Texas, to Otha and Nell (Mauldin) Smith. She graduated Dumont High School with the class of 1941. On Feb 25, 1945, she married Hermon "Babe" Oliver in Paducah. She served King County as the Tax Assessor/Collector retiring in 1991. Bama was a lifetime member of the Methodist Church. Bama was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers and a baby daughter.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Babe Oliver of Clyde, Texas; one son, Terry (& Linda) Oliver of Dumont; two daughters, Beth Watson of Pampa and Linda (& Jimmy) Barton of Clyde; one sister, Geneva Wilson of Matador; six grandchildren, Michelle, Cody, Jamie, Toby, Emily and Luke; two great-grandchildren, Jacob and Kylee; and several nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren.

Bama loved making new friends and had many friends whom she loved and they loved her. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, daughter and friend and will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations to the Paducah or Dumont Cemetery which may be mailed to Seigler Funeral Home P.O.Box 728, Paducah, TX 79248.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. Eight traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was made from the 2700 block of North Cherokee. Accidents were reported in the 400 block of North Hill; the 2200 block of West Alcock, where an arrest was made; and the 2800 block of North Charles. Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester. A vehicle sustained \$150 in damage by being scratched. Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 1800 block of North Beech. Criminal trespass occurred in the 500 block of North Naida. Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of North Christy, where an X-Box, Playstation, DVD player, three guitars and a door latch valued at \$1,675 were taken. Lost property was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight and in the 1000 block of West Wilks, where a wallet, contents and cash valued at \$115 was taken. A stolen vehicle, a 1984 tan Pontiac Firebird valued at \$500 was reported taken in the 500 block of South Cuyler. Alarms were reported in

the 1800 block of North Holly, the 900 block of West Alcock, the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 1300 block of North Hobart. Burglaries were reported in the 1800 block of North Beech and the 500 block of North Naida. Animal control officers made a stop concerning animals in the 1200 block of South Finley. Suspicious persons were reported in the 1900 block of North Duncan, and the intersection of Neel and Crawford. A prowler was reported in the 2100 block of Beech. Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Escort service was provided in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the police department lobby. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Harassment was reported in the police department lobby. Welfare checks were made in the 300 block of North Perry and the 1100 block of North Starkweather. Attempts to serve were made at four locations. Telephone harassment was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor. Disorderly conduct calls came in from the 100 block of West 30th and the 300 block of North Perry. Two silent/abusive 911 calls came in from the 800

block of East Frederic. **Sheriff** Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Thursday, Nov. 15** Delbert Gifford, 39, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 2200 block of Alcock for possession of marijuana, no valid driver's license and failure to stop. Billy Ray Houston, 54, of Clarendon was arrested by PPD in the 1100 block of South Barnes for expired motor vehicle tag and no insurance. Zachary Brady Estep, 19, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 800 block of East Frederic on a capias pro fine for a defective tail light. **Friday, Nov. 16** David Lee Ellison, 41, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1000 block of South Neel on a capias pro fine for violation of a city ordinance/no running water. **Fire** Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Nov. 15** 11:49 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of Brunow on a call for medical assistance. 1:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to

the intersection of Price Road and Kentucky on a motor vehicle accident. 2:02 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Comanche. 3:44 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a LifeStar helicopter standby. 9:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of South Barnes on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Thursday, Nov. 15** 6:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded west on Highway 60 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 11:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Brunow and transported a patient to PRMC. 1:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Fir and transported a patient to PRMC. 1:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Price Road and Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 2:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 3:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Christy and transported a patient to PRMC. 5:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a private residence. 6:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a private residence. 8:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 9:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Barnes and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 9:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 9:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Wild well shuts down I-10

RAMAH, La. (AP) — A burning natural gas well west of Baton Rouge is likely to keep Interstate 10 closed there at least until Sunday evening, Louisiana State Police said. No injuries were reported and no evacuations were ordered in the sparsely populated area in Iberville Parish, about 23 miles west of Baton Rouge, where the well blew wild Thursday afternoon, about 100 yards from the highway. Traffic was rerouted onto

U.S. 190 at Louisiana Highway 415 westbound and Interstate 49 eastbound. Cudd Well Control of Houston was assembling equipment needed to clear the area around the well and to safely cap it, state police said in a news release Friday. State police learned of the rupture about 5 p.m., and several motorists reported a significant haze and a strong gas smell while traveling on the Whiskey Bay Bridge, authorities said.

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What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?



Gay-Lynn Coutts
Wilson 2nd grade

"I'm traveling to Chicago to spend it with my son and daughter-in-law who are expecting my first grandchild."



Derrell DeLoach
Nurse Practitioner

"I'm going to spend time with my family and just thank God for his blessings."



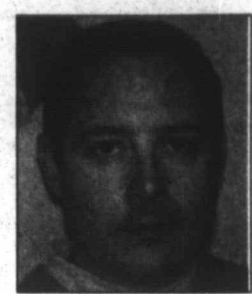
Tanya Larkin
Wilson Principal

"I'm going to spend time with my babies."



Pam Lash
Wilson 5th grade

"My husband has to work on Thanksgiving so I'm going to send it with my bother and sister-in-law in Amarillo."



Stuart Smith
Athletic Director

"I'm going to spend time with my family in Elk City and then go to the Lions Club basketball tournament the weekend after."



Bree Reid
Wilson 4th grade

"I'm going to Flagstaff, Arizona, to see my sister, niece and nephews."

County

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dent of Gray County and widow of former Gray County Commissioner Jim Greene, spoke against the proposed zone.

"I'm hoping that you will not grant this," she said. "I think this will be a cost to Gray County more than a help."

Greene voiced concern over possible costs to the county in connection with the proposed wind farm, such as road maintenance, and said that the county needed the tax money represented by the wind farm.

"The people who built Pampa, Texas, and have been here year after year have been paying their taxes. We need for him to pay his taxes," she said of Pickens. "That is my opin-

ion, and I hope you will consider the long-term cost to Gray County."

Ron Harris, a retired Cottle County judge and consultant/advocate from McKinney, spoke in favor of the proposed reinvestment zone.

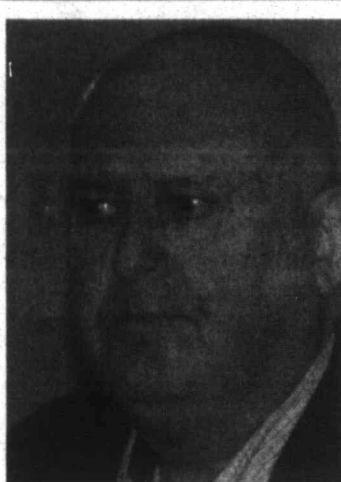
"I am a consultant with Mesa Power," Harris said. "Mesa will contribute multiple millions of dollars to the tax base."

The wind farm is expected to consist of approximately 1,400 generators spread over 300,000 acres in areas of Gray, Hemphill, Roberts and Wheeler counties, with most of the units in Gray and Roberts counties, he said.

"The property owners have been contacted," he said.

Total estimated investment in the project is \$11 billion, he said.

"Figured into the cost are



Harris

additional roads that may be put in," Harris said. "Mesa will maintain those. We will repair any road that gets messed up by our equipment. We will make it the same as or better than before."

The wind generator towers which will be erected on Mesa Power's wind farm will be 400 feet tall and cost

\$1.5 million each.

"The project is estimated to bring 274 jobs to Gray County, mostly of a technical nature," Harris said.

In an interview after the commissioners' meeting, Harris said that Mesa Power would build its own transmission line to convey the power generated by the wind farm to customers downstate.

"We will do it where it involves the least population," he said. "We do not have permission yet from the owners to cross land with the line. We will hopefully try to buy the land. I've never before seen 300 miles of land condemned."

A water line may run beside the proposed electrical transmission line to transport groundwater to which Pickens owns the rights.

"We are able, because it's a renewable energy, to put

power and water together," Harris said of the idea of the dual delivery system.

"He has not formally started leasing property yet for the wind farm," Harris said. "Most of the leases he has talked to already are involved in the water issue with him," he said of reports that Pickens was combining wind and water rights in proposed agreements with local landowners.

The proposed reinvestment zone is expected to be on the agenda of commissioners' next meeting, Nov. 30.

Also on Thursday, commissioners renewed the county's jail physician and medical officer contracts. Requests for proposals concerning various types of county insurance were opened, and Duncan Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency of Pampa was once again selected to provide the

insurance. The Pampa firm and Texas Association of Counties were the only two responders to the requests, and the local agency submitted the proposal with the lower cost.

Payment of overtime hours in the County Clerk's office for the Nov. 6 general election was approved, as was payment of bills totaling \$262,287.40 and salaries of \$231,928.37.

Results of the Nov. 6 election were canvassed. Lot 9, Block 42 in the Wilcox addition was deemed to be the owner of Lots 5-8 to resolve an issue of overlapping property. The lot had been deemed tax-delinquent property when the issue was raised.

No action was taken concerning updating the usage fee for White Deer Land Museum.

Farm

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ence a Farm Bill and get something to the President and get that signed so that our producers will know what the rules are going to be for the next five years."

Conaway and Neugebauer are on the House Agriculture Committee. Thornberry is on the Intelligence Committee and Armed Services Committee but is a Donley County rancher and Amarillo lawyer.

Neugebauer said the trio's effort is not to do anything to cause the Farm Bill to take a different direction, but they

are trying to encourage the process to move forward and ensure that if they can make some progress, farmers who have already planted wheat or other crops will have some idea what the rules will be next year.

Conaway said the situation in Washington right now is very fluid.

He said that Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa and chairman of the Senate Ag and Forestry Committee, has said he sees no point in continuing to work in the Senate on the 2007 Farm Bill. Harkin wants to extend the current bill past the 2008 elections.

"That can be interpreted two ways," Conaway said.

"One, it means that he's right on the cusp of getting a deal done and we'll hear that shortly, or he could legitimately be saying that he doesn't see any chance of it doing anything until after the election next year. It's kind of like the owner of the baseball team coming out in favor of his manager. That just means that he's about to fire him. This could mean they've got a deal just about to pop, and they're trying to get those last couple of votes."

Conaway said, however, that a one-year extension would give producers some support as to being able to make business plans for next year.

"The real concern," Thornberry said, "is that for the first time since I've been here the Farm Bill was used for partisan political purposes. My view is that that's not going to get any better as we get closer to the election."

Thornberry said that the key thing with the Senate getting bogged down is Congress needs to try to take politics out of the Farm Bill policy.

"We need to get this settled," he said. "I would prefer to get it settled before the election if it were me so that folks are not dependent upon the ups and downs of the daily political polls."

Thornberry said he wants to get it passed and have a

better bill in the future.

The House of Representatives passed their version of the 2007 Farm Bill in July. Sen. Harkin has repeatedly set deadlines for getting that chamber's version to the floor this fall and then missing the deadlines.

Even if the Senate passed a Farm Bill, the drafts that are floating around Capitol Hill are different from the version passed by the House so the two chambers would have to go to a conference committee to work out their differences.

Heasley

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Those books promote General Motors.

"I'm not promoting anybody but the owners and the hobby," Heasley said.

He relied on pictures and interviews that he'd collected over his career. He has more than a million photographs of cars that he's shot in his file cabinets.

"We're talking close to 6,000 magazine articles now," he says.

Heasley's work has appeared in Popular Mechanics, Corvette Fever, Corvette Magazine, Mustang Monthly, Auto Week and Mopar Muscle.

Heasley said his writing career started in Pampa when he was 13 years old. He thought he could make a living writing and began querying magazines with story ideas. Heasley said he didn't even have a typewriter at the time.

He was 29 before he sold anything, but years of trying put him on the road to success.

After graduating from Pampa High School in 1967, Heasley headed to what was then West Texas State University where he had a double major, math and physics. His minor was English.

Today, Heasley spends more than 200 days a year

on the road, photographing and writing automotive features. He spans the continent, attending car shows and automotive events. Several years ago, Ferrari North America sent him to Italy to cover the final Ferrari Challenge races of the year. There, he was given a special tour of the factory that makes the exotic sports car.

The hours are long, but his passion for cars is great. Heasley is often up before the sun to catch the magic light of dawn and working past sunset to catch the warm evening light.

While the book is filled with pictures and stories of a variety of Corvettes, many of them one-of-a-kind, Heasley said his favorite is the 1957 SS at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum.

"It's a beautiful car," Heasley said. "It's made for racing, but General Motors wouldn't allow their engineers to build race cars until very recently."

For the time being, Heasley is back on the road and trying to find time to work on his next book, Mustang Masterpieces.

"It will feature the cars of Carroll Shelby," Heasley said.

Heasley's deadline is Dec. 26. It should be out next summer.

"I haven't even started on it," Heasley shrugged.

Like the Corvette book, it

too will be a compilation of stories and photos from features Heasley has done over the years.

Carroll Shelby, the former international racing driver who created the Cobra sports car in the early 1960s, has volunteered to write the foreword for the book.

"I've known Shelby for many years," Heasley said. "I have his original 289 roadster that he drove in 1965, 1966 and 1967. It's not a Mustang. It's a real Cobra."

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Viewpoints

Don't be depressed on holidays, get busy

The holiday season is coming up and many people do not like this time of year because they do not have any friends or family to share this time with. I've been thinking back on the years when my husband was in the Navy and many times I had to spend the holidays alone, so I thought I might offer some suggestions on how someone might make it through the season easier.

The first few times that Rodger had to be gone on Thanksgiving or Christmas, I felt sorry for myself. I didn't think I should have to spend it without him and was mad because I lived too far away from family to spend it with them. Having these feelings really made the holiday miserable.

One year, Rodger was home Christmas and we were both depressed since we had to spend it alone. So, we decided to travel somewhere, but it had to be close since we only had a few days. We lived in Idaho so we headed a few hours south to Jackpot, Nev. We love to gamble (when we have extra money) so we thought this would be fun. It actually was a blast. We were there spending time with others who didn't have family close either. That's one of the lessons I learned quickly, if you have the extra money you should travel somewhere to take your mind off of being alone.

After a few years of being alone for the holidays, I decided to just treat these

days like any other normal day. If I thought about it just as a normal weekend day off, it made the day a lot easier to deal with. I even learned to look for stores that were open on Thanksgiving or Christmas. Most of the time you can get awesome deals on items that day.

Another thing I used to do on holidays was to go to the movies. Most movie theaters are open on holidays and this was a local place that I could go to and get out of the house. Definitely don't pick a sad movie to watch, but instead

try to go see a comedy or something that will make you laugh. If you can't go to a theater, go to a movie rental place and rent four or five movies and just veg out on the couch all day and lose yourself in the movies.

Also, if you do have people that invite you to come spend the day with them and their family, do not turn them down. I used to spend Thanksgiving with a family in Connecticut and it was really fun. The first time they asked me to come over I thought I would be intruding

and felt a little uneasy, but I learned that they would not have invited me over if they didn't really want me there. So, go spend the day with friends.

One thing I always thought about doing but never did was to go to a food bank or place where they serve meals to homeless or those less fortunate. This is one way to stay busy and you are there helping people who are in a worse situation than you. The holidays are a great time to volunteer to help others.

When I lived in California, one of the places I worked would ask everyone to bring in some food items (mainly sandwich stuff and drinks) to give to a guy who went around on Christmas and

gave food out to homeless people. Even though I always donated food, I've always wished that one year I would have gone around with him and his friends to see the look on these people's face when a stranger gave them something they needed for free.

So, if you are alone during the holidays, do not sit around and feel sorry for yourself and just be depressed. Treat it like a normal day of the week, find some place to volunteer, travel if you have the money or just go out and watch a funny movie. The holiday season does not have to be a difficult time for anyone because you can choose to make it enjoyable if you just use a little imagination.

Kerri Smith

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 16, the 320th day of 2007. There are 45 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Nov. 16, 1907, Oklahoma became the 46th state of the union.

On this date:

In 1776, British troops captured Fort Washington in New York during the American Revolution.

In 1885, Canadian rebel leader Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

In 1917, Georges Clemenceau again became prime minister of France.

In 1933, the United States and the Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

In 1959, the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

In 1961, Sam Rayburn died in Bonham, Texas, having served as Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives since 1940 except for two terms.

In 1966, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard was acquitted in his second trial of charges he'd murdered his pregnant wife, Marilyn, in 1954.

In 1973, Skylab 4, carrying a crew of three astronauts, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

In 1973, President Nixon signed the Trans-Alaska Pipeline Authorization Act.

In 1982, an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

Ten years ago: China's most prominent pro-democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng, arrived in the United States after being released from a prison where he'd spent nearly 18 years.

Five years ago: In an open letter to the Iraqi Parliament, President Saddam Hussein said he had no choice but to accept a tough, new U.N. weapons inspection resolution because the United States and Israel had shown their "claws and teeth" and declared unilateral war on the Iraqi people.

One year ago: Democrats embraced Nancy Pelosi as the first woman House speaker in history, but then selected Steny Hoyer as majority leader against her wishes. African, Arab, European and U.N. leaders agreed in principle to a joint African Union-United Nations peacekeeping force for Sudan's Darfur region.

'An American who can make money, invoke God, and be no better than his neighbor, has nothing to fear but truth itself.'

— Marya Mannes
American critic
(1904-1990)



Hooray for the Confederate battle flag

The Rev. Al Sharpton is a darling of the national news media, primarily because he has a talent for making outrageous statements and the lack of scruples to go with it.

You should keep this in mind. In today's media-saturated world, nobody can be a successful demagogue without the cooperation of the national news media. Sharpton has even outdone Jesse Jackson as a demagogue.

The latest example is the attention given to Sharpton's demand that the vice president apologize for visiting a hunting camp where somebody had hung a Confederate battle flag on a door of one of the buildings. The vice president didn't go into that building and says he did not see the flag. Sharpton's logic apparently is that any person who finds himself in the vicinity of a

Confederate battle flag has somehow insulted all African-Americans.

By that logic, then, Sharpton should apologize every time he visits the state of South Carolina, which still flies the Stars and Bars on the Capitol grounds — or Florida or almost any other state in the South where the flag is flown.

Flags are symbols, and I recognize that the meaning of a symbol is subjective. I also recognize that some — though far fewer than Sharpton would have you believe — African-Americans see the Confederate flag as a symbol of racism. Yahoos like the Ku Klux Klan used to wave it about — along with

the American flag. If I were an African-American, I might not like it. If I were an American Indian, I might not like the Stars and Stripes. Some Jews don't like the Christian cross. Some

Christians don't like the Star of David. Et cetera and so forth.

There is neither legal nor constitutional protection for one's feelings. If something offends us, tough beans. In a sane and tolerant society, we would recognize that different symbols mean different things to different folks and not raise a stink about someone else's symbol.

To most Southerners, the Confederate battle flag symbolizes the bravery and devotion to Southern inde-

pendence shown by our ancestors, who, unlike most demagogues, put their bodies where their mouths were and died and bled for their cause. While slavery was one of the factors in the war, it was not the only one or the main one. Only 6 percent of white Southerners owned even one slave. The Confederate army was not an army of slave owners. In fact, the 1860 census shows about 3,500 free blacks who owned slaves in the South.

Slavery is not the issue. The Confederate battle flag has become a universal symbol of rebellion and independence. It showed up on the battlefields of World War II and on the Berlin Wall as it was being torn down. I frankly don't give a darn whether Sharpton likes it or not. There is no law that says

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Nov. 1
Victoria Advocate on the value of recess:

The school reformers, who seem to be primarily in the large metropolitan areas in New York, Chicago and Atlanta, who push for eliminating recess in elementary schools and middle schools, should never be allowed to take a break again. Maybe they would see the error in their thinking.

We were happy to see that the Victoria school district preserves recess for its students (Victoria Advocate, Oct. 29, Page B3). And we were happy that Gov. Rick Perry signed a bill requiring

time during school for physical activity in elementary and middle schools. This at least addresses a national problem of obesity.

Proponents for eliminating recess claim that in doing so the students' test scores would improve. Other reasons included a reduction in injuries with consequential lawsuits and avoiding bullies.

None of these reasons, in our opinion, match the benefits of recess.

The students who are treated to recess receive physical activity, which helps to keep their bodies healthy.

According to the Council on Physical Education for Children, recess allows children "to practice life skills such as conflict resolution, cooperation, respect for rules, taking turns,

sharing, using language to communicate, and problem solving in situations that are real. Furthermore, it may facilitate improved attention and focus on learning in the academic program."

In the bigger picture, just about everybody in the workforce takes breaks. Congress takes a recess, right? Little children should be able to take a break, too.


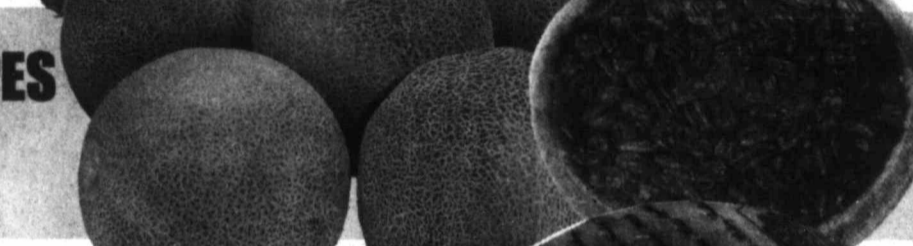






If all that energy was confined to the classroom, there would be trouble. We would be willing to bet that test scores would go down for the most part rather than improve.

The inane idea of eliminating recess is just that. Our children need to release that pent-up energy, play and be children, not robots. URL: <http://www.victoriaadvocate.com>

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Denomination: Non-denominational.

How long here: 14 years.

Goals: Contributing to the overall quality of life for our city. Relocation and renovation of our new facility.

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The Rev. Barry Loving

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FIRST CHRISTIAN

Loving to be formally ordained

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The Rev. Barry A. Loving, pastor of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 1633 N. Nelson, will be ordained during Sunday worship services beginning at 10:50 a.m. Sunday at the church.

Loving has been senior minister at the Pampa church since 1999, after serving as associate minister there beginning in July 1997. He has been a licensed minister since 1997, and received his master of divinity degree from Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla. in May.

His degree was earned after driving one day each week to Tulsa from Pampa to complete an 87-hour course of study in four years.

"The church was very generous to allow me to be gone one day a week," Loving said. "It's been a journey for all of us. The ordination will be a celebration of the journey we've made together."

Ordination allows Loving to have a greater representation in the general church, he said.

"It is an affirmation of the general church of your calling to the ministry," he said.

The ordination ceremony will consist of recognition of the Rev. Loving by the congregation, regional church and seminary, followed by his taking vows to be faithful to God and to represent the Gospel. A prayer will be said, then Loving will be presented with a robe, stole, Bible, chalice and paten, code of ethics and certificate of ordination.

Sunday's ceremony will be a family affair for Loving.

The Rev. Dani Loving Cartwright, regional minister of the Christian Church of the Southwest (Disciples of Christ) and Loving's sister, will confer the vows of ordination. Her husband, the Rev. David Cartwright of Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Richardson, will deliver the message.

Special music will be brought by Loving's stepbrother, Tim Lamun. The Rev. Dr. Bryan Lamun, Loving's stepfather of Weatherford, will lead the music during the worship.

Loving served on the area youth ministry team for three years. He is past president of the Pampa Area United Ministerial Alliance. He served on the board of directors of Genesis House for two years. He received the honor of Minister of the Year for the High Plains Area of First Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) in 1998 and 2007.

He received his bachelor of science degree in biology in 1988 from West Texas State University in Canyon. He graduated from high school in Dumas. He has been married to his wife, Mary Elizabeth, for 25 years, and they have three children, Lacy Elizabeth, 17; April Marie, 12; and Barry Alexander, 7.

Loving's goals for the Pampa church include making it a place where people can feel welcome and experience the love of God.

"I hope to represent the grace that's offered in Jesus Christ to all people," he said. "I don't see myself going anywhere as far as leaving Pampa, but I do see myself working to effect reconciliation to break the bounds of racism and other forms of injustice that oppress people."

Briarwood to host Gordon Mote

Singer, songwriter and musician Gordon Mote will appear at 10:45 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester Ave.

Born in Gadsden, Ala., Mote, blind since birth, surprised his parents by playing the piano when he was but 3 years old. His family moved to Talladega when he was 6, and sports and music became two passions that dominated his youth. An honor student and captain of his high school marching band, Mote earned a full scholarship to Alabama's Jacksonville State University.

While at college, Mote became associated with Jimmy Johnson, a musician/producer of Muscle Shoals. Johnson is known for his work with Bob Seger, the Rolling Stones, Paul Simon, Patti LaBelle, Aretha Franklin and Bob Dylan.

"I played some of my songs for him and he said, 'Son, you're really good, but you're in the wrong place,'" Mote said. "He said, 'You need to go to Nashville and go to Belmont. You need to be in a place where everybody is better than you, where they'll just knock you off your feet. You're the

best there is where you are, but in a year, you'll be better than them.'"

"He didn't just tell me that," Mote continued, "he set it up for me to get an audition for a scholarship."

Two days after graduation, Mote found himself on the road with Lee Greenwood. Since then, he has performed on stage with Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Bill Gaither and Porter Wagoner just to name a few.

This past summer Mote toured as a special guest with Ernie Haase and Signature Sound during the quartet's "Get-Away Jordan Summer Tour." The three-month tour included 18 cities and enjoyed several sold-out concerts.

This passionate Alabama football fan now performs in excess of 145 concerts a year in addition to being one of Nashville's most sought after studio musicians. He admits that he is fulfilling a dream and strives to remain focused on family. He says his favorite thing about traveling is returning home to his family.

He and Kimberly, his wife of 15 years, have three children.



Mote

Diocese preparing for annual appeal

AMARILLO — Catholic parishes within the Diocese of Amarillo will conduct the 20th annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious on Dec. 8-9. Last year's total grants exceeded \$50,000.

The diocese contributed \$47,000 in 2006 — a 54 percent increase over 2005 donations of \$30,518. Among those religious institutes in the diocese that received grants that were made possible by this appeal were the School Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis in Panhandle and St. Benedict's Monastery in Canyon.

In 2006, this appeal, which is conducted by the National Religious Retirement Office (NRRO) of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., distributed \$23 million in Basic Grants that benefited 515 of the nation's Catholic reli-

gious institutes of women and men.

"The unfunded retirement liability is difficult and painful to comprehend," said Sister Janice Bader, a Sister of the Most Precious Blood of O'Fallon, Mo., and NRRO acting director.

The appeal, she says, has helped ensure that this liability can become a "manageable concern," rather than the "crisis" that writer John Fialka described in his groundbreaking article in The Wall Street Journal in 1986.

Since the first national annual appeal took place in Catholic parishes in 1988, NRRO has raised more than \$529 million. The Retirement Fund for Religious collection has been the most successful appeal in U.S. Catholic Church history. Donations have enabled NRRO to seed

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Henry Alford wrote this epitaph for his tombstone: "An Inn of a Pilgrim Traveling to Jerusalem." Alford, a Cambridge educated scholar, was a powerful preacher and a brilliant author who wrote the Greek New Testament, the fruit of eighteen years of labor. This hymn was written in 1844, the same year his two-volume set of psalms and hymns was published. He wrote these hymns while visiting every home and every person in his hometown of Wymeswold, England, helping people to render thanksgiving. "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" was written for the English Harvest Festival, the British version of the American Thanksgiving holiday.

Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was going to a hair salon about five times a year to have my hair cut and styled. A few months back, the owner, who had always cut my hair, went out on maternity leave, so another stylist cut my hair. I mentioned to her that, as I have gotten older, my hair has thinned, that I hated how it looked and didn't know how to cut it anymore. She gave me a beautiful cut. When the owner returned, I asked her to follow the cut, but she didn't do it exactly, and refused to ask the woman who had done it how it was done. When it was time for my next haircut, I called and asked the stylist to cut my hair again, but she hesitated. Her reply was, "If my son isn't sick." Abby, the appointment I was scheduling was two weeks away. I "got the message," and I am now patronizing another salon. I thought beauty salons were a business and not just about "I saw you first!" Is there some unwritten rule in the beauty business that whoever cuts your hair when you first got there is your stylist forever? I'm unhappy now, and they lost a customer. Who wins? — **CUT SHORT IN VIRGINIA**

DEAR CUT SHORT: This wasn't a matter of "I saw you first." You were the salon owner's steady customer. If you wanted to change stylists, you should have had the courage to tell the salon owner that you wanted to make a change and not put the other hairstylist on the spot. Yes, hairstyling is a business, but stylists often forge personal relationships with long-standing clients. Out of respect for the owner's feelings, you should have made your wishes known directly so there could be no misunderstanding.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have a 5-year-old and a 9-month-old — both boys. They are incredibly sweet, well-behaved, beautiful children. My problem is how people relate to the boys. People often go out of their way to tell us how cute our baby is, and go on to say, "He looks like the Gerber baby." I appreciate their compliments, but they often ignore our 5-year-old. He is also a darling child, but because he's so well-behaved, too often people don't give him a second glance. When we're at home I make sure to give him plenty of compliments about a variety of things, including his behavior, his eating habits and helpfulness. I don't want his feelings hurt when people go overboard with the baby. Is there anything I can say when this happens to help him feel important and noticed as well? Is there something I should say to the adults involved so they are more aware of my older son's feelings? — **PROUD MOMMY OF TWO**

DEAR PROUD MOMMY: The adults you described are thoughtless and insensitive, and trying to educate them in front of your 5-year-old won't work. The next time it happens, put your arm around your older boy and say, "This is his big brother, 'Bobby.' We're so proud of Bobby because not only is he a good boy, he's also smart and sweet and helpful with his little brother." In other words, bring Bobby out of the shadows and into the spotlight, too. It does work. P.S. What's going on with your "Gerber baby" is the reason actors don't like working with small children and puppies. They're scene-stealers.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

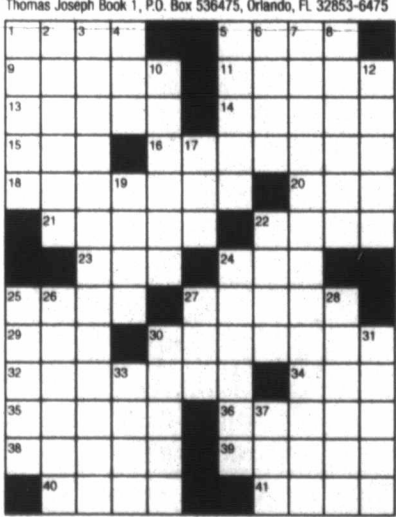
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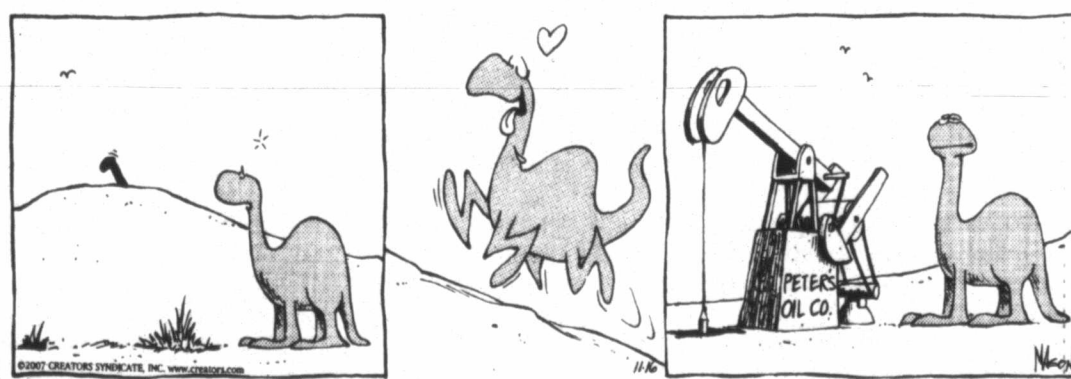


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



B.C.



Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



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Flo & Friends



Sports

Basketball to play in Canyon at earlier time

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

Contrary to what was reported in Wednesday's write-ups following the games at Amarillo High, the varsity basketball teams will play early this afternoon in Canyon.

Instead of going on at 6 p.m., the girls will start at 4 p.m., and the boys will hit the court at 5:30 instead of 7:30.

The varsity girls are coming off of a double loss to Amarillo High, hoping to get a win over the Canyon Lady Eagles tonight.

"Going into Canyon's game I expect the girls to come out and play hard and aggressive," head coach Troy Fry said, "We want to be aggressive with our defense and rebounding. We also have to control the ball better and limit our turnovers which is a major setback right now for us."

The Lady Harvesters have been working hard this week on being more aggressive defensively and offensively

and plan to pull out all the stops against Canyon today.

The Lady Eagles are coming into today's game with high spirits win after having defeated Panhandle Tuesday night, 59-24.

The varsity boys will follow in their second match of the season, coming off of an exciting win against the Sandies Tuesday.

The JV boys defeated Canyon Thursday 47-41.

"I know Canyon will be tough, they have a lot of tradition and are very prideful," head coach Dustin Miller said, "They do have several kids playing football but they will be fine. We will have to play well to get out of there with a win. We are still getting legs under a lot of our kids but they compete very well and so far we are pretty deep and have plenty of kids who can contribute."

The girls will get the ball rolling at 4 this afternoon and the boys will follow immediately at 5:30 in Canyon.



Junior guard Blake Sieck passes the ball to a teammate during Tuesday night's game against Amarillo High.



Trisha Moore searches for an open teammate to pass the ball to past Amarillo's aggressive defense Tuesday night.

Pampa News photos by JORDAN REAGAN

ATTENTION FOOTBALL SENIOR PARENTS

2007 football season has come to a close but there are several details and dates coming up that we are asking you to make note of in your calendar.

•Football banquet is set for Wednesday, January 9th at MK Brown. If you would like for your senior player, trainer or video tech to be a part of the video you will need to turn in three photographs (NOT INCLUDING THE BLUNCKS PICTURE) to the athletic office no later than Wednesday, Dec. 19. Ed Copeland has graciously volunteered to create the video.

•YARD SIGNS: All varsity players need to turn in their yard signs to Coach Cavalier ASAP. Seniors may purchase their signs for \$25. Anyone not turning in their sign will be billed \$25.

•Booster parents plan to decorate for the football banquet on Tuesday, Jan. 8. This banquet is especially for the seniors; therefore, we strongly encourage senior parents to help decorate and clean up.

If you have any questions you may call Johnny and Cheryl Malone.

Thanks so much,
Booster Club Officers

JV girls take on Amarillo, again

For the third straight time in the past week, the JV girls basketball team took on Amarillo High Thursday.

Going into the game 1-1, the Lady Harvesters were defeated for the second time by the Lady Sandies in the Caprock tournament.

Ashley Facio and Taryn Eubank led the team in points scored with eight points each.

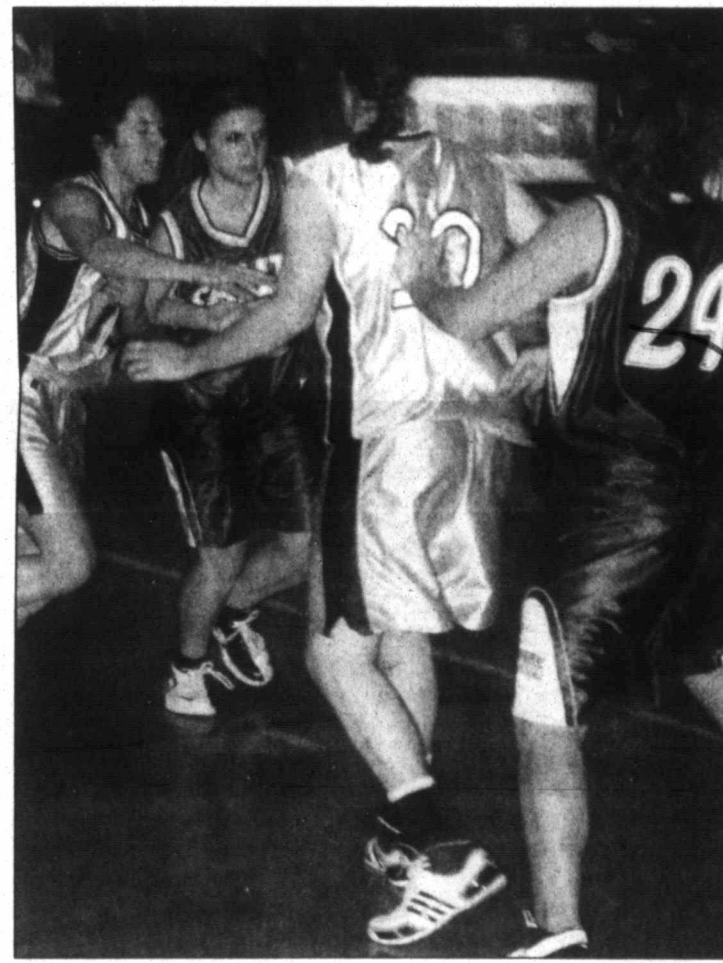
The leading rebounders were Eubank with five, and Brooklyn Barker and Haley Smith with four each.

The JV girls were unable to overcome the Lady Sandies' three-point shooting, which added 27 points to their scoreboard Thursday.

Eubank helped out Pampa by sinking two three-pointers.

The Lady Harvesters were defeated by Amarillo 57-33, bringing their record to 1-2 against the Lady Sandies.

Pampa will continue in the tournament and take on the loser of Palo Duro and Clovis at 9 a.m. Saturday at Caprock.



Haley Smith (24) sets a pick for Jessica Miner (22) during Thursday's game against Amarillo High.

Courtesy photo

Correction



Photo by DON RICE

Pampa graduate and current Frank Phillips College student Tyson Hickman (bottom, right) signed on to play baseball with Tusculum College in Tennessee Wednesday. The signing took place at Frank Phillips College in Borger with coaches Guy Simmons (top, left) and David Gomez (top, right). Hickman's teammate,

Elliot Burrow also signed on to play with Tusculum, and the two will attend next fall. They will continue to play for and attend Frank Phillips for the remainder of the school year. It was incorrectly reported in Thursday's issue that Hickman and Burrow signed on to continue playing at Frank Phillips through next year.

With speculation on future, Morriss set for final game

WACO, Texas (AP) — Amid all the speculation about Baylor coach Guy Morriss' future, one thing is certain. He is about to coach his final game — of this season.

There are no other guarantees for Morriss, whose job status after five losing seasons is uncertain. The Bears wrap up their 12th straight losing season Saturday night against Oklahoma State.

Morriss, who has an 18-39 record and a year left on his contract, has repeatedly deflected questions about whether he will be back in 2008. He insists it's something he can't really control, and says the players "are all aware about my future."

Instead, Morriss and the Bears (3-8, 0-7 Big 12) have tried to focus on the season finale against Oklahoma State (5-5, 3-3), a team trying to get bowl eligible.

"We are going to try to play for ourselves,

play for Baylor and try to gain a win," quarterback Blake Szymanski said. "Just try to have a good time and to leave everything out on the field."

There have been multiple newspaper reports, all citing anonymous sources, over the past couple of weeks that Morriss won't be back next season. Athletic director Ian McCaw has repeatedly said the coach's status won't be determined until after the season.

It has been another tough season for the Bears, who have lost their Big 12 games by an average margin of 30 points. They are the only team that hasn't been to a bowl game since the league's inception in 1996.

Baylor has an 11-game conference losing streak that began after a 4-4 start in 2006, when it appeared that the Bears would be in position for a bowl appearance.

Top security official says China will deal harshly with Olympics protesters

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese police will deal harshly with social or political demonstrations at the Beijing Olympics, a top security official said Friday.

With 28,000 journalists expected to attend, the Aug. 8-24 Olympics offer a rare chance for protesters to express grievances against China's communist government on issues including religious freedom,

Tibetan independence and global warming.

Liu Shaowu, deputy director of the Olympic Security Command Center, said security forces would stop any form of demonstration at or around venues. He also suggested that protests deemed threatening would be snuffed out far from Olympic sites.

"As for violating China's sover-

eignty and encouraging separatists and terrorists, definitely we will not allow that," Liu told reporters. "We will deal with that according to Chinese law."

Liu's comments, made at a rare media briefing on Olympic security, are likely to compound concerns that Beijing will use heavy-handed policing at the games.

Defending the measures, Liu

said the protest clampdown at Olympic sites is in line with the Olympic charter, which he said forbids "any form of political, religious or racial discrimination."

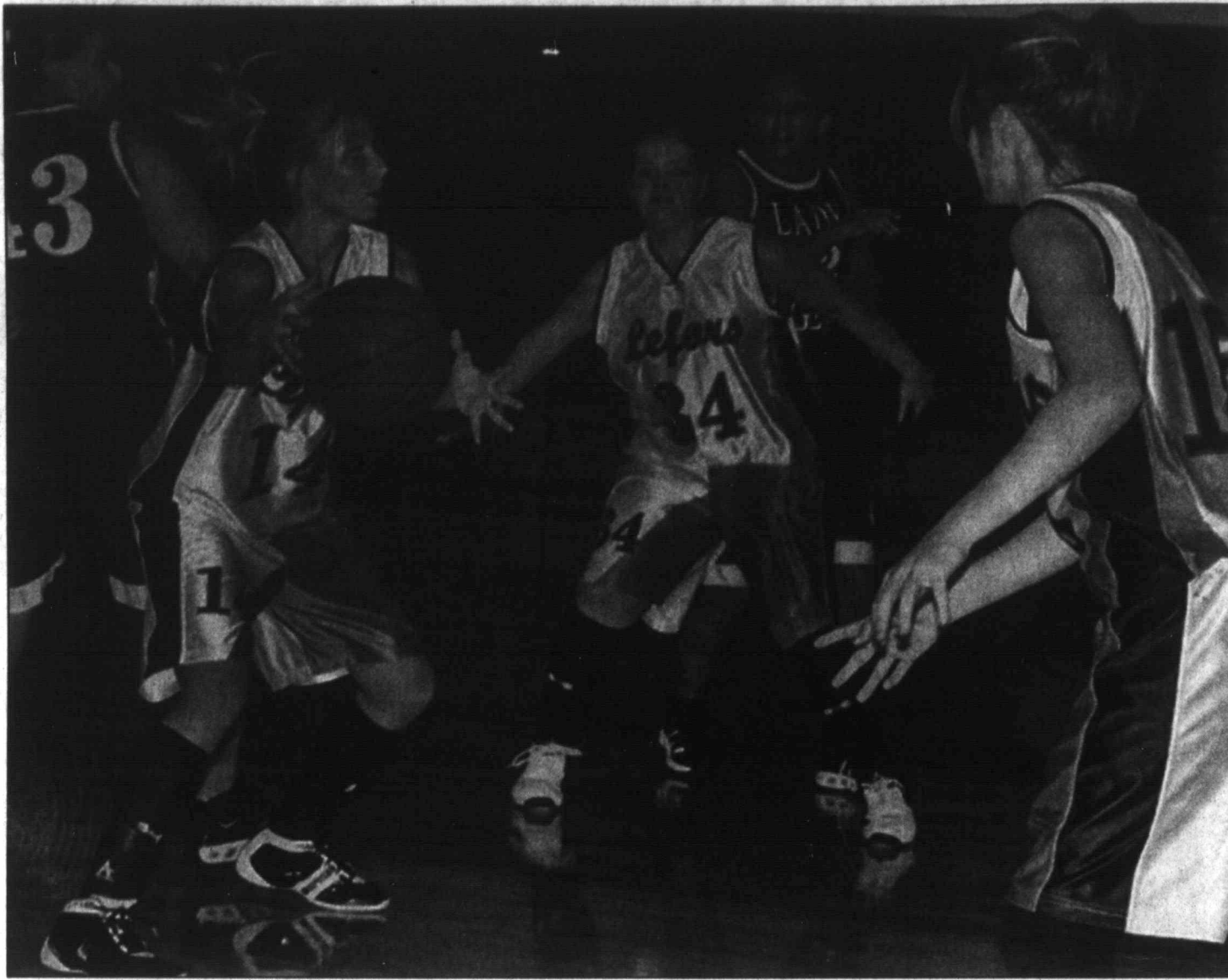
His assistant, Cao Dongxiang, said protesters who managed to get inside a venue would be dealt with quickly.

"If a protester holds up a banner, it's against the rules, so security

will take it down," Cao said.

Bolstering security will be an extensive electronic surveillance system, which journalists saw in part during a tour of the Olympic venue for judo and taekwondo. An elaborate security control room housed 17 screens monitoring hundreds of closed-circuit TV cameras inside and outside the 8,000-seat venue.

Lady Pirates



Emily Jackson (14) takes the inbound pass from Lacie Johnston (15). Jackson led the scoring for Lefors with 12; Johnston added 2. Also pictured is Ashley Shephard (34).

Photo by LENDI JACKSON

With Dixon hurt, Oregon falls to Arizona 34-24

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Oregon's national title dream has ended.

Quarterback Dennis Dixon's Heisman Trophy campaign also took a heavy blow.

The curse of No. 2 claimed another victim when the second-ranked Ducks lost Dixon to a knee injury and never recovered in a 34-24 upset by Arizona on Thursday night.

"The national championship thing was fine while it lasted," Oregon coach Mike Bellotti said. "The reality is we're still always trying to get the conference championship and the very best bowl game (the Rose Bowl)."

Oregon (8-2, 5-2 Pac-10) became the fifth No. 2 team to lose since Oct. 6, following USC, California, South Florida and Boston College. The Ducks' defeat could open the door for third-ranked Oklahoma in The Associated Press Top 25 poll, and for No. 3 Kansas in

the Bowl Championship Series standings.

Dixon, Oregon's gifted starting quarterback, hurt his left knee on an option play in the first quarter. Dixon crumpled to the turf without being touched and took Oregon's national championship hopes with him.

Dixon sprained the same knee on Nov. 3 against Arizona State. Dixon wore a brace but said he felt good in warm-ups, and he flashed his usual explosiveness in a 29-yard touchdown run on the game's opening series.

"Coming into this game, I felt totally confident," he said. "My foot got caught in the ground. That's just the way football is."

Bellotti said he didn't know if Dixon, a senior, might be lost for the season. He didn't seem confident Dixon would return for Oregon's next game at UCLA on Nov. 24.

"It's obviously not a happy deal," Bellotti said.

Barry Bonds indicted on perjury, obstruction charges

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds has more to worry about than an asterisk now.

Just three months ago, the former San Francisco Giants star angrily defended himself against steroid allegations on the night he surpassed Hank Aaron to become baseball's home run king.

"This record is not tainted at all," Bonds declared. "At all. Period."

On Thursday, his very freedom was put in jeopardy when a federal grand jury indicted him on five felony

counts of perjury and obstruction of justice, charges that could result in a maximum sentence of 30 years in prison if he's convicted.

The indictment culminated a four-year investigation into steroid use by elite athletes.

Bonds and his lawyers long have accused the government of targeting a high-profile, unpopular player merely for political gain while pondering if the investigation was racially motivated.

Charges of leaks to the media and unethical legal behavior flew from both camps as the investigation dragged on and questions mounted about the government's intentions.

The relationship grew so antagonistic that government lawyers didn't notify Bonds of the impending indictment, a courtesy typically extended to white collar defendants so they can prepare for the public announcement.

"I'm surprised," said one of his lawyers, John Burris, who was notified of the

indictment by The Associated Press. "But there's been an effort to get Barry for a long time. I'm curious what evidence they have now they didn't have before."

The 10-page indictment mainly consists of excerpts from Bonds' December 2003 testimony before a grand jury investigating the Bay Area Laboratory Co-operative, or BALCO. It cites 19 occasions in which Bonds allegedly lied under oath.

But for all the speculation

and accusations that clouded his pursuit of Aaron, Bonds was never identified by Major League Baseball as testing positive for steroids, and personal trainer Greg Anderson spent most of the last year in jail for refusing to testify against his long-time friend.

Anderson did not comment as he was released from prison shortly after the indictment was handed up, but his attorney, Mark Geragos, said the trainer didn't cooperate with the grand jury.

"This indictment came out of left field," Geragos said. "Frankly, I'm aghast. It looks like the government misled me and Greg as well, saying this case couldn't go forward without him."

Bonds is scheduled to appear in U.S. District Court in San Francisco on Dec. 7.

Bonds, who surpassed Aaron's career home run mark of 755 on Aug. 7, finished the season with 762. A seven-time NL MVP, he also holds the season record with 73 home runs in 2001.

A-Rod and New York Yankees have outline of \$275 million, 10-year deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Turns out Alex Rodriguez and the New York Yankees had the outline of a record \$275 million, 10-year contract in place last weekend, well before their shake-hands-and-make-up meeting.

The amount of the guaranteed money was revealed by a person familiar with the negotiations who spoke

Thursday on condition of anonymity because the deal hasn't been finalized. A-Rod potentially could earn millions more if he sets the career home-run record.

A-Rod and his wife met Wednesday in Tampa, Fla., with brothers Hal and Hank Steinbrenner.

"The meeting was a final get-together," Yankees senior vice president Hank

Steinbrenner said. "He wanted to make sure myself and my brother knew that he was sincere and serious."

The Yankees still must draft the agreement with Rodriguez's agent, Scott Boras. Asked whether the only remaining details were putting the deal on paper, Steinbrenner responded: "pretty much so."

Boras wasn't a part of the

negotiations, in which Goldman Sachs managing directors John Mallory and Gerald Cardinale conducted shuttle diplomacy.

"They were the go-betweens, initially," Steinbrenner said. "That's how he reached out to us."

The Yankees were notified by Boras on Oct. 28 that Rodriguez was opting out of the final three seasons of his

\$252 million, 10-year contract — the previous record — and becoming a free agent. New York maintained then that it no longer would negotiate with A-Rod because the decision eliminated a \$21.3 million subsidy from Texas that was negotiated in the 2004 trade.

About a week later, A-Rod contacted Mallory, a friend who works in private wealth

management in Goldman's Los Angeles office. Rodriguez knew the Yankees have a close relationship with the investment bank, which was instrumental in the launch of the team's YES Network.

Mallory called Cardinale, who works in the merchant banking section in New York and helped finance the network.

Pampa News Classifieds

1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Routine
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Sealed bids for constructing concrete pad for asphalt tanks at various locations located in Gray (Pampa) and Ochiltree (Perryton) Counties of the Amarillo District will be received at the Amarillo Building and Grounds Office of the Texas Department of Transportation, 5715 Canyon Drive, Amarillo, TX, until 10:00 am, December 5, 2007. At the time they will be publicly opened and read in the north training room of the Human Resource Building at 5715 Canyon Dr. The sealed bids must be returned to the Amarillo District Building and Grounds Office no later than 10:00 am on the bid opening date. The Project Number is 072401 and the Contract Number is 48XKR2001. Late bids will be returned unopened. Please call Johnny Richardson at (806)356-3282 if you wish to receive a bid package.

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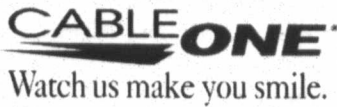
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 17, 2007:

Work on centering yourself this year, and you will feel much differently than you have in a long time. Your ability to understand others emerges more than it ever has in the past. You might want to rethink a situation carefully that involves family, your domestic situation and the essence of your dreams. You might be taken back by what life offers if you really go for what you want. If you are single, you can make your dreams realities. Do you know what kind of person you want and desire? If you are attached, your relationship needs to focus more around your home life. AQUARIUS inspires you.

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)

★★★★ New beginnings become possible, sooner rather than later. If you try to see an opportunity in a positive light, you might feel much better. Your creativity and dynamic ability to think through problems distinguishes you from many. Tonight: Happily doing your thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You are on top of your game, feeling as if the world is your oyster. If you believe that you can change the course of action and what is occurring, give it a shot, but don't be totally dismayed. Your gentleness counts. Tonight: "Togetherness" is the word.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You might want to rethink a question that involves a child or loved one. New information that heads in your

direction defines events. Be willing to plunge into cold waters if need be. You feel much better than you have in quite a while. Tonight: Keep on smiling.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your emotional response might be unusually high when dealing with one specific person. While you might be optimistic and happy, you see others very differently. Think about what you need to do to make life work. Tonight: Easy does it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Listen to what is being offered from those in your immediate circle. Think positively about your options. You might need to rethink a personal matter with new eyes. How you see a situation could change dramatically. Tonight: Say yes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Put your feet up and relax. Think positively about what you need to do. Your humor makes a difference to a family member. You feel good and relaxed because someone you care about is being so effusive. Enjoy. Tonight: Fun happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Your creativity comes out when dealing with someone you really care about. Your sense of humor helps a loved one relax. You are able to move a situation in a new direction, if you so choose. Your gentle ways emerge. Tonight: Loving the moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Stay on top of what you need to do. Somehow, others could easily distract you. Investigate what needs to happen to help loosen you up with a significant person. You might want to try to do something very differently. Tonight: In the midst of action.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might have a lot to say. Will others have the same willingness to listen? You might want to ask yourself that question. Investigate a new idea or project that might suddenly intrigue you. Think positively about a loved one. Tonight: Happy times are here.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Your tactics pay off financially. Though sometimes you — yes, you — discover how fun it can be to be an easy touch. How could you mix the two effectively and make you and others happier? Tonight: Come on — play Santa Claus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You are full of smiles and fun. Friends root you on to a very comfortable ending. The warmth of being with several different people makes a big difference in what comes down. Your goodwill comes through. Tonight: Smile away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Take a chance with a decision, and move in a new direction. At this point, you might see a situation quite differently than you have in a long time. Why not take a leap of faith and try something totally different? Tonight: A vanishing act feels appropriate.

BORN TODAY

Actor Danny DeVito (1944), actor Rock Hudson (1925), baseball pitcher Tom Seaver (1944)

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Panhandle sunrise



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

The morning sun creeps up over a windmill in Carson County recently, putting a start to another beautiful day in the Texas Panhandle.

Senate blocks bills to fund Iraq

By ANNE FLAHERTY
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate today blocked a Democratic proposal to pay for the Iraq war but require that troops start coming home.

The 53-45 vote was seven votes short of the 60 needed to advance. It came minutes after the Senate rejected a Republican proposal to pay for the Iraq war without strings attached.

The Republican measure failed 45-53, 15 short of the number of votes needed to go forward.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said the only way to get troops the money was to approve the restrictions outlined by Democrats.

"Our troops continue to fight and die valiantly. And our Treasury continues to be depleted rapidly, for a peace that we seem far more interested in achieving than Iraq's own political leaders," said Reid, D-Nev.

Republicans said Democrats were being irresponsible.

"We need to get our troops everything they

need," said Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "We need to get it to them right now."

Reid and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said this week that if Congress cannot pass legislation that ties war money to troop withdrawals, they would not send President Bush a bill this year.

Instead, they would revisit the issue upon returning in January, pushing the Pentagon to the brink of an accounting nightmare and deepening Democrats' conflict with the White House on the war.

In the meantime, Democrats say, the Pentagon can eat into its \$471 billion annual budget without being forced to take drastic steps.

"The days of a free lunch are over," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

At the White House today, deputy press secretary Tony Fratto said: "DOD would have to eat into their annual budget and I believe that still presents difficulties in getting the troops in the field the resources they need to carry out their mission."

School

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with five hours of school service and the second offense will also stay the same with 30 hours of school service. On the third offense, students will now be given 15 days of ISS (in school suspension) and also have an additional 30 hours of school service. On the fourth offense, the student will be placed in DAEP, which is Discipline Alternative Education Placement for 30 days.

Athletic Director Stuart Smith gave a report to the board regarding training that Pampa coaches receive on a regular basis.

"New coaches all go through mandatory training from the business office on correct process to gather bids for athletic equipment, booster club orientation, UIL orientation and weekly meetings with me to discuss a variety of issues," Smith said. "All of our coaches attend first aid, CPR and AED training classes

offered by our certified athletic trainer Kristin Tucker. I also send out a weekly e-mail to all of the athletic staff that lists announcements, the events for the week and many times clips from the UIL constitution."

Smith also outlined the opportunities that are available out of the district. Coaches have the opportunity to attend regional meetings, conferences and professional development.

Mike Baker from the architectural firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper attended the meeting to give construction and renovation updates on Pampa High School.

"The new MPAC building should be finished and ready for use some time in January, we believe," Baker said. "Workers are finishing up drywall and the restrooms and they will begin installing the wood floors soon. All of the drawings for the high school commons area and science wing are complete and have been given to Western Builders. They are in the process of accepting bids on the steel

and concrete packages now.

"In the near future, we hope to bring a 3-D model and a PowerPoint presentation to the board so you can see what the high school should look like when complete. We are also having discussions about how to handle the security area at the front entrance of the high school and we will bring that information back to the board at a later meeting."

Also at Thursday's meeting, board members approved a financial audit, the PHS campus plan, a local policy on student expression and the Policy Update 81 from TASB. The Wilson Elementary principal and a few teachers gave a report on how they are dealing with the new curriculum this year and how they enjoy having professional learning communities to collaborate with other teachers.

A preliminary school calendar for 2008-2009 was given to board members and the board heard a report on the 2006-2007 campus ending budget balances.

Reese

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he has to like it. There is no law that says anyone who does like the flag has to apologize to anybody.

You should also note that this flap about the Confederate flag is a recent happening. Up through the 1950s, Americans of all colors showed respect for both flags. It was common at public concerts for bands to play both "Dixie" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The flap over the flag originated with the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People. Like the old March of Dimes after the polio vaccine had solved the problem of polio, the NAACP had succeeded on every legal front and frankly no longer had a purpose.

The NAACP was hard up for a reason to stay in existence. It was having a hard time raising money. It had internal scandals. That's when the NAACP decided to wage war on all things Confederate, and on the Confederate flag in particular. It is frankly stupid for any people to waste time arguing over a historic symbol. As for the veep, his hunting companions should thank God that it was only a flag he failed to see.

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

Appeal

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and stabilize retirement funds at religious institutes, leverage local fund-raising and assist capital campaigns.

Grant awards have assisted investment and supported collaboration among religious institutes and helped ensure quality of life and adequate health care for thousands of women and men religious formerly at risk.

During the past two decades, however, the gap between assets available for retirement and the cost of living/health care for elderly women and men religious has widened from \$2 billion to \$9 billion and is expected to grow. In 2023, the

combined Social Security benefits of all retired religious is projected to be \$184 million a year, but cost of care will total more than \$1.6 billion annually.

More than 37,000 Catholic religious are now past age 70. More than 5,000 women and men require skilled nursing care. While costs for care in a skilled nursing facility in the U.S. average more than \$65,000 annually, religious institutes have kept their average cost of skilled nursing care to \$49,850.

The average Social Security benefit for religious women and men is approximately one-third that paid to the average U.S. beneficiary.

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