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## County approves reinvestment zone

## By MARILYN POWERS <br> Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners approved creation of a reinvestment zone for the northern part of the county at their 9 a.m. meeting today in the second-
floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The vote in favor of the zone was unanimous, with all commissioners and County Judge Richard Peet voting.
The reinvestment zone was proposed after Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman
T. Boone Pickens began planning a 300000 -acr T. Boone Pickens began planning a 300,000 -acre
wind farm which will include the northern half of Gray County as well as portions of Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler counties. A public hearing on the proposed zone was held
at commissioners' Nov. 15 meeting. One couty

## Local Boy Scouts

 sell live trees, fresh wreathsBy KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor
If you are in need of a fresh cut Christmas tree for the holidays, then you are in luck because a local Boy Scout troop has them for sale. Boy Scout Troop 404 is selling trees as
fundraiser to raise fundraiser to raise money for summer camp.
Scout Master Bill Schroeder said the troop Scout Master Bill Schroeder said the troop has
approximately 90 trees available and also has a approximately 90 trees available
few fresh Christmas wreaths also
"We have a wide variety of trees ranging from four to 10 feet," Schroeder said. "So of course the prices will vary also, but we plan on starting the prices at around $\$ 30$. If someone would like to purchase a tree but doesn't have a way to get it home, the troop will deliver it to their home." ner of Hobart and 18th Street, which is next to nears.
They have five different varieties of fir trees for sale: Douglas, Noble, Grand, Fraser and Balsam. They plan to be open from $4-10$ p.m. weeknights and noon to $10 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. on weekends until they sell out.

## Perry named head of

governor's association
By The Associated Press
Texas Gov. Rick Perry said he will downplay
partisan politics as he campaigns for fellow partisan politics as he campaigns for fellow Republicans as chairman of the Republican Governors Association, a position he was expect-
ed to assume Friday at a California conference. ed to assume Friday at a California conference.
Perry was greeted with congratulations Thursday at the association's annual convention in Dana Point, Calif. Perry, who is serving his second full term as governor, will be charged with fundraising and campaigning during his one-year term as chairman.
Republican governors need to "keep the dis-
cussion focused cussion focused on the positive aspects of what we re delivering and try to stay away from these There are red-blue debates," Perry said. 11 governorships up Republican governors; of 11 governorships up for election in 2008, five GOP incumbents are seeking another term. Missouri Gov. Matt Blunt was the association's
vice chairman for 2007 and would have stepped vice chairman for 2007 and would have stepped
into the top position if he wasn't busy with a campaign to hold his seat against a challenge from Democratic Attorney General Jay Nixon.
Perry has not shied away from partisan politics in his campaigning for presidential candidate
Rudy Giuliani.
resident spoke against the proposed zone, and a consultant who represented Pickens' company, Mesa
zone.
Commissioners took no action on the proposed reinvestment zone Nov. 15 because Peet was bers of the of the remaining four voting memwithin the proposed zone and were not sure of the propriety of their voting on the issue
A reinvestment zone, once called an enterprise zone, is an area in which businesses could apply zore, is an area in which businesses could apply facility within the zone. Taxing entities which create reinvestment zones may or may not award property tax abatements, and may also require pecific situations such as a minimum number of employees to be hired and maintained by the busines

Tax abatements may be granted for anywhere between zero and 100 percent of the property ta owed by the business, and may
period of one through 10 years
After approving creation of the rem zone in the northern part of the county this morning, commissioners also approved a resolution creating guidelines and criteria for granting possible tax abatements to businesses who plan to establish operations within the zone and who apply for the abatements.
The reinvestment zone
cannot include the City of Pampa, Peet said. Any businesses established within the zone also must meet Federal Aviation Administration requirements for the area surrounding Perry LeFors Airport.

See COUNTY, Page 3


Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH Pampa Boy Scout Troop 404 is selling Christmas trees as a fundraiser again this year. They have a lot set up on the corner of Hobart and 18th St. next to Sears. Pictured with a seven foot Noble Fir, which they have for sale, are (from left) Hunter Shay, Dalton Hudson, Matthew Porter and Christopher Garvin.

## holidays

Festival of Trees this weekend

## By KERRI SMITH Managing Editor

The Festival of Trees this year will not only offer numerous Christmas trees to view and to be dropped off for various charitable founda-
to
Cards will be available at the festival for young and old to make a Christmas card for recovering soldiers. Festival organizers ask that those plaining on making a card bring a 1 st class stamp to pay for the postage so they can
get these mailed out in time for Christmas. get these mailed out in time for Christmas.
Items to be donated to Socks for Soldiers can also be dropped off at the festival. It is suggested that any items that are brought to be shipped overseas to the troops should be trial size if possible.
Pampa re
Pampa resident Darlene Birkes is planning a
Christmas tree at the festival to
in the area. She will have a school supply tree and she asks that anyone interested in helping out less fortunate children bring a few school upplies to donate.
There will be a Tree of Hope also at the fes-
ival which is in honor of the American Cance tival which is in honor of the American Cancer
Society, Myra Jiminez, co-chair for the ACS's Relay for Life, said they have been selling purple and silver ornaments in honor of lost loved ones. These ornaments will be hung on the tree during the festival.
The money from the ornament sales is a fund-raiser for the Brainard Ranch relay team,
which will nun in the next Relay for Life on June 27-28, 2008, Jiminez said that the theme for next year's event is "Celebrate, Remember, Fight Back"
Linda Lantz, co-chair for next year's relay, aid the relay is a findraiser for cancer research See FESTIVAL, Page 3

NEXT DAY FORECAST
Saturday Sunday Monday

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of rain. Cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly sunny, with a high near 67 . Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. Windy, with gusts as high as 55 mph . Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph , with gusts as
high as 25 mph . high as 25 mph .
Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 53. Windy, with a north-northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph .
Northeast Nigh. Party cloudy, with a low around 31 ortheast wind around 5 mph becoming south.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph , with gusts a
high as 20 mph high as 20 mph .
Monday Night
West wind around 10 mph .
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## Services tomorrow

McDONALD, Jim - Memorial service, 2 p.m. Trinity Church, McLean.

## City Briefs



ALTRUSA PRESENTS COME BY to purchase "Soup with Mrs. Claus," Sat., your Tree Of Hope orna-
Dec. 8, 11-3:30pm, old Pam- ments Friday $10-7$ at the M.K. Dec. 8, 11-3:30pm., old Pam- ments Friday $10-7$ at the M.K pa Hardware Bldg. $\$ 5$ person Brown Auditorium. in advance, or $\$ 6$ at door.

GOLF SALE at David's
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more?? Pampa Lions Club would like to recycle your eye glasses. Donation boxes are available thru Dec. at the Pampa Post Office. Mail 5 tions from homes on Dec 19th. for more information contact ReDonn Woods at 669-2525.

FESTIVAL OF Trees, M.K Brown Auditorium, Sat. Dec st $10 \mathrm{am}-10 \mathrm{pm}$ \& Sun., Dec 2nd $1 \mathrm{pm}-3 \mathrm{pm}$. Bring sock and items for soldiers!

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Mother, stepfather of toddler indicted after leaving locked-up
CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - The restraint and injury to a child, accord- $\begin{aligned} & \text { police that she was crying and } \\ & \text { mother and stepfather of a toddler left } \\ & \text { ing to court records. Her husband } \\ & \text { screaming for her parents. The door- }\end{aligned}$ mother and stepfather of a toddler left
ing to court records. Her husband,
locked inside a bathreaming for her parents. The doorlocked inside a bathroom for up two Dionicio Mendietta III, 22, was knob had been changed to lock from days without food have been indict- indicted on a charge of injury to a the outside.
Adrianna Mendietta, 28, was The toddler was found covered in Authorities said she may have Adrianna Mendietta, 28, was $\begin{gathered}\text { The toddler was found covered in been left there for two days without } \\ \text { indicted Thursday on charges of bruises in the apartment bathroom }\end{gathered}$
food.


## Emergency Services

| mpa | were received from the 500 |  | eight personnel responded to |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pampa Police Department | block of East Francis, the | One alarm was reported. | the 1000 block of South |
| reported the following calls | 800 block of West Kingsmill |  | Nelson on a structure |
| during the 24- hour | and the 400 block of |  | Thursday, Nov |
| ending at 7 a.m. today. Twenty-three traffic | Graham. |  | 9:04 a.m. - One unit and personnel responded to |
| re made resulting in | the 800 block | Office today reported the | to |
| arrests. <br> A traffic complaint was | Somerville. Suspicious | following arrests. Thursday, | Dumpster fire. <br> 1:34 p.m. - One unit and |
|  |  |  |  |
| North Hobart. | East Starkweather, the 1500 | Pampa was | a |
| An accident was r | block of North Hobart and | Pampa Police Depa | ublic servic |
| in the 100 block of SouthGillespie. | the 800 block of Nor | for no valid driver's lic | 4:17 p.m. - One |
|  | Hobart. | William Martin, 27 | four personnel |
| Animal control officers | Suspicious vehicles | Amarillo was arrested | the 1700 block of West |
| made calls concerning animals in the 1100 block of | reported in the 2500 block | GCSO for motion to revoke | McCullough on a first |
|  | Perryton Parkway, at th | obation for resisting arre | 俍 |
| Sirroco, the 1900 block of North Zimmers, the 500 | intersection of Hobart and | Tasha Wilson, 29, | Friday, Nov. 30 |
|  | 23rd, in the 900 block of | Pampa was arrested by PPD | 12:42 a.m. - One unit and |
| block of Montagu and the 1900 block of North Christy. | Oklahoma and in the 300 | on capias pro fines for fail- | four personnel responded to |
|  | block of Harlem | ure to control speed, | the 1900 block of North |
| A police escort was pro- | Disorderly conduct | icense and | Sumner on a call for listing |
| vided in the 1500 North Nelson. | reported in the 1100 block of | ce. | assistance. |
|  | South Christy and the 100 | Miriam |  |
| Motorist assistance wasprovided in the 300 block of | block of North Nelson. |  | Ambulance |
|  | Public intoxication | for three counts of the | mbu |
| North Hobart. | reported in the 3100 block of | che | Guardian EMS ambulance |
| Crossing guard duty was provided in the 2300 block of Primrose. | Duncan. <br> Assault was rep the 100 block of W | Fire | reported the following calls during the 24 -hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. |
|  |  |  | 200 block |
|  |  | een $7 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Wednes | milton and transported |
|  | $89$ | and 7 | a patient to Pampa Regional |
|  |  | Wednesday, Nov. 28 10:54 a.m. - One unit and | Medical Center. <br> 3:59 p.m. - A mobile |
|  |  |  | ock |
|  | 100 block of North Well |  | d |
|  |  |  | , 12 |
|  |  |  | 12 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Nov. 30 25 shopping days to Christmas | H | 800 block of East Brown on | McCullough. No |
|  | Burglary of a motor vehi | a public relations p | U |
|  | cle was reported in the 600 block of North Wells where a tool bag containing tools and two shovels, with a total |  | to the 3000 block |
|  |  | two personnel responded on | way and |
|  |  |  | to BSA |



## What do you think?

What is the best and worst Christmas present you have ever received?


Holiday Hoopla


Festival
and it is also a
chance to celebrate lives saved, to Continued from Page $1 \begin{aligned} & \text { remember those lost } \\ & \text { and to fight back }\end{aligned}$ gainst a disease that has taken much from back us. will have an opportunity to vote for their favorite decorated tree. Viewing times for the trees are 10 a.m. -10 p.m. Saturday and $1-3$ p.m. Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.

## ENGINE PARTS \& SUPPTY



SERMNG LOCAL MEEDS FOR 60 PLUS YEARS with the
LAREEST INVENTORY IN THE AREA including
AC-DELCO - WIX - MONROE - WAGMER
Kynleigh Helton, 2, of Pampa enjoys a soda at the Heard-Jones fountain Thursday evening. She and her her parents were there to enjoy the 99 cent chili dogs and chips during the Holiday Hoopla, a promotion by Pampa Downtown Business Association.

## County

Continued from Page 1
"Creating a reinvestment zone would enable the county to better know what was coming into the county," Peet zones, they're only "As we create these reinvestment
If no businesses establish operations within the zone
in five years, the zone expires, he said.
Pickens may now apply for tax abatements for the por-
tion of his proposed wind farm which will be in Gray

County. A transmission line which Pickens plans to lay ounty. A to send the wind-generated energy downstate will be exempt from tax abatement, said Ron Harris, a consultant representing Mesa Power at this morning's meeting.
Action on another item which was tabled at the Nov. 5 meeting was once again deferred by county commissioners this morning. Usage fees for White Deer Land
Museum were brought to commissioners' attention by Anne Davidson, museum director, at their previous meeting.
Commissioners also approved the county's 2008 holiday schedule, a county employee heath insurance rein-

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## Viewpoints

## What Santa Claus would say at his trial

By 2007, Santa Claus, a Mr. Claus?
beloved figure in America for more than a hundred years, had fallen out of sync
with the times. And so that America decided to prosecute him.
-Your honor, the prosecution calls Mr. Santa Claus to the witness stand."

Claceed," says the judge. ed. The prosecutor begins to pace before the jury.
"Though it is hardly criminal to parade around as a jolly old fat man whose spirit is the personification of
charity and goodwill," says charity and goodwill," says against the law for our tolerant government to in any way sanction any religion? Are you not a religious man,
"Ho, ho, h miling. "My" says Claus, back many years to to a fellow known a 'Sinterklaas.' But one of my primary inspirations was primary inspirations was
Saint Nicholas, a 4th century Christian bishop who was generous to the poor." "Aha!" says the prosecutor "A Christian bishop!" Claus, "I've evolved to represent all things good and charitable. Even the Supreme Court, in weighing the constitutionality of using erty, determined me to be marker of seasonal celebration. I am not a religious symbol." "Touche," says the prose-

## Today in History

By The Associated Press
Today is Friday, Nov. 30, the 334th day of 2007. There are days left in the year.
Today's Highight in History: preliminary peace articles in Paris, ending the Britain signed War.
On this date:
In 1803, Spain completed the process of ceding Louisiana o France, which had sold it to the United States
In 1835, Samuel Langhorne Clemens - better known as Mark Twain - was born in Florida, Mo.
In 1874, Sir Winston Churchill was born at Blenheim Palace.
In 1900, writer Osca
""Classic": a book which people praise and don't read.'

- Mark Twain

Author
(1835-1910).
cutor. "But we are just get-
Mr. Claus," up with you, Mr. Claus."
"Would
please not waste the cution time," says the judge. "You hold in my Tom sworn the Purcell davits of
thousands thousands
of people of people
who all
make the same accusation against Mr. Claus: breaking and entering. Mr. Claus gained entrance to each of chimney."
"Ho, ho, ho," says Claus. "But that is the only way I
could leave each of them
gifts." he stole cookies,
"But her
your honor!" your honor!" The judge rolls his eyes. please bring forth more sub

Ho, ho, ho," says Claus. "But we all work long hours at our North Pole location. We work to promote joy and of mankind."
"If his abuse of the elves is not criminal enough," coninues the prosecutor, "then consider his abuse of helpless animals. He chains them to a sleigh and drives them
nonstop on a hellish journey around the world."
"Surely", says the judge, "the prosecution has more compelling charges that might hold up in this court." the prosecutor, picking up the prosecutor, picking up more papers and presenting dditional sworn affidavits accusing Mr. Claus of stalk-
ing. He's been watching people when they're sleeping He knows when they're awake. He even knows if they've been bad or good."
"Oh, brother," says th judge. "Your honor," says the prosecutor, "this fat man in the red suit may look harmless, but he has been solicit-
ing children through the mail ing children through the mail
and the Internet. He keeps an and the Internet. He keeps a
exhaustive list and has bee checking it twice. Then he lures the children to the mall, where he entices them to sit on his lap!"
The judge shakes his head.
le for our man is a bad example for our children," contin-
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Eastern guide to leadership enlightening

As you watch the presi- ly come together. All the disdential election unfold, I
thought you might find it useful to read the qualities of good leader as listed by an ancient Chinese emperor in the Tang Dynasty.
He starts off by saying a good leader must be a man est toward the people, and must be able to suppress his emotions. He must be a good negotiator.
He lists the following qualities necessary for good governance: respect for
those with wisdom and virtue; caring for the people as if they were your own children; promoting the development of industry; and establishing friendly "As birds in a forest and fish live aplenty in wide rivers, with plenty of love and reason in governing a country, people will natural
ly come together. All the dis-
asters of life come from lack asters of life come from lack
of love and reason," the He warns that a leader between public and personal affairs and
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { never give } & \\ \text { special } 1 & \text { Charley } \\ \text { attention }\end{array}$ attention to
family or specific
interest interest
groups; he

Reese groups; he
should be
$\qquad$ extremely careful of what he says in public; he should
also be educated, as unedu cated people involved in politics cannot make effective and rightful policies.
$\qquad$ might ring a bell with some might ring a bell with some
of you. They are the four of you. They are the four
things a ruler must never do. He must never rule with falsehoods and lies. He must never forget public duties
and responsibilities and instead pursue personal interests and desires. He self-control. He must never be materialistic, extravagant and conceited. Just so $\square \begin{aligned} & \text { Just so } \\ & \text { you'll know } \\ & \text { that } \\ & \text { speech } \\ & \text { spee }\end{aligned}$ speech is
not a modern invention, the old
emperor whose rule one is free to believe what ever religion he or she
chooses, he warns that ruler must not preach religion. He warns against reck less wars lest they wear out the army and lead to defeat. "Looking back in history
those who irresponsibly sent troops to combats for no rea son have been defeated Armaments are a country' weapons. Constant engage-
ment in war can wear ment in war can wear out the people of even the world'
largest nations," he wrote largest nations," he wrote.
Knowledge is alway time- and place-specific, and therefore can become obso lete. We no longer need to know how to fight with a sword, for example. Wisdom, however, is universal and timeless. The princi-
ples involved in good govples invoived in good gov-
erning are the same today as they were 2,000 years ago. See REESE, Page 10

## Texas Thoughts

## By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
El Paso Times on flight schedules this holiday season:
President Bush made a good move in ordering detailed steps be taken to reduce traffic congestion and long flight delays on commercial airlines. anes, is a particularly good move. It will be in place for this Thanksgiving. Most often we favor government staying out of the private business sector, but, as Bush said, "Business as usual is not good enough for American
vavelers. The airlines have been pro-
viding shoddy service. Almost 30 per


#### Abstract

cent of flights do not arrive on time; it he worst year to fly since 2000 . Opening two air corridors off the astern seaboard that are usually estrical move. Bush's mess Bush's message is loud and clear that "carry some real costs for the country." He said it's "not just in the inconven ience they cause, but in the business they obstruct and family gatherings they cause people to miss." Bush's promise to make airlines doule the compensation they pay passengers bunned from overbooked flights is also a good move. That would go into effect next summer


 Also, the Bush plan includes"the highest value flights" to encourage arriers to spread flights over mor hours.
Obviously the airline industry is faced with several problems it has dif fcuity in overcoming. One such is
shortage of air traffic controllers to handle all the holiday traffic.
Bush has sent a strong message Airlines, in conjunction with the Department of Transportation and produce solutions to a national travel problem.
More air lanes at holiday times is good first move. URL: http://www.elpasotimes.com

## Religion


'The Wedding' band will perform at Calvary Baptist. Above, from left: Trevor Sarver, lead guitar; Cody Driggers, bass guitar; Adam Thron, lead guitar; Landon Ginnings, vocals; and Matt Jameson, drums.

## Christian rock group to perform here

"The Wedding" a Christian rock group, will be in conct
at $7: 30$ p.m. Friday, Dec. 7 at Calvary Baptist Church. "The with Disciple and Spoken.
"We are fortunate that the tour will end in time for "The
Wedding' to Wedding' to make this Pampa stop," a spokesman with the church said.
"The Wedding" has two albums to its credit, the latest
being "Polarity." Several singles from "Polarity", "Say Your
"Air-One" and satellite radio.
The album, produced by Nashville producer Mark Lee Townsend, former lead guitarist for D.C. Talk, has sold well in the Christian hard rock market, a press release from the church said.
The concert will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E 23rd Street, in Pampa. Admission will be $\$ 5$ per person. For

## Sometimes answers from above materialize from the strangest, most unexpected places

His name is Keith Cozad. When he showed up at our baseball practice that first day, I could hear a couple of the boys say under their breath, "Oh, no, not Keith."
That probably tells you what Keith's level of skills were. He was 12 -years-old, and it was his first year to play baseball. Most of the boys had started at the age of 7. He was afraid of the ball, couldn't catch, couldn't hit and couldn't throw very well either. that she was raising Keith by herself, that they had just recently moved to Ontario, and that she tried to talk him out of playing baseball, but that he wouldn't hear of it.
His mom said, "I know he's not any good
at it, but he loves baseball so much
The first thing we had to do was get the team lined out. mouth had to run five laps around the field. Then we sat down and talked about the things that everyone couldn't do, and we all committed to help each other get better. I don't
know how they treated Keith at school, but at the ball field know how they treated Keith at school, but at the ball fiel nobody said anything bad about him again.
He never missed practice or a game. All season long,
prayed for Keith to just hit the ball once - not just in a game, but even in practice. As a coach, the skill that I knew the most about and taught the best was hitting. I could teach anyone to hit the ball. But not Keith. We worked extra every day at practice. Several of his teammates would stay late just to round up the bails when Keith would miss them. Keith couldn't even foul-tip the ball. a child who I couldn't teach to hit.
Keith told me that he was going to be gone for a couple of days. When he returned to practice, he headed my direction yelling, "Coach, I can hit the ball!

I asked, "What did you say?"
"I can hit the ball now, coach."
So I told the boys to fill in the positions in the field and pitch, and the second, and the third and the fourth. Keith could suddenly hit the ball. The boys and I went wild. I asked him, "So how did this happen?"
With pride, Keith replied, "My dad taught me,"
Keith had gone to visit his dad for the weekend, and they went to the park to play ball. His dad wasn't a coach, and he

## Church briefs

WAKA - Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 at Waka Christian Center in Waka. The evening will include potluck supper, training for sponsors and worship service. Members are asked to go to www.rushingwindemmaus.org or to e-
mail rushwind $@$ ptsinet for instructions to open the mail rushwind@ptsinet for instructions to open the
knew very little about baseball. But he tried something that I never thought of. He told Keith to bat left-handed. BINGO Keith did everything right-handed, but he couldn't hit right I still But he could hit VERY WELL left-handed. First, sometimes lessons with me from my time with Keith.

 strangest of locations, the unlikeliest of
places. Sometimes that means that we will have to have God's help finding the answer, so ask Him.
Second, no matter how much we know about a certain skill or subject or how experienced we are, sooner or later, somebody
will know or will know or see something that we have missed. That is when we prove if we are humble and teachable or if we are prideful and self-centered The first bite of humble pie usually does.
For the remainder of the season, Keith hit the ball as often as any of the other players. Oh, he didn't turn into a star, but for the rest of their lives he and his dad will always share the memory of a special weekend when Mr. Cozad taught hi


## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

## Christ: The one, TRUE manna from Almighty

There can be no question as to the manna being pical of the character and mission of Christ, for we have the Lord's own authority for believing it to be so. (John 6:47-51) A beautiful type it is.
Like Christ, it was 1) needed; 2) a gift of God; 3 satisfying; 4) within the reach of all; 5) it had to be personally received; and 6) it was the only means of saving their lives.
The children of Israel were ready to perish for lack of bread. There was no help for them in the wilder There was a great hunger in the hearts of men for the

man needed could not be man-made. All that the world could give the Christ was a cross. God loved he world and GAVE His Son. The manna, like mercy to grumbling, discontented souls.
The manna was exactly suited to meet all the cravings of hunger. It was prepared by God for this very purpose, so Christ's character and work, as appointed by God, meets all the needs of a destitute soul.
Bread is not more suitable for the hungry than the Savior is to the sinner. The on
appointed remedy for the other.
The manna did not fall on the tree-tops but on the ground, and so was quite within the grasp of every soul in the camp. No price was put upon it. It was free to all.
Christ, the bread of life, is also within the reach of all who hear the gospel. We don't need to climb to heay take.
No one could eat the manna to save his brother. It had to be taken into each individual life, so with Jesus Christ, the gift of God.
"As many as received Him, to them gives He
power to become the sons of God" (John 1.12 ) power to become the sons of God "(John 1:12)
As every man must breathe for himself if he live, so must he believe for himself if he is to be saved.
Not to appropriate this heaven-sent gift was to die of starvation. There was no alternative, but to eat or die. If
"ye shall die in your that 1 am He," said Jesus Christ, ye shall die in your sins" (John 8:24).
There is alter
"There is none other name under Heaven given
among men whereby we must be saved." And, "He among men whereby we must be saved." And, "He
that eateth this bread shall live for ever." (John 6:58)


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Church name: Priest Park Church of God, 1123 Gwendolen, on the corner of Gwendolen and Sumner, 669-6372.

> Minister: Bishop Bob H. Kirk.

Services: Sunday - 9 a.m. nursing home visitation, 10 a.m. Sunday school, 11 a.m. morning service and children's church, 6 p.m. evening service; Tuesday - 11 a.m. Prayer meeting, 6 p.m. Lifesavers meeting; Wednesday 7 p.m. family training hour.

Activities: Family outreach is scheduled once monthly. The church provides a dinner and activity such as a movie, games, etc. that is open to all who wish to attend.

Members: 25-35.
Denomination: Church of God, Cleveland, Tenn.
How long here: Since 1938.
Goals: We are hoping to begin work on a garden / park in what is currently a corner parking lot of the church. It will be used for prayer, children's activities and church functions.

Main Goal: The main goal of our church is winning the lost. We also provide encouragement and healing for all those who are hurting with the message of Christ's salvation and by spreading the Word of God through teaching, preaching, music and fellowship.

Church message: Jesus Christ is Lord, Savior and soon coming King. The Church of God stands now, as it has always stood, for the whole Bible rightly divided and for the New Testament as the only rule for government and discipline.

Responsible parties: Bishop Bob H. Kirk.
Information: We have recently elected a new pastor at Priest Park Church of God. Bishop Bob. H. Kirk and wife Linda Kirk have been in the ministry in the Church of God for more than 40 years. They have come to Texas from Blue Field, W.Va., and they are very excited to be here working for the Kingdom of God.


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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline \& Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our 86 -year-old father her husband. What should I say to Mrs. needs to go temporarily (about 10 days) to Smith? I hate to move into a new home a rehabilitation hospital for physical and pulmonary ailments. However, our 86 ailments. However, our 86 - around, but she makes me very uncomfort year-old mother refuses to encourage him able. Please help. - IN A PICKLE IN and "allow" him to go. This happened once GREENSBORO, N.C.
before, and Dad will not stand up to her
and do what he knows will help himself. DEAR IN A PICKLE: Nothing you could His quality of life would improve if he possibly say to Mrs. Smith would be as went. Mom says the hospital is "too far effective as a couple of pertinent comments away," and it's "too inconvenient." My sis- from your fiance. The next time the "dester, brother, niece and nephew would perate housewife" touches him, he should arrange to take her to visit him if she chose say, "Don't do that. I don't like it!" And if not to go with Dad. Still she discourages she aims another snide comment in your him, and bitter family arguments ensue. It direction, he should take your arm, say, is painful to see Dad suffer because of her "C'mon, Honey -- we don't need this," and decision -- and his lack of backbone -- end the conversation.
regarding rehab. He wants to go, but can't stand up to her controlling nature. Should we siblings "butt out" and not try to influ- DEAR ABBY: I have lived in the same him know would be for him? Would we be ago and never took her tuff wit interfering in their marriage and the situa- guilty, so I told her she could leave her tion? - FEELS FOR MY FATHER IN SAN DIEGO things here as long as she wanted. Well, I am married now, and her stuff is still in the attic. My wife wants it out. I agree that it should go, but I feel bad about it because I year-old mother is afraid thange -- even hate breaking a promise. Is it really OK in change for the better. Improving your any instance to go back on my word, even father's quality of life is not "interfering." for my wife? - NEEDS AN ANSWER IN As caring children, see that he obeys the BELLEVILLE
doctor's orders. Hold a family meeting, outvote your mother, take your father to the DEAR NEEDS AN ANSWER: In a case facility, and argue about it later when he's like this, it is perfectly fine to contact your better.
old girlfriend and let her know that the time has come for her to make other arrangements for her "stuff." You have a new life DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with a ments for her "stuff." You have a new flirtatious neighbor. My fiance, "Ron," and I are building a new home, and every time we go to check on the progress, our neighbors, the "Smiths," come over to talk. Mr. Smith seems OK, but his wife stares,
 ed that Ron must like older women meaning me, although we're about the same age. She does this in the presence of

For Better Or For Worse


## Garfield



Beetle Bailey


Marvin

B.C.


Haggar The Horrible


Flo \& Friends


## Sports

## Packers celebrate successful season with banquet

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
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One of the Optimist football
teams was recently treated to a rarity for these young players, a
football banquet. The Packers, football banquet. The Packers,
which were sponsored by Fenton which were sponsored by Fenton
Motors, were the league champions and also the city champs for
the fifth and sixth grade age group.
Harry Fisher of Fenton Motors was not only the sponsor
for the team, but also one of the for the team, but also one of the
assistant coaches. "I thought it wo
"I thought it would be great to
have a banquet for these young players and their families after they accomplished so much this year," Fisher said. "I also wanted to do something special for Head oach Ace Acevedo, who is
moving from the area after havmoving from the area after hav-
ing coached Optimist teams for ${ }^{2}$ ? years. He will be greatly missed."
The football banquet consisted of a catered meal, guest speakers Acevedo and Pampa
High School Coach Andy Cavalier and the handing out of all-star medals, league championship trophies and city championship T-shirts.
Acevedo told the players that it had been his pleasure to coach
them this year and it has bee great to coach the Packer team over the years. "The Packers have always
been a great team of talented
players, but mostly they have
been known for their discipline of known for their discipline of the game and their respect for
others," Acevedo said. "Coach Andy Cavalier's father always old me that he could tell which of his high school football play-
ers had been a Packer. You need ers had been a Packer. You need the future. Even though I am moving for a job offer, I do plan on coming back in the future and picking up coaching again." brother had played on the Packer team when he was growing up in the sport. He also told the playto learn about teamwork because all 11 people on the field have to work together to achieve a com-
mon goal. mon goal.
of 'El Norma,' which is a ${ }^{\text {' Latin }}$ lerm meaning the standard," Cavalier said. "In high school
football, we have the El Norma TEST which all of our players have to strive for. T stands for
team, E is for effort, S is for sportsmanship and the T is
truthful integrity. We hope will begin to live by these standards and I can't wait for you to be one of Pampa Harvester football players in the near future.' In addition to coache
Acevedo and Fisher, the also had assistant coache Jonathan Rodriguez and Brian


This Optimist fall Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH the City Cham football team, the Fenton Packers, won the Optimist League Championship and also provided by Harry Fis. They are pictured with their trophies at their football banquet, which was Fredderick Jackson, Casey Martindale, Skyler Been, Aaron Hernandez Logan Boehmisch and Joshua Miner. Front row from left are Anthony Paz, Ashton Robison, Jonah Bagley, Blaze Sullivan Dayton Hernandez and Korbin Ramirez. Not pictured are Christian Cook, Nathan Sprinkle, Paden Watson, Damon Walker, Chris Perez and Dakota Roberson.

## Favre hurt; Romo shines as Cowboys lock up playoff berth

IRVING, Texas (AP)
Standing together Standing together at midfield,
finally giving cameramen the face to-face meeting they were craving, Tony Romo and Brett Favre got ready for their showdown the way you d expect from two star NFL
"Exchanging recipes and stuff,",
Romo said, snickering. "Guy talk." Then they got down to business,
The sald
and it was even more entertaining -until Favre got hurt.
Favre injured the nerve in his
ight elbow and separated his left

$\begin{array}{ll}\text { ing records. And the idea of start- } & \text { quarterback, might be in jeopardy } \\ \text { ing Aaron Rodgers next week may } & \text { because of the twin injuries sus- } \\ \text { no longer be as dreadful to fans } & \text { tained on one hit by backup corner- }\end{array}$ no longer be as dreadful to fans tained on one hit by backup cornerwho have wondered if he was a back Nate Jones. At least he has 10 wasted draft pick. In the most days to heal before the Packers extended action of his career, he play again, Dec. 9 at home against was 18 -for- 26 for 201 yards and a Oakland

## "I thought he played great,"

 Favre said. "He gave us a chance toAnd Favre?
His run
His run of 249 consecutive starts, a record that's about six sea-
sons longer than the next-best by a
"I had a similar injury last year," aid Favre, who was 5 -for-14 for 56 yards with two interceptions and two more passes that could've been picked off. "I lost feeling in my fingers and I still have some tingling. But I think I'll be fine."

Lady Harvesters


Pampa's Amber Brown (20) takes the ball around a Perryton defender as teammate Megan Crawford (24) tries to get open during Tuesday's game in Perryton. Brown had a total of six points against the Rangerettes, and Crawford had four points. The Lady Harvesters were scheduled to play at 10:30 this

Two in Vick dogfighting case face sentencing

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) The judge who will decide how long Michael Vick stays
in prison will provide the in prison will provide the
first hint of his thinking first hint of his thinking of the fallen NFL star's dogfighting partners. Quanis Phillips of Atlanta
and Purnell Peace of Virgini and Purnell Peace of Virginia Beach, Va., faced up to five
years in prison for participat years in prison for participat-
ing in a dogfighting conspiring in a dogighting conspir-
acy, although sentencing guidelines suggested a year to 18 months. Vick faces the
same potential prison time. same potential prison time.
U.S. District Judge Henry U.S. District Judge Henry
Hudson, who has presided Hudson, who has presided
over the dogfighting case, is over the dogfighting case, is
not bound by the guidelines. not bound by the guidelines. 10. Tony Taylor of Hampton, who was the first to plead
guilty, will be sentenced on guilty, will be sentenced on
Dec. 14.

The sentences for Phillips and Peace will give at least some indication of Hudson's
attitude toward the dogfightattitude toward the dogfight-
ing ring's stomach-turning

## Lady Buffs down Grand Valley State in wild match to advance to the Final Four

Buffs contin, Texas - The Lady much of the early portion of the program's fourth vuest for the gall one from sophomore middle blockNational Championship after er Harper, who finished play with a emerging victorious in one of the most dramatic matches in school
history. The No. 8 Lady Buffs ralhistory. The No. 8 Lady Buffs ral-
lied from behind in an epic fifth game to defeat No. 5 Grand Valley State ( $27-30,30-24,30-27,26-30$ and 22-20) during the quarterfinals of the 2007 NCAA-II Elite Eight in Topeka, Kan.
The match did not start out as planned for WT as it dropped the of $30-27$, despite holding the lead
team-high 19 kills on 37 attacks for an impressive .405 hitting percent
age. However, the young Lady Buffs
howed composure beyond their years as they rallied out of the first break to jump out to a 3-1 lead in the day's second match. A kill by freshman middle blocker Lauren
Thedford expanded the lead to hedford expanded the lead to were able to take the second game and knot the match at one game
apiece with the $30-24$ win. Sophomore outside hitter Laura
Prinsen was the offensive leader in game two with six kills, while setter Katie Rickwartz tossed up 15 of her 63 assists on the day. Prinsen finished the match
Harper with 18 kills
During game three, another pair Lady Buffs who stepped up in the total team effort, as sophomore Natalie Johnson registered five of her 12 kills on the day and junior libero Sara Contreras tallied six of her game-high 31 digs. Contreras
and the defense were extremely active in the 30-27 game three vic-
tory as they held the Lakers to a After .176 hitting percentage. After taking the first three points and establishing a bit of early conThe Lady Buffs battled bourth game. forth with Grand Valley and held forth with Grand Valley and held a
slim 17-15 advantage before a 6-1 run by the Lakers gave them momentum and lifted them to a 30 26 game four win, setting the scene for the match's deciding stanza. During the fifth and final game, the Lady Buffs fell behind 10-7, forcing aullouston head caich, break, WT returned to the court
refocused and took seven of the next nine points from the Lakers. The action remained tight as the Lady Buffs moved within one point of closing out the match at $14-12$ on a kill by Harper. Grand Valley State, however, would not yield
and tied the match at 14-14, forcing and tied the match at 14-14, forcing extra points in the already epic con-
test. The two teams would battle to six more ties, with the Lady Buffs facing elimination point on two different occasions, before a service ace by Sara Contereas gave WT a 2120 advantage and set the stage
for 1 Harper kill to give the Lady Buffs the victory.
activities, which included executing dogs that did not perform well in test fights,
said Richmond criminal attorney Steven Benjamin. "This sentencing range certainly takes into consideration the torture and killing of select animals," Benjamin said. "But does it, for this
judge, reflect sufficient punudge, reflect sufficient pun-
ishment for the inhumanity of fighting dogs for sport or intentional animal cruelty for profit?"
A se
A sentence harsher than the guideline range would be coad news for Vick, who also harshly for financing the dogfighting $\begin{gathered}\text { enterprise, }\end{gathered}$ Benjamin said.
Peace, Phillips and Taylor pleaded guilty last summer and agreed to testify against Vick, prompting the sus-
pended Atlanta Falcons pended Atlanta Falcons
quarterback to enter his own plea agreement a few days


The fruit of competition


TOP: Sarah Gordzelik and Kirrah Powell, members of Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center of Pampa, prepared recently to perform their solos at a Dance Masters of America Competition in Lubbock

BOTTOM: These dancers from Madeline Graves patiently waited their turn to show their "stuff" at the recent Dance Masters competition. Above: (front row, left-right) Jenna Munsell, Danielle Zuniga, (middle, I-r) Kirrah Powell, Jenna Gee, Marlee Richardson and (back) Jessica Smith

## Events calendar

 - The next meeting of Top O' Texas 'a.m. Dec. 5, 12 and 19 at the library.Republican Women will be at 12 p.m. Dec. 5 at the home of Kerrick Horton in 18 months and 4 years of age. A Pampa. Visitors are welcome. Christmas party is planned the 19th. For - Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa will more information, call the library.
stage its December "Story Time" at 10

## Purcell

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$\qquad$ ty and the consumption of trans fat. He poisons the homes of millions with secour close-minded past, your honor - NOT our progressive, secular present."
"Is that all, counselor?" said the judge. There's one more thing, your honor.

Mr. Claus is a sexist. He has no respect for women - no women in management
positions. What's worse, he was caught positions. What's worse, he was caught
kissing one boy's mother. He routinely kissing one boy's mother. He routine
calls women demeaning names!" The judge turns to Claus.
"How do you respond to these charges, Mr. Claus?"
"Ho, ho, ho,"
"I rest my case," says the prosecutor. I rest my case," says the prosecutor.
-Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese
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These excerpts from the emperor's writing are contained in a fine little book "Secret Tactics: Lessons From the Great Masters of Martial Arts," edited by Kazumi Tabata, a grandmaster in the hotokan style of Japanese karate. The 138 pages of this book, published by
Tuttle Publishing, contain a lot of sound advice and wisdom.

So there you have a few criteria by which to judge the candidates. I haven't seen much humility - or reason, for that matter. With the exception of Ron Paul, all the Republicans seem to be competing to be the chief warmonger. The
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