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Prison employees donate Christmas gifts to children

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

The employees of the Jordan and Baten Units of the local Texas Department of Criminal Justice recently adopted 20 children from Child Protective Services to help supply Christmas gifts for. If not for the generous giving of these employees, these children might not have much of a Christmas at all.

Paul Searl is an employee of the local prison and is also a board member on the Gray County Welfare Board. He said that all of these children are currently in foster

homes and it is difficult for the foster parents to provide many Christmas presents for these kids. He said the foster parents do not receive any additional money during the holidays to help cover the cost of gifts.

"This year, the Gray County Welfare Board received the names of 70 children from CPS who needed help with Christmas," Searl said. "The Jordan and Baten Units adopted 20 of these children and other organizations and local churches

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Gifts galore



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

These Jordan and Baten Unit employees stand in front of the huge pile of gifts they and other prison employees purchased for local foster children for Christmas. From left are Candid Gafford, Assistant Warden Glen Whitfield, Judy Riley, Linda Searl, Tommy Ray and Paul Searl.

President Bush says economy is sound overall

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. (AP) — President Bush worked to reassure Americans on Monday about the economy but said "there's definitely some storm clouds and concern" because of the nation's credit crunch and mortgage problems.

"But the underpinning is good," Bush told business and community leaders at a gathering of Rotary Club members.

"We've had a pretty good economic run," the president said in a speech intended to show he is aware of the public's edgy mood these

days. Consumer confidence has eroded as turmoil in the housing and credit market have battered the economy.

Bush tried to position himself as an advocate for working families by taking aim at his favorite target: the Democratic Congress.

"The Congress cannot take economic vitality for granted," Bush said.

"The most negative thing Congress can do in the face of economic uncertainty is to raise taxes on the American people," Bush said.

The audience of roughly 80 people listened to Bush with respectful silence. Yet a line that normally gets him applause — "I'll veto any tax increase" — drew no reaction at all.

Bush chose to highlight positive economic news, such as job growth. "People are working; productivity is high," Bush said.

He acknowledged the nation's major economic woes — mainly the housing and credit crunch — in the context of explaining what his administration is doing to help.

"We can mitigate some of the

issues," Bush said.

"I just want to let you know we've got a strategy. And Congress can help," the president said, citing a list of bills he's proposed to lawmakers.

Bush spoke at the Yak-A-Doo's restaurant inside a Holiday Inn.

The White House wanted to keep the flavor of the local Rotary meeting, so there was no banner or backdrop. Bush was not even introduced; he just showed up, drawing a round of applause. The Christmas music

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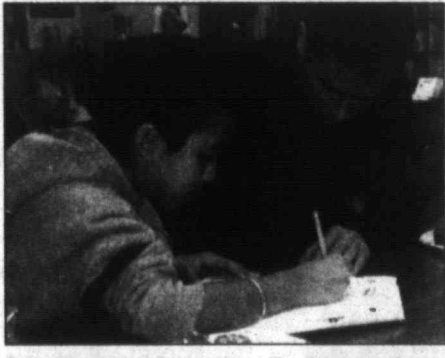
PHS students mentor elementary children

By KERRI SMITH
Managing Editor

Seventeen students at Wilson Elementary School have been participating in a new program at their school this semester, the Mentor/Mentee program. This is a program where Pampa High School students go to the elementary school once a week to be mentors to these students.

PHS Drug and Alcohol Coordinator Suzanne Pingel said the schools have tried out this program the past semester and it has worked out very well for both the high school and elementary students. She said the mentors build self-esteem in the younger students and help build relationships within the group. It also provides an additional person to go to if these young students need someone to talk to about different topics.

"A few of the high school administrators and myself have chosen 14 high school students who are leaders at our school and who we feel are great examples to be mentors this semester," Pingel said. "These students and their par-



Lorenzo Venzor, 3rd grader, and PHS senior Adam Estrada.



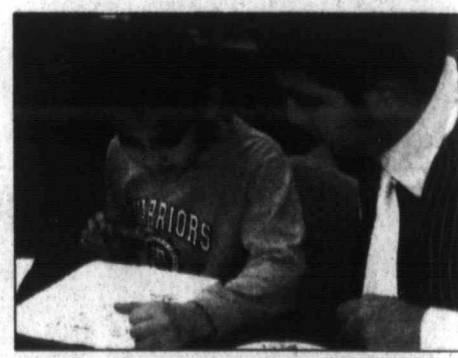
Ryan Mundell, 4th grader, and PHS senior Joseph Johnson.

ents both signed a contract allowing them to miss seventh and eighth periods once every two weeks to go to Wilson and help their mentee with homework or any other school work the students need assistance with.

"The high school students only miss their classes once every two weeks because we have two sets of seven students that rotate. At the end of this semester, I will look to see if these high school students have kept up with their grades and attendance in the classes they have missed and if they have not, they will not be allowed to continue being a mentor next semester. But, some of these students don't even have class at the time we go over to Wilson and they've chosen to give up this free time to help out these younger students."

Pingel explained that the 17 Wilson students were chosen by Principal Tonya Larkin and other Wilson administrators.

This program is part of the Wilson Power Hour, which happens every Wednesday from 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. The students rotate around to different activity classes while the teachers participate in professional learning communities, PLCs.



Javier Salazar, 3rd grader, and PHS student Bernardo Casanova.

On Dec. 12, the mentors went to Wilson and had a Christmas party with their mentees, which included snacks and drinks while continuing to go over school work. Each of the high school mentors donated \$10 so Christmas stockings could be made and given to each of the mentees at the end of the party.

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Mostly sunny Mostly sunny Mostly sunny

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Wind chill values between 21 and 31 early. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. Wind chill values between 26 and 31. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Windy, with a west southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 32. West northwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 55. West wind around 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 33. South southeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming west.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MEJIA, Donna Gail — Graveside services, 10 a.m. Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Donna Gail Mejia, 46

TULSA, Oklahoma — Donna Gail Mejia, 46, of Tulsa, Okla., died Dec. 14, 2007, at Tulsa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tues., Dec. 18, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Bob Hudson, pastor of the Bible Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Ms. Mejia was born May 3, 1961 in Pampa. She attended Pampa schools and was a member of the Bible Baptist Church.

Survivors include her father, Donald A. Wood of Pampa; one brother, Dennis



Wood of Pampa; four aunts, Mary Warner of Oregon, Betty Orr and Charlene Wood, both of Pampa, and Rhona Saltzman of Edmond, Okla. She was preceded in death by her mother, Dorothy Gail Wood on Dec. 28, 1974, her

maternal grandparents and her paternal grandparents.

Memorials can be sent to Bible Baptist Church Building Fund, 500 E. Kingsmill, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Wayne Anderson, 75

Wayne Anderson, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 16, 2007, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

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Dec. 17
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Friday, Dec. 14

Four traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Harvester and the intersection of Frederic and Henry streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Naida.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of Finley, the 900 block of Love, the 1500 block of Hamilton, the 2200 block of Lynn, the 500 block of Magnolia, the 60 block of Deane Drive and the 1300 block of North Russell.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East Frederic.

A welfare check was made in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious person call was received from the 800 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1100 block of Clark, the 700 block of West Brown and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Dwight.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of North Somerville and the 1100 block of Garland.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Powell.

Assault was reported in the 800 block of West 25th

and the 2800 block of Charles.

One alarm was reported. A gas drive-off was reported at Murphy USA, 201 W. 28th. Fuel valued at \$44.52 was taken.

Saturday, Dec. 15

Nine traffic stops were made. Traffic stops at the intersection of Somerville and Kingsmill streets and the 1000 block of Huff Road resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Faulkner and the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of Magnolia, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 2500 block of Duncan and the 1600 block of Fir.

Three attempts to serve papers were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of North Hobart, the 1200 block of Alcock, the intersection of Gwendolen and Dwight streets and the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Prowlers were reported in the 700 block of North Nelson and the 1600 block of Christine.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 300 block of Miami and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. Four tires were slashed. Estimated value of loss is \$195.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 600 block of North West and the 1000 block of North Sumner, where at least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported at KFC, 2201 N. Hobart. A daily deposit bag containing \$1,659.86 was taken.

Theft was reported on two occasions in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Farley.

Sunday, Dec. 16

Fourteen traffic stops were made. Traffic stops in the 1000 block of West Wilks, the 2300 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were

received from the 1400 block of North Hobart and Highway 60.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of Carr, the 100 block of North Somerville, the 900 block of Kingsmill, the intersection of Crawford and Finley streets, on two occasions in the 2300 block of Primrose, the 600 block of North West, the 700 block of North Gray and the 1100 block of Clark.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Crawford and Faulkner streets, the intersection of Starkweather and Tyng streets and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of West Foster. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Mora. A blow-up lawn decoration valued at \$50 was slashed.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

One alarm was reported. Burglary was reported at Domino's Pizza, 1332 N. Hobart. A glass door valued at \$250 was shattered.

Monday, Dec. 17

One traffic stop was made.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Maple and Barrett streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of South Gray.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, Dec. 16

Kelli Marie Willson, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Guadalupe Aboytes, 22, of Pampa was arrested in the 2300 block of North Hobart by PPD for public intoxication and capias pro fines for failure to maintain financial responsibility and no Texas driver's license.

Javier Banda, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 2300 block of North Hobart by PPD for driving under the influence, minor.

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Goldcoats



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Members of the Pampa Goldcoats, Gladys Vanderpool, left, and Mary McDaniel, right, recently purchased coats and clothing for Salvation Army children. Accepting the gifts is Salvation Army Captain Laura Martin, center.

State reviews digital billboards

AUSTIN (AP) — The billboard industry is squarely behind a proposal to allow digital billboards on Texas highways, while many members of the general public oppose the idea, according to comments submitted to the Texas Department of Transportation.

The state received more than 750 comments during a three-month period ending earlier this month. The Texas Transportation Commission has set a February meeting to consider the proposal, which would give cities authority over whether to allow the electronic, changeable billboards in their jurisdictions.

Of the 482 members of the public who sent letters to the transportation department, 386 of them were against digital billboards. All but one of the 241 comments from billboard-industry interests voiced support for the signs.

Critics of the signs said they would be ugly and distracting. "I believe this change would put our glorious landscapes at risk and could create hazards along our roads," wrote state Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands.

Some critics also cited concerns that the billboards would cost more, and therefore would create a more expensive condemnation process if the government wanted the land.

"They have not been shown to be safe for drivers; they will cost more in condemnation costs; they will advertise anything since the

city can't control content, and Texans don't want them," wrote Marcie Ince, president of the San Antonio Conservation Society.

Supporters say the billboards are not a safety hazard and note the proposal's restrictions, such as rules against moving images or flashing lights on the signs.

The billboard industry also argued that the signs are good for businesses and the economy, and could be used to broadcast emergency messages.

"Currently, digital technology is operational in 22 states. It is time for Texas cities to be able to utilize this 21st century technology for the good of the traveling public and the Texas business community," wrote Lee Vela, president of the Outdoor Advertising Association. Vela also works for Clear Channel Communications, which has an outdoor advertising company that supports the proposal.

Three state lawmakers signed industry-drafted letters supporting the signs — Democratic Reps. Kevin Bailey of Houston and Joe Pickett of El Paso, and the Texas House Transportation Committee chairman, Rep. Mike Krusee, R-Round Rock.

The letters said transportation officials were showing "foresight and economic sense" by considering the idea.

Some critics questioned whether campaign donations from the billboard industry could affect the commission, whose members are appointed by the governor.

Bush

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being piped was not cut off until someone pointed that out.

The president watched silently as club members

offered a truncated version of their normal business routine, offering the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

After months of bickering with Congress, Bush pronounced himself pleased with the shape of spending levels that Congress is expected to

approve this week. He said any measure must include money for troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We're making some pretty good progress toward coming up with a fiscally sound budget," Bush said. He said that the next couple of days "will be interesting to watch."

Prison

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adopted the other 50 kids.

"These children already have a rough time in life because they have been pulled out of their homes and are in a foster homes. We want to do everything in our power to help them have a wonderful Christmas. Maybe these children will realize that people are basically good and are willing to help out others. This act of kindness just might help the child turn a corner in their lives and become better people themselves."

Searl said that different shifts and

departments of the prison joined together to adopt these children and buy what they would like for Christmas. Each child fills out a "wish list" and many of these do not include many toys, but instead the everyday necessities of clothing.

Those who adopt these children never know who they are because they only find out the age, sex and initials of the child. Once the gifts are purchased and assembled, the Gray County Welfare Board takes the presents to CPS where they are distributed to case workers who then deliver the gifts to the children. So, the children stay completely anonymous.

Searl said that the prison employees have adopted CPS children for a few years and it is nothing for these children to get computers, bicycles, TVs,

cameras and gaming systems along with clothing.

"The Gray County Welfare Board is currently looking for interested people to join the board," Searl said. "We meet once a month and we always try to help out children in need all throughout the year. Many times, these children have special events during the year and the foster parents do not have the additional funds to help with these activities, so the welfare board steps in to help.

"We help seniors many times pay for all of the extra events they have throughout the year. It seems that seniors have to pay for a lot of extra stuff and we don't want them to go without."

If anyone is interested in joining the welfare board, contact Sarah Sutherland at 669-6760.

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Record

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Tommy Lee Swaney, 40, of Tatum was arrested by GCSO on a motion to enforce child support.

Monday, Dec. 17

Felipa Cano Ramirez, 57, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of Barrett by PPD for possession of drug paraphernalia and a *capias pro fine* for unlawful dumping.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Dec. 15

8:03 a.m. — Three units and six personnel responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart on a electrical plug fire.

Sunday, Dec. 16

1:58 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2300 block of Aspen on an electrical fire.

11:04 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma on a medical assist.

GRANDVIEW-HOPKINS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007			
Data Control Codes	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$1,446,470	\$907	\$1,447,377
5800 State Program Revenues	88,596	29,478	118,074
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	33,544	33,544
5020 Total Revenues	1,535,066	63,929	1,598,995
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	154,279	71,318	225,597
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	16,628	-	16,628
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	24,430	-	24,430
0023 School Leadership	59,249	-	59,249
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	21,359	-	21,359
0033 Health Services	1,822	-	1,822
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	15,908	-	15,908
0035 Food Services	-	42,268	42,268
0036 Cocurricular/Extracurricular Activities	519	-	519
0041 General Administration	64,811	-	64,811
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	69,877	-	69,877
Intergovernmental:			
0091 Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	921,412	-	921,412
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	7,741	-	7,741
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	1,404	-	1,404
6030 Total Expenditures	1,359,439	113,586	1,473,025
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	175,627	(49,657)	125,970
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7915 Transfers In	-	49,657	49,657
8911 Transfers Out (Use)	(49,657)	-	(49,657)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(49,657)	49,657	-
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	125,970	-	125,970
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	436,971	-	436,971
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$562,941	\$-	\$562,941

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Viewpoints

Fictional characters have many different attributes

In the year or so that I've lived in Pampa, I still haven't gotten around to subscribing to any sort of satellite or cable television plan. It's not that my morals conflict with what I could be watching on TV, it's just that I can live without it - or at least I have for the past year. One thing I do miss about T.V. though, are the characters. Whenever I get hooked on any form of media entertainment, whether it be television, movies or books, it's the characters that I love the most. In some of these characters, I see a little bit of myself. In some of them, I see a lot of my friends, and in some of them I see a lot of what life is really about.

I think it's the USA Network whose slogan is "Characters Welcome."

While I'm not that crazy about any the USA Network's shows, (besides Monk!) I really love that slogan. I wish characters were welcome everywhere. In any form of entertainment, character development is the key element upon which my entire outlook on the literature, film or show is based. When the character development is poor, so is the story, as far as I'm concerned.

There are a few fictional characters that I can recall that I would like to think I will appreciate for many years to come.

Charlie Kelly from "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" - Charlie is the kind of guy that you wouldn't trust to water the plants in your front yard while you're gone for a weekend. His

addictive tendencies, impulsive nature and overall lack of common sense usually gets himself and the rest of "the gang" into more morally compromising or potentially life-threatening situations than anyone else on the show. But more often than not, he has good intentions. About 60 percent of the time, he has good intentions.

Scout Finch from "To Kill a Mockingbird" - To say that Scout is "wise beyond her years" is an understatement in my opinion. But that's the most common phrase I've ever heard when people

describe why they love Scout, so I don't mind sticking with that. If I ever have a daughter, I'm going to name her Scout, and she'll be glad I did. The character is as timeless as the novel itself, and probably the reason the novel is such a classic.



Jordan Reagan

Sports Editor

John Dorian (J.D.) from "Scrubs" - J.D. is the

guy that I hope Zach Braff is like in real life. I think the world would be a better place if at least one J.D. really existed. He's not afraid to admit that he loves apple pie, and has awesomely personified day dreams. His

practical jokes and severe lack of an adult mentality somehow never costs him his job at Sacred Heart Hospital, but that's probably because every doctor in the place has been driven to a level of insanity greater than or equal to his own. Borecasts like "ER" or "Grey's Anatomy" could really use a character like J.D. and his dream sequences to really give the shows some much-needed oomph.

Hiro Nakamura from "Heroes" - After discovering that he has the ability to teleport himself freely through time and space, which was followed with a loud, enthusiastic "YATAAAA!" in Times Square, the computer geek turned Super-Hiro finds himself torn between trying to

save the world and trying to save his family and friends. More often than not, the character's dialogue is in Japanese and translated into English subtitles, but when he does try to speak English around "Frying man" or "Mystery Sock" (Mr. Isaac), one can't help but get a good laugh.

Any character that Humphrey Bogart has ever played - While Rick Blaine from Casablanca is the first character that comes to mind when most people think of Humphrey Bogart, I really can't think of a bad role that he's played. The guy was somewhat typecast - to play roles of characters who were awesome! If I ever have a son, I'm probably going to name him Philip Marlo, or maybe just Bogart.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 17, the 351st day of 2007. There are 14 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, conducted the first successful manned powered-airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, N.C., using their experimental craft, the Wright Flyer.

On this date:

In 1777, France recognized American independence.
In 1807, American Quaker poet and abolitionist John Greenleaf Whittier was born in Haverhill, Mass.
In 1830, South American patriot Simon Bolivar died in Colombia.

'A life of leisure and a life of laziness are two things.'

— Poor Richard's Almanack

In 1925, Col. William "Billy" Mitchell was convicted at his court-martial of insubordination for accusing senior military officials of incompetence and criminal negligence; he was suspended from active duty.

In 1939, the German pocket battleship Adm. Graf Spee was

scuttled by its crew, ending the World War II Battle of the River Plate off Uruguay.

In 1944, the U.S. Army announced it was ending its policy of excluding Japanese-Americans from the West Coast.

In 1957, the United States successfully test-fired the Atlas intercontinental ballistic missile for the first time.

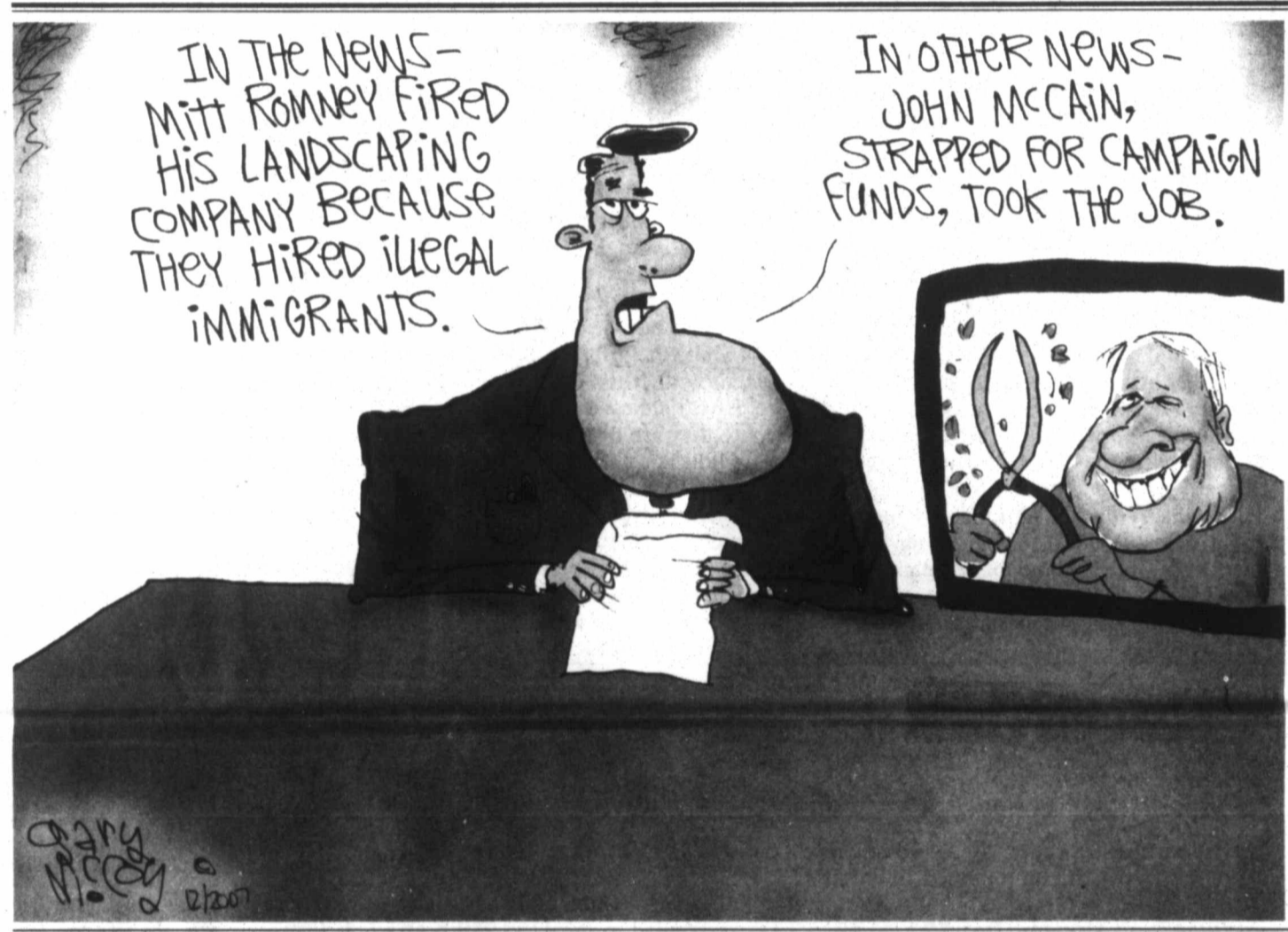
In 1975, Lynette Fromme was sentenced in Sacramento, Calif., to life in prison for her attempt on the life of President Ford.

In 1981, members of the Red Brigades kidnapped Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, the highest-ranking U.S. Army official in southern Europe, from his home in Verona, Italy. (Dozier was rescued 42 days later.)

In 1986, Eugene Hasenfus, the American convicted by Nicaragua for his part in running guns to the Contras, was pardoned, then released.

Ten years ago: The United States and 33 other countries signed a convention in Paris aimed at eradicating bribery in international business. President Clinton's panel on race relations met at Annandale High School in Virginia.

Five years ago: Insurance and finance company Conseco Inc. filed for Chapter 11 protection. Congo's government, rebels and opposition parties signed a peace agreement to end four years of civil war. Playwright Frederick Knott, who wrote "Dial M For Murder" and "Wait Until Dark," died in New York City at age 86.



Warmongers have blood on their hands

Well, it should be two strikes and you're out for the foam-at-the-mouth warmongers. It should come as no surprise that the same people who ranted and raved for war with Iraq were also ranting and raving for war with Iran.

Their much-touted weapons of mass destruction in Iraq were nonexistent, and now it turns out that Iran's nuclear-weapons program, the latest subject of their rants, is nonexistent, according to a consensus of America's 16 intelligence agencies.

It also turns out that Mohamed ElBaradei, director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, who bravely tried to tell the American people the truth, was right. He was right

about Iraq. He is right about Iran. Yet this faithful public servant was brutally maligned and attacked by the warmongers. The Bush administration reportedly tapped his telephones and tried to prevent him from being re-elected to his post. Fortunately, the Bushies failed.

I cannot think of lower, more despicable human beings than people who try to frighten their country into a war they are all too old to fight by printing and broadcasting false information fed to them by the worst political administration since Ulysses Grant. They added to their

sins by attacking honest people for speaking the truth.

These so-called foreign-policy experts are a contemptible lot. If they were honorable people, they would confess their error and apologize to the people they tried to discredit, but of course they are not honorable people.

The worst of the lot are those who pose as journalists but who really are water-carriers for the administration, the Republican Party, the neoconservative clique or, in some cases, Israel. They deserve to have their foreheads tattooed with the word "whore." Then when people

see them on television pontificating, they will know that those journalists are a bought bunch.

A real journalist has loyalty to only one group - his readers or listeners. He has an obligation to tell them the truth as best as he can determine it and not to pass on propaganda from someone behind the scenes.

The Founding Fathers wrote into the Constitution protection for the free press because they realized that only a well-informed public can govern themselves. Misinforming the public is a direct attack on a free society. It is a direct attempt to subvert the democratic process. It is as much a crime against freedom as

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Charley Reese

Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Dec. 9

Houston Chronicle on a new conservation model on the Texas Gulf Coast:

For many years, conservationists, supported by federal rule-making, believed that the best way to reduce overharvesting of many types of fish was to impose limits: on the size and number of fish that could be caught, and on the total number of days in any given year's harvest.

But those seemingly logical rules have caused great harm in the Gulf Coast to the red snapper they are supposed to protect, and to the fishermen who make their living by them.

Now, Environmental Defense, along with commercial fishing interests and other coastal businesses that depend on a healthy Gulf and robust fish stocks, says the time has come to adopt individual fishing quotas, a new and better model for ensuring a sustainable fishing industry.

Under the old model, the rules created a raft of unintended consequences without preventing overfishing.

Limits on the number of fish that could be hauled in on a single trip kept fishermen closer to shore so that they could make as many trips back and forth as quickly as possible. They threw back a tremendous number of snapper that didn't meet size restrictions, but it was wasted effort because those fish were dead or dying. This "fish derby"

was dangerous to the commercial fishermen and the recreational fishers with whom they were competing in shallow waters.

Rules limiting the number of days in a fishing season intensified the need for speed. The fish had to be brought in fast so that each fishing boat could get as much out of the ocean as possible during the prescribed fishing season. Meanwhile, the allowable number of fishing days continued to shrink as fishermen reached the annual quota earlier each year. No fisherman had any incentive to limit his catch because if he didn't take the fish, one of his competitors would.

Over the past year, commercial fishers have been trying a new tack with

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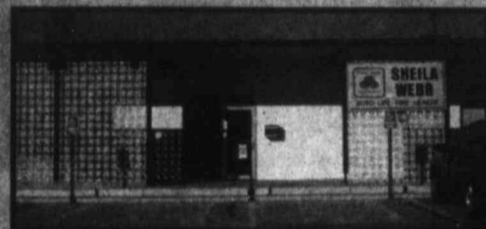
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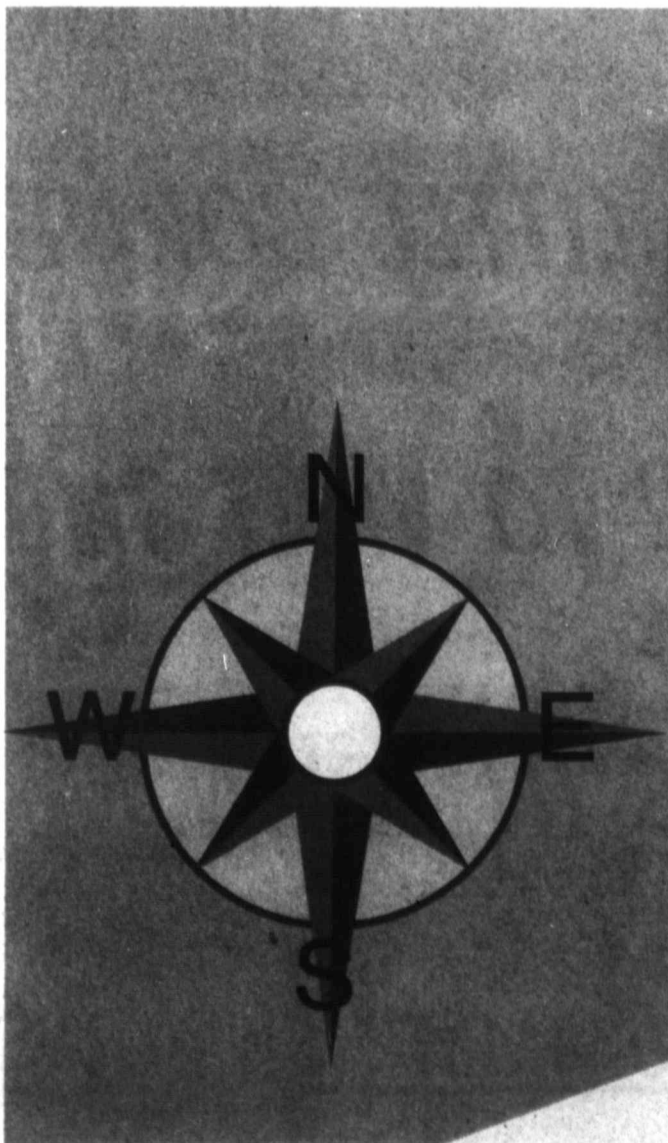


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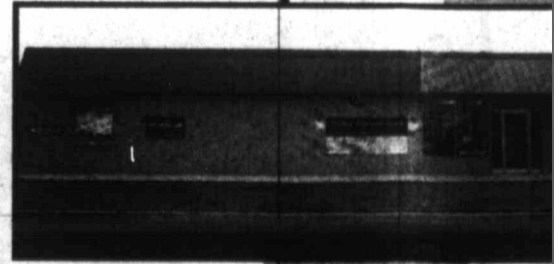


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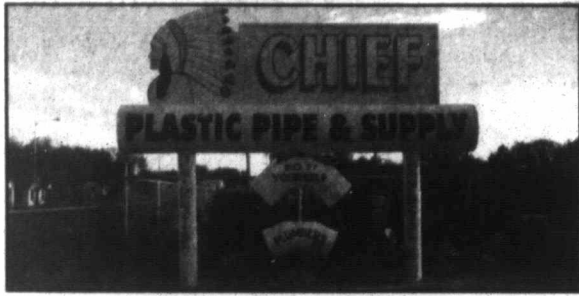
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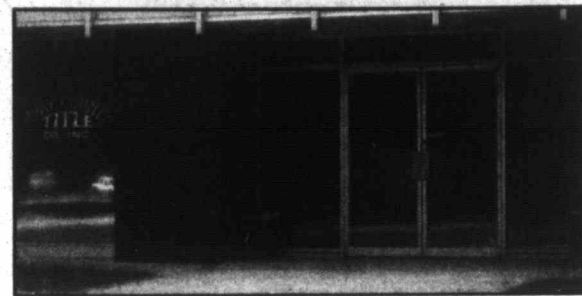
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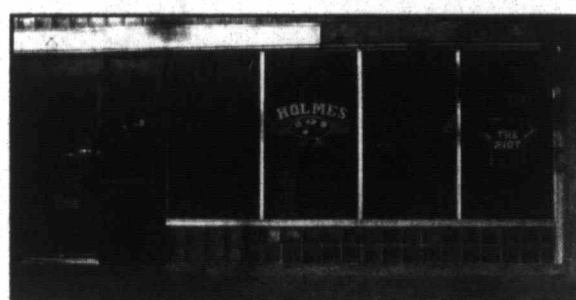
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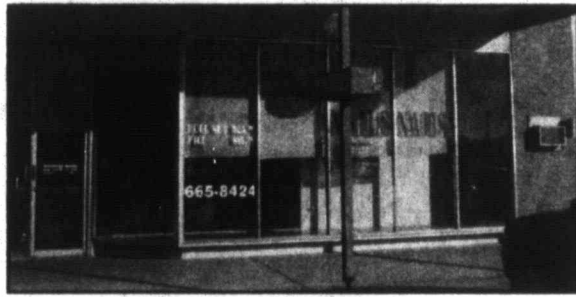
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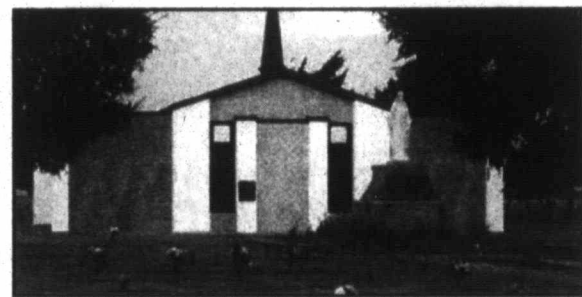
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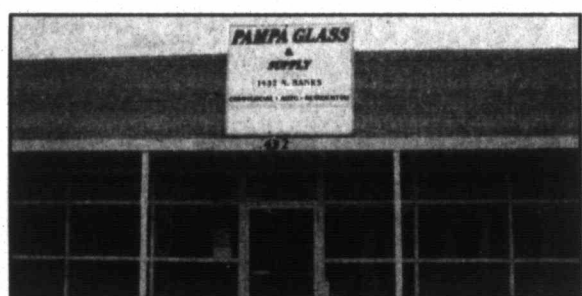
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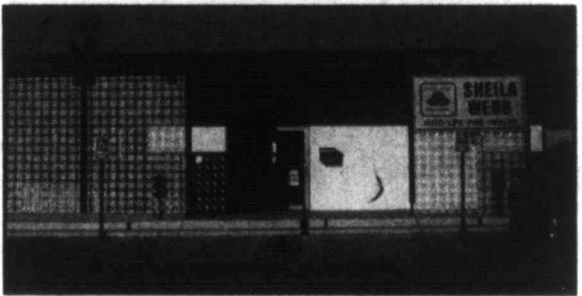
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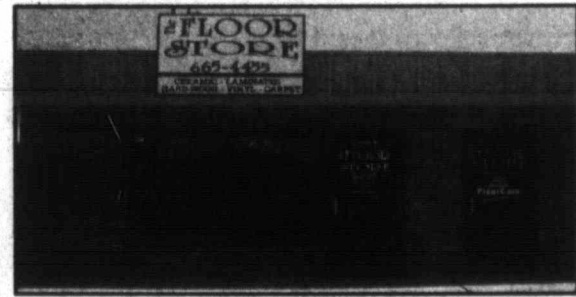
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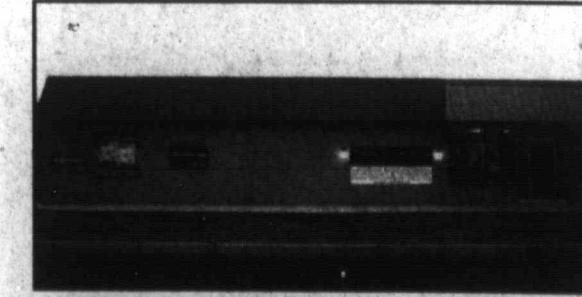
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Chamber



Letter from the desk of the executive director

We can really be thankful that we dodged the predicted ice storm for our area. I stocked up on canned goods that could be opened and eaten without heat, just in case, and made sure I had battery powered lights ready to go.

I am certainly not disappointed that I did not have to use any of my emergency supplies, but I sure have a lot of fruit cocktail and canned meat to eat.

For those of you who missed the Christmas Parade, you really missed a treat. This was my first one in Pampa and I was expecting a few flat-bed trucks and a few trailers pulling hay bales with a few people sitting on them. Was I surprised!

About 1 p.m. Saturday, floats began entering the M.K. Brown parking lot from every direction along with horses, four-wheelers, antique and classic cars, electric wheelchairs, two huge new rigs from National Oilwell Varco, Boy Scout Packs, Girl Scouts, church groups, fire trucks with sirens (one with Santa sitting on top), the Pampa High School Band, and Rodeo Queens.

Approximately 70 to 80 entries altogether when the parade began (60 registered with the Chamber and others showed up and joined).

The National Oilwell Varco rigs were so large they barely made some of the turns. It took a prior dry run and lots of planning, not to mention the special highway permits and personnel to have them in the parade.

Speaking for the Chamber, and I am sure for the entire City and area, a big THANKS to all of the participants, float builders, and others behind the scenes who made the Parade so wonderful. If you lacked the "Christmas Spirit" before this parade, you surely must have it now.

Oh, and lest I forget, thank you City of Pampa Police Department for clearing the traffic as the parade proceeded across Highway 70 and crossed the many streets along the parade route. They came early and stayed late in order to keep things moving safely and smoothly.

Our thanks also to Culberson-Stowers for furnishing vehicles for the Citizen of the Year and for the Top O' Texans Goldcoats and to the VFW for furnishing the Color Guard.

Thanks are also in order to Kerri Smith and the Pampa News for their help with the Parade and for the wonderful color page last week showing our community unity and creative talent exhibited in the Parade.

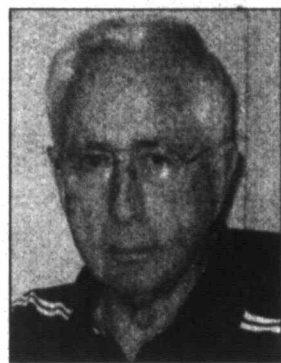
For any of you who may have wondered, Boyd Matthews performed that magical transformation into Santa in time for the parade and his beard was real too.

By the way, did any of you see Mrs. Claus peering through one of the store windows on Cuyler? She had a slight resemblance to Mary McDaniel, but on second glance it had to be Mrs. Claus.

Reminder to Chamber Members: Our Chamber luncheon is at noon, Tuesday, December 18th and the Top O' Texans Goldcoat banquet that evening. The Pampa High School Show Choir will be presenting the program at the luncheon. The program for the Gold Coats is to be a surprise.

Speaking for all of the Chamber Staff and Directors, have a very Merry Christmas and safe Happy New Year!

Keith Pitner - Executive Director



Pampa Night at the Amarillo Gorillas

Come join us for an evening of fun and excitement on Jan. 12.

Pick up your tickets at the Chamber office, 200 N. Ballard.

Cost is \$10 per ticket. The Chamber gets \$5 per ticket.

During the night, they will announce Pampa over the PA.

The Gorillas will host the Odessa Jackolopes.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the game starts at 7 p.m.

For more information, contact the Chamber at 669-3241.

Everyone invited

**Pampa Chamber of Commerce
monthly luncheon**

Tuesday, Dec. 18 - 11:45 a.m.
Chamber building, M.K. Brown room
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Menu:
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Lunch provided by Pampa Country Club

Program: PHS Show Choir

Cost: \$8 per person

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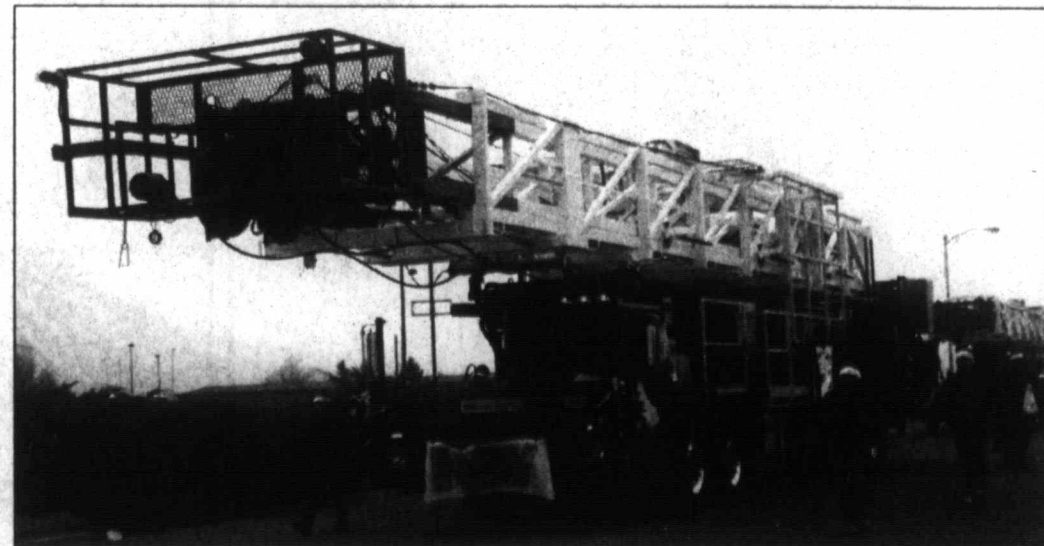
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Pampa Bucks winners



Pampa News Photo by MARILYN POWERS
Two lucky winners each won \$600 in Pampa Bucks in the Shop Pampa and Win campaign recently. From left are winner Joann Taylor, Chamber member Bob Marx and winner Michael Hunt.

Christmas Parade



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One of the many participants from the 2007 Chamber of Commerce Christmas Parade, National Oilwell Varco.

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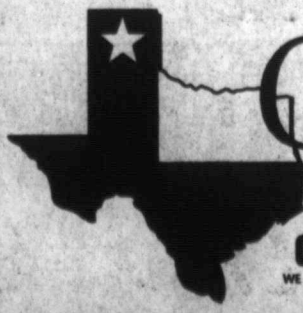
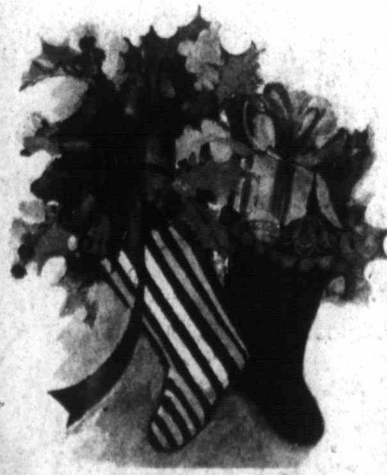
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Paul" for two years. I have two children (6 and 4), whom Paul has loved and accepted since day one. His patience and affection for them never cease to amaze me. Paul has a 5-year-old daughter, "Daisy," from a previous marriage who spends every other weekend with us. I'm having a hard time accepting her place in our lives. I want to be happy and welcome Daisy, but I am growing more angry and resentful by the day. I'm not a mean person. I love children, so why do I resent her so? This may sound terrible, but I just want a life with my kids and the man I love -- no strings attached. Paul can't exclude Daisy from his life, and I wouldn't dream of asking him to. I hate to end a beautiful relationship, but I don't know what else to do. We've already postponed our wedding. With a huge issue like this hanging over us, we know we can't be married until we figure this out. Help! -- **ALICIA IN ATLANTA**

DEAR ALICIA: If you want to marry Paul, you will have to fully accept that they're a package deal. You do not have to "love" his daughter, but you WILL have to respect her feelings. Imagine yourself in her position, coming to visit your household two weekends a month. Wouldn't you want to be welcomed and treated with kindness? Your inability to accept Daisy may be due to the fact that she's living, breathing proof that Paul was once in love with another woman. (Is it possible she resembles her mother?) Counseling might help you resolve this. Another source I recommend is a Web site, www.steptogether.org. Please don't wait too long to see what it has to offer.

DEAR ABBY: My 14-year-old daughter's best friend's mother died suddenly. She was 43. I am 44. I know everyone grieves differently, but my question is, why am I

crying every time I think about it? I knew the woman who passed away, but we weren't close friends. I just knew her as my daughter's friend's mom. I could understand it if we had been close. Please help me figure this out. -- **CRYING IN THE EAST**

DEAR CRYING: Gladly. First of all, tragedy has hit close to home. You may be crying because the woman died so young. She was a contemporary, and you identify with her. Also, because your daughters are close, you can see firsthand how much not only the motherless daughter will miss during these important years in her life, but also how much the mother will have missed. And by the way, those are valid reasons to shed tears. Doing so shows that you have a tender, caring heart.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend and I have known each other since we were very young. There's one big difference between us. Her family has a lot of money -- mine doesn't. Christmas is fast approaching, and I still have no idea what to get her. What do you give the girl who has everything and still stay within a tight budget? Please help me. I hate to once again give a cheap gift to such a close friend. -- **POOR IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR "POOR": A meaningful gift does not have to be something expensive. It's one that was selected with some thought behind it. Because you don't have much to spend, consider making your friend a gift. While it will not be expensive, it will be one of a kind. Or give her something she can "fill" herself, like a picture frame or a diary.

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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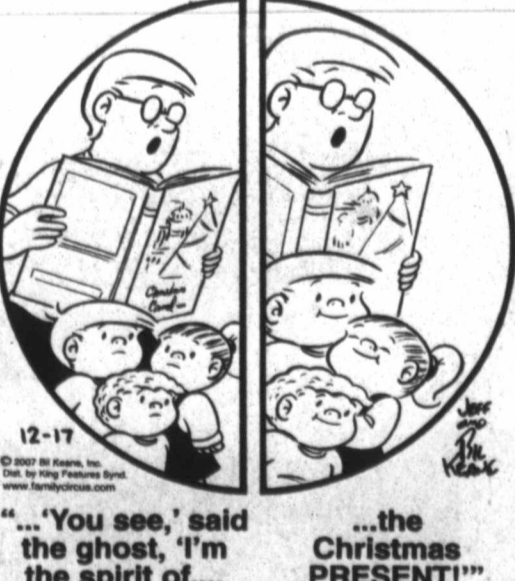
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Sports

Basketball to welcome Plainview tonight

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

Due to the bad weather and road conditions, Lubbock Estacado wasn't able to show up to the big game at McNeely Field House Friday, but the Lady Harvesters, along with the boys varsity and JV teams are welcoming another opponent tonight.

The Plainview Bulldogs will make their way to Pampa tonight to take on the Harvesters at the home court in hopes of continuing a winning trend over Pampa.

Last season, the Lady Harvesters were finished by the Lady Bulldogs early in the playoffs when the two teams faced off in Canyon.

This season, the Pampa girls have been struggling with picking up wins, but are showing clear improvements as the season wears on.

The Plainview Lady Bulldogs, who most recently celebrated a big victory over Lubbock High currently stand with a win-loss record of 14-3.

The Lady Harvesters hope

to boost their record with a second win tonight over the Lady Bulldogs.

The varsity boys suffered their second loss of the season to Plainview at the Gene Messer Tournament in Canyon just weeks ago.

The loss was a close one, which ended with a back-and-forth fourth quarter battle in which Plainview claimed the victory by two points.

With their most recent 81-76 win over the Amarillo High Sandies, the Bulldogs are going into tonight's game with a record of 5-8 on the season.

Tonight, the Harvesters hope they can avenge that loss and pick up their tenth season win over the Bulldogs here in Pampa.

The varsity girls will go on first to play at 6 p.m. at McNeely Field House and the varsity boys will follow at 7:30.

The JV boys will play at 6 at the MPAC building, and the JV girls will follow them at 7:30.



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Sophomore Alex Clendening goes up for a shot during the Harvesters' most recent game against the Plainview Bulldogs in November at the Gene Messer Tournament in Canyon. Teammates Blake Sieck (12) and Hayden Skinner (30) and coach Dustin Miller look on.

Philadelphia Eagles give Cowboys a second home loss

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Another home game like this and the Dallas Cowboys will be out of the playoffs in a hurry.

Good thing for the NFC East champion Cowboys, they have a couple of regular-season games left to get back in synch after a 10-6 loss Sunday against the Philadelphia Eagles that was their worst offensive outing this year.

"We've just got to really recognize what this feels like," Cowboys

owner Jerry Jones said. "And what it would feel like if you did this in the playoffs."

Despite losing, Dallas (12-2) secured a first-round playoff bye even before kickoff because Seattle had already lost. The Cowboys won't be back at Texas Stadium until the second weekend of January for their first postseason home game in nine years.

With games left at Carolina and Washington, Dallas is still trying to

clinch home-field advantage through the NFC playoffs. Dallas and Green Bay are tied for the NFC's best record, but the Cowboys own the tiebreaker for beating the Packers last month.

"As frustrated and upset as I am right now, you can't take too long to dwell on this," said quarterback Tony Romo, who bruised the thumb on his throwing hand but insisted he was OK.

The Cowboys certainly will have

to play a lot better than they did Sunday, when they had their fewest yards of the season (240) and didn't score a touchdown for the first time since November 2004. It was their second straight lousy outing.

"Maybe this is good for us, a gut check," Terrell Owens said.

While avenging a lopsided loss to Dallas six weeks ago, Philadelphia (6-8) snapped a three-game losing streak and kept alive hopes of earning a wild-card play-

off berth.

Brian Westbrook gained 81 yards on 18 rushes and 63 yards on nine receptions. His most satisfying play came when he busted loose for a 24-yard run, then bypassed an easy score by stopping on his own inside the 1 just before the 2-minute warning.

Dallas was already out of timeouts, and Donovan McNabb only had to take a knee three straight times to run out the clock.

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Patriots beat Jets 20-10 in rain and wind to improve to 14-0

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Hit the pause button on Spygate. The Patriots' drive to an undefeated season is on fast forward.

Fighting against wind, rain and the Jets, New England won 20-10 Sunday to improve to 14-0. That brought a big grin to coach Bill Belichick's face as he headed to midfield for a much anticipated handshake with his nemesis, New York coach Eric Mangini.

Would the meeting be pleasant? Or would it be more like the chilly ones in most of their four previous postgame encounters after Belichick steamed following Mangini's departure as Patriots defensive coordinator before last season?

"Great game, awesome," the smiling Belichick appeared to say as they shook hands. Then he strolled away, pumping his fist twice over his head.

How heartwarming. "He said, 'Good game or good luck,'" Mangini said. "I can't remember."

No matter the conversation, Belichick's pre-game theme seemed accurate: The game was about beating the Jets (3-11) and not about getting back at his protege for turning him in to the NFL for violating league rules by training a sideline camera on Jets coaches in the Patriots' 38-14 season-opening win.

The NFL slapped fines of \$500,000

on Belichick and \$250,000 on the team, which also was stripped of its first-round draft pick next year.

"I know I'm not a cheat," Patriots cornerback Ellis Hobbs said after Sunday's win. "We don't use that for motivation. There were no motivational speeches behind that."

Instead, there were contingency plans for the weather.

A wet ball and winds of more than 20 mph forced the Patriots to turn to the running of underused Laurence Maroney rather than the passing of Tom Brady. The ball wouldn't always go where the quarterback wanted.

"Anything deep to the sideline is challenging, so you have to find a way to make those plays on the inside part of the field," Brady said.

He didn't throw a touchdown pass for the first time this season and completed 14 of 27 passes for 140 yards with an interception.

The Patriots tied Miami as the only teams to start off 14-0. The Dolphins did it in a 14-game season in 1972, then finished 17-0 by winning the Super Bowl. New England is trying to become the second team to finish with a perfect record.

"As long as that zero stays in that (loss) column, I'm cool with it," Randy Moss said after catching only five passes for 79 yards and no touchdowns. He remains three shy of tying

Jerry Rice's season-single record of 22 touchdown receptions.

There was only one offensive touchdown on Sunday, a 1-yard run by Maroney that gave the Patriots a 17-7 lead at halftime. It followed a blocked punt by Kelley Washington that gave New England the ball at the Jets 3.

"It was not a great feeling," punter Ben Graham said.

Maroney ran for 104 yards on 26 carries, both season highs. He hadn't been a big part of the offense because the passing game had been so successful.

"Running the ball a lot today, it gave me a chance to know where things were going to be before they happened," he said.

The Patriots took a 7-0 lead on Eugene Wilson's 5-yard interception return on the Jets' second offensive play. Celebrating fans tossed into the air some of the six inches of snow that fell before the game.

"Hilarious," Moss said.

On the play, Kellen Clemens was hit by Richard Seymour as he released the ball and ended up on the ground with a rib injury. He didn't return and Chad Pennington filled in for most of the rest of the game.

Mangini said he didn't know if Pennington, Moss's college teammate at Marshall, would start next Sunday at Tennessee.

West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez introduced as Michigan's coach

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP) — Michigan's coaching search may have lasted longer than it wanted and the school might not have landed its top choice, yet college football's winningest program is thrilled to have West Virginia's Rich Rodriguez.

And the feeling is mutual. Rodriguez, who flirted with the Alabama job a year ago, said it took a job of Michigan's stature for him to leave his home state and alma mater.

"It was a very difficult decision to leave a place where I grew up," Rodriguez said during his introductory news conference Monday morning. "It was going to take a very special opportunity and a very special place and I think that's what this is."

The 44-year-old Rodriguez represents the first head coach to come out

side the "Michigan family" as athletic director Bill Martin put it, since Bo Schembechler in 1969.

"Do you have to be a Michigan man to be a Michigan coach? Gosh, I hope not. They hired me," he said.

Before hiring Rodriguez, the Wolverines apparently went 0-for-2 in their first coaching search since hiring Schembechler away from Miami of Ohio, with LSU's Les Miles and Rutgers' Greg Schiano turning down reported opportunities to replace the retiring Lloyd Carr. Rodriguez, though, seems to be much more than a consolation prize.

He built West Virginia into a Big East power, winning the conference championship this year for the fourth time in five seasons and going 60-26 overall.

Dolphins stun Ravens, end winless season

MIAMI (AP) — The Miami Dolphins finally won one, thanks to a break and a big play in overtime. After Baltimore's Matt Stover missed a 44-yard field goal in the extra period, Miami's Greg Camarillo turned a short completion into a 64-yard touchdown, and the Dolphins beat the Baltimore Ravens 22-16 Sunday.

With the 1972 perfect-season Dolphins cheering them on, the woebegone 2007 team rallied from a 10-point third-quarter deficit and snapped a 16-game losing streak.

Camarillo broke over the middle on third down and had two steps on the secondary when he caught a pass from Cleo Lemon near midfield. Finding himself in the clear, Camarillo sprinted to the end zone for his first NFL touchdown.

"It was like watching one of those plays in slow motion, and it's the Super Bowl and the miraculous catch and all those things," Dolphins defensive tackle Vonnie

Holliday said. "It was up there like that for us. Maybe not for everybody else, but for us it was up there with all those great catches - Dwight Clark and all those guys."

The Miami bench quickly emptied as Holliday and his teammates ran after Camarillo and mobbed him in the corner of the stadium.

"We'll no longer be talked about as the winless season," Camarillo said. "We got a win to get the monkey off our back."

With their first victory since Dec. 10, 2006, the Dolphins (1-13) avoided matching the worst start in NFL history. Cam Cameron finally earned his first victory as an NFL head coach, 11 months after taking the job.

Owner Wayne Huizenga, fed up by years of decline in the Dolphins, confirmed Saturday he's discussing the sale of the franchise. He declined to discuss negotiations after the game, but wore a grin in the locker room after the victory.

"It was exciting for me," Huizenga said. "In my suite it was like winning the Super Bowl. It was up and down all game, and with the 17-0 team here and being honored at halftime, to pull it off in this game for those guys, that was special. It was very emotional for me."

Huizenga's Dolphins finally found a team they could beat in the Ravens (4-10), who lost their eighth game in a row, extending a franchise record.

The Ravens also lost middle linebacker Ray Lewis, who dislocated a finger on his left hand in the third quarter and didn't return.

Miami took its first lead with 1:56 left in regulation on a 29-yard field goal by Jay Feely, making the score 16-13. His ensuing kickoff went out of bounds, allowing the Ravens to start at their 40, and rookie Troy Smith drove them 59 yards.

Baltimore coach Brian Billick

decided against trying for the winning touchdown on fourth down at the 1, and Stover's 18-yard field goal with 8 seconds left forced overtime.

The Ravens started at their 20 following the overtime kickoff, and Smith drove them 54 yards, but Stover pulled a kick wide left. Three plays later, the Dolphins had their first win more than a year.

"We got beat by an 0-13 team. We'll hear it," Stover said. "Do I want to be that guy? No. But I've won plenty of games for this team, and you've got to take the bad with the good. I'm not going to lose any sleep over it."

The seven members of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who were with the '72 Dolphins served as honorary captains and took part in the coin toss. From there, things went downhill for Miami for a while.

As usual, the Dolphins squandered plenty of chances. Lorenzo

Booker tripped at the 10-yard with no one in front of him following a reception, and Miami settled for a field goal. On a subsequent possession, Lemon stepped out of bounds on third down for a 7-yard loss that took Miami out of field goal range.

And as usual, it seemed the Dolphins couldn't catch a break. When Ted Ginn Jr. appeared to get hit before the ball arrived on a 41-yard pass into end zone, there was no interference call.

But the game began to turn when Miami's Jason Taylor blocked a 50-yard field goal attempt by Stover on the final play of the first half, keeping the Ravens' lead at 13-3.

The Dolphins shut down Baltimore for most of the second half, and the offense began to show a rare spark. Lemon finished 23-for-39 for 315 yards and improved to 1-5 lifetime as a starting quarterback.

Pierce scores 18 as Celtics beat Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — The Boston Celtics impressed Toronto coach Sam Mitchell with the way they beat the Raptors and matched their longest winning streak in more than 14 years.

Paul Pierce scored 18 points, Kevin Garnett had 16 and the Celtics beat the Raptors 90-77 Sunday for their ninth straight victory. The Atlantic Division leaders matched their longest win streak since March 16-31, 1993.

"They just beat us, they're better than us right

now," Mitchell said. "They set the bar to where all the teams need to be."

Chris Bosh had 17 points and 13 rebounds for Toronto. Jamario Moon finished with 13 points and Kris Humphries had 12.

"We played hard ... they're a better basketball team right now, it wasn't for a lack of effort," Mitchell said. "I didn't see our guys not playing hard, there's a difference between getting beat and not playing hard."

Boston improved to 20-2 for the second time in fran-

chise history, matching the mark set by the 1963-64 team that went on to win a championship.

In other NBA games Sunday, it was: Detroit 109, Golden State 87; Portland 116, Denver 105; the Los Angeles Lakers 113, the Los Angeles Clippers 92.

The Celtics won their second straight game without guard Ray Allen (sore right ankle). Allen, who remained in Boston for treatment, is expected to return when Boston hosts Detroit on Wednesday.

Candice Wiggins gets 2,000th career point, leads Stanford over Baylor

STANFORD, Calif. (AP) — Candice Wiggins was simply brilliant on both ends.

Wiggins scored 21 of her 35 points in the first half, had four steals, three assists and two blocks, and No. 5 Stanford dealt 10th-ranked Baylor its first defeat of the season with a physical 87-63 victory Sunday.

Wiggins shot 11-for-22, was two points off her career high, made 9 of 12 free

throws and reached 2,000 points for her career when she sunk a 10-foot jumper with 5:54 remaining. Stanford won its fifth straight since its only loss, 81-77 to second-ranked Connecticut in two overtimes Nov. 15.

Freshman Kayla Pedersen added a season-best 22 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and fellow freshman Jeanette Pohlen had 10 assists for the Cardinal (8-1),

who moved 22nd-year coach Tara VanDerveer within three victories of becoming the seventh Division I coach to reach the 700-win mark. She will have four chances to do it before the year ends.

Stanford looked sharp in its return from a two-week break for finals, shooting 49 percent despite a slow start and outrebounding the Bears 44-35.

Woods closes out the year with a victory in Target World Challenge

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — First came a kiss for his daughter. Then came a pose with the trophy.

For Tiger Woods, life has never been better.

"This year on the golf course, it's been a great year," he said Sunday after closing out the season with a seven-shot victory in the Target World Challenge. "Off the golf course, it's been the greatest year I've ever had."

He could not have picked a better way to end 2007.

Woods hosted an elite, 16-man field at Sherwood Country Club to play 72 holes in gorgeous weather for \$5.75 million in prize money, with last place getting \$170,000 without even having to show up on Sunday.

But the relaxed setting gave way to a frightening future.

Woods had been out of competition for 10 weeks, dating to his singles loss to Mike Weir in the

Presidents Cup on Sept. 30. He began hitting balls about 10 days ago to get ready for the Target World Challenge, then played as if he never left the couch.

He set the course record with a 62 in the second round. He tied the tournament record at 22-under 266, first set by Davis Love III in 2000 the first year the tournament came to Sherwood. And his 68 in the final round Sunday gave him a seven-shot victory, the largest in tournament history and his third win this year by at least that many.

So much for rust. "Doesn't help us, does it?" Colin Montgomerie said. "If he took a bloody year off, it would help."

Paul Casey was coming off a four-week break and expected to hit a few loose shots. He did not think he would wind up 21 shots behind a guy who took off 2 1/2 months.

"We have a saying in England that he was Rolls-Roycing it," he

said. "You fire up the car and it purrs perfectly."

The scary part is that Woods said he was struggling with his swing over the past two days. Jim Furyk noticed a few loose shots and forged ahead Sunday, closing a six-shot gap to two shots when they made the turn in the final group.

Furyk hit a wedge with no spin that stopped 4 feet behind the hole, leaving him a downhill putt. Woods' wedge spun back to 12 feet below the hole. And that's where the tournament effectively ended.

Woods calmly made his putt for birdie, and Furyk three-putted for bogey to fall four shots behind.

"You don't start six down to Tiger very often and cut it to two, so I had a really good opportunity," Furyk said. "And I wasn't able to take advantage of it."

The consolation prize went to Masters champion Zach Johnson, whose birdie on the final hole secured a 68 and second place,

which was worth \$840,000. Furyk bogeyed the last hole for a 71 to finish third and earn \$570,000.

Another consolation prize might be the fact that Woods is taking another vacation, not returning to start his 2008 campaign until he defends his title at the Buick Invitational at Torrey Pines.

But the world's No. 1 player still feels like he can improve.

"I'm going to shut it down a little bit, go back home and think about it and talk to Henry about some of the swings I've made this week," he said, referring to swing coach Hank Haney. "Obviously, I've got a lot of room for improvement, which is a great sign."

Improvement? He won seven times on the PGA Tour this year, including the PGA Championship for his 13th career major. He swept all the major awards, won the inaugural FedEx Cup, and came out of hibernation to win his Target World Challenge

for the fourth time, the first player to win in consecutive years.

As usual, he donated the \$1.35 million to his Tiger Woods Learning Center.

"I hit a lot of good shots this week, but I also hit some loose ones," Woods said. "The great thing is my bad ones aren't as bad as they used to be. Either I just miss fairways or just miss greens, but obviously not off the planet like they used to be."

"Just imagine if I could hit the ball the way I wanted."

Even more fulfilling was having 6-month-old Sam Alexis making her first greenside appearance, held by her grandmother, Kultida Woods.

Woods is a new father, but he was amazed at the British Open when he watched Pdraig Harrington make double bogey on the 18th hole at Carnoustie, then melt into smiles when 3-year-old Patrick rushed into his arms.

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 ***** Excitement and change blow in the wind. Your intuition points you in the correct direction. Today you enter a year-long phase in which you will assume greater responsibility and prestige. Hope for a pay raise too! Tonight: Hook up with happy people.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You will be encouraged to take an overview more and more this year. If you feel triggered, step back and allow greater insight. Excitement surrounds a friendship that might be at a distance. Tonight: Luxuriate with some extra private time.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** How you deal with someone causes a reaction that draws a change in

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** You might simply feel a change more than realize it. Let your imagination go. What seems like a good risk could end up as a gigantic backfire. Knowing what you want could make a huge difference. Tonight: In the whirlwind of living.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** You greet a major year-long good-luck cycle today. Though you might feel a bit enclosed or restrained now, soon you will be letting go more. A family or real estate matter needs handling. Use care with spending. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** Your imagination might affect many areas of your life. Apply it to your communications, and you will like what goes on. Kick back and put your feet up. How you deal with someone could change dramatically. Tonight: Catch up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** You know what you want. Soon you will discover that it is only a question of asking for just that. You will be very happy with the end results. Get ready to network and spread your wings. Just be yourself. Tonight: Buy a special gift.

BORN TODAY Actor Brad Pitt (1963), wrestler Rob Van Dam (1970), director Steven Spielberg (1946)

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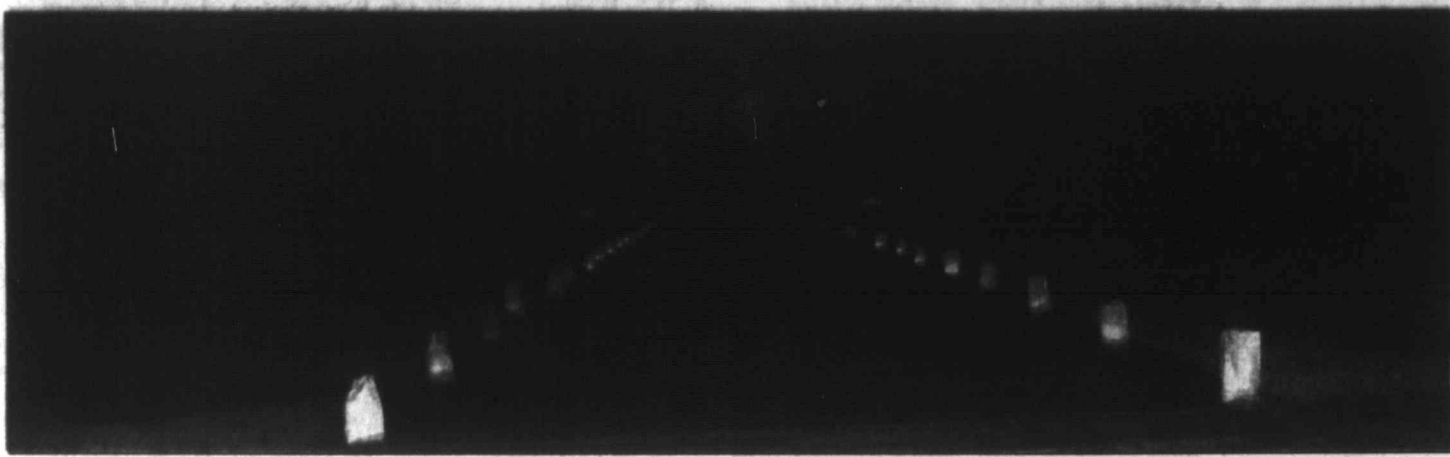
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Luminarias lighted the pathways at Memory Gardens Cemetery from 6 to 11 p.m. Thursday as part of the cemetery's fifth annual Christmas candlelight service. The purpose of the service is to honor and remember deceased loved ones and to let families know they are remembered during the holidays, according to cemetery owner Daniel Zuniga.

Texas

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the red snapper catch, with welcome success. An individual fishing quota, or IFQ, imposes a catch limit to the snapper fishery overall but no size or trip limits and then allocates a percentage

of the total to individual fishing enterprises. IFQs can be traded, a feature that acts as a buyout system that reduces overcapitalization in the Gulf. Fewer boats equals bigger profits.

More important, IFQs end the need for speed fishing. And they permit year-round fishing so that fishermen no longer have to take their boats out in bad weather to

maximize their take over the few days of the fishing season. Fishermen can fish in response to market pricing, maximizing their revenue. Also, IFQs reduce waste from catch-and-release practices that returned tons of size-limited dead fish to the sea.

Conservation efforts should never be undertaken without ongoing evaluation

to ensure those efforts are achieving the intended effect. Old fishing limits might help rebuild depleted fish stocks but at a very high cost to Texas Gulf Coast fishermen. By contrast, the IFQ experiment with popular and tasty red snapper seems to have been working well for the fish and the fishermen.

URL: <http://www.chron.com>

Star Jessica Simpson attends Cowboys game to watch Romo

IRVING, Texas (AP) — In case anyone missed the photo of Tony Romo and Jessica Simpson on the cover of People magazine, one look at the jersey she was wearing at the Dallas Cowboys' game Sunday showed who her new beau is.

"Romo!" Simpson said when television cameras spotted her in the stands during Dallas' 10-6 loss to Philadelphia.

Simpson was wearing a pink Cowboys No. 9 jersey and sitting in a luxury box. She and Romo have been an item for about a month. Her new movie, "Blonde Ambition," is headed straight to DVD except for showings at some Texas theaters, according to People.com.

This time last year, Romo was dating country singer Carrie Underwood. In fact, she was in a luxury box last December when Dallas played Philadelphia.

The Cowboys lost that game and Romo had the worst performance of his career. At least, it was the worst until Sunday, when he had a 22.2 quarterback rating and bruised the thumb area on his throwing hand.

Romo's parents also were in attendance Sunday and accepted the team's Bob Lilly Award on his behalf at halftime. It was the first game for his father, Ramiro, since undergoing surgery for prostate cancer earlier this season.

Reese

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rigging an election.

The warmongers have blood on their hands. They bear almost equal responsibility with the government for the dead and wounded of the Iraq War. Thank God that this time the intelligence analysts stood firm against the administration's pressure to politicize the results of their work, or these miserable warmongers would have had even more blood on their hands.

And don't expect them to let up on trying to paint Iran as an imminent danger to the world. The truth is that there are only two countries in the world that could threaten America or Europe. Those are Russia and China. When you are assessing threats, you have to look at capabilities, not at rhetoric or intentions. Only China and Russia have the capability to attack the U.S.

Given this fact, you would think the administration would pay more attention to relations with these countries than to getting its drawers in a tizzy over Third World countries that lack the capability of harming us in any meaningful way.

The future grows dark for the United States. We have a bad administration that is corrupt, secretive, incompetent and disdainful of liberty. We have a press that for the most part cannot distinguish news from celebrity gossip. We have an education system that is manufacturing functional illiterates. We have a public that seemingly believes the only things worthwhile in life are entertainment and consumption.

The public debt is \$9.1 trillion, and interest increases that debt by \$1.4 billion per day. That alone will do us in if we fail to confront it. As for war, we can't even afford the two we are in.

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

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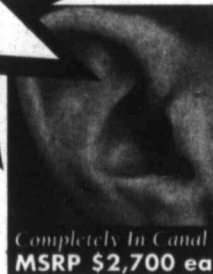
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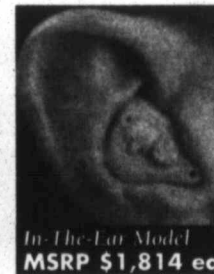
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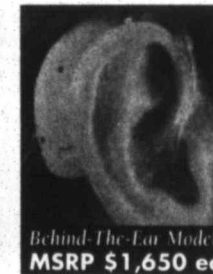
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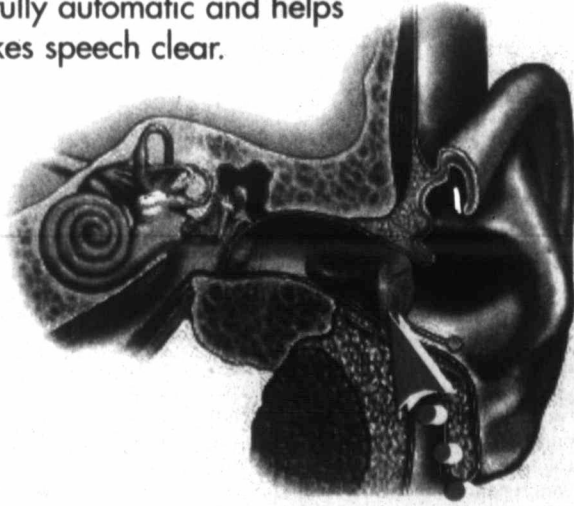
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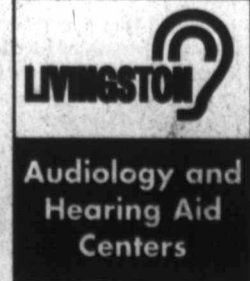
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