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Warrant roundup currently underway

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Persons who are the suspects named in outstanding warrants for Pampa Municipal Court and the office of Gray County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace have until Feb. 18 to settle with the court before being actively pursued and arrested, said Kurt Curfman, municipal court judge and Precinct 2 JP.

"We have entered into the statewide roundup program," Curfman said of the municipal and JP courts. "There are over 200 courts statewide participating in the annual roundup, which started Feb. 1."

The purpose of the roundup is to encourage wanted persons to voluntarily take care of their warrants before the deadline, Curfman said.

"If they pay by the 18th, they don't have to worry about being arrested," he said. "If fines are not paid by them, they will go to jail."

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Pampa sunset



Pampa News Photo by **KERRI SMITH**
A grain elevator in Pampa is silhouetted by the blue, purple, pink and yellow sunset Thursday evening.

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EDUCATION

PISD approves class size waiver

By **KERRI SMITH**
Managing Editor
School board members approved a roofing consultant and a class size waiver at a special meeting of the Pampa Independent School Board Thursday evening.

A class size waiver was approved for one of the kindergarten classes at Travis Elementary. Superintendent Barry Haenisch said there are currently no other options besides this waiver.

"One of the kindergarten classes at Travis Elementary has 23 students currently, which is one more than the number allowed," Haenisch said. "All of the other kindergarten classes in Pampa currently have 22 students in them, so we can't move this student to a different class. We've just had a large number of kindergarten students this year, so this was a possibility all this year."

Board members approved Crenshaw as a roofing consultant for work to be done on elementary school roofs. This company will be the consultant and the work will go out for bids at a later time. The HVAC units at Travis Elementary, which were damaged a few years ago

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County residents offered drug card

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Gray County residents will be given an opportunity beginning on or about April 1 to sign up for a discount prescription drug card program offered by the county through the National Association of Counties.

The free discount cards offer average savings of 20 percent off the retail price of commonly prescribed drugs, according to an NACo news release. Savings of as much as 50 percent off retail price may be possible by using the discount cards, said Gray County Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright, who will be in charge of administering the program locally.

All county residents are eligible to sign up for the cards, regardless of age, income or existing health coverage. Residents who have prescription drug insurance coverage and/or Medicare may use the cards to save on drugs that are not covered by those plans.

There will be no cost to county taxpayers to make the discount cards available to

county residents, according to the NACo news release. The only requirement for a county to be able to offer the cards is to be a member of NACo.

The program is administered nationally by Caremark Rx, Inc.

"Using the NACo prescription discount card is easy," Wright said. "A cardholder will simply present it at a participating pharmacy. There is no enrollment form, no membership fee and no restrictions or limitations on frequency of use. Cardholders and their family members may use the card any time their prescriptions are not covered by insurance or Medicare."

All local pharmacies will have an opportunity to sign up to participate in the program, Wright said. Caremark will absorb any costs incurred by pharmacies which participate, he said. A national network of more than 57,000 participating retail pharmacies currently honor the cards.

Gray County commissioners voted at their Feb. 1 meeting to offer the discount

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Marasco running for Gray County Sheriff in March

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Vincent M. "Sonny" Marasco of Pampa will be on the March 4 primary ballot as a candidate for Gray County Sheriff.

Marasco's plans if he is elected include increasing rural patrols, conducting programs at elementary schools and setting up local training for deputies and Gray County Jail staff.

"Rural county patrols need to be increased," he said. "There will be an increase in fuel costs for that. You have an obligation to patrol everything in the county."

A reserve deputy program could help provide the added manpower to do such patrolling, Marasco said.

"I would implement a reserve deputy program. It doesn't cost the county anything," he said. "The

county would have to provide work-jail inmates.

Uniforms for the reserve deputies could come from surplus uniforms in storage, Marasco said. The reserve deputies, who must be certified peace officers, could do foot patrols or ride with regular deputies.

Vehicles could be furnished to them by seeking donated military surplus vehicles, he said.

"I will not sacrifice public safety to stay within a budget, and no one should be asked to," he said.

Marasco plans to try to break the cycle of criminal activity with programs such as addressing elementary school students at least one day per month. He also is in favor of work programs for county

deputies get more training on a regular basis and have it in this county," he said.

Marasco has eight years and three months' experience as a jailer and sheriff's deputy. One of his most memorable time periods as a deputy occurred when he was employed by Armstrong County Sheriff's Office.

"When I was there, they went through three sheriffs," he said. "The last one was a dispatcher with no experience who is now a Texas Department of Public

Safety sergeant.

"The people there didn't tolerate anything," he said. "That was a rough county. The people expected a lot of you."

Marasco plans to operate under an open-door policy if elected sheriff.

"I will provide a full-service sheriff's office," he said. "I will respect the civil rights of employees and citizens."

Some of Marasco's plans involve spending, while others are aimed at saving the county money.

"I don't think people realize the medical expense the drug problem causes in this county," he said. "The same with the jail. There are ways to recoup some of your losses."

Marasco has 859 hours of continuing education courses in law enforcement, including 560 hours

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Marasco




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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 39. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. West-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: A slight chance of snow or rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28. Windy, with a north-northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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Soybeans	11.42	Limited	18.59	+0.13
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		Wal-Mart	49.82	-0.02
		OKE	46.58	-0.02
		New York Gold	910.00	
		Silver	16.78	
		West Texas Crude	88.11	

Texas news briefs

Obama agrees to debate Clinton in Texas before March 4 primary

HOUSTON (AP) — Barack Obama agreed Thursday to debate Hillary Rodham Clinton in Texas before the state's March 4 primary that has taken on higher stakes with both presidential candidates still closely vying for the Democratic nomination. No date or place for the Texas debate has been set. Obama's campaign made the announcement Thursday evening hours after Clinton supporters in Texas chided Obama for not agreeing to a Feb. 28 debate in Houston. Obama campaign spokesman Josh Earnest said the timing had nothing to do with criticism from Clinton supporters, adding that Obama had said earlier that the candidates would debate again. Earnest said the campaign would announce the date and location of a Texas debate "soon."

Cornyn endorsement could help McCain woo conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas endorsed fellow border senator and presidential candidate John McCain on Thursday.

Cornyn said he told his Arizona colleague by phone that he was backing him.

Cornyn, who is running for re-election, announced the endorsement after McCain's chief rival, Mitt Romney, suspended his campaign.

Cornyn's backing could help McCain as he tries to woo conservatives to back him. Cornyn is a conservative who is part of the Senate leadership.

Cornyn gave McCain his support despite a public shouting match with him last year that was widely reported.

The two argued in a closed door meeting while putting the final touches on a comprehensive immigration bill.

Cornyn was unhappy with details of the proposal. When McCain cursed at him for raising his concerns, Cornyn responded by complaining that McCain had been neglecting the negotiations to campaign for president. McCain responded with another expletive, according to media reports about the exchange.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BELL, Charles Ronald — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Charles Ronald Bell, 70

ABILENE, Texas — Charles Ronald Bell, 70, died Feb. 7, 2008, at Abilene.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa,

officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Bell was born July 4, 1937, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa until 1968 when he moved to Abilene.

Survivors include brother,

John Lee Bell and wife Anita of Pampa; nephew, Bret Bell and wife Cathey of Pampa; and two nieces, Brooke DeFever and husband Lance of Pampa, and Brenda Brown of Amarillo.

Charles was preceded in death by his mother, Mildred Haggard Bell; his father, Alvin R. Bell; and his grand-

parents, John and Eddalee Haggard, and Charles and Marie Bell.

MEMORIALS: Abilene State School, 2501 Maple, Abilene, TX 79604.

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Grace Anna Ewell Godwin, 95

Grace Anna Ewell Godwin, 95, of Pampa, died Feb. 7, 2008, at Panhandle. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Godwin was born Nov. 27, 1912, in Shepherdstown, W.Va., to George and Mary Legar Ewell. She grew up in such places as North Carolina and New York.

She married Sam Godwin of Dallas on Oct. 6, 1940, at

Los Angeles, Calif.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1972 and belonged to Briarwood Church. She was a dedicated homemaker, an avid cook and a devout Christian, passing her strong beliefs and values on to her children.



Godwin

She served as a minister's wife and was a member of the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel.

Mrs. Godwin was preceded in death by her parents, George and Mary Ewell; two brothers, Norris Ewell and Jesse Ewell; and a great-

grandson, Noah Charles Anderson.

Survivors include her husband, Sam Godwin, of the home; two daughters, Carol Baumann of Amarillo and Joyce Moran of Pampa; a son, Dennis Godwin of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

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

Annie Bernice Noble, 92

GOODWELL, Okla. — Annie Bernice Noble, 92, a longtime resident of Goodwell, died Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2008, at Morton County Hospital in Elkhart, Kan.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Sunday at Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home Chapel in Guymon, Okla., with the Rev. Lloyd Riddles, pastor of Sunset Lane Baptist Church, officiating. Internment will be in

Elmhurst Cemetery in Guymon under the direction of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home of Guymon.

Born Jan. 24, 1916, at Wellington, Mrs. Noble attended schools in Wellington, Wheeler and New Mexico. She moved to Oklahoma in 1946 from Pampa.

She married Dempsey Lee Noble on Dec. 24, 1949, at Clovis, N.M.; he died March 12, 2004.

Mrs. Noble was a telephone operator in Guymon and assisted with the family farm. An avid quilter and seamstress, she belonged to Lucky 13 Quilting Club. She was a member of VFW Auxiliary in Pampa and Rebekah Lodge.

Mrs. Noble was preceded in death by her parents, Emmitt Samuel and Charity Bertia (Winegeart) Dotson; and a son, Bert Atwood.

Survivors include a

daughter, Minnie Ruth of Pampa; a sister, Lillian Middaugh of Douglas, Wyo.; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be to a favorite charity in care of Bunch-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 1112, Guymon, OK 73942.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Thirty-two traffic stops were made. Stops in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive, the 400 block of West Harvester, and the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets resulted in arrests.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 800 block of South Hobart and the 900 block of Tignor.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of East Wilks, the 1000 block of Campbell, the 300 block of Jean, the 100 block of East 28th, the 400 block of North Faulkner, the 1200 block of North Banks, the 300 block of Miami, and the intersection of Gwendolen and Pery streets.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A welfare check was made in the 300 block of Miami.

Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of North Sumner and the 300 block of Sunset.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

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

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Warren.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident allegedly occurred in the 1500 block of North Christy and involved a juvenile who ran away after having an altercation with the juvenile's grandparents. Minor injuries which

did not require medical attention were reported in connection with the incident.

Three alarms were reported.

Theft was reported at Taco Bell, 1002 N. Hobart. An estimated \$621 in cash was reported missing.

Sheriff

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

Friday, Feb. 8

Joshua Shane Hector, 40, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive by Pampa Police Department on probation violations for assault causing bodily injury and three counts of driving while intoxicated, second or more offense.

Roy Allen Poole, 34, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of West Harvester by PPD for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Candace Velasquez, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 400 block of West Harvester by PPD for no valid driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Harold Joseph Dooley, 46, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Lynn Street by PPD for public intoxication.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

3:15 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of North Somerville for a smoke detector installation.

Thursday, Feb. 7

4 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Cuyler and Browning on a hazardous material clean-up.

4:27 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900

block of Mary Ellen on a medical assistance call.

5:52 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Tignor on a motor vehicle accident.

8:03 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1000 block of Christine on a chimney fire.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Feb. 7

8:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSA Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a mutual aid call with Lefors. No transport.

12:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Mary Ellen. No transport.

4:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

Friday, Feb. 8

1:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

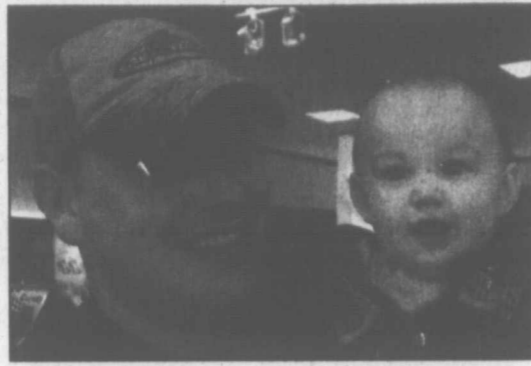
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"I have to work, but then I'll go home and make a special dinner for my husband."



Andy Schroeder
Firefighter
Pampa

Andy - "Make dinner and shower my wife with love and affection."

Archer - "Probably slobber all over mommy."



Shawna Salazar
PHS Junior
Pampa

"Talk to my boyfriend on the phone, who is stationed at an Air Force Base in Mississippi."



Genna Salazar
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Genna - "Go to my kid's Valentine's party at school."

Brent - "Give out Valentine's card to classmates and attend school party."



Barbara Pipkin
Sales associate
The Shoe Dept.

"If I don't have to work, I'll go to Borger and have a nice dinner."

Students beat up teacher

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Five teenage students at an alternative school were in custody Friday after beating up their teacher, the school district superintendent said.

The incident began with a confrontation between a student and the teacher at the Mercedes Discipline Alternative Education Program, then the other four joined in, Mercedes Independent School District Interim Superintendent Walter Watson said.

"It wound up that five boys beat him up rather badly," he said.

The teacher was taken to a hospital and received stitches for a cut over his eyebrow, Watson said. He also had other small cuts, scratches and bruises.

The students, ranging in age from 14 to 16, were to be detained at the Hidalgo County Juvenile detention center for about two weeks before a hearing, Watson. It was not clear what charges they would face.

The names of the students and teacher weren't released.

During the beating, others in the class encouraged the five boys, Watson said. Those students were suspended for three days, he said.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Judge apologizes for man bothered by twin's tickets

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A traffic judge apologized to a man who was hounded for 17 years by officials trying to get his similarly named twin brother to resolve \$1,800 in unpaid tickets and fines.

The problems all started for 40-year-old Edward Stanley Harris between October 1990 and May 1991. During that period, his twin brother, Edwin Shelby Harris, received eight tickets for moving violations.

Edwin Harris pleaded guilty in traffic court in September 1991 and was ordered to pay \$1,501. But Edwin Harris never paid. He hit hard times, drifted south and lost touch with his brother.

In the fall of 1992, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation gave Edward Harris a painful reminder of his twin: The agency, confusing him with his brother, told him his license would be suspended for nonpayment of tickets.

Eventually, PennDOT got things cleared up and withdrew the suspension threat. But Edward Harris' fight against bureaucracy was only just beginning.

Every year or so, between November 1992 and June 2007, PennDOT would rediscover Edwin Harris' unpaid tickets and threaten to suspend his twin's license. Each time, Edward Harris would return to traffic court, and the suspension threat would get lifted.

The cycle dragged on until November, when Judge Willie Adams refused to look at the paperwork that showed Edward Harris was innocent, then told him to start paying the tickets or go to jail. That led him to take his story to the Philadelphia Daily News.

After a column Monday, a different traffic judge, Bernice DeAngelis, caught wind of the story. She apologized and said the court would give Edward Harris a refund.

"I'd like the chance to look him in the eye and apologize, from the bottom of my heart," DeAngelis told the newspaper for a story Thursday. "I see what we do in this court as a sacred trust. That might sound corny, but I truly believe it. I'm sorry for everything he had to go through."

Drug

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cards to county residents. Details on how and when residents may obtain the cards will be provided at a future date, Wright said.

The discount card program is a step in the right direction to help residents with the cost of prescription drugs, he said.

"Texas has neglected the health care system," Wright said. "We have a lot of residents who can't afford health care and don't have insurance."

"Congress won't address the issue, and the state won't address the issue, but they want the counties to do something about it."

"I think this program is really going to make a difference in Gray County," he said.

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by hail, should also be replaced during this work.

Construction work at Pampa High School was discussed. Haenisch told

board members that crews are currently digging up old sewer lines that will be replaced.

The board discussed and approved the Pampa ISD Board Audit, Pampa ISD Core Values and a revised copy of the Pampa ISD Board Operating Procedures Manual.

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Warrant

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There are currently over 1,300 outstanding warrants issued out of the Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace office. Another 2,400-plus are outstanding out of Pampa Municipal Court. Offenses listed in the warrants are Class C misdemeanors. Curfman said.

Each court could collect over

\$800,000 if all outstanding warrants were taken care of, he said. The total equals an average of \$333 per warrant for municipal court and an average \$615 per warrant for Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace court.

"This is the second annual statewide warrant roundup, but this is the first year we've participated," Curfman said. "I'm hoping by next year we can list offenders and their information online, like some other communities have done."

Precinct 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez, whose office's

volume of work differs from that of Curfman, is not participating in the roundup. Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Mary Ann Carpenter could not be reached for comment.

"We've had several who have already come in and said they'd heard about the roundup and wanted to take care of their citations before being detained," Curfman said.

"On the 18th, we will actively start looking for people and arresting them on the spot," he said. "We'll be making calls, knocking on doors and leaving messages."

Sonny

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for basic law enforcement academy work at East Texas Police Academy in Kilgore. He attended the correctional officer academy in Beeville. He was a corrections officer for 22 months at the

Clements Unit of the Texas Department of Justice before completing the police academy. He was a jailer and peace officer at Castro County Sheriff's Office from June to September 1999. He was a deputy in the Armstrong County Sheriff's Office from September 1999 to July 2002; Gray County, July 2002 to January 2003; Deaf Smith County, January

to March 2003; Gray County, March 2003 to August 2004. He is currently a reserve deputy for Donley County Sheriff's Office and is employed by National Oilwell Varco of Pampa.

"I plan to take a proactive stance with the war on drugs," he said. "My goal as sheriff is to equally protect and serve everyone in the community, with no hidden agendas."

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Viewpoints

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Rudy's gone, and now I'm really depressed.

It's winter, you see, a rough time for the self-employed. It's rough because our 1099s — official records of how much our clients paid us the prior year — arrive in the mail.

My 1099s always add up to more than I thought they would — my taxes will be higher than I expected, and that depresses me.

And because I'll have to organize hundreds of receipts that I keep in a giant box — a task that will take countless hours — I get even more depressed.

But Rudy was going to save me from some of those woes. Like all the Republican candidates, Rudy was going to extend Bush's tax cuts. He was going to lower the capital-gains tax from 15 to 10 percent and the corporate-tax from 35 to 25 percent.

His ideas would have unleashed investment and economic growth, as lower taxes always do.

But the best part of the Rudy plan had a direct impact on ME: It would have given me the option to keep filing returns under our current nightmarish tax code or voluntar-

ily switch to Rudy's simplified tax plan.

Rudy's voluntary plan had three tax brackets of 10, 15 and 30 percent. It provided basic deductions (health insurance, mortgage interest, charitable contributions, state and local income taxes and a \$3,500 personal exemption). It was so simple, it required only one piece of paper. An English major could complete it.

But Rudy is gone and his simplified tax plan is gone with him.

It's true all the Republican candidates discussed tax-reform ideas. According to the Tax Foundation, Ron Paul wants to abolish the IRS and slash spending.

Mike Huckabee wants to abolish the IRS, too, and replace the income tax with a national sales tax — an idea sensible enough that it will never happen as long as we have a Congress.

Romney proposed cutting the corporate tax rate and eliminating all taxes on interest, dividends and capital gains for folks with

incomes below \$200,000. He said he'd simplify the tax code, but didn't explain how.

Ditto for McCain. He says he'll keep Bush's tax cuts in place and simplify tax filing, too, but hasn't said how.

But at least Romney and McCain gave lip service to simplification. Hillary and Obama don't even do that. They'd likely make things worse.

Hillary promises to raise taxes right out of the gate — she'll repeal Bush's tax cuts on folks making over \$250,000. She has lots of other ideas, but none that will simplify our taxes.

Obama will repeal Bush's tax cuts, too — on the top 1 percent of income earners. He offers one idea to making filing easier, and it's a doozy. He'll have the IRS use your employer-provided financial information to "pre-populate" your tax-return form for you. It should take you only five minutes to complete the rest of your return, he promises.

Don't worry about the IRS making a mis-

take — that you owe them a couple million, for instance. I'm sure you'll be able to clear up the matter with only a minimal amount of jail time.

That's why I've been depressed since Rudy dropped out of the presidential race.

If only he'd had a better strategy in the primaries, maybe he could have made it to the White House. I had visions of him cleaning up our burdensome tax code the way he did Times Square.

It's all pointless now.

Sure, I know Rudy's tax plan wasn't as simple as it appeared — I know I'd still have to organize my business receipts and deductions, which is still going to take me hours. But at least he was moving in the right direction.

Now he's gone. Now I'm worried that a Democrat will win the presidency and make my filing woes even worse.

Thanks for nothing, Rudy.

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Tom Purcell
Columnist



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clinton totally ruthless

The presidential campaign has reminded me of how sleazy and ruthless a couple Mr. and Mrs. Bill Clinton are. They will do or say whatever it takes to win, and they can both play the media like a piano.

Most politicians with national aspirations are the same. It's just a matter of degree. The Clintons, however, are world-class. They have lured Sen. Barack Obama into a squirting match, and he's like a kid who shows up at a gunfight with a water pistol. He should stick to his message and ignore the Clintons. The Clinton strategy is plain to see — paint Obama as the "black candidate." The black candidate can win a few primaries, as Jessie Jackson demonstrated some years ago, but never the nomination.

I've given up endorsing presidential candidates, so I don't care who you vote for (or for whom you vote, for those who are snippy about their grammar). Personally, however, I am not looking forward to four years of

Hillary or Rudy Giuliani. Chuck Norris is right about John McCain being too old for the job. I had already said that. At 72 on Inauguration Day, the risk is too great. Pity.

At least in January 2009 we can all say goodbye to George Bush and his sidekick who demonstrated that ideology is no substitute for competence. On the other hand, if it is just a dynastic swap, the Bushes for the Clintons, I will definitely feel like I've seen this movie before.

Some of you, I'm sure, haven't yet begun to think seriously about the presidential race, but it's time you should. You have a lot of choices this time around. One of them is going to be your president for the next four years, so you might as well have your say on Election Day. Unlike merchandise, you can't return the president for a refund.

For better or worse, you'll be stuck with him or her for four years.

So will I, but I at least can ignore him or her. If it's Hillary, I might just swap the old TV for a DVD player rather than be subjected to a nagging, strident woman who is sure to see all who disagree with her as right-wing conspirators. I was as glad to see Bill Clinton go as I will be to see George Bush depart; I will

not be glad to see Clinton return.

As a matter of fact, I resisted the idea that Hillary would run for president because I couldn't think how she could control Bill once he's back in the White House. I was dead-wrong about her not running. I seriously underestimated her ambition. I imagine she will control him with her sharp tongue and by bouncing a vase off his head now and then. She might even make him a special envoy to the Congo.

I realize both the Clintons are enormously popular

among Democrats, and if I were forced to bet real money on who will win in November, I'd have to put my shekels on Hillary. The Clintons have been successfully practicing whatever-it-takes politics for about 35 years. It's difficult to imagine that the American people won't be gullible enough to vote them into office.

They are at least smarter than Bush and hopefully less reckless than Dick Cheney. That's the only sliver of a silver lining I can see in a new Clinton administration, but I am, as they say, well out of the mainstream, and proud

of it. They may also, like Herbert Hoover, get saddled with so many pressing problems that they will regret having won the election.

The hole President Bush has dug is so deep that whoever the new president is, he or she will be a long time pulling us out of it. It's entirely possible that American prosperity will end well before the war in Iraq. Come next year, we may all take comfort in the fact that we neither ran for nor were elected president.

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

Charley Reese
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Feb. 8, the 39th day of 2008. There are 327 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

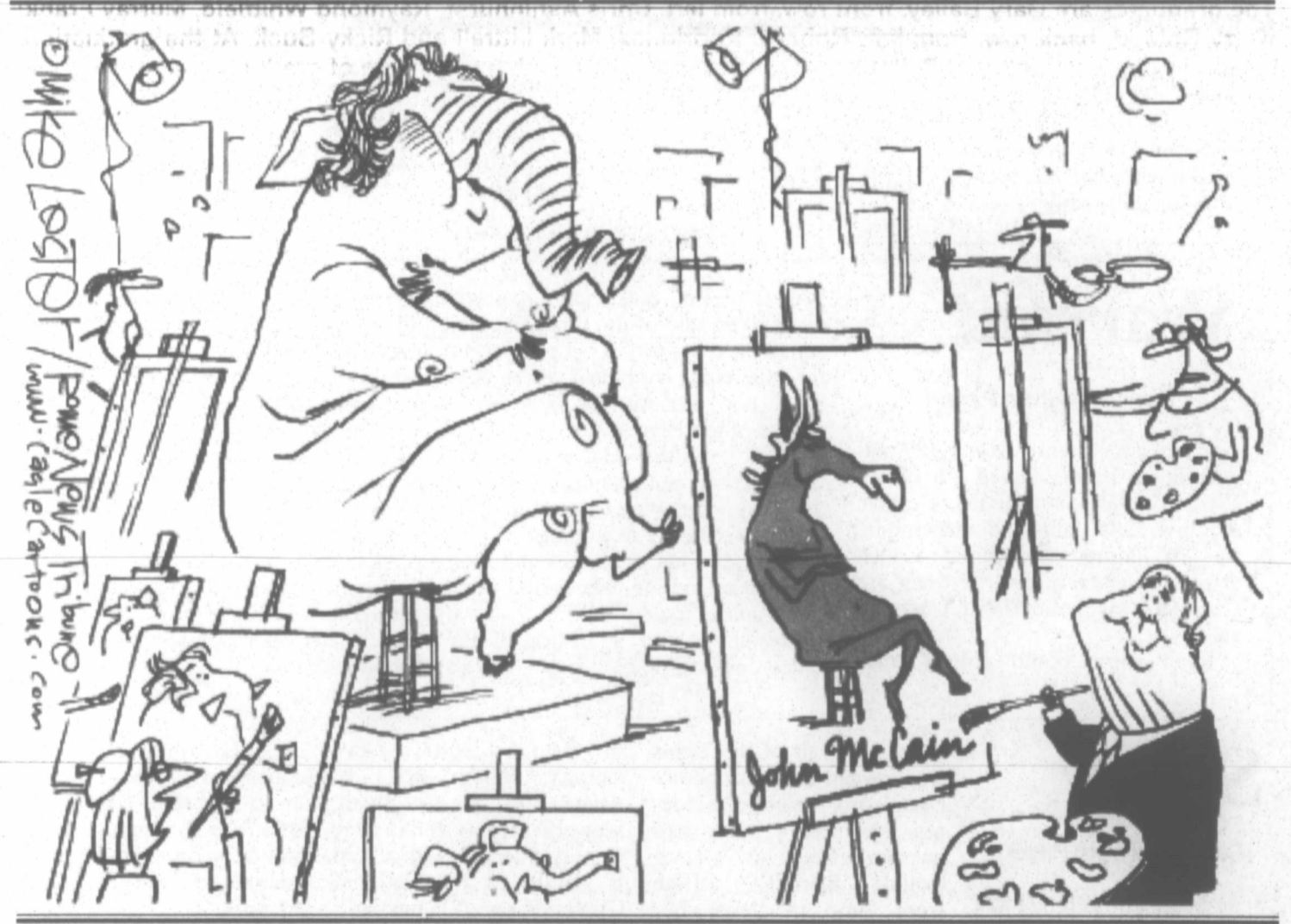
On Feb. 8, 1968, three college students were killed in a confrontation with highway patrolmen in Orangeburg, S.C., during a civil rights protest against a whites-only bowling alley.

On this date:
In 1587, Mary, Queen of

Scots was beheaded at Fotheringhay Castle in England after she was implicated in a plot to murder her cousin, Queen Elizabeth I.

In 1693, a charter was granted for the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

In 1837, the Senate selected the vice president of the United States, choosing Richard Mentor Johnson after no candidate received a majority of electoral votes.



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Jan. 28
El Paso Times on the colleges' demand for smarter freshmen:
Write it down on paper.

It's only logic: that if colleges are telling high-school graduates they're under-educated, then somebody has to determine what, then, is an educated graduate.

Something is being done about that. To be college-ready, a high-school graduate should know this, this and that. So will say a printed 104-page packet approved by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

It's new college readiness standards so everyone from teachers to students to parents know what high-school graduates need to know.

Actually, it's a little scary. The "this, this and that" includes a student's need to understand such subjects as quadratic equations, the laws of thermodynam-

ics and the ability to identify words based on the Greek or Latin roots. There is some social studies in there, too.

That's what colleges want incoming students to know — more about English, math, science and social studies.

About half of incoming freshmen are now being funneled off to remedial classrooms, each spending a semester or more just catching up on what they didn't learn in high school.

The booklet is the combined effort of high-school teachers, university professors and experts in education. It comes after the Texas Legislature ordered new standards in education in 2006 when it continued to be apparent that Texas ranks low in data showing who's educated and who is not.

The Associated Press in Austin quotes Evelyn Hiatt, senior director of college-readiness initiatives for the coordinating board: "We wanted to spell out clearly what colleges expect," she said.

The new standards seem ...

Well, as Mercedes Guzman of the El Paso School District said, "They're up there."

Mercedes helped lead one of the teams that developed the science standards. "I think a lot of teachers are going to be surprised by this," she told the AP.

The next step is for the state Board of Education and the Texas Education Agency to mandate changes in the state's curriculum so as to meet the pepped-up standards. It's noted that these are not standards for a student being graduated from high school, but standards students should meet if they are college bound.

The coordinating board said it hopes the standards are in place by 2012.

Reading, writing, arithmetic ... thermodynamics and more.

Now Texas students will know what they need to know in order to take a seat in a college classroom and be ready to take on a college-level education.

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Religion

Minister's musings: Proof of miracles ...

"This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee and manifested His glory and His disciples believed in Him." —John 2:11

- Did you know that ...?
- Every 24 hours your heart beats about 100,000 times;
 - Your blood travels 168 million miles;
 - You breathe 23,040 times;
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 - You drink 2.9-pounds of liquid;
 - You lose in weight 7.8-pounds of waste;
 - You perspire 1.43-pints;
 - You turn in your sleep 25- to 35-times;
 - You could speak 4,800 words;

Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Evangelist



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These fantastic accomplishments are the result of God's skill in creating us. As we realize what happens in our bodies during each 24 hours of life, we agree with the psalmist when he says that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:14)

We have discovered that Jesus is the creator and His power to create is proof that He is the Son of God. The human body is a miracle performed by Jesus.

The first recorded miracle that Jesus performed during His lifetime was also proof of His creative power. This miracle was performed at a wedding reception at Cana in Galilee.

The father of the bride was concerned because the grape juice had run out before the feast was over. The drink translated "wine" in our Bible is "the pure juice of the grape." Jesus would not have provided alcoholic drink that is condemned in other parts of scripture.

The act of instantly changing water into grape juice is something that only the creator of the vine could do.

The guests at the wedding feast had ample evidence that the son of Mary was the Son of God. No doubt many believed, and John records that the miracle strengthened the faith of the disciples also.

This is the first of six miracles of Jesus recorded in John's proof book. Jesus performed at least 35 miracles that can be compiled by reading all four gospel accounts of His life.



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Free for Sure

Eight inmates at the Jordan prison unit recently participated and graduated from a 52-week Bible study on the Book of John titled "Free for Sure." A graduation reception was held in honor of the graduates. The graduates are Gary Bailey, front row, from left, Chris Ashinhurst, Raymond Whitfield, Murray Frank; Kerry Roland, back row, from left, Roberto Rodriguez, Mark Littrell and Ricky Buck. At the graduation, prison ministry volunteer J.B. Walker presented each man with a certificate of graduation and a copy of Robert S. McGee's "The Search for Significance." Dillon Ferguson, a fellow volunteer, prayed for the class, the 22nd at the prison. The evening also consisted of other presentations, poems and songs delivered by ministry volunteers Joyce Field, Christy Robinson and Bethel Walker. The graduates offered testimony on the Bible study as well. Regular volunteer Kathy Farrar was unable to attend.

America needs revival instead of evolution

If you could ask one question to all the evangelic church members in the nation, what would that question be? I can think of no other than: Would you like to be like Jesus? I would answer "yes."

Some think of Jesus as being too holy for us to think about becoming like Him. However, the Bible teaches that we will be holy in the first resurrection and that we should follow in the path of Him who did not sin. (Peter 2:22)

But, there is another spirit of Jesus which some people neglect. Jesus has the seven spirits of God. (Revelation 3:1) On many occasions, the Scribes and Pharisees followed Jesus to catch Him in His work or word. (Mark 3:5) They could see the anger in the spirit of Jesus. It was by that spirit Jesus would call them hypocrites.

Those Pharisees wanted to promote their hypocrisy and kill Jesus. His law of righteousness and His demand to live it made those unholy hearts miserable. They were comfortable with murder in their hearts. All other ruling powers had to go.

In America today, that ruling power is atheistic and evolutionary. Many of this spirit have read the Bible many times with no faith and with hopes to prove the Bible a myth. Paul wrote: "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto Him: neither can He know them, because they are spiritually discerned." (1 Corinthians 2:14)

No one can explain God. His ways are past finding

out. When God made man out of the dust of the earth, He breathed into it a spirit and Adam lived. Every living baby has this spirit of man.

On Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, The Pampa News ran a story "National Academy report stresses importance of teaching evolution." Have we not been getting enough freedom to do our own thing? The stronger evolution is taught, the more crimes our nation has.

Do we not have our fill? Anyone who wishes to know how to have better morals should be honest and consider a Christian nation against what we have. What we have perceives no right or wrong. No commandment to say you must not steal. No

commandment to say you must not kill innocent babies. The Ten Commandments are not allowed in school rooms.

Anyone interested in a better world to live in should search what affect Christianity has when its laws are obeyed.

Thirty or more years ago, I received a book in the mail entitled "The Rebirth of a Nation." It was mailed to most all pastors in America. In that book, I read about

revivals of long ago. In 1904 Wales, England had such a heart-changing revival that it resulted in peace officers being laid off there were so few crimes committed. In 1905 Denver, Colo., had a prayer-meeting revivals at noon. Business

places agreed to close for two hours for lunch in support of the meetings. In that same year, Portland, Ore., had similar revivals with similar results. Such history should be brought before the public more often.

Millions and millions of sinners have been converted to righteousness by Christian revivals. Has evolution converted one thief or liar to honesty? We need to face facts before we face our angry God.

An Action Letter from 2001 by Dr. Don Wildmon told of a CD by Eminem that spoke of killing his mother, his wife and gang-raping his sister. Wildmon didn't mention how many of those CDs might have gotten into the hands of children.

I beg you unbelievers, God is as real as the sunshine through dark clouds. With the psalmist, I say, "O how I love ... (God's) law."

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



Chapel Builders' letter provides update

In its annual letter, Jordan Chapel Builders Board of Directors in Pampa recently reported obtaining completed construction plans for a proposed chapel at the Jordan prison unit.

"We did have to spend a substantial sum for the mechanical, plumbing and electrical drawings, but are hopeful all is now ready to present to the TDCJ (Texas Department of Criminal Justice) authorities for approval," the letter said.

"Our next step is to secure bids from at least three qualified contractors who would be interested in the project," the letter continued.

According to the letter, the organization is reviewing bidding documents and is eyeing two contractors as potential bidders.

"One of the 'down' moments last year," the letter said, "was when we learned from a local contractor of his opinion that \$650K was not near enough for the project, suggesting it would take closer to 1 million. Right before this news, God had sent us all 'soaring' when we learned of a generous donor who offered \$400K in matching funds."

Additional funds for the project came from a local foundation in the form of two grants the letter said.

The Chapel Builders board presently consists of Curt Beck, Ron Easley, Stan Franke, Ray Hupp, Jack Reeve, Don Zumstein, Darville Orr, Jan Elston, Ken Steele, William Teague and Ex Officio Chaplain Willard Kipper.

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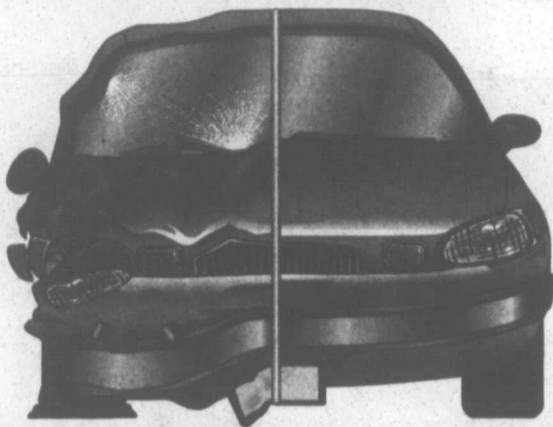


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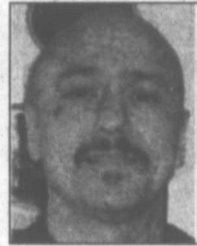
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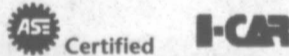
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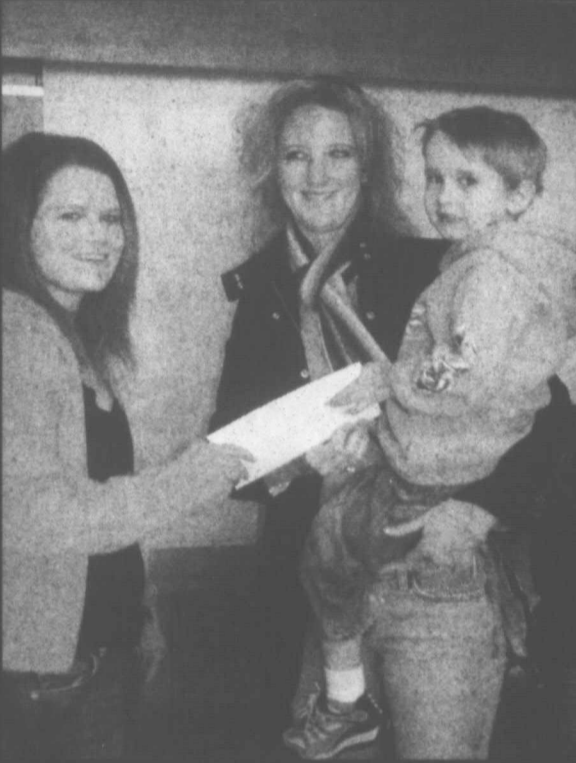
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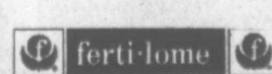
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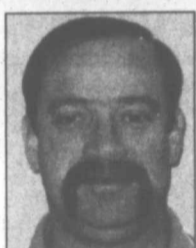
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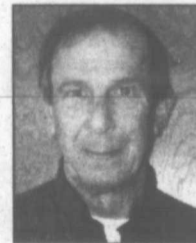
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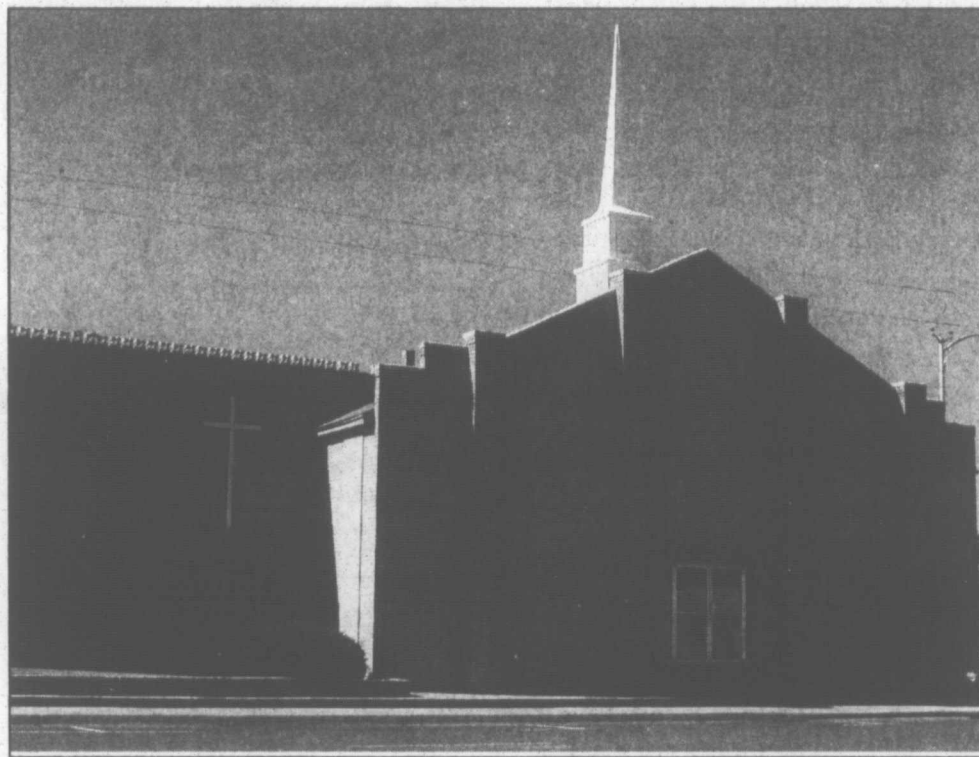


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Sports

Bufs collect 90-82 victory over Abilene Christian

ABILENE, Texas — The West Texas A&M men's hoops team picked up a 90-82 victory over Abilene Christian on Thursday, improving to 15-6 on the season and 5-1 in Lone Star Conference South play. Senior Robert Lee led the way with a team-high 25 points and a team-high six steals, while senior Andre Hill set a new career record with 21 points while also pulling down eight rebounds.

The Bufs opened up the scoring with flair as Lee grabbed a steal, thundered down court and dunked the ball to spark an early 14-5 run. WT never looked back from its opening points as the Bufs did not relinquish the lead for the rest of the game, holding the Wildcats to shooting just 39.4% from the floor as opposed to their season average of 51.7%.

West Texas A&M went into half-

time with a 42-35 lead after shooting an impressive 60% from the floor, led by Lee's 12 points on 5-of-6 shooting from the floor. Junior Kyle Shields finished the first stanza with 10 points while the rest of WT's scoring was spread out among five Bufs.

Senior Kyle Shields, who tied his career high with 16 points, pushed WT's lead to 10 in the second half by sinking two free throws

with 18:21 on the clock. However, ACU chipped away at West Texas A&M's lead and came within one point of the Bufs at the 8:02 mark when Stephen Musa capitalized on a WT turnover and dunked the ball.

The Bufs rebuilt their lead by way of a 12-2 run sparked by a Hill jumper followed by two made free throws by Keon Grant. The run put the nail in the coffin as it was too much for the Wildcats to overcome

and the Bufs finished ahead by eight points.

Senior Chris Hinz also was solid for WT, finishing with 11 points and seven rebounds, while fellow classmate Tyler Cooper pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds while adding four points.

West Texas A&M continues on its road trip by traveling to San Angelo on Saturday for an 8 p.m. match-up against Angelo State.

ACU upsets No. 12 Lady Bufs in overtime, 71-66

ABILENE, Texas — The No. 12 West Texas A&M Lady Bufs dropped a hard fought overtime loss to Abilene Christian, 71-66, on Thursday night at Moody Coliseum, ending WT's 32-game win streak in conference play. Juniors Emily Brister, Courtney Lee and Jamie Dreiling all finished with double-digit point tallies as Brister finished with 20 and Lee and Dreiling scored 10 apiece.

The Lady Bufs fall to 16-4 on the season and 6-1 in Lone Star Conference South action, but remain on top of the standings; meanwhile, the Wildcats improve to 11-9 overall with a 5-2 conference mark, tying with Angelo State and Tarleton State for second place.

WT missed its first four baskets while Abilene Christian started the first half with three made buckets to go ahead, 6-0, before junior Jamie Dreiling put the Lady Bufs on the board with a jumper just outside the paint. Sophomore Holly Isaacs converted an old-fashioned three-point play at 13:09 to give WT its first lead of the game; Isaacs' points followed another lay-up by Dreiling to spark a 13-0 run by the Lady Bufs.

The Wildcats battled back, though, going on a 12-4 run of their own, but WT took over the scoring and Brister sank a buzzer-beater jumper after ducking under ACU's defense to send the teams to the locker rooms with 30-26 lead in favor of the Lady Bufs.

ACU committed 16 turnovers in the half and finished the game with a total of 27, but WT only scored 25 points off of the giveaways. Abilene Christian also out-rebounded West Texas A&M by a 42-28 margin.

The second half was almost a different game as the teams set out with a breakneck pace; ACU took its first lead of the game since the 14:00 mark in the first stanza on a lay-up by Audrey Maxwell, but the Lady Bufs benefited from a three-pointer from Dixie Bell which tied the game at 39 apiece with 14:25 on the clock.

With a three-pointer from junior Chelsea Blackshear at 8:39 that gave WT a one-point

lead, the Lady Bufs went on a 12-2 run, capped by a jumper by freshman Joni Unruh. Unruh, a native of Amarillo, Texas, made a huge defensive stop for the Lady Bufs as she took a change with 1:06 to play, nullifying Kristee Davidson's made jumper and causing Davidson to foul out. But ACU again worked its way back from the deficit to go ahead, 61-60, as Maxwell sank two free throws with just 16 ticks on the clock.

Blackshear took the ball up the court and drove to the basket, drawing a foul and two free throws with 4.08 seconds left. She missed the first attempt but refused to sink the second try, sending the game into overtime despite WT shooting just 36.7% from the floor in the second half.

Senior Jenessa McKray muscled around ACU's Maxwell and sank a lay-up that put WT ahead, 63-61, just over 30 seconds into the overtime period. Wildcat Jody Meyer was fouled on ACU's next possession and she made both free throws to tie the game. The Lady Bufs got the ball back but quickly committed a turnover; McKray came up with a bit steal on the Wildcats' drive and dishd the ball to Brister for an easy lay-up, but for the second time in OT the Wildcats tied the game, this time at 65 points apiece with 2:16 to play.

Maxwell made a lay-up over the WT defense with just 44 seconds left to push ACU ahead, 67-66, then Kat Kundmueller was fouled and sank the ensuing two free throws to give the Wildcats a three-point lead with 22.21 seconds on the clock. West Texas A&M tried to tie the game with a three point basket, but Isaacs misfired and although Blackshear grabbed an offensive rebound, her shot aired out of bounds. ACU inbounded the ball and Alex Guiton was fouled promptly; she sank both free throws with two seconds in the game to put the game out of reach of the Lady Bufs.

West Texas A&M continues its road trip with a 6 p.m. match-up at Angelo State on Saturday, followed by the men's game at 8 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

The JV girls basketball team - pictured back row, left to right: Brookly Barker, Diana Mechelay, Sam Pearson, Aubrei Dowdy, Hayley Smith, Andi Hutto. Front Row, left to right: Ashley Holland, Ashley Facio, Teryn Eubanks.

MLB steroids dealer to plead for probation after naming

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A former clubhouse attendant who implicated dozens of major leaguers in the use of performance-enhancing drugs plans to ask a federal judge for leniency Friday after pleading guilty to distributing steroids and laundering money.

Kirk Radomski agreed to cooperate with government investigators and baseball officials after a federal raid on his house. The former New York Mets employee led investigators to Brian McNamee, the former Yankees strength coach who claimed he injected Roger Clemens with steroids and human growth hormone at least 16 times from 1998 to 2001, an allegation the pitcher vehemently denies.

After his cooperation, Radomski hopes a judge will sentence him Friday to probation rather than prison. In April, he admitted selling speed, steroids and HGH to dozens of players from 1995 until Dec. 14, 2005, when agents raided his Long Island home.

Radomski was required to cooperate with baseball investigator George Mitchell as part of his plea bargain and spoke with the Boston Red Sox director four times, with federal prosecutors attending meetings. If prosecutors feel that Radomski's cooperation is significant, they could ask the judge to mete out a lenient sentence.

"If the government does file that motion, it will show that he substantially assisted the investigation," said Thomas Buchanan, a Washington lawyer who assisted on baseball's 1989 Pete Rose investigation. "He also appears to have cooperated extensively with the Mitchell report."

Given his lack of prior offenses and his extensive cooperation, Radomski faces no more than six months in prison. His lawyer John Reilly, in court papers filed Wednesday, asked U.S. District Judge Susan Illston to sentence Radomski to probation.

"Mr. Radomski has very seriously tried to redeem

himself and his redemption started on day one when he met with the federal authorities, admitted his guilt and agreed to cooperate," the filing stated. "Mr. Radomski's cooperation with the government may in some way assist in changing the face of major league baseball as it exists today."

According to the filing, Radomski took out a mortgage on his Long Island home to open the Pro Touch Detail Center in St. James, N.Y. His lawyer argued that Radomski needs to stay out of prison to operate the business and support his wife and 8-year-old daughter, Paige.

"She is my family's heart and soul, and I am extremely concerned about how this may affect her," Radomski's sister-in-law Nicole Gaskill wrote the judge in January, pleading for probation. "Ultimately, I am afraid of what removing him from her life would do to her."

Kent Jones builds a one-shot lead

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — The celebrities at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am — from golf to Hollywood to the corporate boardrooms — could be found just about everywhere on the Monterey Peninsula except on the leaderboard.

That place was reserved Thursday for a group of players who don't have the Q-rating, the pedigree or very many victories. The top 14 players after one round have combined for 10 wins on the PGA Tour, and that includes the four wins by Tim Herron.

The leader was Kent Jones, with a 6-under 66 at Pebble Beach that featured birdies on two par 3s and no bogeys. Jones has never finished in the top 100 on the PGA Tour money list, nor has he ever finished in the top 5 in any of his previous 270 starts on tour.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008:

This year, when you attempt to move a situation forward, you'll experience a total backfire. Understand and question your expectations, as they could be a source of problems and prevent you from accepting loved ones and friends. You pull the wild card financially, never knowing what might hit next. Having a reserve is smart and possibly necessary. Know, on the other hand, that you could hit the lottery. If you are single, someone who is not what he or she says or seems could saunter into your life. Use care with new people. If you are attached, schedule several romantic getaways together. Work on cementing your bond. PISCES could cost you money, without even meaning to.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★★ Your efforts seem to get stalemated no matter how well thought out they are. Refuse to get upset. Go off and do something you enjoy to the max. You don't always have to be out and about. Check in with an older relative. Tonight: Only do what you must.
 TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ The best intentions could fall to the wayside. A friend or loved one might want to treat you to a very special happening. Don't allow frustration to mount. No one can always control every situation and every person. Tonight: Where the crowds are.
 GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Others have "great expectations," which you might fear you cannot meet.

Let go and relax. Travel, long-distance communication and an unexpected sharing play roles in what is going on. Tonight: Try to call it an early night.
 CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ Reach out to others, knowing what you want. You might be instrumental in melting down someone's cold exterior. Still, you will need a lot of patience. Watch how another person expresses his or her feelings. Tonight: Movie time.
 LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★★★★ Predictability is not a commodity that you will easily come by right now. Know that the only stability that exists is perpetual change. Be more forthright about your feelings with a loved one, especially if this person is a roommate. Tonight: Say yes.
 VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ You could be irritated by what is happening with a friend or loved one. Remember, each person chooses his or her own fate, and this person could change what is going on. Step away, though remain nurturing. Tonight: Don't let anyone pressure you. Say no.
 LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ Easy does it. You might feel as if you have pushed and pushed. Exhaustion earmarks your decisions and reactions. Slow down and start taking better care of yourself. Others will appreciate you more if you do! Tonight: Ask, and you will receive.
 SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Listen to feedback. Use your imagination, perhaps to make logic of what does not make sense. Your creativity emerges when dealing with others, but also even when relaxing, like just seeing a movie. Enjoy. Tonight: Follow your instincts.
 SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Clearly you cannot change others, but you can adapt and change your mood and perspective. How you deal with someone could change considerably with a touch more insight and detachment. Tonight: Your home is your castle.
 CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ You have the right words and mannerisms to soothe others' frayed nerves. Your popularity could explode as a result. If you think a problem needs to be dealt with directly, do just that. Know that results could be different from what you expect. Tonight: Hang out with a friend.
 AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Sometimes you don't have the control you desire. You might be pressured beyond what you can tolerate. If you are pushed, you will come up with a great idea to make peace or work through an issue. Tonight: Remember, there is a tomorrow.
 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Others look to you, and indeed a friend might be goopy-eyed when thinking of or speaking to you. Use care, knowing what you want from this person. You don't want to hurt him or her either. Your sensitivity now could be more important than you realize. Tonight: Chat up a storm.
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 Broadcaster Roger Mudd (1928), actress Mia Farrow (1945), singer Travis Tritt (1963)

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The fire lane between the MPAC building and Harvester Stadium has been closed to thru traffic for student and pedestrian safety.

Announcements

Harvester Stadium is closed for public use for installation of the new bleachers. Depending on weather the track could be closed for 60+ days. The Fire Lane between the

MPAC and Harvester Stadium is no longer an open thoroughfare between Worrell St. and Randy Matson. It has been closed to thru traffic for student and pedestrian safety.

101st school day



Courtesy Photos

Cory Dudley, a student at Travis Elementary School, clowns around with retired teacher Cara Morris who was at Travis for their 101st school day and the 101 Dalmation celebration and parade.



Jared Thomas and Jacobe Mills have fun with Cara Morris also.

Missouri gunman left suicide note

KIRKWOOD, Mo. (AP) — A gunman carrying a grudge against City Hall left a suicide note on his bed warning "The truth will come out in the end," before he went on a deadly shooting spree at a council meeting, his brother told The Associated Press Friday.

Arthur Thornton, 42, said in an interview at the family's home that he knew his brother was responsible for the killings when he read the one-line note.

"It looks like my brother is going crazy, but he's just trying to get people's attention," Thornton said, explaining he believed the note reflected his brother's growing frustration with local leaders. Police have the note, he said.

After storming the meeting and killing five people Thursday night, Charles Lee "Cookie" Thornton was fatally shot by law enforcers. Friends and relatives said he had a long-standing feud with the city, and he had lost a federal free-speech lawsuit against the St. Louis suburb just 10 days earlier. At earlier meetings, he said he had received 150 tickets against his business.

The victims were identified Friday as Public Works

Director Kenneth Yost, Officer Tom Ballman, Officer William Biggs and council members Michael H.T. Lynch and Connie Karr. Flowers and balloons were placed outside City Hall Friday in their honor.

The city's mayor, Mike Swoboda, was in critical at an intensive care unit, St. John's Mercy Medical Center spokeswoman Lynne Beck said. Another victim, Suburban Journals newspaper reporter Todd Smith, was in satisfactory condition, Beck said.

"This is such an incredible shock to all of us. It's a tragedy of untold magnitude," Tim Griffin, Kirkwood's deputy mayor, said at a news conference. "The business of the city will continue and we will recover but we will never be the same."

The meeting had just started when the shooter

opened fire, said Janet McNichols, a reporter covering the meeting for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The gunman killed one officer outside City Hall, then walked into the council chambers, shot another and continued pulling the trigger, St. Louis County Police spokeswoman Tracy Panus said Friday. A witness said the gunman yelled "Shoot the mayor!" as he fired shots in the chambers.

As the man fired at City Attorney John Hessel, Hessel tried to fight off the attacker by throwing chairs, McNichols said. The shooter then moved behind the desk where the council sits and fired more shots at council members.

"We crawled under the chairs and just laid there," McNichols told ABC's "Good Morning America." "We heard Cookie shooting, and then we heard some

shouting, and the police, the Kirkwood police had heard what was going on, and they ran in, and they shot him."

Thornton was often a contentious presence at the council's meetings; he had twice been convicted of disorderly conduct for disrupting meetings in May 2006.

The city had ticketed Thornton's demolition and asphalt business, Cookco Construction, for parking his commercial vehicles in the neighborhood, said Ron Hodges, a friend who lives in the community. The tickets were "eating at him," Hodges said.

"He felt that as a black contractor he was being singled out," said Hodges, who is black. "I guess he thought mentally he had no more recourse. That's not an excuse."

The weekly Webster-Kirkwood Times quoted Swoboda as saying in June 2006 that Thornton's contentious remarks over the years created "one of the most embarrassing situations that I have experienced in my many years of public service."

The mayor's comments came during a meeting attended by Thornton two weeks after he was forcibly

"We heard Cookie shooting, and then we heard some shouting, and the police, the Kirkwood police had heard what was going on, and they ran in, and they shot him."

— Janet McNichols
Reporter

101 Dalmations



Courtesy Photo

Mrs. Crawford's kindergarten class at Travis Elementary poses for a picture with retired teacher Cara Morris.

McCain drops use of Mellencamp songs

PHOENIX (AP) — It may be "Our Country," but it's John Mellencamp's song.

When the liberal rocker found out his songs were being played at events for Republican John McCain's presidential campaign, Mellencamp's publicist sent a letter that questioned the campaign's playlist.

"Are you sure you want to use his music to promote Senator McCain's efforts?" according to the letter sent to McCain's campaign on Monday. "Logic says that the facts might prove to be an embarrassment, were they to be circulated widely."

McCain campaign spokesman Brian Rogers in Washington, D.C., said Thursday that the songs would no longer be played. He declined to elaborate.

The letter explained Mellencamp was a liberal who had supported Democrat John Edwards, who recently dropped out of the race.

Publicist Bob Merlis said Mellencamp told

him that the situation made him uncomfortable and he couldn't imagine McCain would want to be associated with him.

"You know, here's a guy running around saying, 'I'm a true conservative.'" Merlis told The Associated Press. "Well, if you're such a true conservative, why are you playing songs that have a very populist pro-labor message written by a guy who would find no argument if you characterized him as left of center?"

Mellencamp songs that had been played at McCain's events included "Our Country" and "Pink Houses." In "Our Country," Mellencamp sings, "There's room enough here for science to live, and there's room enough here for religion to forgive." In "Pink Houses," he sings about a simple man who "pays for the thrills, the bills and the pills that kill."

His other hits include "Jack and Diane," "Hurts So Good" and "Small Town." Mellencamp is scheduled to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame on March 10 in New York.

TRAGEDY

At least three dead in refinery blast

PORT WENTWORTH, Ga. (AP) — Firefighters working gingerly through a still-burning sugar refinery found three bodies Friday and were trying to reach the remains of three others killed in an explosion overnight, Georgia's top fire official said.

Crews found the three bodies in tunnels beneath the building, which was reduced to a mass of rubble, twisted beams and mangled metal, Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John Oxendine said.

Local authorities said they had not heard of any recoveries.

"We have not had any confirmed deaths yet. I know that for a fact. They are still going through the rubble as we speak," Savannah-Chatham County Police Sgt. Mike Wilson said.

Police Chief Michael Berkow told families of missing workers that rescue efforts at the massive Imperial Sugar Company refinery had shifted to recovery operations hours after the explosion erupted late Thursday. Dozens of the nearly 100 people were working inside at the time of the blast were hurt, many critically burned.

Fire officials said they had begun clearing debris so they could move farther into the plant, and predicted the

blaze could be extinguished by Friday afternoon. Fire Chief Greg Long said he wasn't giving up hope some of the missing might still be found alive in rooms blocked by debris.

"I have friends that work at this plant," Long said. "I don't want to see a casualty list."

Officials had not determined what caused the explosion Thursday night but said they suspect sugar dust, which can be volatile.

"There was fire all over the building," said Nakishya Hill, a machine operator who escaped from the third floor of the refinery on the Savannah River.

"All I know is, I heard a loud boom and everything came down," said Hill, who was uninjured except for blisters on her elbow. "All I could do when I got down was take off running."

The blast was felt by residents throughout the Savannah suburb.

Police Lt. Alan Baker and his wife, Joyce, told CNN they were among the first on the scene. Alan Baker said he went with a maintenance worker to turn off a gas main while his wife, a Red Cross first aid instructor, treated the injured.

Astronauts carefully check shuttle for post-launch damage

HOUSTON (AP) — The crew of Shuttle Atlantis conducted a painstaking laser inspection of the ship's wings Friday, looking for any signs of damage from its trip into space.

Launched Thursday after two months of technical delays, the shuttle was chasing the international space station in orbit with a special delivery: Europe's \$2 billion Columbus lab. The shuttle was scheduled to reach it Saturday.

But first the crew of seven astronauts had to determine whether the shuttle was dam-

aged by at least three pieces of foam or other debris that came off the fuel tank two minutes after the liftoff.

There was no evidence that the debris hit Atlantis. But the astronauts were spending much of Friday using a laser-tipped inspection pole to examine the ship's vulnerable wings and nose. The images they gather will be beamed to the ground and thoroughly analyzed over the new few days.

The inspection has been standard procedure ever since a hole in the wing brought down Columbia in 2003, the result of a strike

by a slab of fuel-tank foam.

The astronauts awoke Friday to "Book of Love" by Peter Gabriel, a dedication to French Air Force Gen. Leopold Eyharts from his wife and family.

Eyharts greeted his loved ones in English and French, saying, "I know it has been a somehow hard day for them and I want to thank them."

Eyharts will move into the space station for a little more than a month, replacing NASA astronaut Daniel Tani. He plans to help continue setting up and activating the

Columbus module, Europe's primary contribution to the space station.

Twenty-three years in the making, Columbus has endured space station redesigns and slowdowns, as well as a number of shuttle postponements and two shuttle accidents. Atlantis was supposed to deliver Columbus in December, but fuel gauge trouble prevented the launch.

Station commander Peggy Whitson said Columbus' arrival will be a great present as she celebrates her 48th birthday on Saturday.

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Constr. Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist / Div Office(s)
Amarillo District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas
79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3283

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TXDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
A-17 Feb. 1, 8, 2008

1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO PROPOSERS
The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed proposals in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 26, 2008 for Athletic Supplies and Equipment. For specifications or additional information please call Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director at (806)669-4700.
A-13 Feb. 8, 10, 2008

PUBLIC SALE NOTICE
DATE OF SALE: FEBRUARY 11, 2008
PLACE: 200 W. Brown Pampa, TX 79065
TIME: 10am-3pm
Be advised that the vehicles listed below have been accepted for storage in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Storage Facility Act (V.C.S...6687-9A). This vehicle was towed in Pampa, Texas by the authority of the Gray County Law Enforcement. This letter is to inform you that these vehicles are presently being stored at RVS and Things Towing and Recovery, 200 W. Brown, Pampa, TX 79065. If the lienholders of these vehicles fail to pay the charges accumulated from the date the vehicle was placed in storage, vehicle will be deemed abandoned and will be sold for charges incurred by the storage facility.
LIST:
2000 CHEV. VAN 1GNDV03E9YD182698
2002 FORD 1FTYR14UX2PB07109
1990 PONTIAC 1G2HX54CXL1201620
1999 CHEV. 2G1WL52M0X9205311
1993 MERCURY 1MEPM6249PH625366
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14e Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...it pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

14h Gen. Serv.
HOUSE Cracking? In bricks or walls? Childers Brothers, Inc. 800-299-9563, 806-352-9563
COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.
CERAMIC tile work. Remodeling floor, shower, kitchen. Texture, painting, dry wall. Free est. Call 665-3453 leave message, Jesus Barraza.
JH Concrete Work. Stamps, driveways, addition, fences, remodeling. Free Est. 806-382-5408.

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE
Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.
PAMPA Country Club is now hiring for Full-Time Cook & Kitchen Help. Apply in person. No phone calls please!!!
COODER'S Dixie Cafe now hiring for Wait Staff. Full-time, 18 yrs. or older. Apply in person, 2219 Perryton Pkwy., Pampa. No phone calls.
CDL Drivers Needed!
Night & Day shifts available in Miami, Tx. Must pass drug test. Competitive wages, paid weekly, 401K & insurance, 2 weeks vacation after 1 year.
Please call Turner Energy at (806) 898-0414.

21 Help Wanted

NOW taking applications for waitress. Apply in person, Dyer's BBQ, Pampa.
Daycare Worker. Full time, must be 18, able to pass background check, HS diploma or GED. Exp. preferred, but not necessary. Reply to Box 62, c/o Pampa News, Po Box 2198, Pampa
TEXAS Rose Steakhouse is now hiring servers & hostesses. Apply in person! No Phone Calls.
BABYSITTER needed. \$6.00 per hr. Part-time. Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday. 669-6700.
REAL Estate Co. needs maintenance man w/ own tools. Apply at 1347 Coffee, Mon-Fri., 8am-6pm, 665-4274, 665-1875.

21 Help Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS \$1500 SIGN-ON BONUS
PAMPA NURSING CENTER is currently hiring CNAs for all shifts. Applicants can apply at
1321 W. Kentucky or call Mandi Martin at 806-669-2551


96 Unfurn. Apts.

1 bedroom. References. 669-9817.
CAPROCK APPTS.
Enjoy balconies/patios, on site laundry, beautiful grounds. One bdrm starting at \$390. Call for availability. 665-7149.
LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. Call for availability. References & deposit req. 669-4386
NUMEROUS Houses, Apts., Dupl. & Comm. properties thru-out Pampa. 665-1875, 665-4274.

ATTENTION:
Kill Truck Drivers
Transport Drivers
Winch Truck
Drivers Needed

- Competitive Pay
- Health Insurance
- 401(k)
- Dental-Vision
- Incentive Bonus
- Paid Vacation

Apply Inside



Hwy. 152 & 30
Sweetwater, Okla.
1-580-534-2210
Ask for Judy

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14s Plumbing/Heat
JACK'S Plumbing, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Plumbing, repairs, new constr., & septic sys.
Larry Baker Heating/Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392
PANHANDLE Electric Heating & Air, Service & Installation, Residential & Comm. 806-359-1701

19 Situations
HOME Assistance, house cleaning, yard work, personal care, companioning, meal cooking. Let our team assist you. Very competitive prices from 1hr-24hr services. 669-1661, 663-3299.

Chiropractic Office is expanding our team! 2 positions available. Direct patient care position & clerical / computer skills position. On the job training. FAX resume to (806)665-0537

POST OFFICE NOW HIRING. Avg. Pay \$20 / hr. or \$57K yr. incl. Federal benefits and OT. Offered by Exam Services, not aff. w/ USPS who hires. 1-866-483-6490.

McLEAN CARE CENTER
has immediate opening for Licensed Vocational Nurse. Also taking applications for Certified Nurse Aides! Call 806-779-2469 or come by 605 W. 7th, McLean to apply!

RED BARN, Sta. 10-5. Dinettes, desks, chairs, books, much more. 1420 S. Barnes.

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AUCTION
February 13, 2008 1pm
SELL BY COMPLETE UNIT ONLY:
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#E021-McClelland
#E008-Morgan
#C042-Shafer
#C032-Solis

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FLOOR TECH / HOUSEKEEPER
PAMPA NURSING CENTER is currently hiring an individual to do housekeeping and floor care. Experience in floor care is a plus! Please apply at
1321 W. Kentucky or call Daniel Alley at 806-669-2551

50 Building Suppl.
White House Lumber
101 S. Ballard
669-3291

60 Household
MATTRESS SETS
New in Plastic Pillow or Plush 15 yr. factory warr. Q-\$289 K-\$389 All sizes avail. 806-677-0400

MUST SELL
Beautiful, 6 person Spa / Hot Tub Factory Warranty 53 jets, waterfall, lounge, cover, chemicals & steps 2007 model, need space New, never used Only \$4600 806-677-0400

69 Misc.
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103 Homes For Sale
Twila Fisher
Century 21 Pampa Realty
665-3560, 440-2314
669-0007

3 bdr., formal liv., din. & den plus sun porch. Dbl. corner lot. 1716 Charles. By owner. 665-4901.

5 bdr., 2 ba., 504 E. Foster, Pampa. Lease to Own. Down. payment + \$575. mo. 806-374-4360.

FSBO 3 bdrm, 2 bath Solitaire on 3 acres, barn, arena. Asking \$75,000. 662-0812, 806-323-2493.

HIGHEST CASH PAID FOR HOUSES!
CALL 665-1875

MOVE In Ready! 3 bdr., 1.75 ba., 1682 sq. ft. Fire-place, all appliances, lots of storage, double garage. New roof. Nice neighborhood. 1818 Evergreen. Call 662-2029 for more information.

OWNER FINANCE
606 Chamberlain Skellytown
4 bdr., 2 ba., c/h/a
1018 Duncan
2 bdr., 1 ba.
Low Down Low Mo.
Easy To Qualify
665-4595

OWNER FINANCE
641 Naida
5 bdr., 2 ba., dbl. gar.
Low Down
Low Monthly
Easy Qualify
Call Gary
665-4595

Owner Finance
Low Down & Low Payment
313 Miami
2 bdr.
1108 S. Faulkner
Habra Espanol
Call Joe
806-336-1740

UPDATED Brick 3 bdr., 2 ba., 2 car gar. w/ tons of built-in stor. Quiet street, 1510 N. Wells. By appt., 665-2130, 806-206-7666

115 Trailer Parks
TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

120 Autos
2003 Buick Custom LaSalle for sale. Exc. cond., new Michelin tires. 806-669-2827 lv. msg.

121 Trucks
1995 GMC
4x4, New Tires
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665-5473

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is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

2-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptquote: A RECIPE IS ONLY A THEME WHICH AN INTELLIGENT COOK CAN PLAY EACH TIME WITH A VARIATION.
— MADAME BENOIT

FENTON MOTORS
AUTOMOTIVE OPPORTUNITY INTERVIEWS
1 DAY ONLY!

We're looking for enthusiastic, driven professionals to fill 10 various positions in our Pampa location. We offer a positive and entrepreneurial work environment with many key benefits – paid vacation time and holidays, full benefit package including medical, dental and life insurance opportunities, excellent 401K investment strategies and much, much more. We are looking for people who are honest and dedicated to their career and show a genuine personality while exhibiting a strong level of confidence, ask plenty of questions and are willing and able to listen and learn. We also want someone who is above all – creative, punctual and can be a significant piece to our puzzle who can enter a position and take off running – showing initiative, value and pride in what they do! We offer a possible \$1000 signing bonus, paid training, and a first year earning potential of \$65,000 and up!

Also multiple locations for employment, such as Dallas, Waco, Wichita Kansas or Oklahoma City. Positions available are, but not limited to: Sales, Management, Technicians, and Accounting. Our recruiting/hiring date will be SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2008. Starting promptly at 9:30am until 4:30pm. Located at the M. K. BROWN AUDITORIUM HERITAGE ROOM at 1000 N. SUMNER. Bring a pen, resume/work history and come dressed for success!

5 Special Notices
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10 Lost/Found
LOST Schnauzer. Gray & black. 1 yr. old. 669-2448.

13 Bus. Opp.
GREAT investment opp. Pampa motel. Retired couple or individual. 665-1875, 806-383-1985.

14d Carpentry
Carpentry, Roofing, Replacement Windows, steel siding & trim. Continuous gutters. Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

RICHARD'S General Carpentry, Roofs & Painting, Building & Remodeling. 886-0267, 275-9038

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GREAT opp. for single or retired couple, for 12 unit motel in Pampa. Lrg. apt. incl. 665-4274, 665-4274.

SEMCRUDE has openings for full time Boatall and Transport drivers in the Pampa & surrounding areas. Must have Class A CDL with the X endorsement and meet DOT qualifications. Exc. benefits pkg., incl. medical, dental, vision and life ins., along with a 401K pkg. and paid vacation, sick and holidays. Please call 806-934-7505 for application.

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PART-TIME Provider needed for Panhandle patients. Above average pay & trip fee. Nurses By Prescription, 806-355-1899.

THE City of Lefors is currently taking applications for Full-Time Utility Dept. Employee. The applicant must have a class B CDL prior to employment. Exp. in water, wastewater and gas utilities, as well as heavy equipment operation, is preferable. Applicant must be willing to obtain necessary water and wastewater licenses. A completed application is required and will be accepted until 5pm on Mon., Feb. 11, 2008. Salary is commensurate with exp. Appli. may be picked up at Lefors City Hall, 101 N. Court, Lefors, TX. Mailed applications should be postmarked the day before the job vacancy closes and sent to P.O. Box 383, Lefors, TX 79054. If more info. is needed, please contact Lindy Forsyth, City Secretary, 806-835-2200.

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OFFICE / Sales Help. Apply in person-no phone calls. One Stop Flooring, 1333 N. Hobart, Pampa.

EYECARE TEAM
Reception, Optical Tech needed to be filled by energetic, career-minded persons. Must be able to multi-task. Interviews are being scheduled for both entry and advanced positions.
Drs. Simmons and Simmons
VISION SOURCE
1324 N. Banks

PAID Asst. Cook needed. Meals On Wheels, Mon. thru Fri. Apply 302 E. Foster, or call 669-1007.

DRIVEWAY Attendant Needed. Able to fix flats & change oil. CDL a plus! 40+ hrs. a week. NO PHONE CALLS. Apply in person, Utility Oil, 501 W. Brown, Pampa.

EXPANSION
Lrg. Oklahoma Co. expands to Amarillo. 27 F/T positions. Must be filled immediately. Must be sharp in appearance. Co. training provided. Rapid advancement opportunity.
\$2280 / mo.
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PART TIME INSERTER
Needed immediately! About 20 hrs. per week. Must work every Sat. & be 18 yrs. old.
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Pampa
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REGISTERED NURSES \$2000 SIGN-ON BONUS
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True Value
SATURDAY ONLY!!!
FEBRUARY 9TH

50% off

Any single item \$50 or less*
Bring in coupon for discount.

*Regular-priced items only. No sale checks, no exceptions, no substitutions. One coupon per household. Certain restrictions may apply. See store for details. Coupon expires February 9, 2008.



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