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DADS AND DONUTS



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Students from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School shared donuts with their fathers and other friends early this morning. Isabella Cabrales, 4, of Pampa, enjoys a pink frosted donut while dad Enrique Cabrales watches out for crumbs.

Man pleads guilty to manslaughter in 2007 death of 13-year-old girl

by Rachel Stennett
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A Pampa man was sentenced yesterday to 18 years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility after pleading guilty of second degree felony manslaughter.

Steven Lee Stamps II, 26, pleaded guilty in the 223rd District Court to the second-degree felony after being charged and prosecuted for intoxicated manslaughter, when he reportedly struck

and killed Alejandra Ramirez, 13, while she was riding her bicycle at about 10 p.m. on May 26, 2007. The incident occurred in the 1500 block of Gwendolyn.

The plea agreement was reached through the work of Stamps' defense attorney Todd Alvey and District Attorney Lynn Switzer, according to Evelyn Rutherford, a paralegal in 31st District Attorney's office. Ramirez's family was also included in the

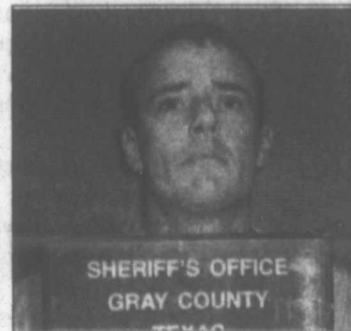


photo courtesy Gray County Sheriff's Office
Steven Lee Stamps

agreement. Judge Lee Waters presided over at the plea agreement.

Stamps had two prior convictions for driving while intoxicated, according to county records. The prior convictions occurred in 2000 and 2001, both in Gray County Court. A third driving while intoxicated charge was dismissed due to insufficient evidence, according to Switzer.

Local man arrested in stabbing

Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to a call involving a stabbing Monday evening in the 1400 block of S. Barnes. While they were en route to the incident, responders were advised the suspect in the alleged incident was attempting to leave the area.

Two deputies took Curtis Matlock, 50, of Pampa into custody. The victim, whose name is being withheld at this time, was transported to PMRC and then to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo with one stab wound to his back.

Arraignment on one charge of

Assault with a Deadly Weapon was held in Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez' court where bond was set at \$10,000, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's office. No further information on the case was available at press time.

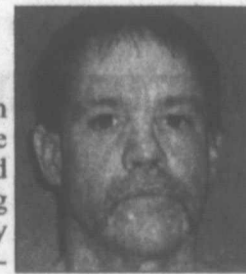


photo courtesy Gray County Sheriff's Office
Curtis Matlock

ReMax office to open in Pampa

Although not officially open for business until Jan. 1, the owners of ReMax Hometown have hit the ground running.

The new realty will be located at 2100 Perryton Parkway, where The Floor Store is now.

"They (The Floor Store) are moving next door," said Vanessa Swindell, who owns the realty with her husband Jack.

The Swindell's grew up in Pampa. He is a member of the Pampa High School Class of '72 and she is a member of the Class of '74.

"People here will know my husband as Jackie," she said, adding that they have been married 33 years. Jackie is the administrator of a nursing home in Dumas. The Swindells moved to Amarillo, where they currently live, from Dallas. They have been associated with ReMax for six years.

"Our house in Amarillo sold in less than 24 hours and we are actively searching for a home here," she said. "Our long-term goal has been to get into a slower lifestyle. We are doing with the rat-race thing and Jack doesn't want to be involved in long-term care administrator forever, so our new business is a way to transition into that slower pace."

Swindell call Pampa a place with "incredible opportunities." Last week her husband was attending broker-owner training in Denver, CO.

"We have been with Remax a long time and we know the company well," she said. "We are here to help. We want to cooperate and not step on any toes. We are looking forward to getting involved in the community. Kids are our heart and soul."

The current economic situation in the country may be "scary as all get out," she

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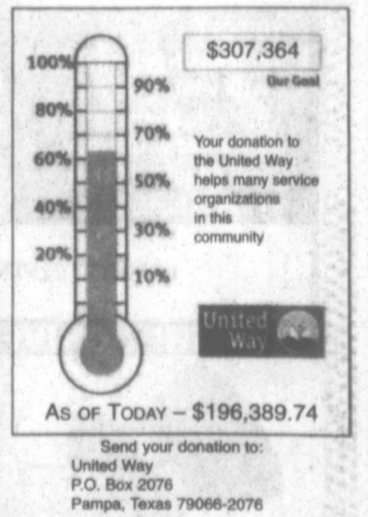
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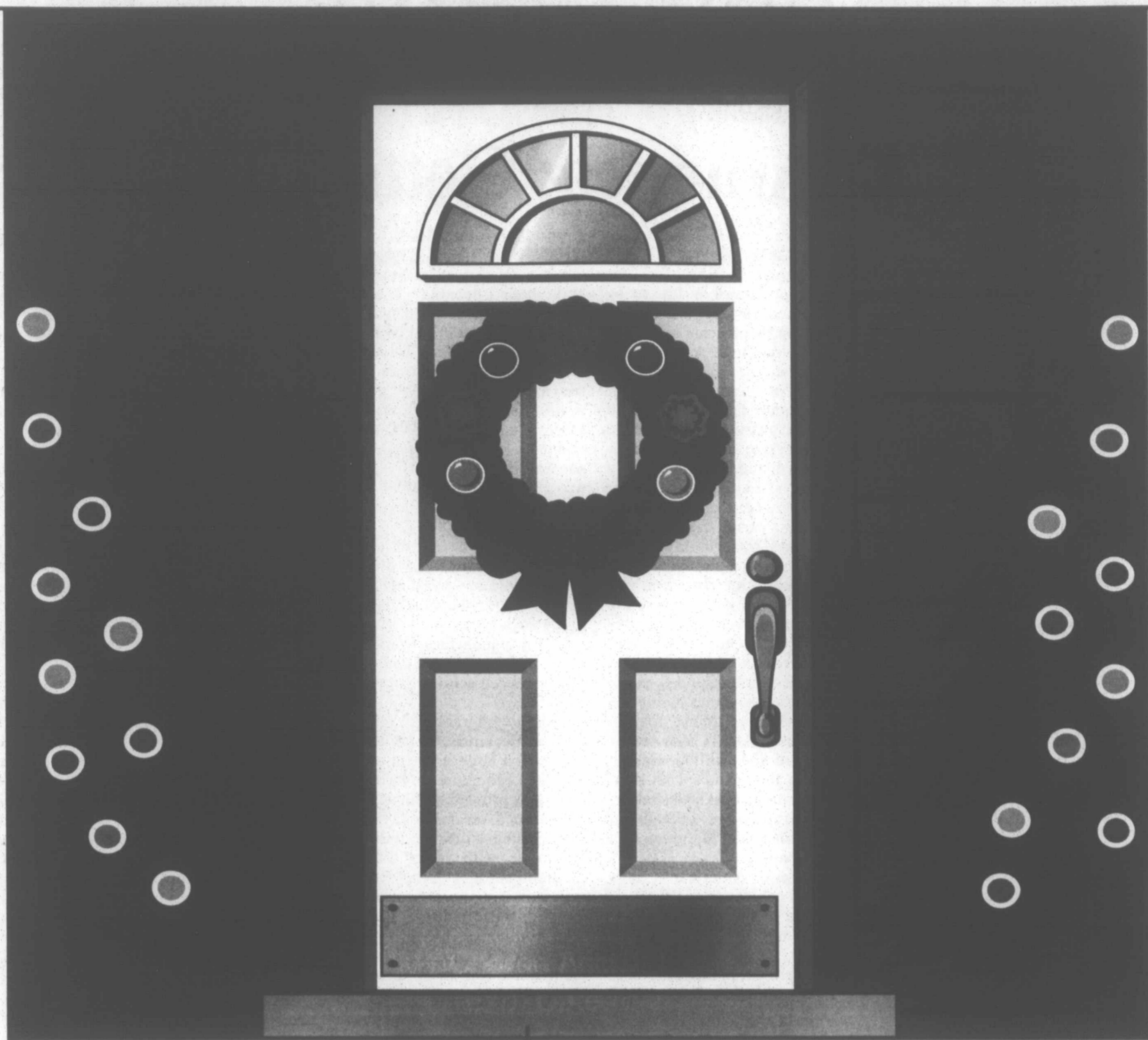
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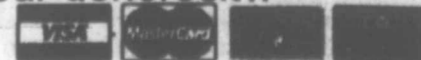
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 18, the 323rd day of 2008. There are 43 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 18, 1928, Walt Disney's first sound-synchronized animated cartoon, "Steamboat Willie" starring Mickey Mouse, premiered in New York.

On this date:

In 1883, the United States and Canada adopted a system of Standard Time zones.

In 1886, the 21st president of the United States, Chester A. Arthur, died in New York.

In 1908, actress-comedian Imogene Coca was born in Philadelphia.

In 1936, Germany and Italy recognized the Spanish government of Francisco Franco.

In 1958, the cargo freighter SS Carl D. Bradley sank during a storm in Lake Michigan, claiming 33 of the 35 lives on board.

In 1966, U.S. Roman Catholic bishops did away with the rule against eating meat on Fridays outside of Lent.

In 1978, U.S. Rep. Leo J. Ryan, D-Calif., and four other people

were killed in Jonestown, Guyana, by members of the Peoples Temple; the killings were followed by a night of mass murder and suicide by more than 900 cult members.

In 1987, the congressional Iran-Contra committees issued their final report, saying President Reagan bore "ultimate responsibility" for wrongdoing by his aides.

In 1988, President Reagan signed legislation creating a Cabinet-level drug czar and providing the death penalty for drug traffickers who kill.

In 1999, 12 people were killed when a 59-foot stack of logs under construction for a bonfire at Texas A&M University collapsed.

Ten years ago: House Republicans endorsed U.S. Rep. Bob Livingston of Louisiana to be their next speaker, succeeding Newt Gingrich. (However, Livingston later resigned from the House before he could take over the speakership after admitting to marital infidelities.)

Five years ago: The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled, 4-3, that the state constitution guaranteed gay couples the right to marry. President Bush and his wife, Laura, arrived in Britain for a state visit. The U.N. refugee agency began pulling foreign staff out of Afghanistan after the killing of a French worker. A judge in Modesto, Calif., ordered Scott Peterson to stand trial for the killing of his wife, Laci, and their unborn son. (Peterson was later convicted and sentenced to death.)

'It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in argument.'

— William G. McAdoo
American government official (1863-1941)

America: Getting beyond race

Despite the fact that President-elect Barack Obama's vision for our nation leaves a lot to be desired, the fact that he was elected represents a remarkable national achievement. When the War of 1861 ended, neither a former slave nor slave owner would have believed it possible for a black to be elected president in a mere century and a half, if ever. I'm sure that my grandparents, born in the 1880s, or my parents, born in the 1910s, would not have believed it possible for a black to be president and neither did I for most of my 72 years.

That's not the only progress. If one totaled black earnings, and consider blacks a separate nation, he would have found that in 2005 black Americans earned \$644 billion, making them the world's 16th richest nation. That's just behind Australia but ahead of Netherlands, Belgium and Switzerland.

Black Americans have been chief executives of some of the world's largest and richest cities such as New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. Gen. Colin Powell, appointed

Joint Chief of Staff in October 1989, headed the world's mightiest military and later became U.S. Secretary of State, and was succeeded by Condoleezza Rice, another black. A few black Americans are among the world's richest people and many are some of the world's most famous personalities.

These gains, over many difficult hurdles, speak well not only of the intestinal fortitude of a people but of a nation in which these gains were possible. They could not have been achieved anywhere else.

Acknowledgement of these achievements is not to deny that a large segment of the black community faces enormous problems. But as I have argued, most of today's problems have little or nothing to do with racial discrimination. That's not to say that every vestige of racial discrimination has been eliminated, but as my colleague Dr. John McWhorter said in "End of Racism?" *Forbes* (11/5/08), "There are also rust and

mosquitoes, and there always will be. Life goes on." The fact that the nation elected a black president hopefully might turn our attention away from the false notion that discrimination explains the problems of a large segment of the black community to the real problems that have absolutely nothing to do with discrimination.

The illegitimacy rate among blacks stands at about 70 percent. Less than 40 percent of black children are raised in two-parent households. Those are major problems but they have nothing to do with racial discrimination. During the early 1900s, illegitimacy was a tiny fraction of today's rate and black families were just as stable as white families.

Fraudulent education is another problem, where the average black high school senior can read, write and compute no better than a white seventh-grader. It can hardly be blamed on discrimination. Black schools receive the same funding as

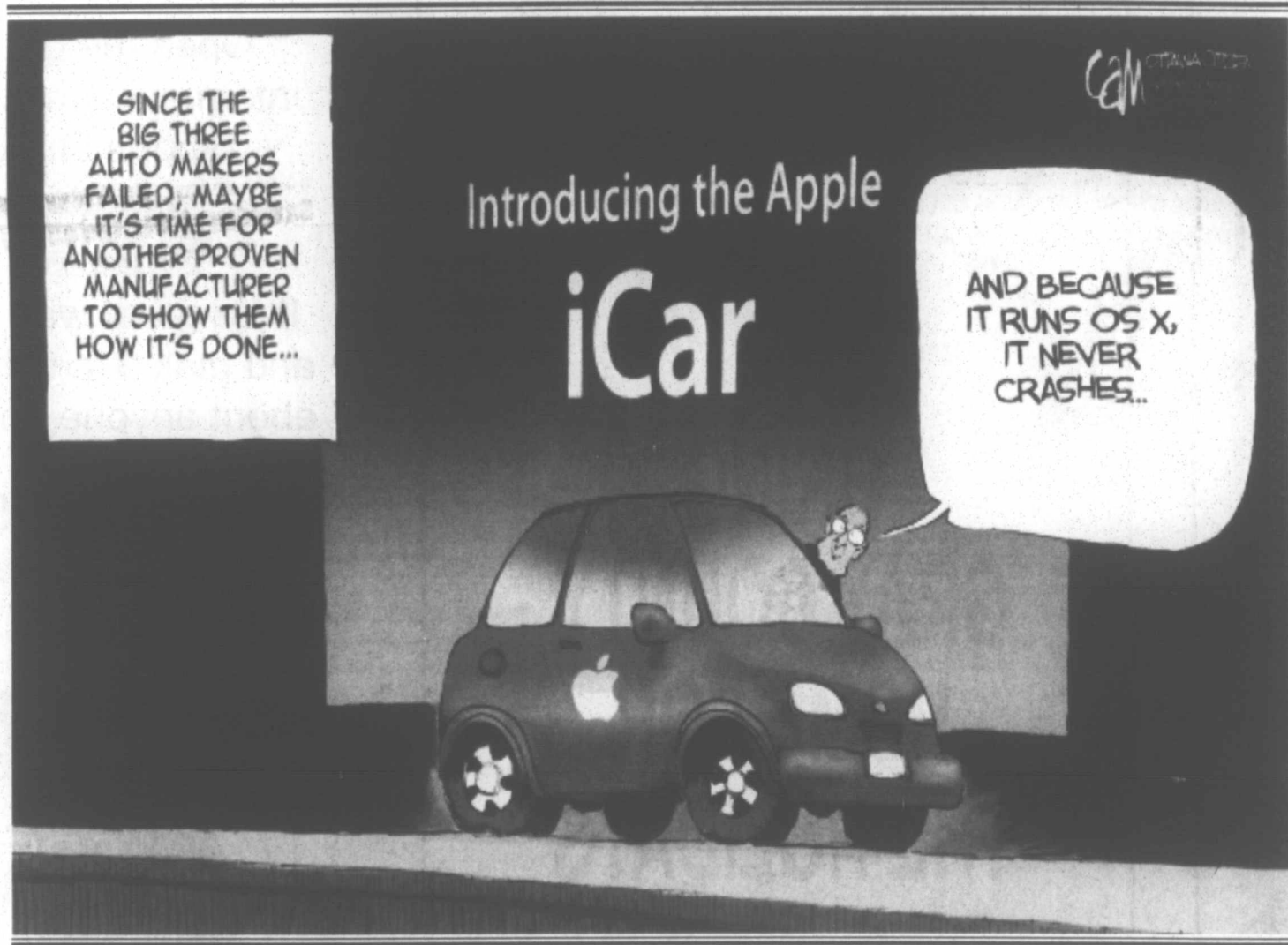
white schools and most of the teachers and staffs are black and the schools are often in cities where the mayor and the city council are mostly black. Crime is a major problem. Blacks commit about 50 percent of all homicides and 95 percent of their victims are blacks.

Tragically, many black politicians and a civil rights industry have a vested interest in portraying the poor socioeconomic outcomes for many blacks as problems rooted in racial discrimination. One of the reasons they are able to get away with such deception is because there are so many guilt-ridden white people.

Led by guilt, college administrators, employers and others in leadership positions, in the name of diversity, buy into nonsense such as lowering standards, racial preferences and acceptance of behavior standards they wouldn't accept from whites. Maybe the election of a black president will help white people over their guilt feelings so they can stop acting like fools in their relationships with black people.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Walter Williams
Columnist



Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ Nov. 9
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on governing together:

The two most gracious speeches made Tuesday night about Americas future came from the men who, just hours earlier, were locked in a political battle royal.

President-elect Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain both put country first as they addressed Americans from their respective election-night venues.

"Sen. McCain fought long and hard in this campaign," said a determined yet subdued Obama at a moment when all would have expected and understood exuberance. "And he's fought even longer and harder for the country that he loves. He has endured sacrifices for America that most of us cannot begin to imagine. We are better off for the service rendered by this brave and selfless leader.

"I congratulate him; I congratulate Gov. Palin for all that they've achieved. And I look forward to working with them to renew this nation's promise in the months ahead."

McCain, who exited the national stage with dignity and class, spoke words that will bear repeating to understandably disappointed Republicans in the days ahead.

"I urge all Americans who supported me to join me in not just congratulating him, but offering our next president our good will and earnest effort to find ways to come together, to find the necessary compromises, to bridge our differences, and help restore our prosperity, defend our security in a dangerous world, and leave our children and grandchildren a stronger, better country than we inherited.

"Whatever our differences, we are fellow Americans."

A statesman's words, coming from a man who will be an important player in guiding America toward those goals when he returns to the U.S. Senate to serve out the remaining two years on his term.

Obamas victory address from Chicago promised Americans that "I will listen to you, especially when we disagree." As a nation struggling with domestic and international issues that include two wars and a crippling economic crisis, the need for a leader who hears all voices is crucial.

Martin Luther King Jr. once said, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a molder of consensus."

The molder, though, must be able to recognize which clay contains the properties needed to produce a solid, functioning and enduring final product. In the world of politics, that recognition comes from listening to everyone.

The move from campaigning to gov-

erning requires a shift in mindset and language.

One is a winner-take-all arena, where the faithful are fed a steady diet of red meat in the form of hyperbolic rhetoric. The other requires an acceptance that the audience does not uniformly share ones goals and vision.

Obamas answers alone arent sufficient for what ails our nation. The lawmakers who will take the oath of elected office in the House and Senate come with their own mandates from the people they represent and their own ideas for how the country should be run.

The new president may enter the White House with his party controlling Congress, but it would be wise to remember that history does not always smile fondly on the years of one-party rule in Washington.

If he's as good a student of history as he claims to be, and as intent a listener as America prays he is, Obama can avoid the majority party's propensity to overreach.

The president also serves as the titular head of his party. While respecting the checks-and-balances system that put the legislature on an equal yet separate branch from the one that the executive inhabits, Obama must counsel House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to heed his words from Tuesday night:

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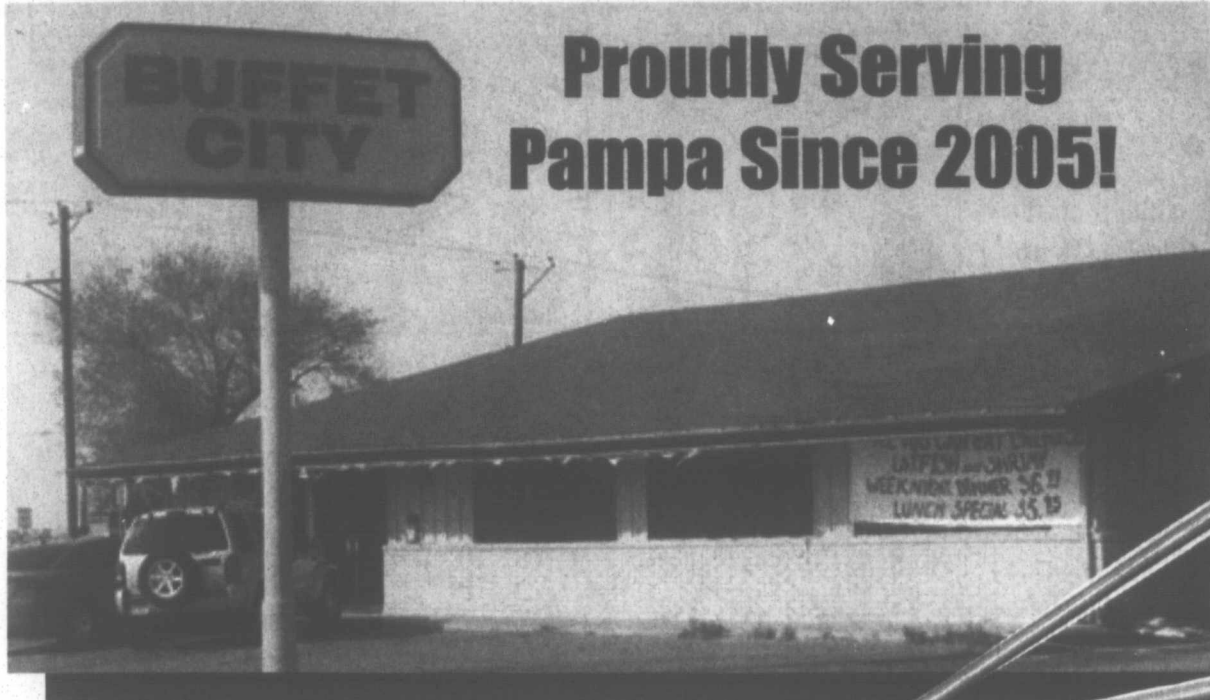
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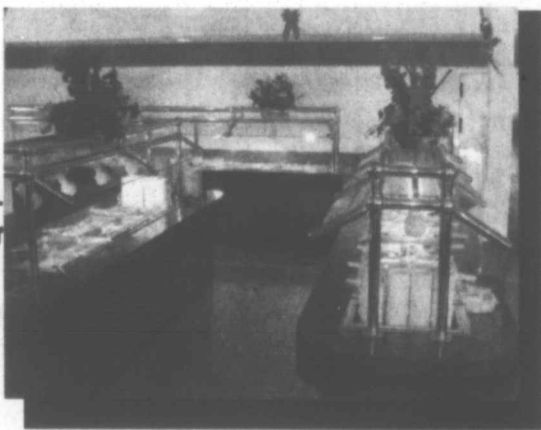
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Tian Wong is from Fuzhou, China. He came to the United States in 2003 where he joined his father working in the restaurant industry. Tian and his father, Qun Wong are the primary cooks at Buffet City. Sherry Liu is from Nan Ning, China. She came to the United States in 2002 where she graduated from Southeast Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. She met her future husband, Tian Wong while she was attending college and they were married in New York City in 2005. They have one daughter, Vivian, who is 2 and a half years old.

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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

BRIDE ANGLES FOR PRESENTS EVEN AFTER GROOM BAILS OUT

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I received an invitation from a family member to attend their daughter "Heidi's" wedding on Father's Day weekend. We canceled our existing plans in order to attend, and gave "Heidi and Dave" an appropriate gift. As the ceremony progressed, the minister asked, "Do you, Steve, take Heidi" ... at which point the guests began whispering to themselves, "STEVE?" We were embarrassed, thinking we had made a horrible mistake in addressing the gift card -- and we weren't the only ones. Finally, after much discussion among the guests, someone approached the bride's mother to ask if we had made a mistake. "Oh, no," she replied. "Dave backed out two weeks ago. Heidi asked Steve if he would marry her, and he said he wasn't doing anything else this weekend, so why not?" I was flabbergasted. Predictably, in less than three weeks, this sham of a marriage was over. Heidi, of course, retained all the gifts. My wife says it's no big deal. I say the bride's parents should have called the guests and explained the circumstances so they could make an informed decision about attending. I was also raised to believe that in cases such as this, where the commitment to marriage was so obviously missing, that the gifts should be returned. Am I wrong? This has caused a rift in the family. -- **JILTED GUEST**

DEAR GUEST: It appears that Heidi and her parents became so involved in the details of the "production" that they forgot the real meaning of the wedding celebration -- the joining of two people together in a lifetime commitment to each other. Frankly, I am shocked and disappointed that a minister would go along with such a farce, much less "bless" it. (Could the cler-

gyman also have been a stand-in for the real thing?) Yes, the wedding should have been called off when the groom backed out. Yes, the guests should have been notified. Yes, any unopened or unused gifts should have been promptly returned. And no, you're not wrong.

DEAR ABBY: I'm looking for a socially acceptable alternative to mailing out 150 Christmas cards to all my husband's co-workers. He is a VP at the company. I thought about making up a large platter of home-baked cookies and a platter of cheese, crackers and fruit. I would like him to bring them to work and put them in the kitchen with a note that says, "Happy Holidays from (us). This would be in lieu of Christmas cards ... Enjoy!" I think it's a good idea, but my husband doesn't agree. What do you think? -- **CHRISTMAS ELF, FOGELSVILLE, PA.**

DEAR CHRISTMAS ELF: I think signing and addressing the cards might be less time-consuming. If you allow two to three cookies per person, you will be baking for days. Are you sure you know what you would be letting yourself in for? Also, I don't know the "culture" at your husband's company and whether they are open to change. If I were you, I'd follow my husband's lead even though it is a chore. Perhaps he should address half of them.

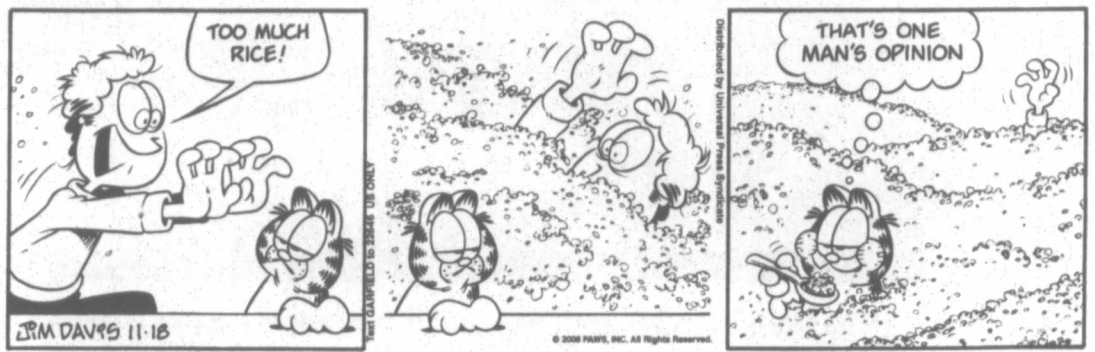
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 43 Romantic dozen
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Answers to Yesterdays

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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



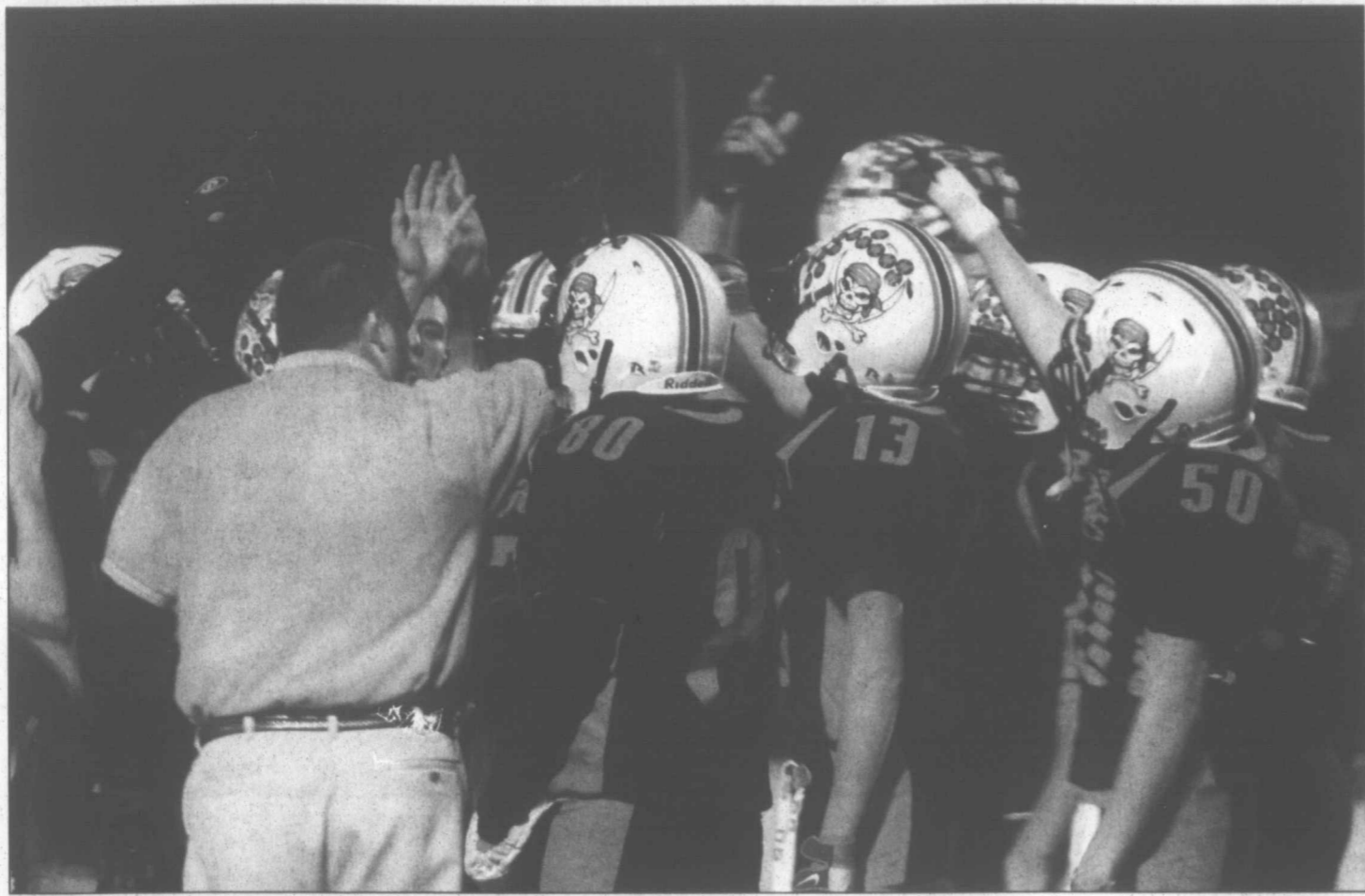
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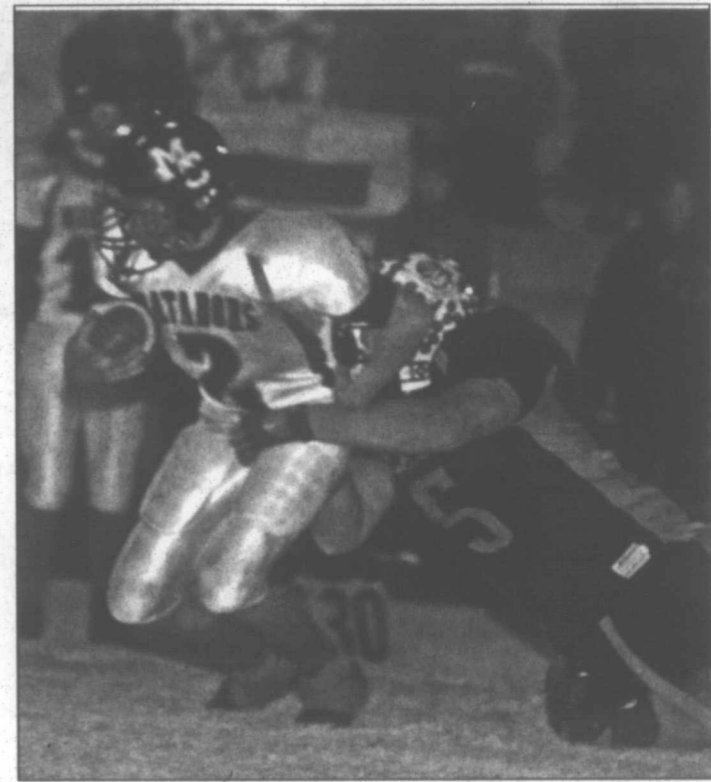
Lefors Pirates win big over Motley County



ABOVE: The Pirates meet together on the field discussing strategy that achieved the 72-26 led over Motley County in Friday night's game.

LEFT: Lefors' Nick Hess, #10, carries the ball for the Pirates gaining a touchdown against Motley County.

UPPER RIGHT: Keenan Lott, #7, evades Motley County Matador Jonathon Osborne, #2, during the Pirates' 72-26 Bi-District win.



BOTTOM RIGHT: Dustin Forsyth, #5, brings down Motley County's Jonathon Osborne, #2.

Pirates to play Benjamin in regional finals Sat.

By Deborah Henson
The Pampa News

The Lefors Pirates took the field Friday night with the single goal of continuing to play football in December. With that in mind the Pirates put together a game to remember defeating Motley County through the 45 point mercy rule with 5:20 left in the fourth quarter. The Pirates finished the game 72-26 over Motley County.

The Pirates had no turnovers or bad snaps and they focused on basics and fundamentals. The Pirates fell behind early in the game but one of the team's strengths is its offense. Offensive strength allows the team to put points on the board as often as possible.

Senior Payton Johnson stated, "we remember what they did to us last year," he explained. "This year we knew we were a better team than them and were better organized." Payton Johnson had four receptions for 79 yards scoring every time he caught the ball. He also had one rushing touchdown.

The Pirates defense came well prepared and held Motley County to 26 points but they will have to refine their defense even more as they go further into the playoffs. Senior Dustin Forsyth lead the Pirates with 11 tackles for the night. Junior Wakely Pairsh had five tackles and one reception for an extra point.

"We remember the game last year but that did not bother us and we played our kind of football," Parish said. "We are confident for the game Saturday afternoon. Benjamin is a good team but we are a better team."

The captain of the defense, senior Nick Hess, makes calls on the field and adjustments to the defense. He had eight tackles, two rushing touchdowns and 28 yards on receptions. Coach Ski said, "Nick Hess and Trever

Czubinski blocked all night for Keenan Lott."
"I scored on the first play of the game and then I kept that same good attitude throughout the game," Czubinski said. Czubinski had five receptions for 62 yards, two rushes for 61 yards and one rushing touchdown. He was five for seven in extra point attempted.

Senior Brandon McBee explained what the upcoming week will look for, for the Pirates. "This week will have to work hard during practice, not slack off and study game film. We were clicking as a team Friday night and we will need to do that this Saturday to win." McBee had two receptions for 90 yards.

The captain of the offense, Keenan Lott, makes the calls on the field for offense. As quarterback he was 13 for 21 in passing, he rushed for 270 yards and threw for 4 touchdowns. He ran the ball 12 times for a total of 169 yards and had two rushing touchdowns.

Coach Ski talked about the upcoming game and the opponent and said, "To win Saturday we will have to contain their speed. They are a small team and quick. We were good to not turn the ball over and that was key to winning Friday night."

Another strength the Pirates have is that any one person can score. Opposing defenses can't focus on any one Pirate player as was evident by many different players scoring Friday night. Another advantage the Pirates have is that all the players are healthy, as Coach Ski explained. "If one person is hurt it can really turn a season around."

The Pirates will face Benjamin Saturday afternoon at 4 p.m. at Valley for regional finals.

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and the 1400 block of West Gwendolyn Avenue.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, One alarm was investigated.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Christy, the intersection of Varnon and Huff, the 600 block of East Craven and the 400 block of Pitts.

Assaults were reported in the 600 block of North Magnolia and the 700 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of East Brown, where \$437 was reportedly taken after a door was pried open; and the police department lobby.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby.

Thefts were reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart, where a license plate was reportedly stolen from a car; and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby, where a wallet containing a debit card, Social Security card, and \$20 in cash was reportedly taken.

Monday, Nov. 18

Twenty-one traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of East Foster, the 300 block of North Starkweather and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1400 block of North Sumner.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of North Duncan.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests this week.

Saturday, Nov. 15

Kevin Ray Kirkham Jr., 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on two *capias pro fines*.

William Donald Stanley, 40, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury.

Kaleb Logan Hart, 19, of Pampa was

arrested by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

David Andrew Vinson, 33, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Alicia Ann Carson, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Sunday, Nov. 16

Jose Manuel Hernandez, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI, no driver's license and no insurance.

Gabriel G. Elias, 67, of Dallas was arrested by Pampa PD for DWI.

Randell Dale Northcutt, 26, of Alanreed was arrested by Pampa PD for driving while license invalid.

Sigifredo Ponce Munoz, 46, of Perryton was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety on a warrant for forgery out of Ochiltree County.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 17

8:09 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Christy on a call for medical assistance.

12:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of East Harvester on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Nov. 17

8:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Christy and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:54 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of East Harvester and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Nwth.

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"This victory alone is not the change we seek.

It is only the chance for us to make that change. And that cannot happen if we go back to the way things were."

"The way things were" has too often included excessive hubris exhibited by the party in power.

Of course, aggravating the tensions that exist between red and blue can happen from both sides of the aisle.

For the love of country, Democrats and Republicans must summon up the same kind of bipartisanship that propelled them to work together on the \$700 billion bailout bill.

They have demonstrated that they can do it. Will they continue?

For the sake of the country, they must.

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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 19, 2008:

Establish your priorities and get results quickly this year. You might often need to be the leader in order to accomplish what you must. Investigate opportunities without preconceived ideas or suppositions. The more open your mind is, the more successful you will be. Communication needs to be emphasized, making sure everyone connects and has the same picture. This will be an issue more often than not this year. If you are single, meeting people occurs with ease, especially if you hang with your friends.

If you are attached, the two of you need to center on one goal, one objective. Once you achieve that desire, go on to another. Working together for the same goal draws you closer. **VIRGO** is a true friend.

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)

★★★★ Funnel your creativity appropriately, especially into your work and daily life. Misunderstandings run rampant, so confirm and qualify if you get a strong opinion or reaction. Dot your i's and cross your t's. Slow down in the p.m. Tonight: Opt for exercise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Basics come forward. Honor the importance of your family, domestic life and close friends. Build on a strong foundation. A wild idea could only recharge a situation, not take away from it. Tonight: Midweek romp.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Keep the path open for communication, even if you would prefer not to

listen. Ultimately, knowing the lay of the land could make all the difference. If possible, call it an early day or work from home. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Share different ideas, especially if others are involved. Just because you think it is a great idea might not make it a great idea for others. Brainstorm with trusted friends and associates. Mellow out and make much-needed decisions. Tonight: Bounce an idea off a trusted friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You beam into the morning, ready to deal with nearly anything. Let a misunderstanding go rather than make a big deal out of it. Your good nature will be remembered. Use caution with expenditures. Tonight: Gather bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Do much-needed research, some of which might come from simple observing. Take action later today, when you are sure of yourself and know you have done your homework. Note the change in energy and mood. Tonight: Share your newfound buoyancy with others. Verify meetings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Get a head start if you want to get anything done. You easily could be overwhelmed by everything that you hear. Don't think about a comment. It probably wasn't intended the way you took it. Tonight: Vanish. Don't give a problem too much thought. You might be making mountains out of molehills.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You might need to slow down some and take in new information. Are you overwhelmed? Focus on one goal at a time, but leave personal details for later

today. Network at an important meeting. Tonight: Follow the crowds. Just don't be alone.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You try to accommodate a friend and get past a problem. You could be more sure of yourself if you relax and just get the information you need. What you are hearing probably needs to be checked out. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ A partner continues to want to play a strong role. There is no reason why you need to interfere. It is important that this person understands what you have to shoulder. Check out a possible mini-retreat or workshop. Tonight: Let your mind drift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You revamp plans because of others' news. Your flexibility this time will pay off. Understand what is happening between you and a key associate. You might have had enough. Tonight: Togetherness is a great theme.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Buzz around as much as you want. The more you do, the more you accomplish. Feel good about a special offer. Someone is acknowledging you. Listen to the other side of a story. Tonight: Say yes.

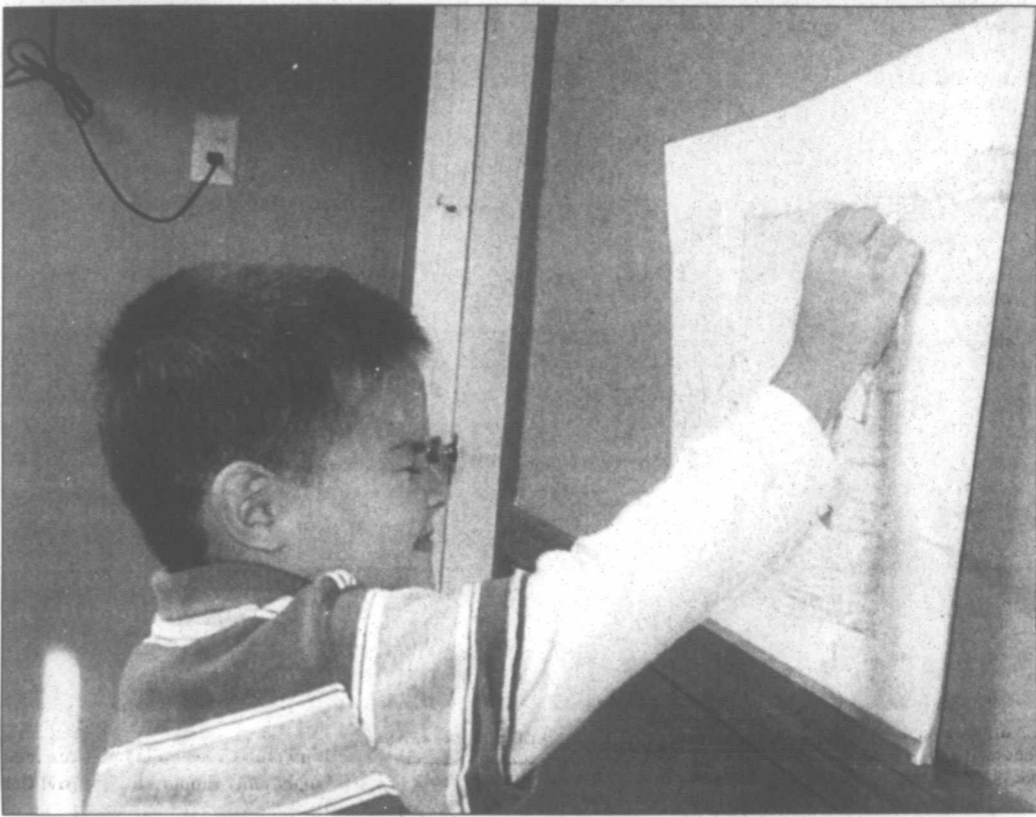
BORN TODAY

Broadcasting mogul Ted Turner (1938), actress Jodie Foster (1962), King of England Charles I (1600)

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CREATE-a-Beat!



submitted photos

TOP: Haylei McCall took aim while playing an electronic game of horseshoes at CREATE-a-Beat! recently.

SECOND: Kaydon Johnson played "Pin the Badge on the Sheriff" recently during CREATE-a-Beat!

THIRD: After chowing down on some pizza, Joseph Munsell competed in an obstacle course during CREATE-a-Beat! of Pampa recently.

FOUR: Chance Kerbo helped the boys defeat the girls in a bean bag toss during a party at CREATE-a-Beat! recently.

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PISD to consider promotions and retentions during Thursday's meeting

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will consider student promotion and retention policies with they meet Thursday evening.

The State of Texas requires the retention of any student in third grade who fails the reading portion of the TAKS test and in fifth and eighth grade for failure on the math or reading exams.

While a recommendation has been made to remove this legislative mandate, it is still the law of the state.

The PISD staff reported that there is a limited amount of research on the relationship between student retention and academic performance. That research indicates that student retention does not work, although retention in elementary school does seem to have a short-term positive impact; however, by middle school, a large percentage of retained students are struggling academically again.

The research also indicates that retention after sixth grade is a good predictor of students who will dropout of school. Social promotion, according to the same study, does not lead to increased academic performance.

Consequently, PISD administration is recommending that students in grades one through five be required to pass reading and math in addition to either science or social studies to be promoted, and students in grades six through eight be promoted if they pass language arts and math and either science or social studies.

They will also consider student activity absences and advanced placement programs, gun free zone areas on school campuses, the 2009-2010 school calendar.

On their agenda is possible action to begin work to upgrade the high school stadium with synthetic turf and improved lighting. The board will also hear an update on roofing at the high school.

They will also begin preliminary planning for the Pampa High School Centennial.

The board will review ideas for the district's future and discuss vision and mission statements.

The school board will hear reports on community relations, adult education and technology. They will also get a monthly financial report and consider professional development absences for the staff.

They will also continue their evaluation of Superintendent Barry Haenisch.

The board of trustees will meet beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, in the Carver Center Administrative Office, 321 W. Albert.

Prisoner condemned for 1995 abduction-slaying of Houston woman set to die today

Texas News Briefs
By The Associated Press
LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Convicted killer Eric Dewayne Cathey got off death row a decade ago and nearly made it to freedom. He'll leave death row again on Tuesday but in a caravan

of armed guards headed to his execution.

Cathey, 37, was among seven condemned inmates who staged a daring prison break on Thanksgiving night in 1998. He got as far the top of a second fence surrounding the outside of the Ellis

Unit prison before gunshots from officers coaxed him to the ground.

On Tuesday, Cathey was set for transfer to Huntsville for lethal injection for the crime that earned him a death sentence — the abduction and fatal shooting of a

20-year-old woman in Houston more than 13 years ago.

Cathey would be the 18th Texas inmate executed this year and the first of two scheduled for lethal injection this week in the nation's busiest death penalty state.

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good," Swindell noted. "People with decent credit are still able to buy houses."

"In fact," she added, "we will be looking for good agents."



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