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Manager believes water project bond participation important for Pampa

by David Bowser

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The Canadian River
Municipal Water
Authority intends to issue
bonds up to \$21,600,000
to pay for construction
costs of the Conjunctive
Use Groundwater Project
currently enlarging their
well field in Roberts
County.

"This is for the next phase of the project," City Manager Trevlyn Pitner told the Pampa City Commission during their meeting Nov. 25. "They are looking for member cities to participate in this project."

These bonds, according to Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the water authority, will be used for the construction and further development of the well field.

The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority consists of 11 member cities, including Pampa. The authority provides water from Lake Meredith and from the Roberts County well field.

Pitner said that the City the well field then,"

of Lamesa has opted not to participate. He said there may be several smaller cities that may not join in the project.

"We have 3.60 percent of the well field," Pitner said, "and we would retain that percentage."

Pitner noted that Pampa had opted out of a similar project several years ago and lost half of the city's percentage of the well field by not participating. Since then, prices have risen

"We lost 3.6 percent of

Pitner said. "We can't afford to gain that back now."

He said Pampa bowed out then as Lamesa is bowing out now.

"If they can't afford it now," Pitner said, "they can't afford it later."

Pitner said that the city holds a larger percentage of the lake, but the lake level has been down to record lows this past summer.

"We want to stay strong in the well field," Pitner said.

The city manager said

that of the city's 11 wells, five are down. To drill and replace those wells would run about \$4 mil-

"If we didn't have CRMWA to fall back on," Pitner said, "our well field would be stretched."

Pampa's share of the bond indebtedness would be 3.60 percent, the same as its allocation of ground water from the well field. As such, Pampa would face an annual average bond payment of

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PEDC: funding opens gate for new project consideration

by David Bowser dbowser@thepampanews.com

Ken May, president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, said 2008 was the first year for the PEDC to really get out of the starting gate. In its actual third year of opera-

tion, The PEDC was able to do some real work in terms of economic development May said. "That's primarily related to the

"That's primarily related to the fact that we finally have an operating budget and some significant revenues that we were able to work with," May explained.

He said the corporation isn't hamstrung now by limitations on being able to consider worthwhile projects.

"We were able to get involved in a lot of activities, have a lot of proposals brought before us as far as potential economic development activities," May said.

He told the Pampa City Commission this week that the EDC is primarily engaged in looking for opportunities for business development, for workforce development and for infrastruc-

ture development. "When we think about all those potential activities, the bottom line is what can the EDC do in order to make Pampa an attractive location for new business for workforce skilled development, for bringing families in who have both professional careers and who are interested in living and making a contribution in Pampa," May said. "What it boils down to is what are the characteristics, what are the qualities that we need to have as a city and county in order to attract those individuals.

"We need jobs, of course, and hopefully good paying jobs. We need affordable housing. We need good high quality schools. We need to make sure that our athletic facilities are up to par and at least competitive with neighboring school districts. We need to have shopping. We need to have

restaurants.

"We need to provide those perspective residents with plenty of choices. We also need to make sure that we have a city that shows well and is of good appearance. That's what's going to attract people to our community."

He says those are the areas that

the EDC needs to focus on.

"The projects that we've been engaged in lend themselves towards doing those activities to improve our community," May

said.

While he listed a number of items, they appeared to have little to do with the goals that the EDC

set for themselves last January.

The list of 17 goals that he provided the city commission this week started with hiring an administrative assistant, followed by applying for grants, developing an office space plan and upgrade the EDC website.

It wasn't until item 17 at the

See PEDC, Page 3

Three arrested on drug charges

by Rachel Stennett

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Three people were arrested by the Gray County
Sheriff's Office during routine traffic stops on Monday.

Jesus Manuel Santagray

Jesus Manuel Santacruz, 23 of Pampa, and Andrew Manuel Santacruz, 21, of Oklahoma City, Okla. were arrested for possession of a controlled substance greater than one grams but less than four grams at 3:30 in the afternoon. Deputy Robert Douglas pulled the vehicle over, and Jesus had an outstanding warrant for failure to appear for unlawful carrying of a weapon. Douglas investigated the vehicle at the scene, which led the Deputy to have the Pampa Police Department drug dog inspect the vehicle.

"The dog alerted during the inspection of the vehicle. A subsequent search turned up a small amount of suspected meth," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

See Arrests, Page 3

County meets Monday

In what appears to be a short session Monday, the Gray County Commissioners Court will deal with doors, vehicles, roads and computers.

The county commission will consider designating an information technician, or IT, administrator.

They will also consider bids to replace the west side exterior doors of the Gray County Sheriff's Department and the west side exterior doors of the Lovett Building.

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Obituaries

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Johnnie Turcotte Alexander, 90

Turcotte Johnnie Alexander, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 27, 2008, at Pampa. Services pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Alexander was born Aug. 3, 1918, in Gray County where she had been a lifelong resident. She married Verson Alexander on May 16, a member of

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1937, He Amarillo. preceded her in death on June 11, 1988. Mrs

Alexander worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 35 years as a rural carrier. She was



Alexander

the First Baptist Church and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include daugh-Lora Baggerman and husband Ruben of Groom; seven grandchildren; and nine great-

preceded her in

death on Jan. 4,

She was a

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She was preceded in death by two sons, Verson Alexander and Charles Alexander.

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Beulah 'Boots' Barnett, 89 in Dumas. He

"Boots" direction Barnett, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 27, 2008, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lowry of CrossPointe Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Barnett

was born Nov. 12, 1919, in Tate, N.M. She had been a lifelong resident of She Pampa. married Cecil Barnett on Sept. 30, 1942 sons, Jerry Barnett and



Barnett

Service. Survivors

include two

Eddie Barnett, both of Pampa; seven grandchildren; and eight greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in

death by a son, Joe Barnett in 1987; a brother, Ray Ford; a sister, Alice Troth; and her parents, Joe and Nora Ford.

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ley.com.

Kenneth D. Dorris, Jr., 46

Funeral services for Kenneth D. Dorris, Jr., 46, will be held at 1 p.m. today, Friday, Nov. 28, 2008, in the Main Auditorium at Fellowship Snider Church. The Rev. John Love will officiate. Burial will be held at 3:30 p.m. at Fairview manager Cemetery in Pampa. Arrangements are by was a golfer and foot-Funeral ball fan. He loved his Home, 4100 South

Kenny was born Feb. 10, 1962, in San moved to Amarillo and Kenneth Dorris, Sr.

graduated from Tascosa High School in 1980. He married Suzette Leigh Dec. 2, 1998, in Amarillo. He was the Charlie's Furniture. He

He was preceded in Angelo, Texas. He death by his father,

wife Suzette, of the home; three children, Lexie, Megan and Garren; two sisters, Delane

Dorris

Dorris Arlington and Deborah Bryant of Waldorf, Md.; his Neva children and his famimother, Stegman and husband Bob of Green.

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More obituaries on page 5 ...

Linnie Mae Schneider, 75

Linnie Mae Schneider, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 27, 2008, in Amarillo, Texas. Services pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Schneider was born May 5, 1933, in Mineral Springs, Ark. She married Standley Schneider on Jan. 14, 1964, in Pampa.

She was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, and Pampa Chapter #65 Order of the Eastern Star for many

Linnie was a member of the Pampa Ladies Golf Association, where she was the ladies golf champion at the Pampa Country Club, Hidden Hills and Celanese golf courses.

She enjoyed RV travel as well as fishing.

Survivors include her husband, Standley Schneider, of the home; son, Dana Reed Dancer of Borger; stepson, Tim Gage Schneider and wife Monica of Austin; stepdaughter, Jammie Puckett and husband Arthur of Cleburne; eight grandchildren; and five greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter-in-law, Judy Dancer; and stepdaughter, Cindy Billberry.

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bottom of the list that the EDC proposed working on a strategic plan for three, five and 10 years, something which Mays lists in his report as having made no progress.

He noted that the EDC completed the electronic marquee sign project by matching the \$50,000 that the city put up to replace the old sign and participated with the city on that project and with a Clarendon College build-

May also reported that of their \$279,000 operating budget for the past fiscal year, they spent \$209,134.79. They received revenues totaling \$1,357,446.84. The EDC is funded through the sales tax.

Of the money spent, the report said \$3,000 went to the VFW for Vietnam Wall Exhibit, \$9,000 went to fund entrance signs to Pampa and \$8,400 was committed to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for training prison guards through Clarendon College. The money was to be used for scholarships for students attending the classes; however, there wasn't enough interest for the classes to make. That money, May indicated, will be held and another

organize the classes. May reported that the EDC put \$50,000 toward the formation of a Gray Pampa Community Fund. Amarillo Area Foundation matched that \$50,000 and will manage the fund.

attempt will be made to

He said that a \$75,000 loan to MXT is being

"From a job development standpoint," May said, "we continue to work closely with MXT. They continue to be a good business here in the community."

He said that indications are that they will continue to grow.

They just opened up a headquarters in the city of Dallas," May said. "I think that lends itself well for increased employment here in Pampa for their facility."

Some \$666,000 committed to a bridge loan for Hampton Village and an employee grant to MXT had not be spent.

The Hampton Village project is on hold until the world financial crisis is sorted out and MXT had not yet applied for the employee incentive

"In 2008," May said, "we had a lot of opportunities to review, but we brances as the past legacy

didn't find a lot of what I would call good quality opportunities.'

He said they had a lot of people coming to the EDC looking for money.

"Certainly, we have to set our own standards," May said. "We cannot just provide funds to anybody who happens to walk in the door that needs money. They have to have a good business plan. They have to have economics that make sense. Those are not easily provided to the board."

May said that past problems with earlier economic development boards has governed their direction.

"We are very conservative to this point," May said. "We want to make sure that projects are going to have a good payback and that the EDC does not end up incurring a lot of debt or encum-

has had."

May said the EDC has been fortunate that the local economy has been good.

"In fiscal terms," he said, "we are in excellent shape in terms of funding that we have available should the right set of projects come along."

May said he is pleased that the EDC should be capable of funding projects now based on its current assets and cash they have on hand.

He noted in the report, however, that the PEDC is concerned about the deteriorating economic conditions that influence their goals and objectives. He said he expects 2009 to be a challenging

Looking ahead, May

listed a long but vague list of projects that the EDC is pursuing, including assisted living facilities, apartments, town houses, a light commercial strip mall, modular housing development, athletic field improvements, golf course improvements, retail retention and acquisition, new movie theater possibilities, wind energy development, coal power generating facility, transportation staging area, new board members selection process and approval and Celanese Chemical Plant employees job fair.

He said that the EDC would begin in December what they're 2009 goals and objectives are going

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Jesus Santacruz, was arrested and had a bond set at \$15,000 and Andrew had a bond set at \$10,000. They both remain in jail as of Tuesday afternoon. A small amount of suspected marijuana was found on the scene, but a charge was not filed, according to Rushing.

In another traffic stop, which occurred late Monday evening, Delbert Lynn Thompson, 42, of Pampa was arrested for possession of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than four grams.

Thompson was a passenger in vehicle during the stop, conducted by Deputy Steven White.

"He (White) investigated to the point that he was able to find suspected meth on Delbert," Rushing explained.

Rond Thompson at \$10,000, who bonded out yester-

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The commission will consider a road crossing on Gray County Road 8, during their Monday morning meeting going out with bids for a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Department.

In other business, they will consider line item transfers, budget amendments and a definition of fringe benefits.

They will also consider a resolution supporting a grant application.

The Gray County Commission will meet at 9 a.m., Monday, in the Gray County Courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse.

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\$63,223. If some of the smaller cities back out, Pitner said the cost to Pampa would be only a few hundred dollars because they would have only a small share of the project, and Pampa's share of the water would increase.

"The larger cities aren't going to back out," Pitner said. "Lubbock and Amarillo are driving

Amarillo would have the largest share of debt at 40.62 percent and an average annual bond payment of \$713,365. Lubbock would be the second largest with 37.06 percent of the project and an annual average bond payment of 650,844.

Pampa is fifth, followed by Levelland, Brownfield and Lamesa, all with less than three percent of the project.

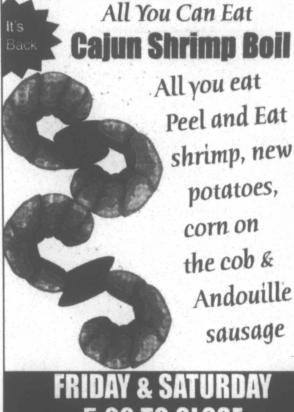
Gov. Perry: Proposed EPA rules will cripple **Texas economy**

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry today strongly urged the Environmental Protection Agency against passing a proposed framework for regulating greenhouse gas emissions due to its devastating implications for Texas' economy and energy industry.

"The EPA is making plans to re-interpret the Federal Clean Air Act in ways that were never contemplated when this law was passed and will cripple the Texas economy," said Gov. Perry. "The methods under consideration by the EPAwill punish innovation, cost jobs and drive investment out of Texas and overseas.'

The EPA's proposed regulations would for the first time subject large swaths of the economy to costly and time consuming regulation and permitting, including commercial buildings, churches, small farms, hotels, hospitals, and even large residential homes while having a negligible effect on worldwide concentrations of greenhouse gases.

As the nation's leading energy producer, implementing such regulations would cripple the Texas' energy sector, irreparably damaging both the state andnational economies, and severely impacting national oil and gas supplies."

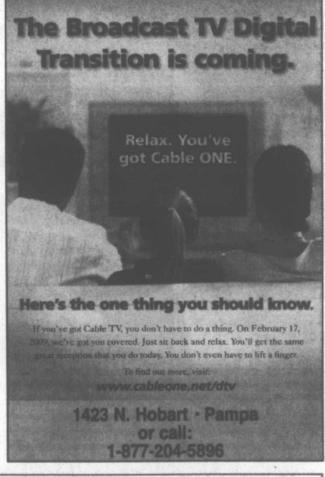


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By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 28, the 333rd day of 2008. There are 33 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 28, 1942, nearly 500 people died in a fire that destroyed the Cocoanut Grove nightclub in Boston.

On this date:

In 1520, Portuguese navigator Ferdinand Magellan reached the Pacific Ocean after passing through the South American strait that now bears his name.

In 1907, future movie producer Louis B. Mayer opened his first movie theater, in Haverhill, Mass.

'I am not sure that God always knows who are His great men; He is so very careless of what happens to them while they live.'

> — Mary Hunter Austin American novelist and playwright (1868-1934)

In 1919, American-born Lady Astor was elected the first female member of British the Parliament.

In 1943, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began conferring during Tehran World War II.

In 1958, Chad, Gabon and Middle Congo became autonomous

republics within the French community In 1964, the United States launched the space probe Mariner 4 on a course to Mars.

In 1979, an Air New Zealand DC-10 en route to the South Pole crashed into a mountain in Antarctica, killing all 257 people aboard.

In 1987, a South African Airways Boeing 747 crashed into the Indian Ocean with the loss of all 159 people aboard.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher resigned as British prime minister during an audience with Queen Elizabeth II, who conferred the premiership on John Major.

In 2001, Enron Corp. collapsed after would-be rescuer Dynegy Inc. backed out of an \$8.4 billion deal to take it over.

Ten years ago: Some Republicans expressed disappointment and outrage over President Clinton's written responses to 81 questions from the House Judiciary Committee concerning the Monica Lewinsky affair, with one accusing the president of "word games."

Five years ago: President Bush returned to his ranch in Crawford, Texas, after a secret, nearly 36-hour journey that took him to Iraq for a Thanksgiving visit with U.S. troops.

One year ago: O.J. Simpson pleaded not guilty in Las Vegas to charges of kidnapping and armed robbery stemming from a confrontation with sports memorabilia dealers. (Simpson and a codefendant were convicted last month.)

Today in History Texas tales: Name snafus

Call 'em boo-boo towns.

The Texas map is sprinkled with cities and towns that got their names by mistake.

Take Andice Williamson County.

Isaac Newton, a fellow who shared his name with the 18th century scientist who pondered the law of gravity, settled in western Williamson County with his wife in the early 1890s. To get by, they operated a small grocery store. As business grew along with the community, Newton thought the establishment of a post office would be in order.

He decided that post office ought to be named for his newly born son, Audice, and duly petitioned the U.S. Post Office Department for authority to use that name. Unfortunately, to expand on that other Isaac Newton's famous theory, what goes up to Washington sometimes comes down wrong.

officials Postal approved the request, but a busy bureaucrat misread Newton's handwriting and took the "u" in Audice to be an "n." The result was a nice post

office called Andice. As Floyd Parsons noted in his 1994 memoir, "Memories of a Lifetime," since Andice was not a real word until the government made it a Texas place name, no one knew the correct pronunciation. "To this day," he wrote, "some people pronounce it with a long 'i' and some with a short 'i.'"

In Comanche County, a small community named Sipe Springs dots the map. It's

pro-Mike nounced "Seep Cox Springs, which Columnist sounds

like what

springs do. But the place is named for someone named Sipe.

According to Jerry Morgan, publisher of the Deleon Free Press, some well-intentioned postal official corrected what he believed to be a spelling error. In turn, that created an actual spelling error. It also made another for boo-boo town.

accidental Another naming category includes towns whose names represented second choices, the first-submitted name already having been taken or, in modern government speak, "disapproved" for some other cause.

The Matagorda County town of Blessing is an example of this phenome-

Rancher Jonathan E. Pierce donated right of way for the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad when it headed toward the county in 1903. Two years later, when another railroad came through, its lines bisected the GH&SA trackage. That created an

instant terminus, much to the delight of Pierce and other Matagorda County landowners.

Pierce felt the railroads had been a God-send for his part

of Texas, and in suggesting name for the new town that went up

at the railroad intersection, he proposed "Thank God, Texas." Postal officials must have seen that as a potential church-state conflict and rejected the name. The rancher took another shot at it and came up with Blessing. Post Office The Department duly gave its blessing official Blessing.

It's a blessing for many a small Texas town that Washington wasn't even more picky. On April 9, 1894, the Postmaster General issued Order No. 114, "To remove a cause of annoyance to the Department and injury to the Postal Service in the selection of names for newly established post offices ..." The nation's top mailman decreed that only "short names' or names of 'one word' will be accepted." knows why he felt inclined to put emphasis quotes on "short names" and "one word."

Softening his stance a bit, the official said the department might grant some exceptions "when

the names selected is historical, or has become local by long usage, but the Department reserves the right in such cases to make the exception or not as it sees proper."

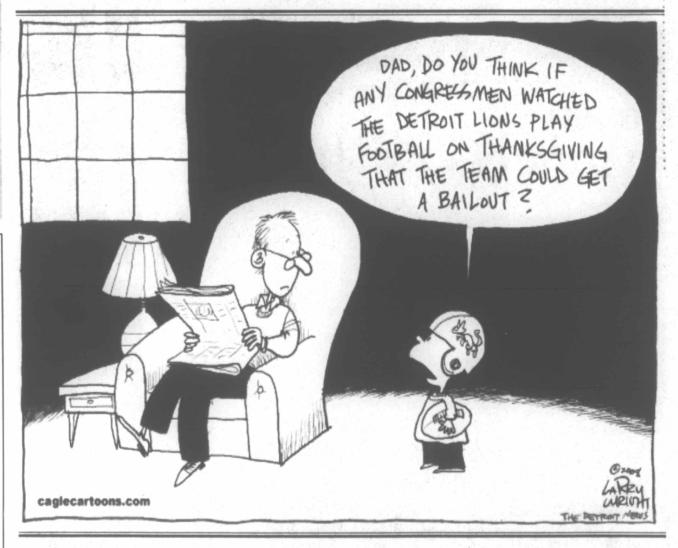
The department, he continued in his order, stood particularly opposed to prefixes such "East," "West," "North," "South," "Old," "New," "Burg," "Center,"
"City," "Corners," "City," 'Creek," "Crossroads," and "Hill." "Depot" Prefixes like those, when included in a town name, "are liable to lead to confusion and delay in transmission of the mails."

Sometimes, while a town is named correctly, people get it wrong when they refer to it. The prime Texas manifestation of this is the Howard County seat, Big Spring. It's singular. No "s." But to many people, the city is and always will be Big Springs. New Braunfels has the same problem in reverse - people often call it New "Braunsfel," moving the "s" from the end to the middle.

Of course, a mistake involving a town name is small papas fritas compared with the biggest; boo-boo name of all -Texas.

The name traces to the time of the earliest Spanish explorations of part of the this Southwest. When a party of the King's men ran across some Caddoan

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Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

Nov. 24

San Antonio Express-News on a sovereign Iraq:

It says much about the intentions of the United States that with a 150,000-strong military force in Iraq, it has negotiated with the Iraqi government about a status of forces agreement. If the United States were truly interested in an imperium, or if the Iraqi government were its puppet, there would be no need to go through with the charade.

But over more than 12 months, American and Iraqi negotiators did hammer out a legal framework to shape the U.S. occupation after the United Nations mandate expires at the end of this year. American combat forces will pull out of Iraqi cities by June. By the end of 2011, they'll leave the

country entirely. In the interim, the United States will not use bases in Iraq to launch attacks on its neighbors.

If the Iraqi Parliament passes the status of forces agreement and if it holds, it will mark a monumental change. The violent Baathist dictatorship of prewar Iraq destabilized the Middle East. So did the Iraq of only two years ago that was spiraling into ethnic and sectarian civil war.

What changed? Al-Qaida and its allies overplayed their hand. Iraq's Sunni minority grew tired of their depredations. The U.S. military surge and a new counterinsurgency

deaths in October fell to the lowest monthly level of the war. Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki challenged the threat posed by the paramilitary squads

strategy succeeded. U.S. military

of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and his Iranian patrons. The Iraqi military and other governmental institutions have grown more competent. The once distant vision of what a stable, peaceful Iraq might look like is getting closer.

Much can still go wrong in Iraq. Security and political progress is delicate. The enemies of the emerging order both inside Iraq and neighboring countries have ample opportunity to create

Many Americans and Iraqis aren't pleased with the three-year time frame for ending the U.S. occupation. But forfeiting the hard won gains of the last 22 months gains achieved with American and Iraqi blood for political expediency would be a mistake. http://www.mysanantonio.com/op inion/editorials

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Ellen Kretzmeier, 94

AIKEN, S.C. — Ellen Kretzmeier, 94, died Nov. 25, 2008, at Aiken.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. today in Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa with the Rev. Steve Cox, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Gardens Cemetery under the direc-Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

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У Kretzmeier Kretzmeier, on

Nov. 23, 2002. The couple lived in a sponsor on a United Pampa from 1932 until Nations trip to New York,

in their retirement years.

They were both members, and held top state offices as president and grand master, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. Mrs. Kretzmeier was

moving to Lake Palestine sponsored by the IOOF,

the only organization with this honor. After her husband's death, she moved to Tyler then Mercedes and finally, in 2006, to Aiken.

Survivors include a son, LeRoy Kretzmeier of Aiken; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and nine greatgreat-grandchildren.

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

Services tomorrow

BARNETT, Beulah "Boots" - 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatleyal Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. ROBBINS, Max - 10 a.m., Memory

Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa. WYATT, Mildred - 2 p.m., Bailey-Ware Funeral Home Chapel, McLean.

Mildred Wyatt, 86

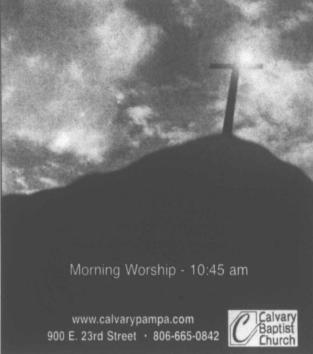
McLEAN - Mildred Home Wyatt, 86, died Nov. 26, 2008, at Lockney. at 2 p.m. Saturday in Bailey-Ware Funeral

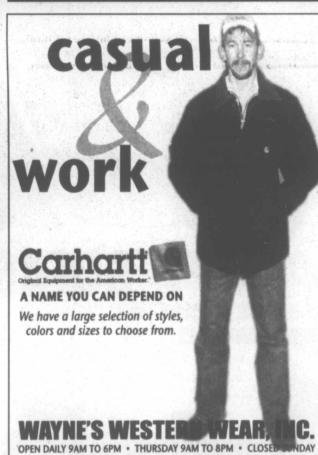
Chapel McLean. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in Services are scheduled McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware.

More obituaries on page 2 ...

This Sunday's sermon by Pastor Richard Bartel

"The Promise of Christmas"





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Max Robbins, 77

Max Robbins, 77, of Pampa Pampa, Texas, died Nov. 26, 2008, in Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Robbins was born 1931, in McPherson, Kan. He was graduate of

School. married Beverly Milligan Jan. 9, 1957, in Stillwater, Okla. worked as a supervisor for Celanese Chemical plant Robbins

for 30 years.

Mr. Robbins was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, during serving the Korean Conflict. In his early years, he enjoyed spending time playing golf, fishing and scuba



wife, Beverly

Robbins, of the

home; daughter, Tina Moore and husband Steve of Parker, Colo.; son, Trace Robbins and wife Emily of Coppell; brother, Gene Robbins and wife Norma of Pampa; sister-in-law,

June Robbins of Pampa; and five grandchildren, Kendall Moore, Kassie Moore, Kaylee Moore, Tate Robbins and Tanna Robbins.

Mr. Robbins was preceded in death by his parents, Dewey and Clara L. Robbins; a daughter, Tonia Lee Robbins; and a brother, Deryl Robbins.

MEMORIALS Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Altrusa



submitted photo Laura Martin, from left, Myrna Orr, Kerrick Horton and Darlene Birkes (background) prepared

where her children and hus-

band sat eating turkey din-

ners from foam containers.

"In a way, that makes this

Thanksgiving even more

special. We got out of it

gift baskets for Schneider House residents during a recent meeting of Pampa's Altrusa International, Inc. Schneider House is one of Altrusa's community service projects.

In hurricane-ravaged town, holiday brings hope

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SAN LEON, Texas (AP) In this small fishing community on Galveston Bay where so much was lost this year, Thanksgiving was a day to celebrate what has been found.

It was a day for Hurricane Ike survivors to gather once again under white tents, to pull into a parking lot for boxes of food, and to receive help from a small army of volunteers — just as they did in the bleak, blurred days following the Sept. 13 storm.

San Leon, a town of 4,200 where many make a living from fishing, shrimping and oystering, was nearly crippled by the storm. About 900 people lost their homes, with as many as 1,500 of the 1,800 houses there damaged by the storm. Ike also wiped out about half of the bay's oysters and shredded fishing boats.

This time, however, there were smiles, not grim faces. There were families breaking bread side-by-side, not scattered by evacuation. There was hope, not

despair. This time, the San Leon residents were coming together at a Thanksgiving dinner organized by volunteers from the Valero's Texas City refinery and the Lighthouse Charity Team, not in a teeming disaster relief site.

And this time, there were countless reminders of the strength that can be forged by tragedy.

Maribel Saenz, 40, lost her home in the hurricane. For more than two months, Saenz, her husband, three sons, daughter-in-law and disabled mother have been living in a small room in the decimated house.

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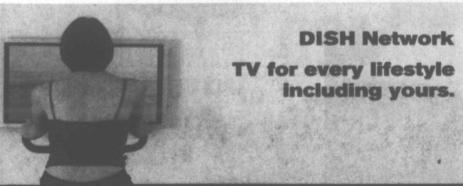
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Two weeks ago, the family got a FEMA trailer, but as of yet, no electricity which means no way to cook a Thanksgiving din-

Yet, in the midst of hardship, Saenz was grateful for many things.

"We're thankful we got out of it. We're still a family," said Saenz, as she glanced around the table,

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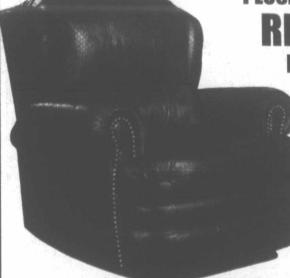


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Deer smugglers sentenced to prison

AUSTIN, Texas – A Texas man and a Minnesota man were both sentenced to federal prison terms yesterday for illegally transporting white-tailed deer across state lines.

On Nov. 24 in Plano near Dallas, Federal District Judge Richard A. Schell sentenced Robert Eichenour, owner of Circle E Ranch in Grimes County, Texas, to 18 months in federal prison. Eichenour must also serve 36 months probation after his release from prison and pay a \$50,000 fine. Brian Becker of Minnesota was also sentenced to 33 months in federal prison and 36 months probation after his release.

During the probation period, neither man will be allowed to sell deer. The equipment used by both during their illegal endeavor was also forfeited. Both men were convicted of felony violations of the federal Lacey Act, which prohibits the transportation of illegally captured or prohibited animals across state lines.

The two men were caught on Oct. 22, 2006, in a smuggling sting operation conducted by the Texas Parks and Department Special Operations Unit and United States Fish and Wildlife Service Special Agents. Eichenour and Becker were caught smuggling 14 white-tailed buck deer from Minnesota to Eichenour's ranch in Grimes County.

Investigators say the plan was for Eichenour to bring in hunters and sell hunts for the trophy Minnesota bucks.

After a lengthy investigation it was determined that, over a four year period, Becker and Eichenour had smuggled in approximately \$300,000 worth of white-tailed bucks. Other investigations continue involving people Eichenour did business with as a permitted deer breeder in Texas.

"Texas game wardens and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents continue to work together to deter illegal trafficking in wildlife across our state and across America," said Col. Peter Flores, TPWD Law Enforcement Division director. "The illegal trade may be perceived to be profitable for some, but the price to pay is high when they are caught, and we hope that this type of penalty will deter those who would engage in the illegal wildlife trade."

The lead investigators for Texas Parks and Wildlife Department were the late Sgt. Adam Chrane and Sgt. Brad Chappell, both investigators in a TPWD special operations unit that focuses on large scale cases which cross regional lines. The U.S Fish and Wildlife Service was represented in the case by Special AgentMike Merida. The federal prosecutor was Assistant U.S. Attorney Shamoil T. Shipchandler in Dallas. During the sentencing phase, former TPWD employee Brian Richards was called to testify about the threat of disease associated with the smuggled deer.

Richards is currently employed by the U.S. Geological Survey as a Chronic Wasting Disease specialist.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 15 years to the sweetest man in the world. We love each other, we like each other, and I feel truly fortunate. I was recently involved in a conversation with some co-workers who were discussing marriage, and they asked me what I would do if my husband left me. I told them I trust my husband completely, and I know he would never leave me. I was then informed that I am living in a fairy tale! The rest of the conversation was spent trying to convince me that my husband will eventually leave me, even though none of these people has ever met him. He has never cheated on me. I tried to explain that there are still some decent men in the world, but they refused to accept it. Abby, I prefer not to live my life looking for negative things because I believe it taints relationships. I believe that if I continue to view my marriage as blessed and wonderful, it will be. Why can't people allow

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others to be happy? What prevents these people from seeing good instead of bad and, more important, why can't they see that there are couples in good marriages who are committed to making them work? -- HAPPI-LY MARRIED IN CORPUS

DEAR HAPPILY MARRIED: Have you never heard the expression "misery loves company"? Some people are so dysfunctional that the only way they can make themselves feel better is to make others feel worse. When they see a happily married couple, it reminds them that in some way they failed or chose someone who failed them. You have a healthy, optimistic attitude and a successful marriage. Please do not allow

your-co-workers to continue to

spread their negativity, or sooner

or later it may affect you. Avoid

them, live your life, continue to

appreciate what you have, and let

them wallow in their suspicion

and discontent.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I host Christmas at our home. We have always served the meals buffet-style. Please tell me how to address the problem of relatives who move down the serving line constantly licking their fingers and then touching the utensils of all the other dishes. This may not be a concern to everyone, but to us it is unsanitary and unappetizing. While we're on the subject, whatever happened to people washing their hands before they eat? Please hurry with your answer. The holidays are almost here, and I need a solution. -- PICKY IN WASHING-

DEAR PICKY: While it's advisable for people to wash their hands before eating, not everyone does -- and unless you want to assume the role of "Mommy" and pass out anti-bacterial hand wipes as people get in line, you may have to accept that some of your guests won't do it. As to how to handle the "contaminated" utensils, consider serving the food cafeteria-style, with you and your spouse doling it out to each of your guests. This should eliminate the "ick" factor.

DEAR ABBY: I know this issue has been addressed before in your column, but now it has happened to me. My adult son died a year ago. It was very sudden. I try not to constantly talk about him, but when I meet people for the first time and I am asked if I have children, how should I respond? I have one other child, an adult daughter. -- WONDERING IN OHIO

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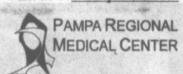
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Nov. 29, 2008:

This year, keep your eyes wide open especially when dealing with finances. If you play it conservatively and (1) put in overtime or (2) cut your budget, you might be hit less hard by the economy's swings. Nearly anything and all is possible this year. Do needed research before buying an expensive item or making an investment. You cannot be too careful. If you are single, you might want to splash and rev up your image. You will meet someone before you know it. Don't automatically decide this person is it. If you are attached, you work well as a team. Ask for needed support, and you will get just that. CAPRICORN helps you make

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

been avoiding it. Bring family or friends together. You could be surprised by what happens when feelings flourish. Fatigue could slow you down. Allow yourself to take a nap. Tonight: A must appearance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You might want to take a day off or go for an outing. Relaxation flows when you change the scene and those around you. Come back with a new perspective, ready to make a positive change. Tonight: You will be happiest where there is music GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Discussions surround an

important relationship or mutual deci-

*** Take a stand, even if you have

sion. Try not to hide away, but rather come in with a clear decision. Investigate financial and security options more carefully. Don't push a decision. Tonight:

Loving the moment CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Your ability to bounce back helps you deal with the many people around you. Transform a relationship when this person seems ready to meet you halfway. You could be pleased with the end results. Everyone will be smiling.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** Get into a project. Your willingness to pitch in makes a difference. You see that sharing a hobby with a child or approaching a loved one differently could make all the difference. Be open to possibilities. Tonight: Keep plans low-

Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** You become far more playful than you have been in a while. As you are able to express more of your feelings, you will see the comfort and security that builds from that openness. You will want to repeat this type of openness again.

Tonight: Say yes to an offer. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You might not be able to let go of a problem or indulge a difficult friend or loved one. First start healing yourself, then your relationships will heal more easily. Try not to suffocate your feelings; at least be frank with yourself. That is the

first step. Tonight: Fun and game SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Be aware of the cost of saying no. You might have a better time if you establish boundaries. Someone might be more comfortable because this person

knows where he or she stands. Tonight:

Hang out with friends. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Deal with finances directly. Face

facts - it probably is clear that you cannot shove a problem under the rug. Consider putting in some overtime if you feel squeezed financially. Tonight: Dinner out doesn't need to cost a fortune. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You smile, and others respond. Use your charisma to change

feelings around your immediate circle. Be willing to say no to someone loud and clear. You will feel better. Tonight: Let your hair down. Time to have fun! AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ** Know when to walk away from a problem and not become tainted by the

situation. Your instincts are right-on, especially with a partner. Act while you can and while you have a receptive audience. Tonight: Play it low-key. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Zero in on what you want accepting friends' invitations. Avoid being alone; be with those you love and

seems to be more amenable right now. Tonight: Where the party is. **BORN TODAY** Author Louisa May Alcott (1832), English blues singer John Mayall (1933),

author C.S. Lewis (1898)

care about. A partner who can be touchy

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Sports

Pampa earns clean Lady Pirates improve play sweep at Borger

Pampa Varsity Boys

stories by Bob Ericson The Pampa News

The Harvester Varsity boys basketball team followed the JV at Borger with a victory of their own.

Alex Torres started the scoring with a two point jumper and Pampa led 5-4. early Alex Clendening scored from the lane and the lead grew to 10-4. Hayden Skinner buried a three pointer and with 1:30 to go in the first the score was be 15-6.

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The Harvesters scored again on an assist from Heath Skinner to Hayden Skinner and the first quarter ended at 17-11 Harvester lead. Pampa forced a Borger timeout leading 21-13. With 4:10 left in the half Pampa's defense stiffened to lead 23-13. Torres hits a three

pointer an Pampa would lead 26-15 with two minutes to go. Harvester would end the half leading 29-18. Blake Sieck passed to Matt Smith for a jam and the Harvester lead grew to 33-20 with 5:00 left in the third quarter. Borger would trim the lead 33-24 after a technical foul on the Harvesters. Clendening assisted Heath Skinner and Pampa led 36-26. Skinner scored and make the free throw to make the score 39-29 with 1:16 remaining in the third. Borger made a short run at Pampa and trimmed the lead 39-32. Clendening and Torres scored a pair of buckets to leave the score 46-33 with 5:30 to go in the game. Borger would make another run but

Pampa held them at bay

and the final score wasbe

56-45, Harvesters win.

Clendening led with scores with 17, Hayden Skinner 10, Matt Smith and Alex Torres 8, Heath Skinner 5, Blake Sieck 4 and Travis Haggerman and Ryan Jimenez with 2

The Harvester will play this weekend at home in the Lions Club tournam-



photo by Lendi Jackson Senior Misty Pairsh of the Lady Pirates drives around a Darrouzett defender. The Lefors Lady Pirates improved their record to 1-2 this week as they defeated Darrouzett 33-28. Lefors will play Silverton on Tuesday, December 2 in Silverton at 6:00 p.m.

Pampa JV Boys

Pampa Harvester JV boys basketball team beat

Borger 40-27 Tuesday night at Borger.

Pampa used tenacious aggressive defense to hold the Bulldogs to 27 points and a win. Pampa started quickly and established a 13-2 lead after one period. At half the lead had shrunk to 20-13. The third quarter was Pampa's and they opened the lead back to 34-23. The Harvesters held the Bulldogs to four points in the final period and scored six to win the game by 13 points. Scoring for the Harvesters included Garrett Ericson 8,

Lefors preps for tonight's game

The Pirates have continued to practice daily to prepare for the game against the Silverton Owls at River Road in Amarillo this evening at 8:00 p.m.

This game will be challenging for the Pirates because Silverton is a power team, and the Pirates will have to stop Silverton's running game. "It will be a tough game for us. They are a big, strong physical team and they will try to wear us out," Coach Ski explained. "We plan to spread out and take advantage of our quickness. We will substitute to try to keep our team fresh."

The Pirates will be playing in the state quarterfinals for six-man football, and this is the furthest Lefors has progressed in the history of the school. The small city has come alive under the influence of Pirate football. The windows of the local convenience store, the Lefors Federal Credit Union, Lefors City Hall and Johnson's General are hand-painted with Pirate murals. McMinn's Cafe has created lifesize slogans along main street, like "mix the Matadors." The next includes a giant rocking-horse in a fence with a sign below reading "Corral the Mustangs." This week, the cafe has set up a giant bird-cage with a decoy owl inside. Below, in large letters, the sign reads "Cage the Owls."

The city is hoping the Pirates will do just that. Alumni, former players, or any football fans would be welcome on the Pirates side of the field tonight to





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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday, Nov. 24 Seven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the intersection of Barnes and Frederic streets. and the 400 block of South

An accident was reported in the 400 block of West Atchison.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the intersection of Buckler and Faulkner streets, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 1900 block of North Grape, the 1100 block of Prairie Drive, the 1000 block of South Varnon, the police department lobby, the 1100 block of South Campanella, the 900 block of East Francis, the 1000 block of Huff, the 500 block of North Faulkner, the 500 block of West Cook, the 900 block of East Jordan and the 900 block of West Cinderella.

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Burglary was reported at Culberson-Stowers, 805 N. Hobart, where someone reportedly broke into the body shop and went through items in the cars. Nothing was reported stolen.

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Lost property was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart, where a purse containing Social Security cards, a debit card, a residency card and \$80 in cash was reportedly taken.

Thefts were reported in the 2100 block of North Lynn, where a tailgate and trailer hitch were reportedly stolen, valued at \$650; and the 500 block of North Nelson, where a refrigerator, dryer and four heaters were reportedly taken, valued at \$975.

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

A missing person was reported in the 2600 block of North Fir.

Identity theft was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart, where fraudulent use of a debit card was reported. Agency assistance was ren-

dered in the 2600 block of East Frederic, where a K9 dog assisted Gray County Sheriff's Office in a search for drugs; and the 500 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of South Sumner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of East 17th.

Civil matters were reported in the 2100 block of North Hamilton.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of West Foster, where a mountain bike was found.

An assault was reported in the 800 block of East Francis. A prowler was reported in the 300 block of South Tignor.

Tuesday, Nov. 25 Seven traffic stops were reported. Stops in the 1000 block of Neel, the 600 block of North West, the 700 block of West Brown and the 900 block of West 21st led to

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of South Varnon Drive.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Francis and Frost

Burglaries were reported in the police department lobby and the 2300 block of North Hobart.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following

Saturday, Nov. 22

Casey Chase Dominguez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for a theft of property.

Luis Alberto Cruz, 17, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for a prohibited weapon and theft of property.

Jose Refugio Mendez, 38, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication and disorderly conduct-urinating in public.

John Fitzgerald Cook, 43, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphemalia, failure to maintain financial responsibility and unlawful carrying of a

Heather Ruth Goldthrite, 23, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for possession of marijuana in Lubbock County.

Roy Franklin Cook III, 25, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for assault causing bodily injury-family violence.

Alexandro Pena, 25, of 35, of Pampa was arrested in

Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication and failure to appear.

Jorge Leon Desantigo, 32, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for no Texas driver's license, no valid driver's license, no insurance and expired registration.

Sharon Louise Jones, 33, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for injury to a child/elderly/disabled person with intent to commit bodily injury.

Timothy Kris Davison, 48, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for assault to cause bodily injury, no valid driver's license, expired motor vehicle inspection, expired motor vehicle registration and no financial responsibility.

Martin Robert Wesley, 27. of Tulsa, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana greater than 4-

ounces but less than 5-pounds. Clyde Christian McLeod, 28, of Tulsa, Okla., was arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana greater than 4ounces but less than 5-pounds.

Francisco Gamez River, 53, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for public intoxication.

Lino Soto Cabrales, 26, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's

Monday, Nov. 24

Jesus Mauel Santacruz, 23, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possesion of a controlled substance less than one gram, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and failure to appear-unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Andrew Manuel Santacruz, 21, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested by the GSCO for possesion of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than

Delbert Lynn Thompson, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GSCO for possesion of a controlled substance greater than one gram but less than four

Tuesday, Nov. 25 Angela Christy Moreno,

the 100 block of South Sumner by PPD for public intoxication, no valid driver's license, no liability insurace, expired motor vehicle inspection, expired motor vehicle registration, unsafe speed and leaving the scene of an acci-

Christopher Dale Shouse, 32, of Pampa was arrested by GSCO for violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free

Miranda Renee Ward, 37, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 1000 block of Neel Road for no valid driver's license and no liability insur-

Kristi Dawn Summers, 33, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for criminal trespass in Randall County.

Christopher Lance Mirabella, 33, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 700 block of West Brown for driving while intoxicated-second offense, expired motor vehicle inspection, no valid driver's license, warrant for no seat bealt and a warrant for failure to appear.

Lewis Dee Robinson, 32, of White Deer was arrested by PPD in the 900 block of West 21st on a warrant for theft of property greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

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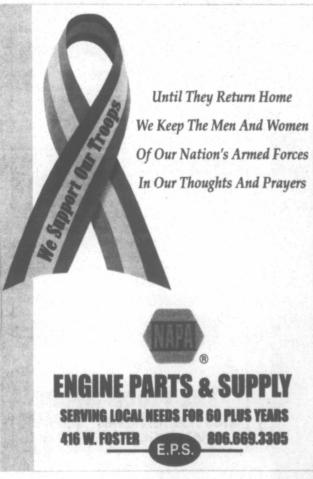


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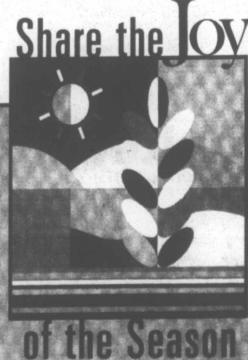




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Minister's Musings On the subject of Christ and Christmas...

I just had an embroidered Christmas shirt made special for this Christmas by my good friend Margo Delong who owns Patches. Now, those of you who know me probably know just how "weird" this is for me.

I wear lots of Christian shirts (the bolder the better), but

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usually the Christmas shirts are way too "girly" looking for me. So what changed? Our country, our times and way too many Americans have

changed. Let me describe the shirt. On the front and back it says, "Merry Christmas" and has a Bethlehem star. So what is different about this shirt? The "Christ" in Christmas is bright red; "Merry" and "mas" are green. It shouts to all who see the shirt, "Christ is the real meaning of Christmas and without Him there is no real Christmas."

In our country too many Americans have forgotten what freedom of religion means. The First Amendment of Constitution states, U.S. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof " That means that our government isn't to be a "pusher" of any one religious group, neither is it to be a "hineither. Notice that this first amendment isn't a freedom FROM religion; it is a guarantee of the freedom OF religion.

So why all of the stink over "Christ-

Five-time Grammy and

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ner Russ Taff will be the

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on Dec. 7. Taff is a former

member of "The Imperials"

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both Christian groups, and

has been a soloist for many

years. Two of his award-

winning songs are "Praise

the Lord" and "We Will

Stand." The public is invit-

ed to morning worship at

10:45 a.m. Dec. 7 as well as

the banquet which will

begin at 6 p.m. Tickets for

the banquet are \$12 for

adults and \$8 for children.

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mas"? It is because of those six little letters: C-H-R-I-S-T. There are more and more Americans who not only don't really believe in Him, but don't want to have to come in contact with Him or His name. Why? Because when Jesus comes into contact with a

> person He either I-S-T.

can't do much to change a lot that is wrong in our country. But I can send a little message to many fellow Pampans that Christ is the only reason there is a Christmas. Stores and businesses aren't closed on Dec. 25 in observance of some generic, no-name "happy holiday." That day is a special "holy-day" because our nation chose to honor the birth of Jesus Christ, the only begotten son of God.

cheap-talking one, look for ways in your own life to send that message this Christmas season. Whether it is through the clothes you wear or your outdoor decorations or the Christmas cards you send or whatever. Look for ways to remind everybody that C-H-R-I-S-T is the real meaning of Christmas. And when you observe Christmas with your family be sure to put Jesus Christ at the center.

CHRISTMAS BANQUET

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draws them closer to Himself or He makes

them push Him away. No one is ever neutral when they come face to face with "C-H-R-So why the shirt? I

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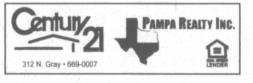
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Good Sam's sets next meeting

Samaritan Christian Services, 309 N. Ward, will convene its next board meeting at 5 p.m. Jan. 26 at the facility. According to the organization's monthly newsletter, 16 board members from 10 churches were present at the November meeting.

The newsletter provided the following statistics for the month of October: Families served, 454; individuals, 1,567; food orders, 388; clothing orders, 177; util-

ity aid (\$50), 27; transportation assistance, 5; medical Rx, 12; lodging, 2; others assisted, 63; and new clients, 53.

A total of 15 turkeys were donated for Thanksgiving. The Episcopal Church donated 10 new blankets and a number of coats. High Plains Food Bank gave free pears to the charity and sold Good Sam's hams/hens at a cost of 16-cents per pound.

The newsletter recognized the efforts of vol-

unteers Bob Steger and Phil Meek. Volunteers are needed to help unload food stuffs from the food bank truck on Wednesday mornings. For more information, call 665-0073.

The following items are sought by the charity for the month of December: Men's tennis shoes, all-sizes of children's shoes, baby food, blankets, towels, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo and brown paper bags.

This weekly series brought to you by these area businesses.

Career assignment



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Jose L. Hernandez recently performed a job shadow assignment for Becky Day's Career Investigation class at Pampa Junior High. Hernandez spent his day at the Pampa Fire Department to learn about being a firefighter.

Ike, healthcare strain upcoming state budget

visions of tax rebates danced in the heads of Republican leaders at the mere mention of an \$11 billion state budget surplus. Texas, they claimed, had dodged the national meltdown.

Six months later, the surplus appears to have shriveled as costs mount and worsening economic news starts to shrink once-robust tax returns.

The state's budget is being hit with up to \$2 billion for its share of costs from Hurricane Ike, rapid growth in Medicaid costs and enrollment, lower oil prices that might mean less income in the state's Rainy Day Fund, slowed consumer spending and lower-than-projected revenues from the state's new business tax in the fund intended to pay for public schools.

The fraction of the projected \$11 billion surplus that was left unencumbered will almost certainly be eaten up early in the upcoming legislative session by costs of Ike and Medicaid enrollment growth. Those items could cost together as much as \$3.2 billion in the 2008-2009 budget before they even get started on the 2010-2011 budget, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick said recently.

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The costs of Ike, the Sept. 13 hurricane that socked the Gulf Coast, are estimated to top \$15 billion total, but the state expects the federal government to cover at least 75 percent of that.

Lawmakers are scheduled to convene in Austin Jan. 13 for the biennial 140day legislative session. The state budget \$167 billion for the current two-year period — is the only legislation they're legally required to pass.

The first noticeable chink in the state's economic armor came last month when Gov. Rick Perry urged state agencies to

AUSTIN (AP) — Last summer, lower their budget requests and cut spending. Agencies responded by cutting travel expenses for training and seminars.

The estimated \$11 billion surplus was made up of three parts:

- \$5.7 billion in taxes that companies pay when oil and gas is retrieved from Texas land. That estimated portion of the oil and gas tax money goes into the so-called Rainy Day Fund, a savings account that can only be tapped with the approval of a supermajority of the Legislature.

\$3 billion set aside two years ago to give to schools to make up for prop-

\$2 billion that would have been

leftover for spending.

But even that leftover amount may not be available as consumer spending plummets and with it, sales tax revenue.

The official estimate — the number lawmakers use to write the budget won't be known until Comptroller Susan Combs announces it Jan. 12. Depressed consumer spending could further deplete that total.

"We're talking about 'what if," Dewhurst cautioned. "We're still waiting to see what the revenue estimate is from the comptroller."

Further exacerbating budget uncertainties, health care costs are rapidly rising and enrollment in entitlement programs is expected to grow with the economic slowdown.

"I think the other problem we face out there is that our economy, as it gets softer, you have more people going in to these programs," Craddick said recently. "And that makes a big difference you can't estimate. You'll see that in (the Children's Health Insurance Program) and everything else."



Doctor: Hopes of separating conjoined girls dashed

DALLAS (AP) — The doctor who brought conjoined twins from Europe to the United States to be evaluated for surgery says there's no longer a chance the 4-year-old girls will one day lead separate lives.

Last year, doctors at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital in Cleveland attempted to separate Anastasia and Tatiana Dogaru, who are joined at the head. But even after that surgery was deemed too dangerous and called off, the craniofacial surgeon whose foundation brought the girls to Dallas as babies was hopeful that separation might still be possible.

But no longer.

"We have finally decided that it's in these girls' best interest that they remain like they are and that's really hard for me to say because I've been optimistic about separation," Dr. Kenneth Salyer, chairman and founder of the Dallas-based non-

profit World Craniofacial Foundation, told The Associated Press.

He said attempts to find other medical centers to take the case were unsuccessful after the failed Ohio attempt. Other complications arose as the twins grew older. One girl's brain is growing into the other's, making surgery impossible. Also, their brains' ability to recover from a separation surgery diminished with

"As they've gotten older and they've grown and developed — it's now too dangerous to separate the children," Salyer said.

The girls, who will be 5 in January, were born in Rome to Romanian parents. The top of Tatiana's head is attached to the back of Anastasia's, meaning the girls have never been able to look each other in the eye. Anastasia has no kidney function and relies on Tatiana's kidneys.





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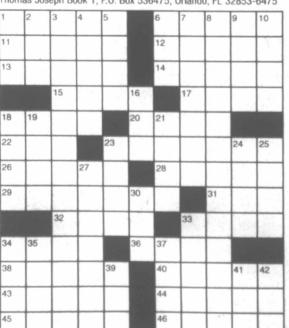
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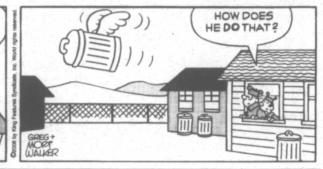






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TCA pushes national designation for Neches

BEAUMONT, Texas (AP) — A state conservation group is pushing for the Neches River to receive a special federal designation that would shield the East Texas waterway from dam or channel projects.

The Texas Conservation Alliance launched an initiative to have the Neches recognized as a National Scenic River. The group says the designation would protect the river yet not restrict commerce and industry stemming from it, the Beaumont Enterprise reported.

City of Dallas and state water planners have looked to the Neches for a reservoir they say will be needed in

North Texas by mid-century.

Conservationists say the river and its natural areas have increasingly become tourist destinations that need to be pro-

TCA leaders think the Neches River's beauty, diverse flora and fauna and historic significance would help it qualify for the designation.

Before the Neches can receive the designation, Congress must authorize a study of the river's eligibility and suitability under the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. If the study recommends it be a classified as a National Scenic River, Congress would have to pass a bill to make the designation official.

5 officers reassigned over "racy" photos

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Five police officers who serve on bicycle patrol in downtown San Antonio have been temporarily reassigned after photographs surfaced on the Internet of them posing in uniform with women in racy poses.

San Antonio Police Chief William McManus said the photos aired by WOAI-TV Tuesday send "the wrong message" to the public, the San Antonio Express-News reported.

The photos show scantily clad women in various poses with the officers. Many are sexually suggestive, with women lifting their dresses or bending over, according to the newspaper. They were sent to the station in an e-mail after they

were originally posted on a MySpace profile.

The officers have been transferred while the matter is investigated, which is routine for such complaints, McManus said. Punishment could range from a reprimand to a three-day suspension, he said.

Ben Sifuentes, an attorney who has represented police officers in disciplinary cases, told the newspaper that officers working in downtown San Antonio are susceptible to drunken revelers taking photos.

The chief acknowledged that such requests are often made, but he said the photos in question crossed the line.

'Cook-A-Doodle-Doo'



Destiney Loner, Cornelius Landers, Madison Jarrett and Ty Villarreal, kindergarten and first grade students at Lamar Elementary School, recently helped author Susan Stevens Crummel bring characters from her book "Cook-A-Doodle-Doo" to life.

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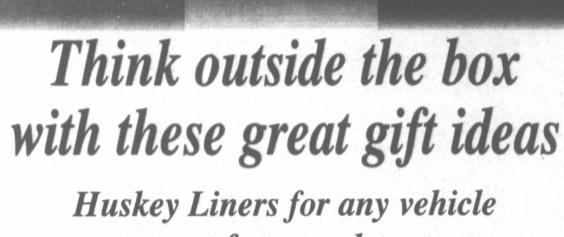
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