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Great day for a Christmas Parade



staff photo by Randy Pribble

Santa Claus came to Pampa Saturday, December 6, in the annual Christmas Parade sponsored by the Pampa Chamber of Commerce. for more photos and parade results, see pages 3 and 8.

City Commision meets Tuesday

The City Commission of Pampa will meet Tuesday Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. to further discuss many budget issues that need to be confirmed like the new turf for the football field and the Pampa Economic Development Commission Operating Budget.

The Commission will consider adopting on a second and final reading, an ordinance that amends support for the PEDC and the fiscal year beginning in Oct 2008 and ending at Sept. 30, 2009 in the amount of \$50,000. \$50,000 is the amount of matching funds of the Gray Pampa Community Fund Grant.

Another resolution will be reviewed for a second and final reading at the meeting, approving

a grant by the PEDC to the Athletic Department at Pampa High School to purchase new turf for the football field. The PEDC budget has been revised to include the cost of the turn, \$350,000, which needs to be approved.

The City Commission is considering adopting a resolution, authorizing participation in the amount of project construction cost for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and the approval of an amendment to the city's Conjunctive Use Groundwater Supply Agreement with CRMWA.

An executive session will be held on Dec. 9, which will be closed, to See City, Page 3

Pampa PD needs help taking bite out of crime

by Randy Pribble
 rpribble@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Police Department needs a new McGruff the Crime Dog costume and they also need help taking a bite out of the expense.

Officer Stormy McCullar is organizing a campaign to seek donations toward the new McGruff costume and associated program materials.

"The costume is the most important thing," she said, "but if we can raise enough money, we would like to get some additional materials for the program."

"There is just so much information in the McGruff program on things like bullying, bike safety, Internet safety, drug and alcohol awareness - just tons of stuff for kids."

Although the department does have a "pup" suit, it is old and dilapidated to the point of "embarrassment."

"It is torn up, the shoes are falling apart, there is no fan in the suit, we really don't have anything now," Officer McCullar said.

And she said, the department could really use the material in its youth outreach effort.

"To me, it is an important crime prevention tool," she said. "Kids love it and they need to know this information."

The costume itself will cost approximately \$1,500. The campaign's goal is \$3,007.28 to allow the purchase of associated McGruff materials - things like Safer Senior Kits that contain emergency and security cards, a fun family safe travel guide for the Internet and information on bicycle safety.

Officer McCullar, who is the mother of three children, also sees the value of positive police interaction with the community's children, some of whom may not have the a good, secure home life.

"Even if their home life is bad, this information is still in the back of their heads," she explained.

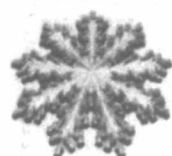
Although donations are being accepted now, the main effort will be a fund See Bite, Page 3

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Wednesday



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Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 45. Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

Thursday: Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 24.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and calls between 7 a.m. Dec. 4 and 7 a.m. Dec. 5.

Thursday, Dec. 4
 Officers conducted 17 traffic stops.

Call and stops concerning animals occurred in the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 600 block of North Magnolia, the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1200 block of South Wilcox, the 400 block of Hughes, the 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 100 block of South Wynne, at Warren and Kingsmill and in the 1300

block of North Terrace. A traffic complaint was reported in the 2300 block of North Primrose and at Alcock and Roberta.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 800 block of East Browning and the 1100 block of South Hobart.

Fraud was reported at the PD.

Theft was reported at the PD and in the 1700 block of North Fir.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2300 block of Beech, where Christmas yard ornaments were reported damaged.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of South Prairie Drive, the 300 block of North Roberta and the 500 block of North Roberta.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 2300 block of North Primrose Lane, the 1900 block of North Hobart and at the PD.

Alarms were reported in the 100 block of South Hobart and the 600 block of North Hobart.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Craven, where a back door was reported kicked in, \$750 in cash taken and the following items stolen: Stereo, jacket, 10 pair of jeans, suitcase, 32-inch TV, iron, tools, video camera and boots. The estimated value of the items is \$2,300.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Christine, where a pit bull puppy, worth an estimated \$200, was reported stolen.

Burglary was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

Friday, Dec. 5
 Officers conducted four traffic stops. A stop in the 800 block of South Gray resulted in at least one arrest.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1600 block of North Dwight.

An assault with minor injuries was reported in the 700 block of North Russell.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

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PICTURES WITH Santa, Dec. 11 & 18th, 4-7pm, Shutterbug Photography, 207 N. Cuyler, 681-2840.

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Obituaries

James Weldon Carter, 50



Carter

AMARILLO, Texas — James Weldon Carter, 50, died Dec. 3, 2008, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008, at Memory Gardens Mausoleum in Pampa with John Curry and the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pampa, officiating.

Entombment will follow in Memory Gardens Mausoleum.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Globe-News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo with the Rev. Regi Fowler, associate pastor of First Christian Church in Amarillo, officiating.

Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Carter was born May 30, 1958, in Pampa, where he was a 1976 graduate of Pampa High School.

James attended West Texas State University in Canyon. He had been a resident of Amarillo since 1976.

He was a former member of First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

He worked for Tumbleweed Sound and Lighting in Amarillo as a technician. He worked many productions across the Panhandle, especially "The Nutcracker," the Amarillo Ballet, and for Paramount Terrace Christian Church for their annual Christmas pageant.

James also did sound and lighting work for the

Amarillo and Lubbock Civic Centers, and the United Spirit Arena at Texas Tech. In addition, he worked for the Midnight Rodeo in both Amarillo and Lubbock.

This week we lost an icon of the arts scene and most did not know it. James Carter, affectionately known by his friends and co-workers as Jamesie, left the stages of Amarillo a bit darker on Wednesday with his passing. You may not have known James but I can guarantee you have seen his work if you ever went to Country Squire or Frenchy McCormack Dinner Theaters, any performance of Lone Star Ballet, Amarillo Opera, the Christmas Pageant at the Civic Center, Summer Youth Musicals, almost any concert or show at the Tri-State Fairgrounds, or even a hockey game at the Cal Farley Coliseum. He loved making art.

James worked quietly behind the scenes for every arts entity, sports team, and entertainment venue in Amarillo. He worked for years for Tumbleweed Sound here in Amarillo. His name was the first on everyone's list of folks to work with their production. So, what did James Carter do? He was arguably the best stagehand to have ever worked in Amarillo. Entertainment was his life. And he did

everything behind the scenes.

With James on your production, you could be assured that he would arrive seven minutes late to the call, but then would work tirelessly, rarely at a fast pace, but always steady. James was someone who everyone would be proud to have as an employee. He would look at the total picture of the tasks at hand and begin methodically eliminating them one-by-one. It was not necessary to give James a "to-do" list, he knew what needed to be done and did it, then did some more. He often would present, not a list of to-do's, but of things he had already done. James exhibited an eye for detail and always put the audience first. With James on the crew, you could be assured at least his part would be flawless.

There are not many people who can claim they have no enemies. I have never met anyone who did not like Jamesie. He worked with so many Country and Rock acts that toured through Amarillo, he was well known by those folks too. Tours returning to Amarillo would often ask if Jamesie (yes, they called him that, too) was working their show. He was said to be the best monitor mix guy in the Southwest. He documented the set-up of every band he ever worked with

and could tell them exactly how it was done on their previous visit.

James loved his friends and family. He loved purple. He loved Pink Floyd. He loved being the best at anything he did. He loved to laugh. He loved to do unique things like flushing cotton candy down toilets and dropping bowling balls from the roof of the Civic Center. He loved life. He remembered birthdays. He was loved in return.

The show will go on but it won't quite be the same. We miss you Jamesie.

Survivors include his father, Weldon Carter of Pampa; two sisters, Cynthia Bedford and husband Alvin of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Linda Hamby of Lubbock; five nephews, Trey Bedford and wife Shannon of Broken Arrow, Brian Bedford, Daniel Bedford and wife Katie, all of Tulsa, Okla., Garret Hamby and wife Heather of Chicago, Ill., and Tyler Hamby of Lubbock; one niece, Kayla Hamby of Lubbock; and a great-niece and great-nephew, Kaitlyn and David Bedford, both of Broken Arrow.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Elizabeth Carter, in 1998.

MEMORIALS: American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 50433, Amarillo, TX 79159 or First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066.

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

Wayne Jones, 81



Jones

Wayne Jones, 81, of Pampa, died Dec. 4, 2008, in Pampa.

Services were to be at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, at First United Methodist Church with John Curry, and the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Jones was born Jan. 28, 1927, in Cordell, Okla. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, joining on July 19, 1945, and serving during World War II. He was honorably discharged on Jan. 8, 1947.

He married Jean Walker on April 24, 1954, in Pampa.

He was a former mem-

ber of the Church of the Brethren and was currently a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Wayne was employed by Cabot Corp. for 34 years, retiring in 1987. He was a member of the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board. He was also a member of the Pampa Optimist Club where he spent 29 years, working with various Optimist sports programs, coaching and attaining the rank of Babe Ruth State Commissioner.

He enjoyed many years of travel throughout the United States and overseas, as well as RV camping with

the Texas Panhandlers Brethren Camping Club.

Survivors include his wife, Jean Jones, of the home; two daughters, Pam Minchin and husband John of Encinitas, Calif., and Connie Thornburg of Amarillo; one son, Tim Jones and wife Katie of Westfield, N.J.; six grandchildren, Sgt. Ryan Chisum, USMC, Camp Lejeune, N.C., Marlee Chisum of Amarillo, Sydney Minchin and Madison Minchin, both of Encinitas, Calif.; Andrew Jones and Daniel Jones, both of Westfield, N.J.; and one brother, Dale Jones of Cordell, Okla.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

The family would like to extend their thanks to the nurses and aids from Shepard's Crook Home Health Care, BSA Hospice, and the home caregivers for their special care of Wayne.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 939, Pampa, TX 79066-0939; First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981; American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065; or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Bill Lee Odell, 80



Odell

Bill Lee Odell, 80, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 3, 2008, in Ramona, Okla.

Services were scheduled at 10 a.m. today, Monday, Dec. 8, 2008, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of CrossPointe Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery with military honors courtesy U.S. Army, Fort Hood, Texas. Arrangements are under the direction of

Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Odell was born May 9, 1928, in Ramona, Okla. He married Claudene Stephens on June 30, 1952, in Tulsa, Okla. She preceded him in death on May 17, 2006.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1954. Bill worked for Phillips as a gauger for 35 years. He

was a member of CrossPointe Church and the V.F.W.

Survivors include one son, Jimmy Odell and wife Ella of Ramona, Okla.; two daughters, Leanna Cowan and husband Danny, and Billie Steele and husband David, all of Pampa; one sister, Ester Thompson of Norman, Okla.; one brother, Ernest Odell of

Ochelata, Okla.; six grandchildren, Daniel Odell, Douglas Odell, Gabriel Cowan, David Steele, Raeanna Humphrey, and Teddi Cowan; and seven great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by a great-grandson, Ethan Odell.

MEMORIALS: CrossPointe Church, 711 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Mary L. Ray, 81



Ray

Funeral services for Mary L. Ray, 81, Clinton, Okla., resident and former Pampa, Texas, resident will be held 9 a.m. Thursday in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel in Clinton, officiated by the Rev. Gary Jones and burial will conclude at 2 p.m. in the Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Mary L. (Austin) Ray was born April 16, 1927, to

Grover C. and Annie Mae (Anglin) Austin in Signal Hill, Texas, and passed away Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008, in the Methodist Health Care Center in Clinton, Okla.

Mrs. Ray was raised and resided in Pampa, Texas, for 78 years and she has resided at the Methodist Health Care

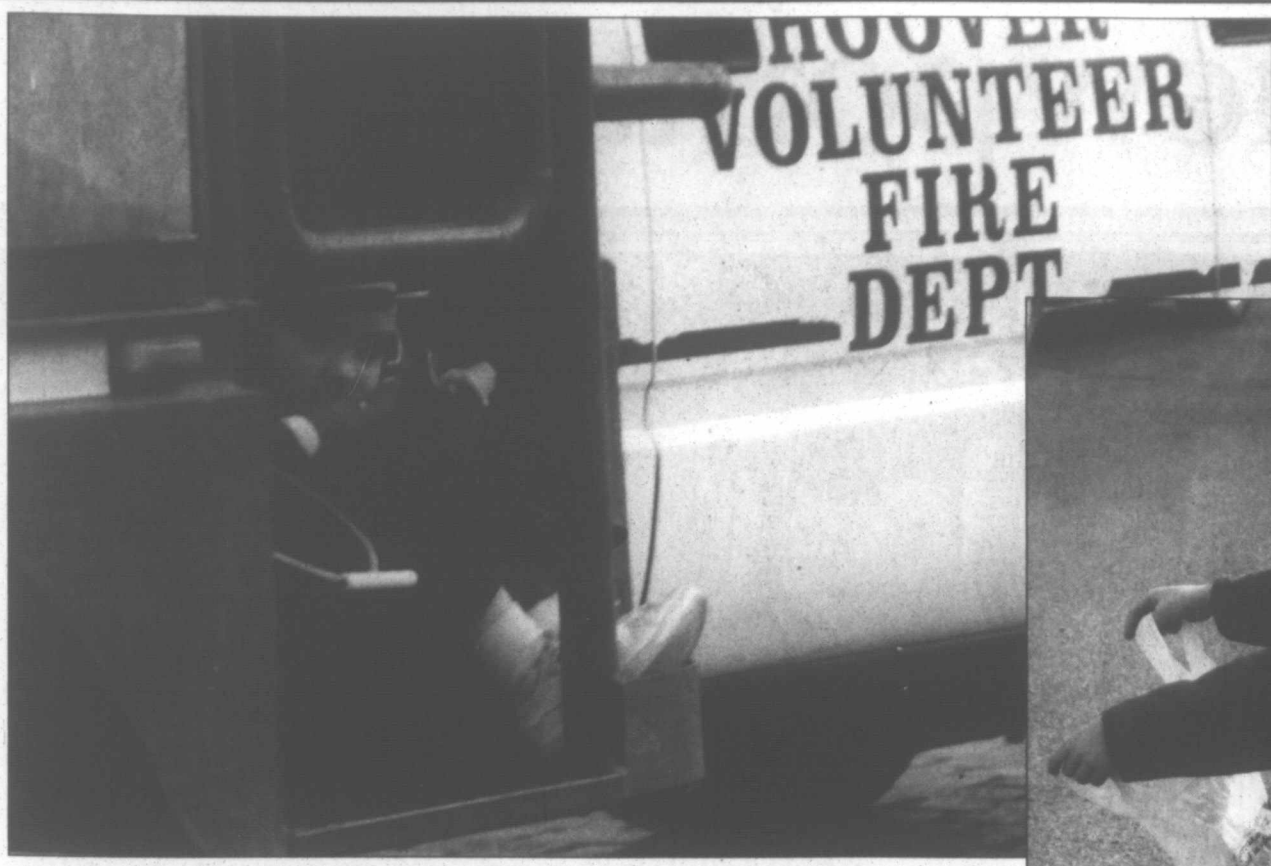
Center in Clinton for the past two years.

She married Mr. Roy Ray Dec. 21, 1945, and he preceded her in death in April of 1992.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, six brothers and a granddaughter. She is survived by a son,

Grover Lee Ray and his wife, Cathy of Caldwell, Idaho; and a daughter, Patricia Ann Hutchinson and husband Kenny of Clinton. She is also survived by four grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a sister, Shirley Austin, Denton, Texas.

The family will greet guests in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel in the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 10, 2008.



More Christmas Parade fun

staff photos by Randy Pribble and Betsy Phillips



City

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discuss personnel matters including appointing an interim city manager, municipal county judge employment, and a city attorney candidate.

The City Commission is requesting canceling the regular City Commission meeting, which is scheduled for Dec. 23, 2008, and instead calling a special meeting on Dec. 30, at noon.

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raiser sometime after Christmas, probably a "jail and bail" event.

A special McGruff campaign account has been established. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send it to McGruff Account, c/o Cabot and NOI Employees Credit Union, 320 W. Francis Ave, Pampa, TX 79065. For more information about the campaign, contact Office McCullar or Crime Prevention Officer Sgt. Donny Brown at 669-5700.



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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Dec. 8, the 343rd day of 2008. There are 23 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Dec. 8, 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.

On this date:

In 1776, during the Revolutionary War, George Washington's retreating army crossed the Delaware River from New Jersey into Pennsylvania.

In 1854, Pope Pius IX proclaimed the Catholic dogma of the Immaculate Conception, which holds that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was free of original sin from the moment of her own conception.

In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln announced his plan for the Reconstruction of the South.

In 1886, the American Federation of Labor was founded in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1978, former Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir died in Jerusalem at age 80.

In 1980, rock star John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building.

In 1987, President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader

'So long as governments set the example of killing their enemies, private individuals will occasionally kill theirs.

— Matthew Street
County FSA executive director

Mikhail S. Gorbachev signed a treaty at the White House calling for destruction of intermediate-range nuclear missiles.

In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed into U.S. law the North American Free Trade Agreement, which went into effect at the start of 1994.

Ten years ago: The Supreme Court ruled that police cannot search people and their cars after merely ticketing them for routine traffic violations. San Francisco and several suburbs suffered a power blackout; it was more than seven hours before electricity was fully restored.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush signed a \$400 billion Medicare overhaul bill that included a prescription drug plan for seniors.

One year ago: The Justice Department and CIA announced a joint inquiry into the spy agency's destruction of videotapes of interrogations of two suspected terrorists.

Today's Birthdays: Actor-director Maximilian Schell is 78. Actor David Carradine is 72. Actor James MacArthur is 71. Flutist James Galway is 69. Singer Jerry Butler is 69. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies) is 67. Actor John Rubinstein is 62. Rock singer-musician Gregg Allman is 61. Reggae singer Toots Hibbert (Toots and the Maytals) is 60. Actress Kim Basinger is 55. Actress Teri Hatcher is 44. Singer Sinead O'Connor is 42. Actor Matthew Laborteaux is 42. Rock musician Ryan Newell (Sister Hazel) is 36.



America Must Guard Against Complacency in Homeland Security

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

On November 26, the world's largest democracy, India, fell victim to the senseless horrors of terrorism. Armed terrorists descended on Mumbai, a tourist hotspot and a hub of the Indian economy, with the goal of destroying innocent human life and crippling the nation's economy. Focusing on "soft targets," including luxury hotels, a popular café, transit stations, a Jewish cultural center, and even a hospital, the aggressors targeted Westerners and held siege over the city, brutally murdering nearly 200 innocent people, including six Americans. The attacks in India must remind us that terrorism has not been eradicated. And Islamic extremists' disdain for liberty and democracy continues to motivate them to destroy those who cherish freedom.

America has not been attacked on U.S. soil since September 11, 2001. But the domestic security we have enjoyed has not merely been good fortune. According to a Washington D.C. think tank, we have prevented at least 19 planned attacks against the United States since 9/11. However, it is unrealistic to think that our home-

land security efforts will thwart every violent plot against America. A bipartisan commission appointed by Congress to examine the greatest threats to our national security reported on December 3 that nuclear or biological weapons will likely be used in a terrorist attack somewhere in the world by 2013. Therefore, if America is to remain safe, we must remain vigilant and guard against slipping into a state of complacency that will lure terrorists to attack us again.

First, we must enhance security along our borders and at our nation's ports. Indian officials reported that many of the weapons used in the Mumbai attacks were smuggled in by sea months in advance. Texas boasts 28 seaports, and three of them are among the busiest in the country. Our ports must not become a gateway for terrorists. In 2006, I helped pass the SAFE Port Act, which authorizes random inspections of containers, establishes minimum standards and procedures for security containers in transit to the U.S., and implements an improved container targeting system. I also offered legis-

lation to add hundreds more Customs and Border Protection officers to inspect incoming shipments. These efforts have helped keep our coast secure.

Next, Congress must work to support a robust defense budget. Over the past several years the Senate has been able to pass supplemental funding along with regular

defense spending bills. This funding has kept our troops equipped on the battlefield and has enabled our military to fight terrorism abroad. As we transition into the next administration, we must make sure that our defense remains strong enough to win the War on Terror. It is also important that Congress support modernization and capitalization projects to outfit our military forces with the resources and equipment to meet the challenges of next generation terrorists. And finally, we must honor those who have served in our military by assuring veterans' health care and G.I. benefits.



Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas.

Finally, we must continue to fight terrorism abroad by identifying security threats before they result in attacks on our homeland. Our defense and intelligence agencies must continue to work together and with allied nations, such as India and Pakistan, to track and disrupt terrorists' plots. In order to do this, U.S. officials must have the means to gather information on our enemies. The modern and relevant tools established under the Patriot Act and the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Amendments Act of 2008 must be maintained and enforced in the next administration.

On December 1, the world was watching as President-elect Barack Obama unveiled his national security team. In particular, Mr. Obama's decision to keep Defense Secretary Robert Gates in his cabinet and to name General James Jones National Security Advisor puts our allies and adversaries on notice that vigilance will continue to guide our national security policy. It is critical that the next administration and Congress work together to avoid complacency, and we must remain committed to the defeat of global terrorism.

Editorial Thoughts

By The Associated Press

Middle East Times, Egypt, on the Bush Administration's contradictions:

This time last year the big question about the last act of the outgoing administration of U.S. President George W. Bush was whether it would launch military strikes against Iran's nuclear sites. For the past few weeks, the big question has been whether the United States would start diplomatic relations by opening an interest section in a friendly embassy in Tehran.

It now seems this will not happen, largely because of complications during the negotiations with the Nouri Maliki government in Baghdad over the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA). ...

But it reveals yet again the kind of civil war over policy that has constantly bedeviled U.S. policy in the wider Middle East, and not just Iran. On the one hand, we had Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who wanted at least to start some kind of negotiating process with Iran. In the other hand, we had

the powerful office of Vice President Dick Cheney who simply wanted to bomb the place. ...

In fact, this division of approach is hard-wired into the American political system. ...

This has always been the American way of government and usually the White House resolves these differences and crafts a coherent policy. The problem of the Bush administration was there often seemed to be two White Houses, one led by Bush and the other by Cheney. As a result, the system has broken down. The constitutional experiment of an over-mighty vice-president has been found wanting, and the United States as well as the Middle East has paid the price.

Berlinske Tidende, Copenhagen, Denmark, on President-elect Barack Obama's pick for his administration:

Some Obama supporters may say the average age of his choice of secretary of the treasury, secretary of state, vice president and defense secretary is all high. But Obama has gathered a team that commands

respect. That sounds promising for Obama and to a world in need of a stable United States.

Timothy Geithner, the next treasury secretary, drew cheers from the stock exchanges when he was appointed.

The trinity of the new secretary of state, Hillary Clinton, Defense Secretary Robert Gates and the future national security adviser, retired General James L. Jones, is promising.

One could say that Obama's promise that his government will be moving forward at full speed from day one to create stability will be kept.

Everyone on the team will be able to deliver the goods better than many others. They have both the experience and the desire to do so.

The focus will not only be on Obama's foreign policy team. Even his economic team will be in the crossfire from day one.

There is no doubt that Obama also has succeeded in gathering a strong team, which enjoys the confidence of corporations, Wall Street and ordinary Americans.

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Sports

Harvesters finish fourth in tourney



staff photos by David Bowser

by Andres Arriolo

special to The Pampa News

Saturday morning the Pampa Hustlin' Harvesters tried to surge through the ranks at a chance to play for the championship at the tournament at the Canyon Tournament of Champions, but were defeated by Randall 66-58.

Undefeated district rival, Randall Raiders stood in the way as they strove to win their fourth straight Tournament of Champions.

Pampa tried to suppress the Raider offense with an exhausting full court press the entire game. Randall took the lead early in the game, but the Harvesters would continue to hang around ending the half 28-34. The rest of the game was up and down for the Harvesters, but misses at the free throw line led to an eventual loss.

Pampa then looked forward to the match up against a familiar Amarillo High. Earlier in the year and first game of the season, Amarillo defeated the Harvesters 65-51. The boys now had their chance to repay the damage. Pampa established themselves early with a vengeance in this game, taking an early lead.

The Harvesters continued to run a full court press as they had against Randall, but this time the results were better as they ended the first quarter 21-8. The Harvesters continued their aggressive play in the second quarter, coming out on top at the half, 39-18. The boys endured throughout the rest of the game, never letting up - concluding the third quarter 51-30 and finishing it off with a 62-49 victory and a third place prize for the tourney.

Winning an All-Tournament player award, Alex Clending would lead the way with 10 points. Other scorers included Matt Smith with 10, Alex Torres with 9, Hayden Skinner with 8 and Blake Sieck who had two consecutive 3-pointers to earn him 6.

Pampa (6-4) moved on to play the Perryton Rangers again, who we previously romped 62-46, Tuesday night on their home court.

Tournament Championship would commence pairing the Randall Raiders against the Plainview Bulldogs. Randall (7-0) would prevail, defeating the Bulldogs (6-2) 43-35.

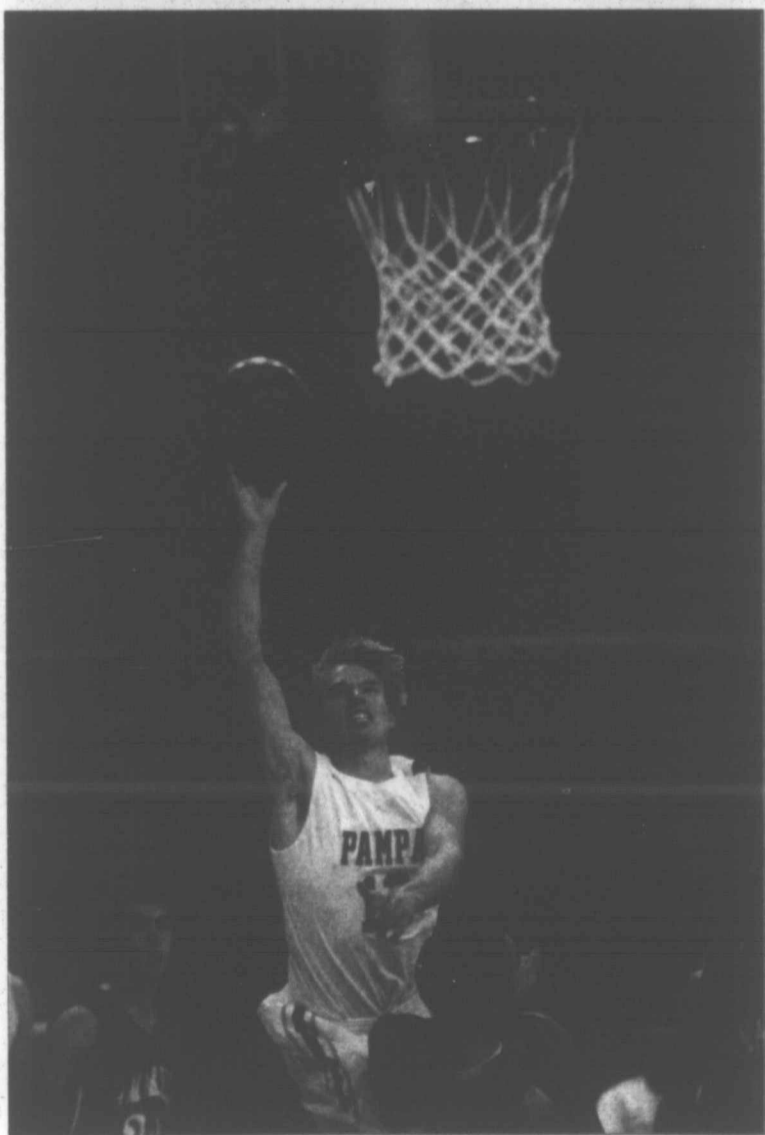
Lady Harvesters

On the girls side, after a dreadful defeat from Sudan to send them down to the loser's bracket, Pampa now had to face, much like the boys, district opponent Randall Raiders. The girls still could not find the groove, and would end the game with the same result as the boys, losing 43-26.

Later in the day, the Lady Harvesters would do what they could to avoid a last place finish. El Paso Hanks gave immediate answers, and put away the girls early and eventually ruining their day with a 61-37 beating.

The girls have struggled much of the season, but have proven in previous games they have what it takes to win.

The Girl's Tournament Championship would match second ranked 3A Sudan against second ranked 4A Canyon. Canyon (11-0) would move on to hand Sudan (6-2) their second loss of the season, and keep at home the championship 55-42.



Pampa Harvesters played the Amarillo High School Sandies in a consolation round of the Canyon Tournament of Champions at Canyon High School Saturday.

Pampa won their opening game Friday morning against Lubbock Trinity, 55 to 54 (Trinity led until the final 43 seconds of the game). Pampa advanced to play Randall High Friday night. Pampa lost to Randall 58-66.

Above, Harvester Ryan Jimenez (55) takes to the air during the Pampa-Amarillo High match. Pampa won 62-49 to place third in the tournament.

At left, Harvester Hayden Skinner (10) shoots during the Pampa-Amarillo High match at the Canyon Tournament of Champions Saturday.

The Lady Harvesters lost their opening game Friday at noon against Sudan 61-40 and their consolation game Saturday morning against Randall 43-26.

POYC Girls Basketball

2008 Regular Season 3rd & 4th Grade Division

submitted by Roy Lott

Going undefeated, Giles Construction finishes with a 6-0 record to win the league. Red Riot finishes in 2nd place with Panhandle Perforators in 3rd and B&G Performance finishing in 4th place.

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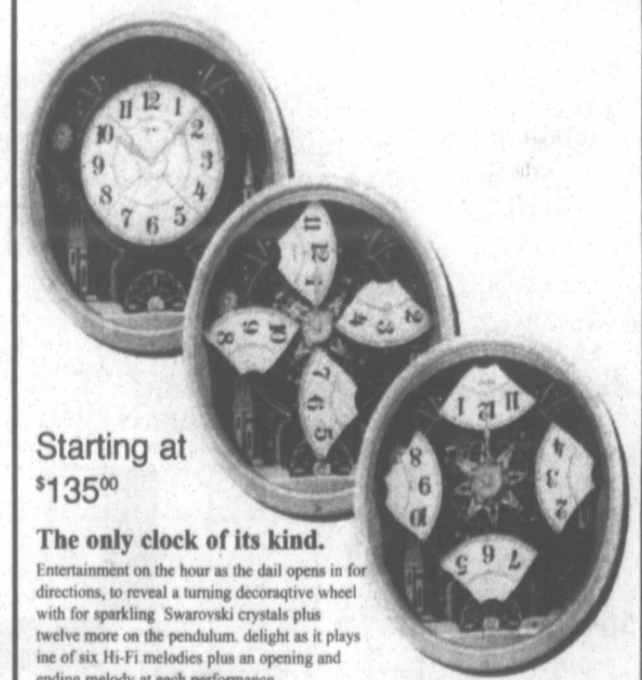
ing out on top due to more total points scored in the season.

In the 5-6th grade league, Culligan of Pampa finished in first place with a 6-0 record. Niccum Electric ended in 2nd place with a 4-2 record, with Pampa Concrete in 3rd place and Shutterbug Photography finishing in 4th place.

The City tournament started Saturday with all teams competing in a Double elimination style bracket. Championship games will be played on Monday to decide the City Champions in both leagues.

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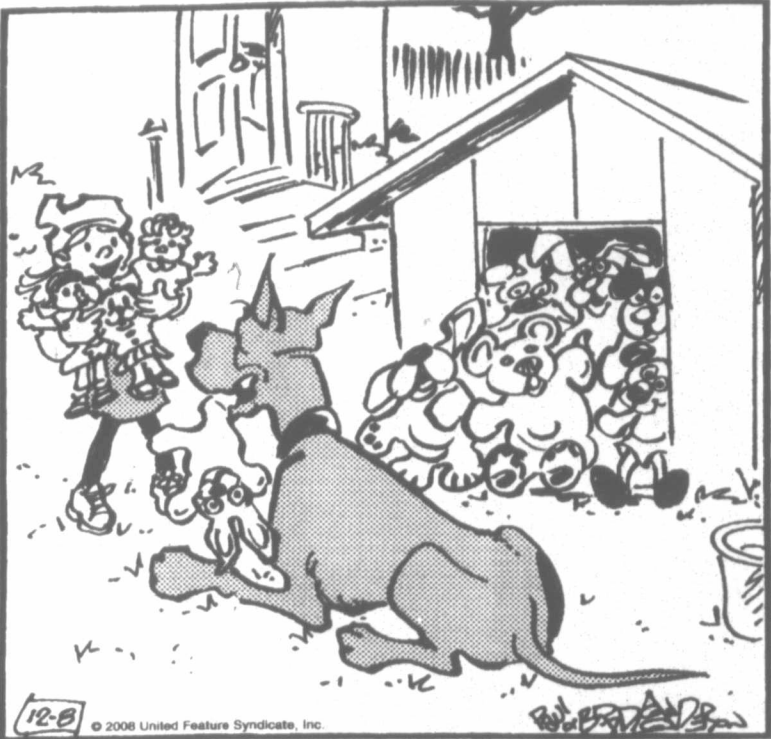
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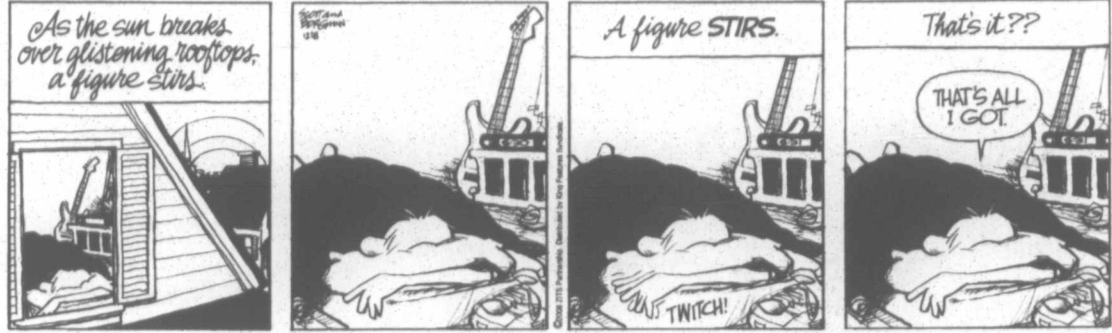


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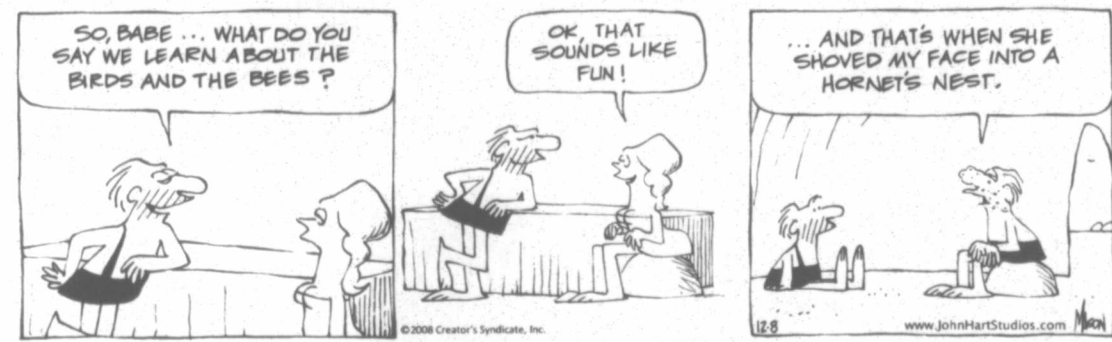
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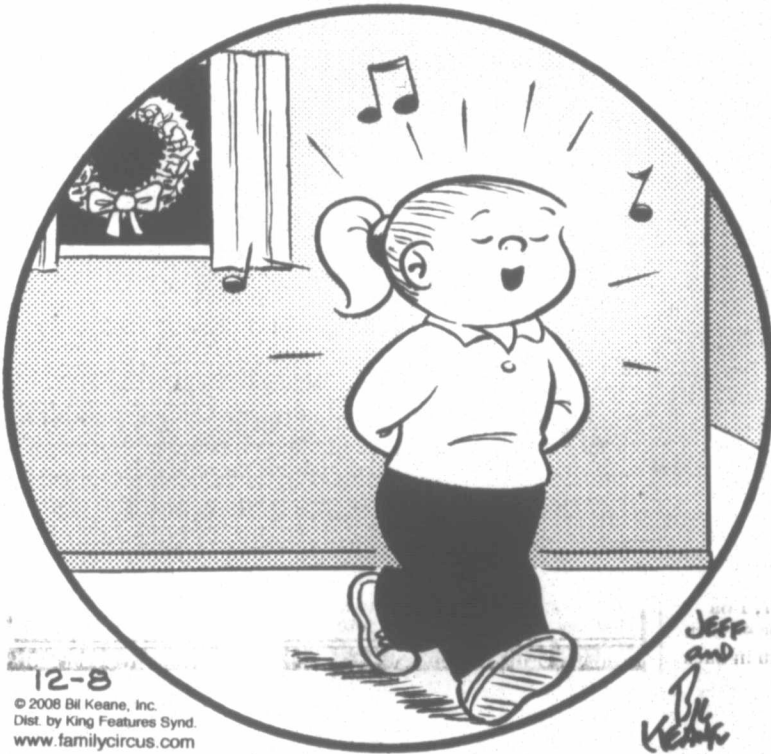


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By Bil Keane



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 40 Emulates Jay-Z uncommon coin
 - 5 Singer Redding
 - 9 Make a new chart
 - 10 Ballet
 - 12 Draw out
 - 13 Take pleasure in
 - 14 Snoozing
 - 16 Mine material
 - 17 Lusty look
 - 18 Drenched
 - 21 Small rug
 - 22 Austrian composer
 - 23 Pat's TV colleague
 - 24 Salon creation
 - 26 Gun the motor
 - 29 1968 Creedence Clearwater Revival song
 - 30 Washed out
 - 31 Important time
 - 32 Egyptian landmark
 - 34 Backstreet
 - 37 TV's O'Donnell
 - 38 Singer Della
 - 39 Without stop
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Lucky charm
 - 3 Indy auto
 - 4 Fencing weapon
 - 5 Poem type
 - 6 Shoe shade
 - 7 It's funny to a small group
 - 8 Game official
 - 9 Kingdom
 - 11 Looked over
 - 15 Something to mind
 - 19 "Dear me!"
 - 20 — carte
 - 22 Foal's mom
 - 23 Clock numeral
 - 24 Pitcher, in slang
 - 25 Showy bush
 - 26 Lifts
 - 27 Climate-affecting current
 - 28 Puzzled
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 - 35 Sixth sense, for short
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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2008:
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

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 ***** Take care of a money matter. Your imagination knows hardly any limits. Use your innate ingenuity to define a new attitude or approach professionally or personally. Don't question a friend's caring. Tonight: Try to make it an early night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You are on top of your game, no matter how you cut it. Question what might be the most immediate or best approach. A boss, older friend or relative might not say what he or she thinks. Be sure it is positive. Tonight: A must appearance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** Know when to pull back. Listen carefully to feedback from someone you

look up to. Know when enough is enough. Express a need for facts, not speculation. A partner or associate does a reversal, at least as far as you can tell. Tonight: Know that what might be strange also could be good.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Zero in on what you want. A dear friend comes forward and offers a suggestion. Work with others closely. You might be delighted by the end results. At lunch, get a head start on gifts. Tonight: Let your hair down. You need some downtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Take a stand, especially as others appear to go overboard. You must take charge if you don't want a disaster to occur. Knowing where you are heading could be strategic. You don't need to share negative thoughts. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Reach out for others. Do understand that your way is not the only way. Your creativity surges from out of nowhere when facing different situations. Your willingness to put in extra time earmarks your decisions. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Recognize the importance of a close bond and understanding with a partner. You might need to rethink your personal life, as so much of your life keeps bubbling up, begging examination. Curb risk, and take a more conservative path. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Let others understand where you are coming from. You might want to pull back and close your door. Others seek you out, and you might need to

screen your calls. If someone doesn't hear you one way, try another, using different tones. Tonight: Your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Accept a situation, even if you want to walk away. You will need to be receptive to someone else's overtures. Revamp your finances with an eye to growth and a better daily life. You have an innate understanding of financial limits. Tonight: Easy does it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Your creativity allows for more opportunities than in the past. For some, a child or a new friend could dominate in your mind. Stop, make a call and establish plans to get together. Tonight: Let go of stress and enjoy yourself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You are unusually attractive to others, which might cause a lot of communication and potential distraction. Organize and prioritize. You'll like the end results and feel much better and more relaxed. Tonight: Play it low-key.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Make calls and schedule meetings. Others seek you out as well. Your ability to organize or handle a tough situation emerges. If you have a great gift idea, start pricing it now rather than wait. Tonight: Play Santa's elf.

BORN TODAY
 Actor Beau Bridges (1941), former House Leader Tip O'Neill (1912), poet John Milton (1608)

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

12-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

W Q M Z A H M Y S N Q W P K J

P S S A Q P G F Z C Z A X S A Q D N Z W

L Y K F P H Q S Z H W Q R K F.

— P A K F R A E Q N M D Z A E

Saturday's Cryptoquote: WE DON'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO CHECK CRIME, SO WHY NOT LEGALIZE IT AND THEN TAX IT OUT OF BUSINESS? — WILL ROGERS

Parade winners

2008 Parade Best Overall: City of Pampa (Frosty's Truck w/ Christmas Tree Tailer)

Commercial Category winners:

1. Douglas Towing & Recovery (float)
2. Wink's U-Haul (Army truck w/lights)
3. MC's Car Wash (float)

Non-Commercial Category winners:

1. Pampa High School Band (Marching Band)
2. Lyndon Field (bicycle with side car)
3. Pampa Print Shop (group of decorative 4-wheelers)

Antique Car Category winners:

1. Bob Schiffman (1929 Model A Ford Sports Coupe)
2. Larry Ray (1929 Ford Roadster)
3. David and Randy Swires (antique truck)

Classic Car Category winners:

1. Lions Club (1952 MG)
2. Robert Brogdin (1955 Ford Crown Victoria)
3. Jimmy Reed (1981 Corvette)

Motorcycle/Motorized Cart Category winners:

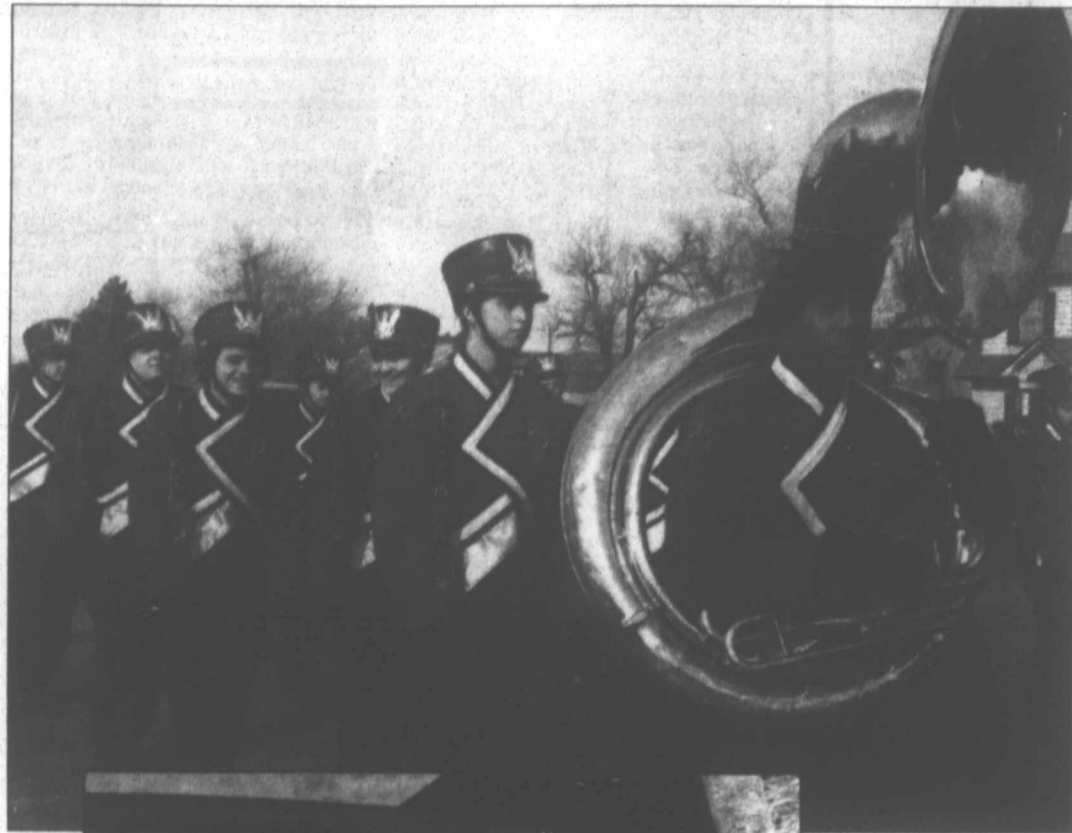
1. Rocky Thomas (golf cart)
2. Joseph Slatten (4-wheeler)
3. Ryan Lee (4-Wheeler)

Religious Category winners:

1. Hi-Land Christian Church (float)
2. St. Vincent's Danza Guadalupana (truck leading dancers)
3. Hobart Baptist (float)

Horses:

1. CRR Ranch (six horses)
2. Zak's Cheese (horses)



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Once a month, a trade representative I'll call "Bob" visits our office and flirts with me. I try to keep him at a distance, but he always tries to move close to me and changes his voice to be soft and seductive. Last month he told me I "smelled good," although I wasn't wearing anything fragrant. I assured him it was the eucalyptus incense behind him.

Abby, Bob comes on so strong it scares me. I had my chair backed up all the way against my computer desk. I decided that the next time he came in I would make sure I had

a co-worker close by. But when I did, he didn't act the same way. I have a feeling he won't act up again until we're alone.

I loathe the idea of being alone with him in a room. I hesitate to ask a male co-worker to step in because I don't want to appear weak. What should I do to get Bob to back off? -- HAD IT IN BEAUFORT, S.C.

DEAR HAD IT: If you haven't already done so, document what has gone on each time Bob has come into your office. Frankly, he sounds more than a little bit creepy.

When he comes on to you again, tell him

directly and clearly (and loudly) that he is making you uncomfortable, and if he doesn't stop immediately, you will report him to your boss. And if he tries anything again, follow through.

It is your boss's responsibility to provide you with a harassment-free work environment, and if that doesn't happen, your state labor board or the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission should be notified.

DEAR ABBY: One of my longtime friends, "Lena," sends e-mail constantly telling me to "check out the baby Web page." She's a grandmother and I can't seem to engage her in any other topic of conversation anymore. There is rarely any news from her except baby news.

I no longer open her e-mails because I know

they will be only one more mass generic urging to check the latest baby update on the Web site. I'm ready to drift away from our friendship because we no longer communicate and I feel she's stuck in "babyland." Any advice? -- OVERLOADED IN GEORGIA

DEAR OVERLOADED: Level with Lena. Ask her to remove you from her mass e-mail list and to e-mail you only if she has a personal message to convey. When you talk with her, ask about common interests that have nothing to do with her grandchild. If this is still more than you can tolerate, remember that friendships can have a life of their own and vary in intensity over time. You may become closer again a few years down the line when she's less preoccupied with the little ones.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

8	9	3	2	5	6	7	1	4
7	4	6	8	9	1	3	5	2
1	2	5	3	7	4	9	8	6
4	8	7	9	1	2	6	3	5
6	5	1	7	3	8	4	2	9
9	3	2	4	6	5	1	7	8
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Level: Beginner