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Is city doing enough?

by Rachel Stennett
 rstennett@thepampanews.com

As an evidently sick black and white spotted puppy swaddled in a towel and carried in a shoe box was escorted through the door's of Pampa's Animal Control (PAC), saliva dropping from his mouth caused by Parvo, Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns said vaccinations are one of the most important keys to keeping a healthy animal society.

One of the other important keys is having an adequate shelter, which Burns says, Pampa does not.

Burns has worked with PAC since 1980, and the conditions of her workplace have evolved, but are still considerably substan-

'What kind of image is (the shelter) saying about our community? Our public image should be nice—better than this.'

— Sandy Burns
 City Animal Control
 Supervisor

dard. Burns and other employees have hand-built cages and tried to make needed repairs with time, but the answer to the problem is in building a new shelter, which will cost between one million and two million dollars, Burns said.

Since the Pampa community has become more aware of the conditions of the animal shelter, some funds, materials, and food has been donated to PAC and Fund 12, the fund established for erecting a new shelter. The amount in the fund has doubled since an article about the fund and shelter was published in The Pampa News in September, but it still is about 67 percent short of its ultimate goal.



photo by Rachel Stennett
 A dog sits in cold morning temperatures in one of two outside kennels at the Pampa Animal Shelter. The dog is outside because the kennels on the inside of the building are overcrowded with male and female dogs.



photo by Rachel Stennett
 Three dogs are among the few isolated animals in the shelter, two of which had been in fights and hurt. The inside of the building illustrates the poor drainage systems which Sandy Burns, supervisor, says makes the floors nearly impossible to clean and disinfect.

Shelter is city operation

Animal Control is a city funded operation. Their funds come from the same line as the Police Department, according to Burns. She said that she has not been informed of any plans to make changes to the shelter from the city.

Richard Morris, interim city manager, was not available for immediate comment on any plans the city may have for the shelter. Mayor Lonny Robbins said he had not been a part of any recent conversation involving the shelter, and could not comment on the 2009 city budget.

PAC has turned to other organizations, including the PEDC for help with a new shelter. Dwight Fiveash, director of the PEDC, explained that a detailed plan, including exact projections of how many animals will be serve, must be completed before a public

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Gunfire punctuates family argument

by Rachel Stennett
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Deputies from the Gray County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to shots fired Thursday, at about 11 p.m., at a dispute in McLean.

Shots were fired by Jerry Joe Isbell, Jr., 39, of McLean at his son stemming from a dispute between Isbell and his girlfriend. Isbell physically assaulted his girlfriend, then was interrupted

by his son. Isbell threatened his son, and then both went outside and Isbell shot rounds at with his son with a shotgun, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of GCSO. GCSO deputies in McLean requested assistance from GCSO deputies in Pampa. The deputies aided in arresting Isbell, who has booked in Gray County Jail for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, family violence against

See Assault, Page 5

Texas lawmakers to focus on transportation polites

AUSTIN (AP) — If anyone wondered whether Texas toll road rage had subsided or lawmakers' irritation at the Texas Department of Transportation had eased, those questions got answered a few days before Christmas: Not so much.

Denouncing the massive transportation agency as dysfunctional and out of control, a group of lawmakers reviewing the department said it will be intensely debated in the legislative session that begins Jan. 13.

"This is a big agency that is a mess," said Rep. Carl Isett, a Lubbock Republican and one of the leaders of the Sunset Advisory Commission that periodically examines state agencies. He said it may take several legislative sessions to repair Texas transportation.

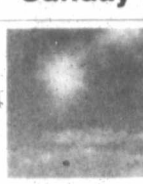


Though legislators agree there are problems, they don't always agree on how to fix them.

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Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 35. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.
Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 19. East wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.
Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 28. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming north-west. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 44. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
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Lottery results

Cash Five Texas results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:
 Winning numbers drawn: 13-9-23-19-28.
 Number matching five of five: 3. Prize: \$8,535
 Winning tickets sold in: Mexia, Port Arthur, Houston
 Matching four of five: 119. Prize: \$97
 Matching three of five: 3,083. Prize: \$9
 Matching two of five: 29,680. Prize: \$2
 Next Cash 5 drawing: Saturday night.

Winning ticket for Mega Millions sold in CA

ATLANTA (AP) — A single winner has taken the \$46 million jackpot from the latest drawing of the multistate Mega Millions lottery.
 The only ticket to match all the winning numbers and Mega Ball from Friday night's drawing was sold in California.
 The next Mega Millions drawing Tuesday night will have a jackpot of \$12 million.
 One player won the second prize of \$250,000 and one player won the third prize of \$10,000.
 The winning numbers from Friday night's drawing were: 2, 11, 19, 21 and 34. The Mega Ball number is 38.

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Obituaries

Vilois Kilcrease Harmon, 82

Vilois Kilcrease Harmon, 82, of Pampa, died Jan. 2, 2009. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2009, at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing officiating.
 Burial will be in Old Mobeetie Cemetery by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home in Amarillo.
 Mrs. Harmon was born in Seymour and lived most of her life in Pampa. She attended Pampa High

School. She married Jim Harmon on Feb. 7, 1944, in Pampa. He passed away in 1998.

She lived her life for her family. She was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She was a member of Central Baptist Church in Pampa.
 Mrs. Harmon is preceded in death by one son, Joel Lynn Harmon in 2004; one sister, Betty Sue York in 2007; and a great-granddaughter, Danielle Pawelski in



Harmon

2008.
 Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Ann

Ely and her husband Gerald of Pampa, and Linda Kay Pawelski of Amarillo; one son, James M. Harmon Jr. of Arizona; one sister, Ollie Ruth Meyer of Ohio; and one brother, George "Sonny" Kilcrease Jr. of Pampa.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren, Jeff, Angela, Scott, Jason, David, Larry Dale and Brad; and by 14 great grandchildren.

Frankie Cooley Bransford, 84

Frankie Cooley Bransford, 84, of Pampa, Texas, died Dec. 30, 2008, at Amarillo, Texas. Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Deacon Barnabas Radke officiating.

Funeral mass will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, 2009, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Ravi, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Bransford was born May 19, 1924, in Ardmore, Okla., to Fitzhugh and Opal Cooley. She married Byron Everett Bransford on Feb. 9, 1942, in Marietta, Okla. He preceded her in death in 1991.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1987.

Frankie worked as a

legal secretary for Cabot Corporation, retiring after 18 years of service. She was a former resident of Santa Fe, N.M., Albuquerque, N.M., and Borger, Texas. She was a member of the Legal Secretaries Club of Pampa and the Epsilon Sigma Alpha of Pampa.

Frankie was a volunteer at the Genesis House for more than 30 years. She was a paralegal counselor in Albuquerque for eight years and received the Human Service Award from the Secretary of State of New Mexico.

She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church and her patron saint was St. Jude.

Survivors include two daughters, Lisa Keifer and husband Ricky of Fritch, and Dr. Angharad Young of Tulsa, Okla.; two grandsons, Matthew Keifer and wife Rachel of Amarillo and Treyce Keifer of Lubbock; three granddaughters, Alison Howard and husband



Bransford

Rick of Santa Clarita, Calif., Stephanie Parker and husband Eric of Norman, Okla., and Cassidy Keifer of Oklahoma City, Okla.; four great-grandsons, Jackson Howard, Alexander Howard, Ryan Howard and Samuel Parker; three great-granddaughters, Annemarie Parker, Sophie Parker and Alyssia Ramirez Keifer; nieces, Cindy Huckabee and husband Ronnie, and Rose Ann Theford and husband Mike, all of Graham, Sharon Johnson and husband Lynn of Gainesville, and Susan

Clifton and husband Col. Jeff Clifton of Fairbanks, Alaska; nephews, William M. McClendon and wife Debbie of Graham and Bob Bransford and wife Pam of Gainesville; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

Frankie was preceded in death by a son, Byron Frank Bransford in 1948; a sister, Rosa Hughes in 1992; and her parents, Fitzhugh Cooley in 1951 and Opal Bailey Smith Cooley in 1975.

MEMORIALS: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program FH, One St. Jude Place Building, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552; Genesis House, 615 W. Buckler, Pampa, TX 79065; or BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105.

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

Nancy Rush Hoppess Forrester, 72

Born "The Real Memorial Day", May 30, 1936 and passed away January 1, 2009. Nancy was born the eldest child and daughter of Lily Rush Walker Hoppess and Coulter T.

Hoppess of Bryan, Texas. Nancy is survived by her loving husband Terry Forrester whom she met while attending the University of Texas 1955-1959 and married on August 15, 1959. She is also survived by her three children David Forrester, Karla Rush Biasatti, and Dara Dru Bickham. Nancy was a devoted mother and loving wife soon to celebrate her golden anniversary with Terry. She served as social director, travel agent, event coordinator, interior designer, and benefactress for her family for nearly half a century. If one wanted to know what to see, where to go, or what to buy and have the most fun doing it for the least cost, Nancy was the one to consult. Many times the information was provided with no solicitation required. If one needed furniture or window treatments, Nancy could provide more than one needed for a very economical price. Additionally, one did not worry about an unspectacular birthday or Christmas (read, not a lot of presents) when those special dates rolled around. Although devoted to her husband and children, the grandchildren were the one's that garnered most of the time and attention starting 19 years ago. Grandma leaves behind 7 grandchildren: Jason Forrester, Elizabeth Biasatti, Joseph Biasatti, Daniel Biasatti, Gray Bickham, Dru Bickham, and Kinsey.



Forrester

Bickham. Nancy was surely family oriented and had a "blood is thicker than water" mentality. Her brother, Karl Hoppess of Houston, Texas, her sisters, Judy Hood of Rockport, Texas, Martha Hoppess of Bryan, Texas, and her many nieces, nephews, and in laws can attest to her strong will and sometimes unyielding spirit, but also her 100% support when the family was in need. Nancy was a 5th generation Texan and a proud member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She excelled in the Toastmistress organization in Dallas, Texas. Nancy was a long standing member of the Episcopal Church. A memorial service will be held at the St. James Episcopal Church at 9845 McCree Road, Dallas, Texas 75238 on Monday, January 5, 2009 at 2 p.m.

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hearing can be conducted on the PEDC's involvement with the new shelter. At this time, a rough concept has been turned into the PEDC, based off another shelter in San Marcos, which is not enough, Fiveash said. The concept for a new shelter includes improved space, glassed in cages, a spay and neuter clinic, and would allow for animals to be held longer time periods before being processed. "We fund projects like this because they improve the quality of life in Pampa," Fiveash said, explaining potential involvement of the PEDC in building a new shelter. An improved animal shelter would help set Pampa apart from other cities, ultimately making it more marketable according to Fiveash.

The current shelter is very limited on space, causing multiple animals to be cramped in one cage, and made from wood and metal, instead of steel which is ideal for drainage systems. The building is not handicapped accessible, lacks heat and air conditioning, and has leaky roofs which have caused wood to rot and fall apart.

Local people do what they can now

"One local business man has donated money to the fund, his time to rebuild structures, and even adopted a dog," Burns said explaining her appreciation for community help. The same man, who wished to stay anonymous, donated a heater which costs about \$250, which is used to keep dogs in the sick and quarantined area warm. None of the three buildings the animals are kept in are insulated, which creates extreme temperatures in the summer and the winter. Another local business has offered to draw up architectural plans for a new shelter, which Burns said could help the cost of a new shelter go from two-million dollars, to one-million.

Over the years served as supervisor, Burns has tried to hire contractors and construction companies to come work on the shelter, but with no success. "They won't work here," she said, discouraged. "It's too small of a job."

Burns said she and her staff are trying to make the best out of what they have. "Per capita, we handle a lot of animals... Without animal control, we would live like a third world country. Animals would be everywhere and diseases would spread rapidly." PAC has a hard time disinfecting the current shelter and keeping it clean because of improper ventilation and drainage systems. The old, worn cement used as the floor for the shelter buildings also makes disinfecting nearly impossible.

"It would take all the bleach in the world to be able to clean the cracks and crevasses in these floors," Burns said.

PAC also fights diseases and sickness when people do not inform them properly when they drop off a dog. "People dump sick dogs and don't tell us. They contaminate other dogs before we can even know what is happening. This shelter isn't designed to deal with bacterial well."

Pampa Animal Control processes 300-500 dogs every month and about 100 cats because they do not have the proper means to store the animals. Only five percent of animals that come into the shelter are adopted out. Burns said that many people think that the animal shelter is inhumane for euthanizing animals, but there are worse fates.

"Many people drop animals in the country, it's a fate worse than death." Animals left in the county usually starve to death, are eaten by coyotes or other animals, or freeze to death, Burns said. Sick animals are also frequently euthanized. "It is better for them to die this way, in peace and being in our arms than to suffer."

The animal shelter is a reflection of the city, Burns said, because they are public servants and publicly funded. With the poor and inadequate conditions of the shelter, Burns said they are fighting a bad public image, which makes adoptions less likely, and reflects on Pampa directly.

"What kind of image is (the shelter) saying about our community? Our public image should be nice, better than this," she said.

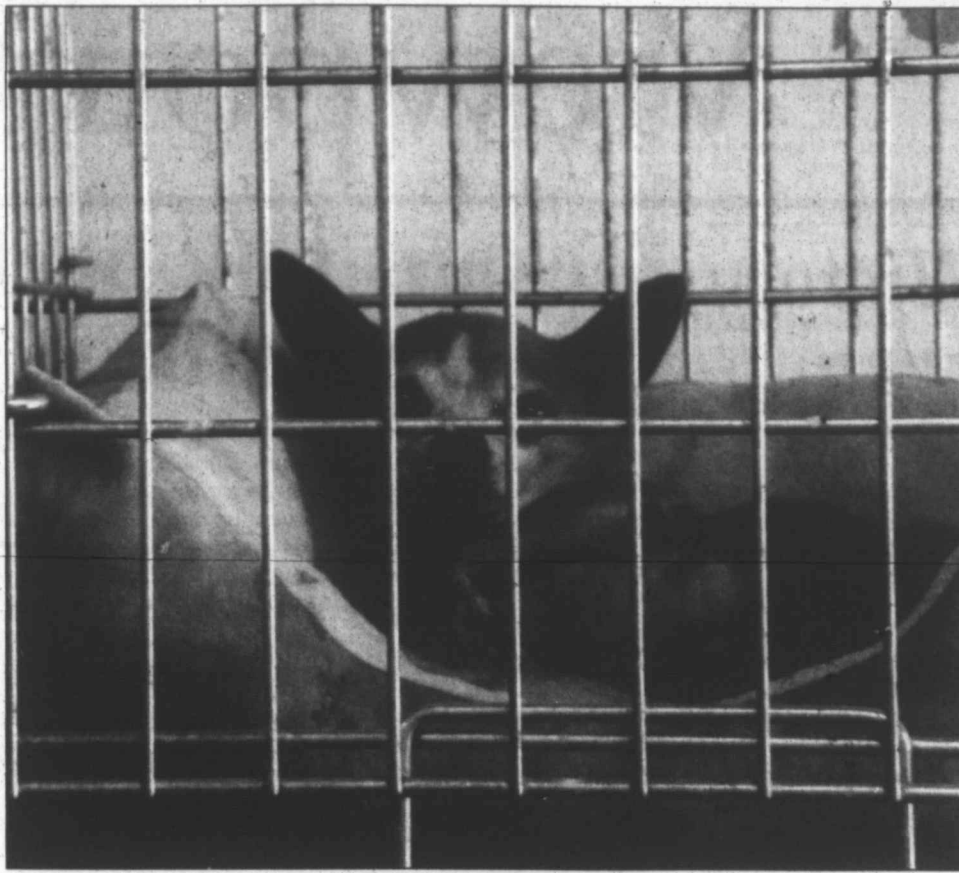


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A small chihuahua mix, who had been involved in a dog fight, sits on a worn out dog bed at the Pampa Animal Shelter. He is showcased in a series of small cages, new to the shelter, to help show off small dogs to help them be adopted.

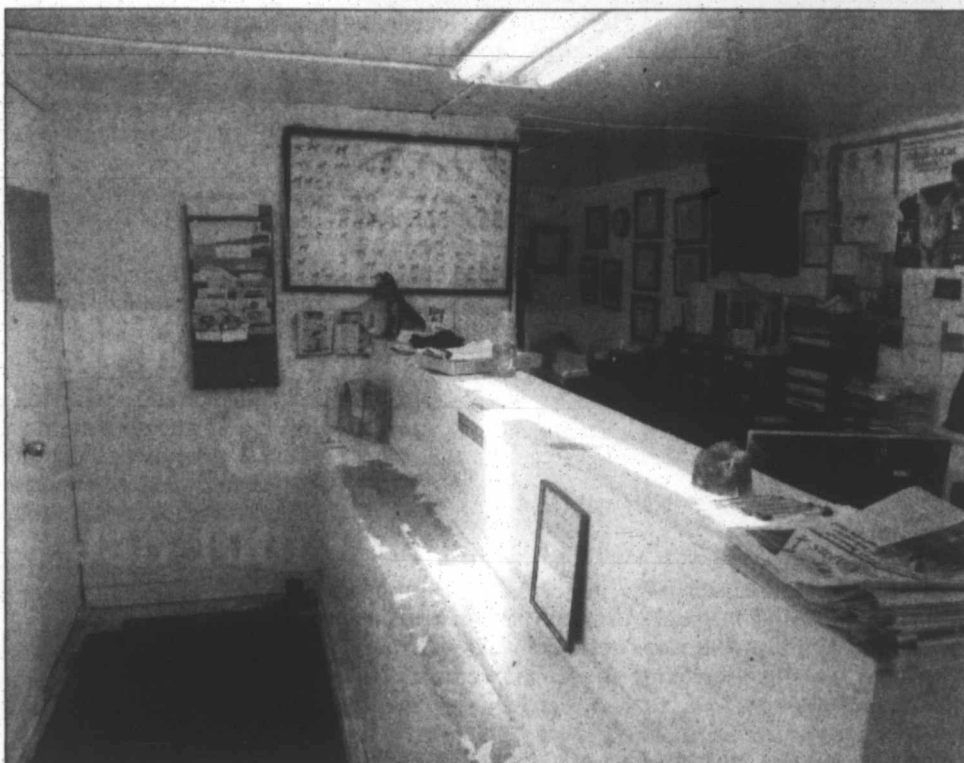


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The front office of the animal shelter is a small, narrow space that is barely standing room for three people, without pets. The space houses the five employees at the shelter, where they do all administrative work and adoptions.



photo by Rachel Stennett

The male dog cages inside the Pampa Animal Shelter are some of the most overcrowded. Narrow, short cages contain multiple dogs, making it hard for people to know an individual dog, or want to adopt it, according to Burns. The shelter cannot hold dogs longer than legally required because of a lack of space.

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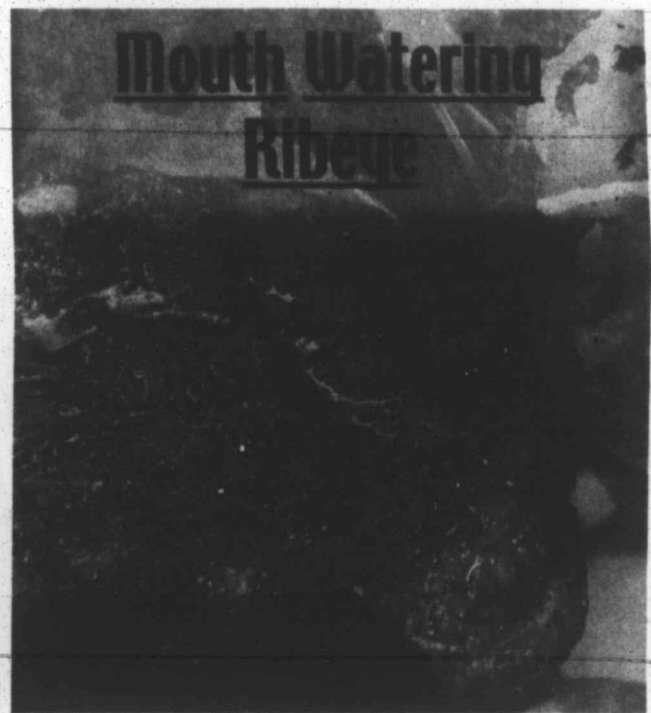
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January 7 • Football Banquet
January 8 • Report Cards
January 9 & 10 • All State Band Auditions • Abilene
January 10 • Choir Area Auditions

Pampa Junior High School

January 5 • Moms Involved • 6:00 pm • Room 16
January 8 • Report Cards Distributed

Travis Elementary

January 8 • 4th Grade to Amarillo Globe Center

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Saturday, Jan. 3, the third day of 2009. There are 362 days left in the year.
 Today's Highlight in History:
 On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.

On this date:
 In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X.
 In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J.
 In 1868, the Meiji Restoration re-established the authority of Japan's emperor and heralded the fall of the military rulers known as shoguns.
 In 1909, Danish-American comedian Victor Borge was born in Copenhagen.
 In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

'The human body is the best picture of the human soul.'

—Woody Guthrie
 Singer, songwriter

right to ban closed shops.
 In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.
 In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.
 In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.
 Ten years ago: Chicagoans dug out from their biggest snowstorm in more than 30 years. Israeli authorities detained, and later expelled, 14 members of Concerned Christians, a Denver-based cult which Israeli officials feared was plotting violence in Jerusalem to bring about the Second Coming of Christ.
 Five years ago: A Boeing 737 owned by Egyptian charter tour operator Flash Airlines crashed into the Red Sea, killing all 148 people aboard, most of them French tourists. NASA's Mars rover, Spirit, touched down on Mars.
 One year ago: Barack Obama won the Democratic caucuses in Iowa, while Mike Huckabee won the Republican caucuses. After nearly 27 years in prison, Texas inmate Charles Chatman was set free by a judge because of new DNA evidence showing he'd been wrongly convicted of rape.
 Today's Birthdays: Record producer Sir George Martin is 83. Actor Robert Loggia is 79. Actor Dabney Coleman is 77. Journalist-author Betty Rollin is 73. Hockey Hall-of-Famer Bobby Hull is 70. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 66. Musician Stephen Stills is 64. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 63. Actress Victoria Principal is 59. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 53. Actress Shannon Sturges is 41. Jazz musician James Carter is 40. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 37. Actor Jason Marsden is 34.

Texans talk back: Hearing from constituents on key issues

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

As Americans welcome a new President and a new Congress, I'd like to ask you to share with me your opinions on the most important issues facing our nation and state at this critical juncture.

We often learn the most when we listen. Hearing firsthand what is important to you helps me better represent Texas.

Like you, I am passionate about the issues that most affect our state, and I know how important they are to you and your families. I encourage you to respond online at the survey page on my website or mail in your responses. The mailing address and survey website address are listed at the end of this form.

I appreciate your participation and look forward to reading your responses.

I. Economy
 The current financial crisis threatens the economic security of every American family and business. Unemployment has reached a 15-year high, and our economy is in a recession.

My goal is for American workers to earn a living wage and for their companies to be competitive, resulting in long-term success for businesses and their employees.

As we work to find solutions to overcome the recession, what role do you think the federal government should play in stimulating economic growth in this time of uncertainty? Please rank in order of importance (1-3).

___ Increase Government Spending on Infrastructure

___ Cut Taxes

___ Pay Down the National Debt

II. Health Care

There is a growing disparity in access to health care because of soaring medical costs and rising insurance premiums. We must find ways to make health care more accessible without sacrificing the quality of care that Americans enjoy.

In your opinion, what are the greatest barriers in our healthcare system? Please rank in order of importance (1-5).

___ High Cost of Insurance and Health Care Services

___ Limited or No Access to Health Insurance

___ Quality of Care Provided (Please explain below)

___ Limitations on Choice of Health Care Practitioners

___ Difficulty Understanding Health Insurance Plan Coverage and Payments

III. Education

Education is key to America's success, and it will be critical to our leadership in the 21st century. Strengthening our schools, colleges, and universities is a goal all levels of government share.

First, we must dramatically reduce the high school dropout rate. Second, we must emphasize science, technology, engineering, and math in our schools. These are the disciplines that spur creativity and new discoveries, which are essential to economic growth.



What do you think Congress should do to strengthen public education? Please rank in order of importance (1-5).

___ Expand Choice for Alternatives to Public Schools (Private, parochial, or magnet options)

___ Help Attract More Qualified Teachers

___ Raise Teachers' Salaries

___ Expand Technical and Vocational Training in Community Colleges

___ Expand Access to Colleges with Student Aid and Scholarships

IV. Transportation
 Transportation is a vital part of our daily lives. Yet, every day at rush hour, we are reminded of the strain that Texas' growing population puts on our infrastructure.

If we fail to meet our transportation needs, businesses and employers may relocate to areas with more suitable infrastructure.

In your opinion, what should the federal government do to enhance the capabilities of our current transportation system? Please rank in order of importance (1-5).

___ Increase Use of Rail as an Alternative to Automobiles

___ Replace Aging Infrastructure

___ Increase Toll Roads

___ Develop More Options for Mass Transit Such as Buses

___ Develop More Options for Use of Lanes Dedicated to Multi-passenger Cars (HOV)

V. Legislative Priority
 What should Congress' legislative priority be this year?

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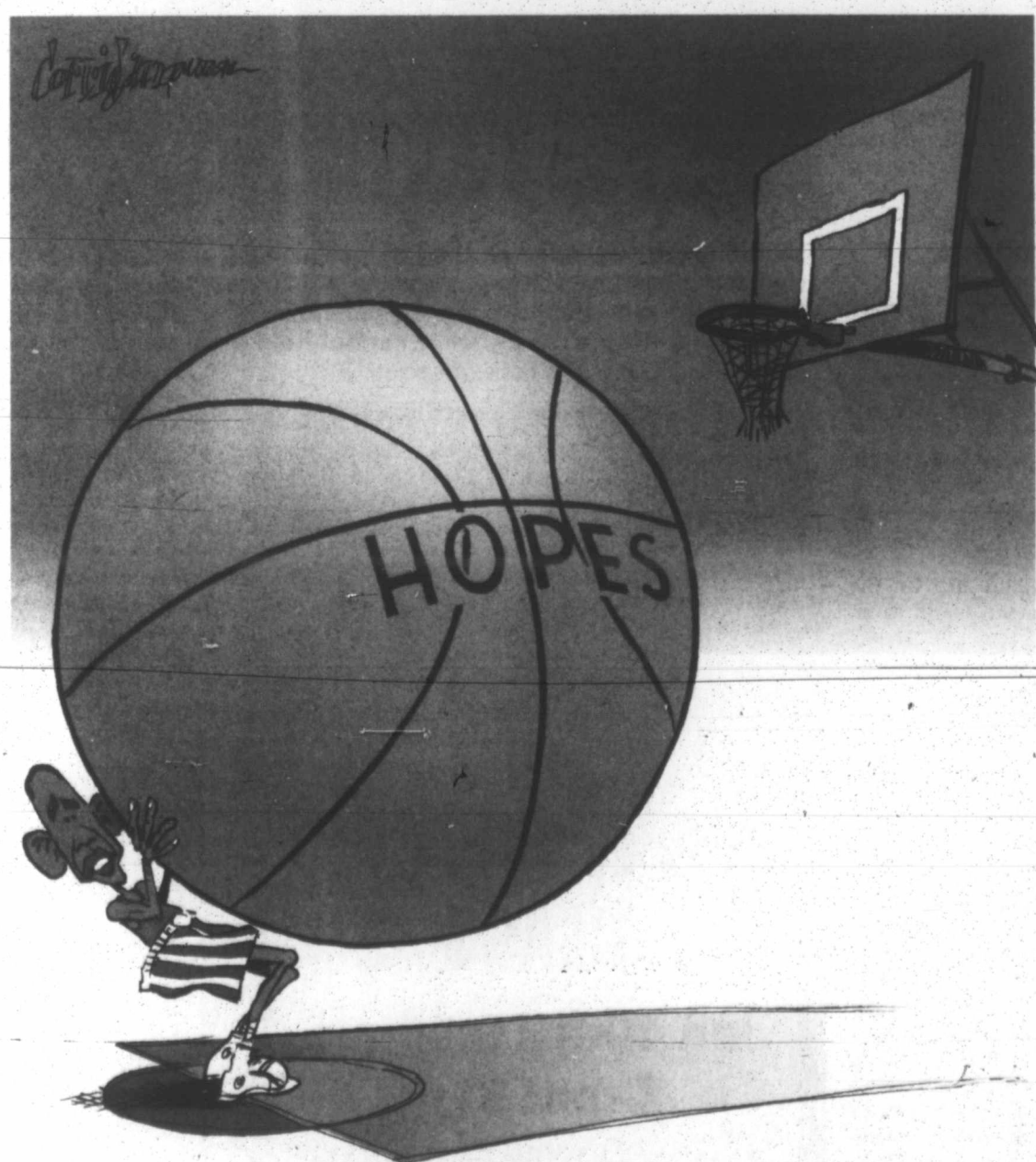
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Lawmakers are still reeling from the 2007 legislative session and their public feuds with the late transportation commission chairman Ric Williamson, a friend of Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who appointed him to shepherd Perry's vision for Texas highway construction. New commission chair Deirdre Delisi, another longtime Perry associate, has been trying for months to ease tension between lawmakers and the agency. "We've been working very hard to improve our communications and make what we do as an agency much more understandable to the public and the Legislature," Delisi said in a recent interview. "I think our efforts have been paying off."

But frustration continues over Perry's proposed Trans-Texas Corridor road network that threatens to overtake private farm land, and legislators keep bringing up the agency's \$1 billion bookkeeping mistake. They are calling for more transparency and accountability.

Perry will be watching the Legislature's actions closely. Road-building is a cornerstone of his administration and is certain to be an issue in his 2010 re-election bid. Potential primary opponent Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison also has said transportation should be one of the state's top priorities.

For years Perry has said the major north-south highway Interstate 35 and other Texas roads are so choked with traffic they can't handle the state's population growth and commerce.

His proposed Trans-Texas Corridor — envisioned as a huge set of highways, rail and utility lines crisscrossing the state — has been under fire almost since its inception. Some lawmakers are pledging to try to abolish it. Perry's advisers acknowledge the corridor may not need to be as extensive as initially planned.

But they say the part of the corridor that will parallel I-35 is essential to alleviate traffic and that Interstate 69, proposed to run through East Texas and into South Texas, is an important trade route.

Delisi said since taking the helm at the transportation commission last April she has tried to work with legislators to figure out ways to leverage limited money to build and improve roads.

"We've got billions and billions and billions of dollars of state needs," she said.

In mid-December, a citizen's committee made up of Houston Astros owner Drayton McLane and other business leaders outlined for the commission \$313 billion in road and bridge needs between now and 2030. While some spoke about the astronomical dollar figure, Delisi asked, "What's the cost to the state of not doing it?"

Meanwhile, lawmakers on the sunset panel recommended in a narrow vote to do away with the existing five-person commission that oversees the transportation department and replace it with one commissioner named by the governor — much like the insurance commissioner operates. That transportation head would have to be reconfirmed by the state Senate every two years, and there would be more legislative oversight of the agency.

Issett and several senators disagreed with the one-commissioner structure, so dissent over the recommendation could erupt in the full Legislature. Issett argues that representation

from several regions of the state is essential.

Other House members want an even bigger overhaul.

"The commissioner's office is where the buck ought to stop," said Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, a San Antonio Democrat, who wants to abolish the five-member transportation commission and replace it with an elected commissioner, similar to the role of the elected state agriculture commissioner. "The public pulse favors an elected commissioner."

Rep. Linda Harper-Brown, an Irving Republican who has been outspoken about problems at the agency, said she may work with McClendon on her proposal during the session.

Traditionally, the governor has appointed powerful, well-connected business people to the commission.

Displaying some gallows humor over the legislative proposal to abolish the panel, commissioner Fred Underwood recently quipped that he feels like he's done more for the transportation department "than the Titanic did for the cruise business."

Delisi has not waded into the debate over how the agency should be governed and is putting her attention on funding.

Some quick turnaround projects have been identified and submitted to the federal government in hopes of getting economic stimulus package money.

For their part, Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick announced that they are united on three transportation fronts in the 2009 legislative session:

- Ending the practice of diverting \$1.2 billion in gas taxes every two years to the Department of Public Safety and using the money instead for road construction;

- Creating a transportation finance entity to encourage Texas-based investment funds to put money into road projects;

- And passing legislation authorizing use of bonds approved by voters for road projects in 2007.

On the Net:
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New Texas sheriff closes jail

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Three weeks after an FBI raid, a North Texas jail has been closed and its nearly 60 inmates transferred as authorities investigate what they call dangerous conditions for jailers and those behind bars.

Montague County Sheriff Paul Cunningham moved the inmates to the nearby Wise County Jail on Thursday morning a few hours after he was sworn in as the new sheriff just after midnight.

Jack McGaughey, district attorney for Montague, Clay and Archer counties, declined to say what prompted the investigation, also being conducted by the Texas Rangers. But he said authorities found contraband in the Montague County Jail.

He also said some surveillance cameras' cords had been disconnected; recliners were in cells; some bathrooms and cells could be locked from the

inside; and inmates had made partitions out of paper towels to block jailers' view inside their cells. One alarming discovery was a type of rack made of nails, he said.

"This action was taken because there was a concern for the safety of the prisoners and the jail personnel," McGaughey said Friday.

Some inmates had apparently used extension cords between cells and doors to lock deputies out, and unidentified pills were strewn about other jail cells, Dallas-Fort Worth television station WFAA reported.

Five inmates were removed and transferred to the Wise County Jail the day of the FBI raid earlier this month based on the investigation, McGaughey said. No one has been arrested yet, but McGaughey plans to present evidence to a grand jury and said "a number of peo-

ple" — inmates as well as jailers — could be indicted.

The U.S. Attorney's Office also is working with the FBI and may bring federal charges in the case, McGaughey said.

The FBI in Dallas did not immediately return calls seeking comment Friday.

Cunningham told WFAA-TV that the conditions made him "shiver" but said he hopes the jail will open again in two months, with repairs made and inmates back under a new set of rules.

The jail in Montague County, about 65 miles northwest of Fort Worth, has had other problems through the years.

In early 2002, four inmates broke out of the Montague County Jail after overpowering a guard with a homemade knife. The two convicted killers and two murder suspects drove off in the guard's sport utility vehicle but were caught 10 days later at an

Ardmore, Okla., convenience store.

The Montague County Jail had been "decertified," or put on warning, about three months before the escape for exceeding state regulations that required one guard for every 48 inmates. After the breakout the Texas Commission on Jail Standards made a surprise visit and found the jail still out of compliance.

Assault

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his son and simple assault against his girlfriend.

Isbell remained in jail as of Friday afternoon, but bond had not been set because Friday was an official holiday for Gray County and a judge was not present to set bail. Bond was set at \$5,000 for and \$500 for the simple assault.

New laws in 5 states call for fire-safe cigarettes

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Laws mandating stores only sell cigarettes that are slow-burning and fire-safe went into effect in five states on New Year's Day.

Delaware, Iowa, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Texas on Thursday joined 17 other states in mandating the fire-safe cigarettes. Fifteen other states have laws that will take effect this year or next, according to the Coalition for Fire-Safe Cigarettes.

The paper on these "fire-safe" cigarettes is thicker in two separate spots so they will go out if not puffed when they burn to these areas. The idea is to prevent fires caused when cigarettes are left unattended.

Critics say that the fire-safe brands taste different and can extinguish a cigarette before a smoker is done smoking it.

About 800 Americans die each year in fires caused by careless smoking and the coalition estimates that number will be reduced if at least half the states pass the law.

"There has been a rash of smoking materials deaths," Oklahoma Fire Marshal Robert Duke said Monday. "A cigarette will fall into overstuffed furniture or mattresses when people fall asleep, or it rolls off an ashtray and on to the carpet, then the possibility for ignition happens."

"This cigarette is supposed to snuff out before it can cause enough heat to start a flame."

Julie Alexander, manager of a Tobacco Outlet Plus store in Des Moines,

Iowa, said 95 percent of her store's stock is "fire-safe" cigarettes. Many brands have only been available in the new design for some time, she said.



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Insurgents plot overthrow of Texas House speaker

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican dissidents selected Rep. Joe Straus of San Antonio on Friday night as their candidate to overthrow long-serving House Speaker Tom Craddick, one of the most powerful leaders in state government.

Emerging from a meeting in tony West Austin, Straus said he had the support of 10 other Republicans and he vowed to bring more into the coalition in the days ahead. The vote for speaker takes place on Jan. 13, opening day of the 81st Texas Legislature.

"This group is united," Straus said. "I'm going to try to bring everyone together."

Straus, a wealthy San Antonio businessman, is a relative newcomer to Texas politics. He was first elected in a 2005 special election, so the 2009 session will only be his third. Straus portrayed that as a plus, saying he isn't "scarred" by the infamous battles that have left the House bitterly divided.

Straus' official candidacy was not posted on the Web site of the Texas Ethics Commission Friday night, but Rep. Charlie Geren, the Fort Worth Republican who helped spearhead the anti-Craddick rebellion, said Straus had sent in his paperwork as required by law.

Craddick, the longest serving Republican in state elective office, won't go down without a fight. He plans to hold his own meeting Sunday, and his supporters say he has far more votes than any single candidate.

Craddick issued a written statement shortly after

Straus spoke to reporters outside the Austin home of Rep. Byron Cook, R-Corsicana, who hosted the meeting of GOP members opposing the speaker's re-election.

"There are great challenges facing the state, and there are clear differences in experience and philosophy between Mr. Straus and me," Craddick said. "I am confident that I will be re-elected speaker."

Still, Craddick's own allies have acknowledged that he lacks a majority of the 150-member body, which has sown doubt that the Midland oilman will remain in his powerful post. One top lieutenant, Rep. Will Harnett, R-Dallas, estimated Craddick's support at 70 members — six shy of the magic 76, or half of the chamber plus one.

"Members are in a position for the first time in memory where some of them feel it's less dangerous to vote against the sitting speaker than vote the way they've been going," said Ross Ramsey, editor of the political newsletter Texas Weekly. "For a lot of them, the uncertainty is just unbearable."

Before the insurgents met, one of them, Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, said he was willing to give up his own candidacy for speaker if it means ending Craddick's controversial rule.

"It's a cause greater than one's self. We're going to stop the era of absolute authority," Merritt said. "We will elect a Republican speaker with a Republican majority."

The group that met to overthrow the speaker is

known informally as the ABCs — Anybody But Craddick. At least 64 Democrats are also vowing to oppose Craddick "under any circumstances."

The Democrats plan to hold their own meeting to discuss the speaker's race Saturday. With Straus gathering the reform group's support, the Democratic minority could be in the position of kingmaker this weekend.

"I think it's coming together well," said Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, one of the Democratic leaders. "Folks have sent a message that they're tired of the bickering ... I think there's a lot of people who want to start over."

First elected to his West Texas House seat in 1968, Craddick became speaker in 2003, when Republicans had an 88-62 majority. Today, six years later, it has dwindled to 76-74, a bare two-seat margin. More recently, Republicans who once were counted among Craddick's top GOP supporters have publicly broken from the longtime speaker and are calling for new leadership.

So far ten Republicans, including Craddick and Straus, have filed the paperwork necessary to run for speaker, and even more could join the race before the saga ends. Rep. John Smith, R-Amarillo, the speaker's hand-picked chairman of the House Insurance Committee, said he is thinking about running or getting behind another candidate in order to restore "peace and harmony" in the badly divided chamber.

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ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #272A, Minchew, 2135' from South & 931' from West line, Sec. 72,C,G&M, PD 12500'.

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WHEELER (WILDCAT & MILLS RANCH Granite Wash) Sanguine Gas Exploration, L.L.C., #505 Sallie, 660' from North & 1980' from East line, Sec. 5,L, J.M. Lindsey, PD 11600'.

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #4H D. Britt '4', 250' from South & 467' from East line, Sec. 4,1,B&B, PD 12282' (BHL: 500' from North & 467' from East Sec. line) Horizontal

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash Cons.) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con., Inc., #10H McCoy '27', 250' from South & 767' from East line, Sec. 27,—,CCSL, PD 12275'. Horizontal

WHEELER (WILDCAT & WEST PARK Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #106 Hays, 1215' from South & 990' from West line, Sec. 6,RE,R&E, PD 15700'.

Oil Well Completions
ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #4 J.B. Waterfield, Sec. 104,C,G&M, spud 7-20-08, drlg. compl 8-8-08, tested 10-24-08, flowed 22 bbl. of 48 grav. oil + 5 bbls. water thru 64/64" choke on 24 hour test, GOR 6500, TD 11100', PBTD 10385' —

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CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., #8A G.W. Deahl, Sec. 6,3,AB&M, spud 3-2-08, drlg. compl 5-2-08, tested 8-30-08, TD 3036' —

CARSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Linn Operating, Inc., #2A Deah 'HT', Sec. 18,S,H&GN, spud 5-2-08, drlg. compl 8-13-08, tested 8-29-08, TD 3090' —

HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #2 Begert Trust '31', Sec. 31,41,H&TC, spud 9-1-08, drlg. compl 9-2-08, tested 11-12-08, potential 987 MCF, TD 13275', PBTD 12590' —

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HEMPHILL (BEGERT 10200) Laredo Petroleum, Inc., #2 Elm Creek Ranch '35', Sec. 35,A-1,H&GN, spud 9-20-08, drlg. compl 10-13-08, tested 11-11-08, potential 2554 MCF, TD 13350', PBTD 13296' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #8 Hobart '60', Sec. 60,A-1,H&GN, spud 9-5-08, drlg. compl 9-25-08, tested 12-4-08, potential 1514 MCF, TD 13000', PBTD 12921' —

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1129A Peak-Walser, Sec. 29,A-2,H&GN, spud 10-3-08, drlg. compl 10-22-08, tested 11-17-08, potential 5166 MCF, TD 13900', PBTD 13165' —

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Isaacs 'E', Sec. 1,—,D&SE, spud 6-26-08, drlg. compl 7-15-08, tested 10-24-08, TD 11303', PBTD 10732'.

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #8 Vollmert 'C', Sec. 10,—,BS&F, spud 7-4-08, drlg. compl 7-23-08, tested 10-27-08, TD 11400', PBTD 11000' —

ROBERTS (N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Jones Energy, Ltd., #2031H Vollmert Trust, Sec. 31,B-1,H&GN, spud 5-25-08, drlg. compl 8-21-08, tested 11-3-08, potential 2971 MCF, TVD 10109', MD 14432' — Horizontal

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ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #781 Christie-Tipps, Sec. 78,B-1,H&GN, spud 10-18-08, drlg. compl 11-1-08, tested 12-1-08, TD 10400', PBTD 10350' —

ROBERTS (ST. CLAIR Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #851 Jones, Sec. 85,C,G&M, spud 10-10-08, drlg. compl 10-21-08, tested 11-17-08, TD 10160', PBTD 10086' —

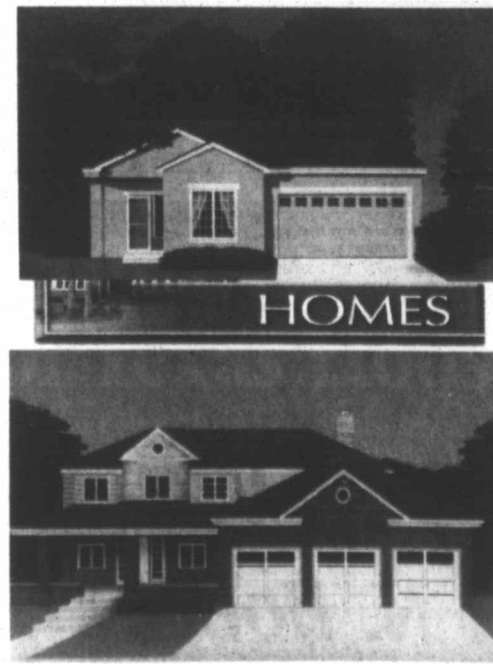
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WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #9017 Stiles '17', Sec. 17,A-3,H&GN, spud 6-22-08, drlg. compl 8-23-08, tested 9-26-08, potential 1083 MCF, TD 16500', PBTD 16406' —

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #1104 Stiles '4', Sec. 4,A-3,H&GN, spud 6-28-08, drlg. compl 8-16-08, tested 9-15-08, potential 10751 MCF, TD 16726', PBTD 16621'.

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Pampa events and opportunities

• **Carson County Square House Museum** in Panhandle will host an artist reception for Charles Firestone from 2:30-4 p.m. Jan. 11 in Hazlewood Gallery of the museum. Firestone is from Dalhart. He has studied under Dord Fitz and other artists. He belongs to several area art groups as a student and as an instructor. Firestone works primarily in oils but also uses watercolor, pastels, acrylics and personal photographs. A wide range of subjects from landscapes to portraits will be on display at the museum. For more information, call the museum at (806) 537-3524.

• **The 26th Annual Benefit Bridal Show** will be staged from 12:30-4:30 p.m. Jan. 11 in the Heritage Ball Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo by Bride's World. The event will include 100 merchants, continuous modeling of bridal wear, a silent auction and a grand prize giveaway. Tickets will be \$6 at the door or may be purchased in advance at www.bridesworld.com on the Internet.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Texas Room of Lovett Memorial Library. The 2009 reading schedule is as follows: Jan. 14, "The Last Lecture" by Randy Pausch; Feb. 11, "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortenson and Davie Relin; March 11, "Home: A Memoir of My Early Years" by Julie Andrews; and April 8, "The

Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls. The May 13 book for review will be announced at a later date. Public welcome.

• **The South Plains Agriculture Wind and Wildlife Conference** will begin with registration at 7:30 a.m. Feb. 13 at the American Wind Power Center and Museum in Lubbock. The conference is being conducted by Texas AgriLife Extension Service, Texas Wildlife Association, and Texas Parks and Wildlife. The purpose of the conference is to explore the pros and cons associated with the industry in Texas. For more information, call Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife specialist, at (806) 651-5760.

• **Fawn Lake Press** is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2 x 3-inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

• **Manhattanville My Soldier** is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

Emergency services

Pampa PD

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

Monday, Dec. 29

Officers conducted 14 traffic stops. A stop in the 1000 block of East Jordan resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of eight calls and/or stops involving animals was reported.

Officers served, or attempted to serve, warrants in the 700 block of North Nelson and the 200 block of West Foster.

Street signs were reported either stolen or damaged at 20th and Holly streets, Comanche and Kiowa streets, at 23rd and First streets, at 30th and Duncan streets, at 30th and Aspen streets, at Meadowlark Lane, at 20th and Holly streets, at 27th and Aspen streets, at 25th and Cherokee streets, and at Kiowa and Navajo streets.

Criminal mischief, in which someone was allegedly shooting dogs, was reported in the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson, where a Kodak digital camera was reported stolen.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Fine Arts Association, 500 S. Russell, at Optimist Park, 601 E. Craven, and at Mr. D's Amusements, 854 W. Foster. Graffiti was reported spray-painted in all instances.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1700 block of West Buckler. A large rock was reportedly placed on the hood of a truck.

An alarm was reported in the 2700 block of North Duncan.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of West Foster.

An assault with no injuries was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells.

Fraud was reported to the PD. Fake moneygrams were reportedly received for purchase of an item or items.

A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of South Miami.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Holly Lane, where a mailbox and post were reported run over for an estimated \$75 in damages.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 700 block of Denver.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne.

An assault was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

A missing person was reported at the PD.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 500 block of Perry.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 500 block of North Wells.

Officers delivered a message in the 1200 block of East Darby.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of East Jordan.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

Officers conducted 25 traffic stops.

A total of six calls and/or stops involving animals was reported.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson, the 300 block of South Cuyler, the 2100 block of Beech Lane and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Lynn, where Christmas decorations worth an estimated \$30 were reportedly damaged.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Francis.

Criminal mischief was

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reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight, where the back window of a 1994 Ford Taurus was reported shattered for an estimated \$400 in damages.

Criminal mischief was reported at Culligan Water Conditioning, 314 S. Starkweather, where spray-painted graffiti was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells, where a house was reportedly egged.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of West Brown, where three buildings were spray-painted with graffiti.

Criminal mischief was reported at Clark and Albert streets, where a street sign and post were reported stolen.

Officers served, or attempted to serve, a warrant in the 1200 block of North Price Road.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of East Malone.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of North Banks.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East 14th.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 800 block of North Duncan.

A vehicle, a 1990 GMC pickup, was reported stolen in the 800 block of East Locust.

Phone harassment was reported at the PD.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of Sloan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block

of North Nelson.

A verbal domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella.

A business check was conducted in the 100 block of West Foster.

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Officers conducted eight traffic stops. A stop in the 200 block of West Finch resulted in at least one arrest.

A building check was conducted in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and incidents between 7 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 31 and 7 a.m. Friday, Jan. 2.

Wednesday, Dec. 31
Officers conducted eight traffic stops.

A total of five calls and/or stops concerning animals was reported.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of South Hobart.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of Cinderella Drive and in the 500 block of North Starkweather.

Traffic accidents were reported in the 200 block of West Foster, and at Hobart and Somerville streets.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of North Miami, where a diamond ring was reportedly stolen.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 1900 block of North Zimmers, the 1900 block of North Hobart, and at Hobart and McCullough streets.

Fraud was reported at the PD.

Civil matters were twice reported at the PD and once in the 300 block of South Anne.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

Harassment was reported at the PD.

A silent/abusive 911 call was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Agency assistance was rendered at Kingsmill and Purviance streets.

A runaway was reported at the PD.

Building checks were conducted in the 1200 block of North Hobart, twice in the 100 block of East Craven, once in the 600 block of West Foster, the 400 block of West Foster, the 2200 block of West Alcock and the 600 block of West Foster.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Thursday, Jan. 1

Officers conducted 17 traffic stops. Stops in the 300 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of South Gray and the 1100 block of South Farley resulted in at least one arrest.

A total of seven calls and/or stops concerning animals was reported.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported at Miami and Beryl streets, and in the 500 block of North Doucette.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North Gray; the 600 block of North Christy; at Price Road and Kentucky; in the 1100 block of East Darby; the 1300 block of North Starkweather; and twice in the 1200 block of North Duncan. A minor in possession of alcohol was reported in one incident in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 2200 block of North Perryton Parkway, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1500 block of North Banks, at Kingsmill and Cuyler streets, and in the 300 block of South Houston.

A prowler was reported in the 1500 block of North Summer.

An assault with minor injuries was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were reported in the 2100 block of North Williston and the 900 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel Road, where a vehicle was reportedly hit with a brick and the tail light broken; the 700 block of North Deane Drive, where a truck was reportedly keyed and dogs were let out of a yard; and the 800 block of North Lefors.

An assault was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A traffic accident was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of North Christine.

Officers conducted one welfare check in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 800 block of South Barnes.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors.

Fraud was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks, where \$60 was used on a debit card by someone other than the card owner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 2500 block of North

Evergreen.

Suspicious vehicles were reported at Wilks and Hobart streets, and at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Friday, Jan. 2

Officers conducted six traffic stops.

Domestic disturbances were twice reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson.

Officers conducted one welfare check in the 800 block of East Francis.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. Friday.

Thursday, Jan. 1
5:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of North Faulkner. No transport.

8:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Harlem. No transport.

11:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Friday, Jan. 2
12:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Thousands of shoes tie up Miami freeway

MIAMI (AP) — State troopers are looking for a charity to take thousands of shoes that were dumped on a Miami expressway, tying up rush hour traffic.

Lt. Pat Santangelo says the Florida Highway Patrol received a call about the shoes Friday morning.

Santangelo says he's not sure where the shoes came from. There were no signs of a crash and no one stopped to claim them. He says he hopes someone will take them because he doesn't want to send them to the dump.

Workers using a front-end loader and a dump truck were able to quickly clear at least one lane by sweeping all the shoes to shoulder, but delays were expected until they could all be removed.

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Sports

Harvesters win two, lose two in Lubbock tourney

by David Bowser
staff reporter
LUBBOCK — In the end, the Caprock AMBUCS were the winners, raising \$250,000 for their community projects here from the Caprock Classic Basketball Tournament with 87 teams playing over a three day schedule in almost every public and private school gym in Lubbock.

The Pampa Harvesters lost their first game of the tournament against Brownfield on Monday, but won the next two on Tuesday against Lubbock Monterey and Hereford before dropping their last game Wednesday against the Randall Raiders, whom they will see again this month in district play.

The 49-43 final score of the last tournament match the Pampa Harvesters played this week doesn't begin to tell the tale of the battle in the last half of their game against Randall.

Tipping off at noon Wednesday in the gym at Coronado High School here, Randall took the lead in the first period 11-8.

Harvester Matt Smith opened the second quarter with one point from the free throw line followed by a two-point field goal by Alex Clendening, but Canyon answered to keep a three-point lead.

Harvester Hayden Skinner added a basket to cut Canyon's lead to one point, 14-13, but Canyon came back to make it 16-13, then added a point from the free throw line, followed by two more bringing the score to 19-13.

With two minutes left in the half, Canyon scored again, widening their lead to 21-13.

As second half started, Canyon sank two free throws to expand their lead to 26-13.

Alex Torres sank two, but Canyon answered with two of their own, making it 28-15.

Pampa cut the lead by two making it 28-17 with six minutes remaining in the third period.

Canyon came back with

two, and with less than six minutes left in the third period Canyon held their lead 30-17.

Alex Clendening made one of two free throws to bring the score up to 30-18. Then Clendening made two more to bring make it a 10-point game, 30-20 with 3:25 remaining in the third period.

Clendening made three to bring it to a seven-point ballgame with a score of 30-23.

With 1:44 left in the third quarter, Clendening sank two free throws to make it a five-point ballgame.

Canyon answered with two, making it 32-25.

Heath Skinner made two of two free throws to close the gap to 32-27.

Clendening then went to the free throw line to make two for two and narrow the score to 32-29 with 29 seconds remaining in the third quarter.

That's where it stood at the end of three quarters, with Pampa outscoring Canyon 16 to 8 in the third quarter.

As the final quarter started, Pampa cut Canyon's lead to one point.

Clendening dropped in two to take the lead 33-32 over Canyon with 6:35 remaining in the game.

Matt Smith sank two to expand Pampa's lead 35-32, but Canyon made two free throws to close the gap to 35-34.

With five minutes left to play in the game, Clendening came to the free throw line to make it 36-34.

Heath Skinner sank one of two free throws to make it 37-34, but Canyon sank a three-pointer to tie the ball game 37-37 with 3:41 remaining in the game.

Blake Sieck made two of two free throws after taking an elbow in the belly from a Canyon player, putting Pampa back in the lead 39-37 with three minutes left in the ballgame.

But Canyon came back to the free throw line with two to tie the game again. This time at 39-39. Canyon then took the lead 41-39

with a minute and a half remaining in the game.

Heath Skinner put two of two free throws in the basket to tie the game again. With a minute left in the game, the score was 41-41.

Canyon sank two to take the lead 43-41.

With 46 seconds remaining, Canyon completed two of two free throws to make it 45-41.

As Pampa fought to get control of the ball again, Canyon made good use of their trips to the free throw line, adding another three points.

With Canyon leading 47-41 and 11 seconds remaining, Hayden Skinner made a basket, but Canyon returned to the free throw line to make two more points, winning the game over Pampa 49-43.

Randall put 11 points up in the first quarter to Pampa's 8, 13 points to Pampa's 5 in the second period, 8 to Pampa's 16 in the third quarter and 17 in the final quarter to Pampa's 14.

The leading scorer for Pampa was Clendening with 15 points with 13 of the 15 in the second half.

Alex Torres had eight points, six of them in the first half.

Matt Smith made seven points. Hayden Skinner had six points. Heath Skinner made five points on free throws in the second half, hitting five of six free throws. Blake Sieck had two points from the free throw line.

In their game against Lubbock-Monterey, a 5A school, on Tuesday, the Harvester showed they could play with the big boys.

Playing Monterey on their home turf at Monterey High School, the Harvester beat the Lubbock school 61-56.

Pampa led 17-16 at the end of the first quarter, but Monterey took a narrow lead during the second quarter.

Hayden Skinner banked one off the glass into the basket to give Pampa the lead 27-26 with 51 seconds

left in the first half.

Monterey made a basket, but Hayden Skinner answered that with his own, giving the Harvesters a 29-28 lead at the end of the first half.

Monterey again took the lead as the second half started. The third quarter ended with Monterey ahead 43-40.

As the final period began, Heath Skinner floated one in to cut Monterey's lead, 43-42, and then Matt Smith found the basket to put Pampa ahead 44-43.

A three-pointer by Hayden Skinner made it 47-43 with about five minutes left in the game.

Heath Skinner made one of two free throws to widen the margin 48-43, and then came back to the free throw line to sink two more after being fouled on a basket and then expanded Pampa's lead to seven points with 3:27 left in the game.

Canyon came back to make it a five point game, 52-47.

Hayden Skinner, however, went to the free throw line to make one out of two shots. Clendening added two giving Pampa an eight-point lead, 55-47. Then he added two more to give the Harvesters a 10-point lead, 57-47 with two minutes left to play.

Monterey came back, raising the score to 57-54 with slightly more than a minute left.

With 53 seconds Matt Smith put the ball in the basket to expand Pampa's lead 59-54.

Monterey answered with two making it 59-56 with 36 seconds remaining.

Blake Sieck made two of two free throws with 26 seconds as Monterey tried to force a turnover.

The final score against Monterey was 61-56.

In Tuesday night's game against the Hereford Herd, the Harvesters won 54-51, outscoring the Hereford team in the first three quarters.

A Hereford surge in the final period wasn't enough to turn the game around.

The Harvesters led 12-6

at the end of the first three quarters, Pampa led ahead 23-15. At the end of

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Good Luck Lady Harvesters!

Informant in RNC arrests says he stopped violence

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — To some of the people who know him back home in Texas, Brandon Darby is a traitor.

In his own mind, he's proud of what he did — feeding the FBI information that led to the arrests of two men accused of trying to disrupt the Republican National Convention.

"I feel like, as an activist, I played a direct role in stopping violence," Darby, 32, said in an interview with the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Darby's role as a confidential informant in the case leaked out in a pre-trial hearing. It was a remarkable transformation for a man known to many back in Austin as a fiery, grass-roots activist with a mistrust of government.

Darby was key to the investigation of David Guy McKay and Bradley Neal Crowder, both of Austin. The two men are scheduled for federal trial on Jan. 26 for allegedly building Molotov cocktails during the convention. They have pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors claim the two men built the firebombs because they were angry that police had seized a trailer filled with riot shields they'd built and hauled to Minnesota. In a conversation recorded by the FBI, McKay allegedly told Darby he planned to use the explosives on law-enforcement cars parked in a lot near the Xcel Energy Center.

In an e-mail to friends this week, Darby said he was comfortable with what he had done, the Pioneer Press reported.

"Like many of you, I do my best to act in good conscience and to do what

I believe to be most helpful to the world," he wrote. "Though my views on how to give of myself have changed substantially over the years, ultimately the motivations behind my choices remain the same."

His admission surprised Austin's activist community.

"Everyone that knew Brandon has gone through a whole range of emotions. Clearly, he's betrayed the trust of the community, and all the communities he's worked with," said Lisa Fithian, a social-justice activist who worked with Darby in Austin.

Darby grew up in Houston and became an emergency medical technician. He had plans to work abroad helping civilian victims in war-torn areas. But it was in New Orleans after Katrina that he made a name for himself as an activist by helping to start the Common Ground Collective, a network of nonprofits that delivered food, water and other aid.

"When I showed up in New Orleans, I was very angry at my government," Darby said. "I felt that rather than just protest what happened in New Orleans in your own city, it was important to protest by going to New Orleans and doing something about it."

But Darby said that while working on the Gulf Coast, he concluded that some activist organizations were more intent on radical agendas than actually helping people.

"Common Ground had over 22,000 volunteers, and the vast majority of those were average working-class Americans who just wanted to help," he said. "But what happens

is, different political groups or people with ideologies show up and their focus is on their agenda. ... There was a lot of that going on."

After working in New Orleans, Darby returned to Texas. Court documents reveal he began working as an informant for a San Antonio FBI agent in November 2007, the Pioneer Press reported.

Darby said he did it because he discovered that people he knew were planning violence. "Some of them had really bad intentions," he said.

By February 2008, Darby was involved with a group of activists in Austin, some of whom were making plans to travel to St. Paul to demonstrate during the

Republican National Convention.

According to FBI affidavits, Darby provided agents with information about meetings the group had as well as meetings with activists in other parts of the country, including a planning meeting in Minneapolis in May. He also purportedly provided information about riot shields McKay and Crowder had made from highway safety barrels. A rented U-Haul trailer held 35 of the shields as well as helmets and batons.

Affidavits and testimony in pretrial hearings show that Darby was providing FBI agents with updates on the location of the trailer. St. Paul police eventually found the trailer, broke the lock and

seized its contents. A federal magistrate has recommended that the shields and other items be excluded from evidence at the upcoming trial because police never sought a warrant to search the trailer.

Darby told agents that McKay and Crowder decided to retaliate by building Molotov cocktails. They bought the materials at Wal-Mart on University Avenue in St. Paul, then built the devices and stored them at the Dayton Avenue apartment building where they were staying. Police later raided the building and seized eight firebombs in the basement.

After Darby's name leaked out, some colleagues were quick to dismiss the possibility he had been an informant. Scott

Crow, a friend who worked with Darby to start Common Ground Collective, said it was "an absolute ... lie."

After getting Darby's e-mail this week, Crow said he was shocked. "I can only say it's heartbreaking and it's shocking. This is somebody who has been known to me for six years, and it's shaken me to my core that somebody this close to me had been informing on me and others," he said.

Darby said he's proud of the role he played, and he believes it helped make life more "stable."

"I decided that the way I was going about things was not the right way to do it," he said. "While it may have satisfied part of me, it really wasn't changing anything."

More seat belts for Dallas-area buses

DALLAS (AP) — Seventy new large school buses equipped with lap-shoulder seat belts similar to those in passenger cars are headed to Dallas County schools more than a year before a Texas law involving school buses and seat belts goes into effect, school officials said.

"Common sense says we need to protect our kids every way possible, and that includes seat belts," said Larry Duncan, Dallas County Schools board president, in an online story Thursday for The Dallas Morning News. "I would like to see them all with seat belts overnight, but we can't get that done."

Dallas County Schools, which provides buses for the Dallas Independent School District and eight other school districts, expects to get the new large buses this month, officials said. Dallas County Schools already has installed shoulder-lap seat belts on two buses that serve DISD elementary schools in North Dallas. And district officials said they hope belts will be in more buses in the future.

The district's decision to retrofit buses and purchase ones with seat belts comes more than a year ahead of the effective date for a Texas law that will require school buses purchased after September 2010 to have seat belts. State legislators passed the law after two Beaumont students died when their school bus overturned in 2006.

But the law is contingent on the state providing money to districts to

install the seat belts, so the law may never take effect, Duncan said.

"The state dropped the ball, and we are picking the ball up," he said.

The district's board members voted to allocate an additional \$500,000 to retrofit buses this school year after setting aside \$750,000 last school year. It's a start, Duncan said, but the district will need to spend far more in the future to provide seat belts for every student. Retrofitting a large 77-passenger bus costs Dallas County Schools about \$10,000.

Despite the district's decision to have the seat belts, the debate remains about their benefits on buses.

A 2002 report by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about shoulder-lap seat belts in school buses concluded that "lap belts appear to have little, if any, benefit in reducing serious-to-fatal injuries in severe frontal crashes."

The design of school buses, with their big, plush seats and lengthy body, makes them safe, transportation safety experts say.

A small but vocal group contends that more crash tests need to be conducted to conclude that lap-shoulder seat belts would protect students in a side-impact crash.

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Recording studio in hospital about more than music

HOUSTON (AP) — Just down the hall from the chemo infusion rooms at Texas Children's Hospital, Jalen Huckabay was about to slip into another world, away from the wearying regimen of pokes, prods and pinches she'd endured since being diagnosed with lymphoma in November.



Jalen Huckabay sings into the microphone as she records the song she has just written at Texas Children's Hospital in Houston Friday, Dec. 12, 2008. The hospital has a one-of-a-kind program that gives pediatric cancer patients a chance to record their own songs. More than 116 songs have been recorded since Purple Songs began in March 2006 as part of the cancer center's Arts in Medicine program. (AP Photo/Pat Sullivan)

For the next few hours, the curly-haired, cherub-faced 16-year-old would become a songwriter.

Purple Songs Can Fly, a one-of-a-kind program at one of the country's largest pediatric cancer care facilities, gives patients a chance to record their own songs in a fully equipped recording studio at the hospital.

More than 116 songs have been recorded since Purple Songs began in March 2006 as part of the cancer center's Arts in Medicine program. Some of the recordings have been featured on audio tracks aboard Continental Airlines flights, and flown into space aboard the space shuttle.

Yet Jalen hesitated and hawed when her oncologist asked if she wanted to write and record a song. She wasn't sure what to expect. She is normally reserved, prone to one-word answers and prefers to stick close to her mother. She doesn't like singing in front of other people.

But she can talk for hours about Jasmine, the pint-size Yorkshire terrier she got as a Christmas present last year. The puppy she calls MYD. My Yippin' Dog.

Purple Songs founder Anita Kruse immediately knew that Jalen's words contained the kernels of a song, and that behind the girl's shy exterior, a creative spirit lurked.

"There's a point where the kids realize they are not thinking about anything else. It's just about being in that creative place," said Kruse, a Houston-based singer-songwriter who raised \$10,000 to start Purple Songs, which is funded through donations. "Seeing someone going through something really difficult let that go, even if it's just for the moment, it's beautiful."

It had been an especially rough week for Jalen, who is no stranger to rough weeks. A few days earlier, a good friend and fellow transplant patient had died. Then, the day before Jalen's first double chemo session, her grandfather had open-heart surgery.

A rough week, coming at the end of a rough year.

In March, Jalen's doctor told her parents she would die within two months without a lung transplant. Her own lungs, weakened by cystic fibrosis, could no longer sustain her. It would be the second transplant for Jalen, who received a new liver four years ago.

"We just prayed that those lungs came quick," said Karen Huckabay, Jalen's mother.

A donor match — the lungs of a 19-year-old girl who died of an aneurysm — were found in eight days. The transplant was performed at Texas Children's, one of three

hospitals in the country that perform pediatric lung transplants.

A few months later, an infection sent Jalen back to Texas Children's — she needed 17 operations over 11 weeks. In November, doctors detected a type of lymphoma that can occur in transplant recipients. They found post-transplant lymphoma in her tonsils and put Jalen on six-month course of chemotherapy.

For all but four weeks of 2008, Jalen and her mother have lived in an apartment near the hospital, 400 miles from home in Albany, Texas. Far from Jalen's father, her younger sister, her friends — and Jasmine.

That's why she wanted to write the song.

"I miss her very much," Jalen said of her pet.

Many of the children in Purple Songs write about their pets, or families, or other bits and pieces of home life.

"So many of them want to express gratitude and thanks to their friends or family or the doctors for being there for them, to that element of whatever is comforting during this time," said Kruse. "That dog is comforting for Jalen."

Inside the recording studio, Jalen reached into the purse dangling from the IV trolley and pulled out a cell phone. She wanted Kruse to see photos of her little Yorkie.

"Oh, she's adorable!" said Kruse. "Of course, she needs a song about her."

"So do you call her a puppy?" asked Kruse, as the two worked side-by-side in the cramped recording studio. Kruse sat at a Mac with a piano keyboard and Garage Band software. Jalen sat next to her beeping IV monitor, a protective face mask around her chin.

"We call her Jaz, Jasmine," replied Jalen, speaking barely above a whisper.

Kruse, her long flaxen hair reaching down the back of a long purple jacket, jotted Jalen's words onto her notepad with a purple-inked pen. Then she hummed softly. "Yipping dog ... she high fives ... twirls."

"She loves beef jerky," Jalen added, her muffled voice inching up just a notch. "If you give it to her

from the bag, she'll be your best friend... If you pat your tummy, she'll jump into your arms."

"She's just a year old? Would you say her hair's curly?," asked Kruse. "When it's long, it curls?"

"We dressed her up in a Build-a-Bear wedding dress," laughed Jalen, the words tumbling out a little easier. "Whenever you give her a bath, she hates the towel. She attacks the towel."

Without realizing it, Jalen was composing lyrics. With each phrase, a new verse filled Kruse's notepad: "She does high fives. She sits. She twirls. If we let her hair grow, she has pretty curls."

Kruse gave Jalen a thumbs up. "That's one verse. Now we just need a chorus."

"You've got to have MYD. My yippin' dog," joked Jalen's mother.

Jalen and Kruse looked at each other. That was it.

Kruse's pen flew across paper.

"MYD is my yippin' dog. Got her last Christmas on the 23rd. We call her Jaz. She's the Yorkie we chose. We dress her up in Build-A-Bear clothes."

Jalen hunched her shoulders and pulled the IV cord up to her lips. Behind her hands, she was smiling.

Karen Huckabay peered into the recording studio, amazed. Moments earlier, too shy to sing in front of onlookers, her daughter had banished everyone except Kruse from the room.

Now Jalen was standing behind a microphone, singing her newly-minted song ... and smiling. A grin spread across her mother's face too.

It had been less than two hours since Jalen entered the Purple Songs studio. Her initial reluctance had evaporated. Now, she wanted everyone to hear the song.

"MYD's my yippin' dog. Got her last Christmas on the 23rd ... If you give her a bath. She attacks the towel. If you make her mad. She will growl ... Yip. Yip. Yip. Yip."

Kruse had taken Jalen's lyrics, and added a bouncy music track with a thumping bass and lively melody meant to evoke the antics of a mischievous dog. Then

Jalen recorded several vocal tracks, creating the illusion of back-up singers. It was Jalen's idea to throw in a few yips for fun.

"That is so cool!" exclaimed Huckabay. "Do you think the Jonas Brothers will want to buy that?"

"I'm so excited. I love it!" added ZoAnne Dreyer, Jalen's oncologist, who had stopped by to check on Jalen before her chemotherapy session.

"Did you ever think you'd come to clinic and end up writing a song?"

Jalen just giggled.

"That's the most animated I've ever seen her," Dreyer said later. "She's been transformed today and that giddiness will sustain her through her chemo session."

"We're trying to get kids through cancer, so the more fun we can make it, the better their response is to everything," Dreyer said.

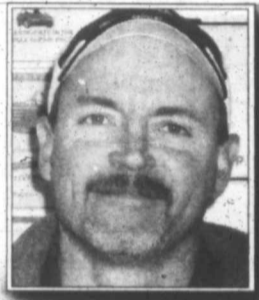
"It will give them a chance to get beyond this."

Jalen still has five months of chemo in front of her, but she went home for Christmas for two weeks. And she's been pricing home recording studios.

"At the beginning, I thought I sounded terrible," she said of her first song. "But as you listen to it more, you learn to like it a little better."

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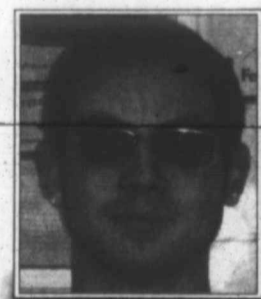
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Car wash worker chases off robber, ends up in jail

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A car wash attendant chased off a would-be robber with a power washer — and for his trouble got thrown in jail on an old warrant.

A gunman wearing a skeleton mask strolled into Washman Carwash in Portland on Dec. 13 and confronted employee Chris B. Truax.

"Give me your money!" Truax remembers the man saying, producing what looked like a handgun. The weapon broke, Truax said, and the gunman stuck it back in his waistband.

Aha, Truax remembers thinking, a fake — emboldening him to lead the robber to the till in the car wash's tunnel.

The gunman ordered Truax, 25, to fill a bag with cash. Truax stepped away. The robber grabbed for the cash.

Truax grabbed for the power washer. "It was like a quick draw," Truax told

The Oregonian newspaper.

Pulling the power washer from a pail and aiming it like a rifle, he directed a stream of soapy, lukewarm water at the robber with a force of 2,000 pounds per square inch. The man fled without the money.

"It had to hurt. I promise you that," said Jason Marsh, Truax's assistant manager. "It was brilliant."

The robber remains at large.

Truax's employers gave him two days off with pay, but the police jailed him on a 7-year-old warrant accusing him of driving under the influence of intoxicants. He was released the following night.

"It's about time I took care of it," he said, shrugging.

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Artist brings Vinsanity to Odessa

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Randall "Ran" Horn knew his time in Van Horn had run its course.

The artist says his Van Gogh Gallery was so cluttered it looked more like a junk store than an art gallery.

"I wanted to get back to the art," Horn said. An elected leader of the city of 2,400 was causing Horn, 56, "misery" because of the painter's strong views against President George W. Bush, Horn said. And then there were the walks in the desert, where Horn collected thousands of arrowheads. While he enjoyed the walks, there was one problem.

"I was spending so much of my time doing it," he said. "That's partly why I've stayed skinny."

So Horn decided to return home. He grew up in Odessa, where he graduated from Permian High. From there he headed to Henderson, in East Texas, where he studied at a seminary. He went on to become a Baptist minister in Dallas and Southwestern Oklahoma. But, ultimately, Horn decided that the clergy wasn't for him. Now he doesn't even go to church.

"I feel like when I attend church, I'm actually disobeying (God)," he said. "Do nothing for show."

Vincent Van Horn

Horn had always loved art. He picked up some painting tricks by watching the late Bob Ross on public television.

One day while living in Minnesota, Horn saw a gallery of reproductions of Vincent Van Gogh's masterpieces in the Mall of America. He was hooked.

"I can see what he did in 10 years," Horn said. "It amazes me what he did with the things going on in his life."

So Horn began using his artwork to pay tribute to Van Gogh. Some of his works are direct reproductions of Van

Gogh paintings; others try to show what Van Gogh might do in West Texas.

Others, like "Vincent's Parlor" and "Vincent's Gallery," incorporate up to 25 elements from Van Gogh paintings. Horn said he wouldn't sell those two works for less than \$50,000.

"I let him be my teacher," Horn said of Van Gogh. "I'm not him. I don't claim to be."

Other paintings in Horn's gallery are available for much less, with prices for prints starting at \$15. Horn's love of Van Gogh eventually led him to open his gallery in Van Horn. He chose the town, located 170 miles west of Odessa and 120 miles east of El Paso, because it draws traffic from Interstates 10 and 20, and then there was the name.

"I'm Ran Horn from Van Horn," he said. "It makes it easy for people."

The gallery in the remote city brought Horn notoriety everywhere from the Los Angeles Times to Texas Monthly to Texas Country Reporter. He also had well-known customers.

Horn said Dwight Yoakam bought four paintings while in town for the filming of the 2005 film "The Three Burials of Melquiades Estrada." George Rodrigue, the artist of the "Blue Dog" paintings, has a couple of Horn's works in his home.

And Texas Tech football coach Mike Leach drove 300 miles from Lubbock to commission Horn to do a Van Goghish likeness of the eccentric coach.

Leach said he first heard of Horn's work on "some kind of show Texas Highways" or something or other where they show the biggest ball of yarn."

It made him want to make the trip to Horn's gallery. "I bought a couple of 'em, and it was really interesting to go down to his store and check out his stuff," Leach said.

Horn presented Leach with the finished product, which immortalizes the coach wearing a straw hat, at a practice last spring — about two years after first talking to the coach about it. Horn remembers standing next to Red Raiders quarterback Graham Harrell and receiver Michael Crabtree, who finished fourth and fifth in Heisman Trophy voting, respectively, in 2008.

"That was a hoot," Horn said. Now, the painting is a "conversation piece" for those who come into the football offices. Leach said it even helps out in recruiting players to Texas Tech.

Leach said he had one disappointment, that Horn didn't cut his ear off — similar to Van Gogh's "Self Portrait with Bandaged Ear."

Horn said he's working on that one. But he's already got another piece ready for Leach — this one a painting of Van Gogh with black eyes.

"This must be how it feels after a UT or OU dustup," Horn said.

Leach said Horn could have a future doing sports-related work in a Van Gogh style. He sees it lending itself to athletic themes, in a way similar to LeRoy Neiman's work.

But, while Leach made a special trip, most of his customers were just traveling through Van Horn. Horn said he didn't see much repeat business.

Marfa, the artists' haven located about an hour down Highway 90, it ain't.

Time to go

Horn said he thought of moving his gallery to art-heavy Taos, N.M. But ultimately he decided on Odessa, somewhere that's less-than-fully exposed to culture.

"I got to looking — 100,000 people in this town, and I didn't see a gallery," he said. Plus he could save money by staying with his mother.

"That sort of cuts me some slack there," Horn said.

Horn is still working to get his gallery open. He hopes to have the new store, located in the Sherwood Village Center at 621 E. 42nd St., open in January. But he's not rushing it.

"One thing I don't believe in is having a heart attack over things," Horn said. "I'm not having a heart attack over this."

Since art hasn't made him rich, Horn's taken a second job working 12-hour shifts as a corrections officer at the Reeves County Detention Center in Pecos, even though he doesn't believe in prisons. Horn was in town but hadn't started his shift when a riot broke out Dec. 12. So he watched the events unfold from a rooftop.

"I wish I had my camera with me," Horn said. "I had some ideas for paintings."

Though the store isn't officially open, Horn has many paintings on display. And not all of them are Van Gogh related. He said his work is also inspired by the likes of Rembrandt, Franz Kafka and Leo Tolstoy.

There's the eight-foot-by-one-foot painting of Guadalupe Peak — an example of the "panoramic" style Horn now favors.

There is a sarcastic jab at Thomas Kincaid, using the heavily commercialized artist's face as a "pretty little house."

Horn has another painting that pays tribute to two other artists who influenced him, the self-explanatory "Picasso shoots Norman Rockwell." And then there is "Bush fiddled," which compares the president, wearing an olive leaf crown and toga, to the Roman emperor Nero. Bush plays the violin with Sept. 11 images of the World Trade Center and the Pentagon burning in the background.

Horn said it's not meant to specifically target Bush; it was just something he wanted to get off his chest.

"He is a metaphor for all of us," Horn said. "We were all fiddling."

But going against the grain in "Bush Country" wouldn't be unusual for Horn. He said he's never been into talking about what shows he's done or awards he's won.

"I consider myself an outsider artist," Horn said. "I'm not going to do things the traditional way."

"I'm not a person that's into fashion," he said.

The gallery also includes items Horn has collected, from boxes of rocks and arrowheads, which he says were all carved by American Indians, to cases of old soda bottles.

Thinking of others

Part of the reason Horn is opening the gallery is to allow other area artists to show there. Unlike galleries that charge artists commissions, Horn said he'll let those who display with him keep the full amount of their sales.

Ultimately, he'd like to have 50 artists displaying in the gallery on walls set up within the store. He said the works don't need to be anything like his art — he welcomes everything from Southwestern art to sculptures.

"I want this to be a place where there's no telling what you're going to see," Horn said.

So far, two artists have taken Horn up on his offer. Glenn Lackey, who works largely in oil paintings, is among them.

"I think it's about time to have a place like that in Odessa to show your art," Lackey said. "There are a lot of artists in Odessa who would love a place like that."

Lackey said he's grown tired of local museums requiring him to show a "resume" of the galleries he's shown his work. He doesn't understand how he's supposed to develop a resume when he can't get museums to show his work so that he can build one.

"I think Ran's got the right idea," he said, recalling the first time he saw Horn's gallery going up.

"I was delighted," Lackey said. "I just saw the building and saw the word art, and I made a detour to check it out."

Horn said he's back in Odessa for the "long haul," even if the economy is down.

"This might not be a good time to be starting a gallery," he said. "But I'm not looking at it as a way to make money. It's a labor of love."

But he can count on one customer.

"I'll definitely peek in there," Leach said. "He's a very interesting guy with an interesting background. I enjoy his friendship."

In some ways, Horn still feels like he's calling folks to the congregation.

"I still consider myself a preacher," he said. "I just do it though my art and just talking to people."

Driver in hot water after plow falls through ice

CROOKSTON, Minn. (AP) — A Minnesota snowplow operator is in hot water with his boss after driving a \$200,000 loader into a frozen river.

Mike Raymond was clearing snow from county parking lots early Monday when he decided to also clear off a boat ramp on the frozen Red Lake River in Crookston.

Raymond says he wanted to make it easier for people who pull fish houses on trailers onto the river. He

so happens to have a fish house on the river himself — but told the Grand Forks Herald that's not why he wanted to clear the area.

The John Deere 544 loader slid down the ice to the river bottom.

Emergency workers quickly helped Raymond out, but it took hours to retrieve the loader.

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AROUND TOWN

Community, Churches ACCORD. Gray County Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

BOY SCOUTS. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

CHAPEL BUILDERS. Jordan Chapel Builders holds its board meetings at 7 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Zion

Lutheran Church of Pampa. The group presides over an on-going effort to build a chapel at the Jordan prison unit. Meetings are open to the public.

DIVORCE CARE. DivorceCare recovery seminar and support group meets at 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E.

23rd. DivorceCare features experts on divorce and recovery topics. For more information, call 665-0842.

EASTERN STAR. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill. **FELLOWSHIP OF**

CHRISTIAN COWBOYS. The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

GIRL SCOUTS. Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

GOSPEL SINGING. First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

HIGHLAND BAPTIST. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, will host prayer time from 11 am.-2 p.m., each Thursday with a special time of prayer from 12:15-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact the church office at 669-6509.

LITERACY COUNCIL. Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST. Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, will hold daily prayer services at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon and 6

p.m. for the citizens of Pampa — churches, schools, etc. The prayer services are open to everyone. For more information,

call 665-4926. **MASONIC LODGE.** Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at 420 W. Kingsmill.

Cradle call



Aiden Lee Glaesman

Aiden Lee Glaesman was born at 8:23 a.m. Oct. 8, 2008, at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Jesse and Raelynne Glaesman of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds and was 20 1/2-inches long. The newborn is the sibling of sister, Carrie Glaesman; is the grandchild of Lyndon and Penny Glaesman of Picayune, Miss., and Jimmy and Chrisa Gatlin of Pampa; and is the great-grandchild of Richard and Helen Smith, James and Doris Gatlin, all of Pampa, Betty Miser of Berger, and Johnnie Faye Glaesman and the late Edward Glaesman of Elk City, Okla.

Lifestyles Policy

1. The Pampa News will not be responsible for photographs used in announcing births, weddings, engagements or anniversaries. We also reserve the right to refuse publication of photographs of poor quality. Photographs cannot be returned unless they are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. They may be picked up in the office after appearing in the paper.

2. All information must be submitted by 5 p.m. Wednesday (12 noon Tuesday before a holiday such as Thanksgiving or Christmas), prior to Sunday insertion.

3. Engagement, wedding and anniversary news only will be printed on Sunday.

4. Engagement announcements will be published if the announcement is submitted at least one month before the wedding, but not more than three months before the wedding.

5. Bridal photos and information will not be accepted in The Pampa News office later than one month past the date of the wedding.

6. Anniversary announcements will be published for celebrations only of 25 years or more and will not be published more than four weeks after the anniversary date.

7. Birth announcements will only be published for 0- to 3-month-olds. (See form for more details.)

8. Forms are available from the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, or by sending a SASE to The Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

9. Two anniversary pictures may be placed for a \$27.50 charge or four extra lines may be added to announcements for \$27.50 (\$55 for both).

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Menus

Week of January 5-9

<p>Pampa Schools MONDAY Breakfast: Oatmeal, toast. Lunch: Egg rolls or pizza, corn, broccoli & cheese, pineapple, rice pilaf.</p> <p>TUESDAY Breakfast: Cheese omelets, toast. Lunch: Chicken fried steak or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, English peas, fruit, rolls.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy. Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or pizza dippers, blackeyed peas, carrots, applesauce.</p> <p>THURSDAY Breakfast: Sausage, donuts. Lunch: Burritos or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, salad, peaches.</p> <p>FRIDAY Breakfast: Cereal, toast. Lunch: Fish strips or hamburger, fries, burger salad, fruit, cookies.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Wilson MONDAY Spaghetti, garlic toast, salad, dessert.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Lamar</p>	<p>TUESDAY Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert.</p> <p>Kid's Cafe-Briarwood THURSDAY Macaroni cheese, chicken strips, salad, dessert.</p> <p>Southside Senior Citizens THURSDAY Classic herbed hens, broccoli & carrots, buttered potatoes, rolls, peach cobbler.</p> <p>Senior Citizens MONDAY-FRIDAY Not available at press time.</p> <p>Meals On Wheels MONDAY Chicken pot pie, pickled beets, corn, pudding.</p> <p>TUESDAY Sausage, eggs, hash-browns, gravy, pears.</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Lasagna, green beans, garlic bread, salad, pineapple.</p> <p>THURSDAY Sloppy joes, tater tots, pork beans, applesauce.</p> <p>FRIDAY Catfish, pinto beans, cole slaw, apricots.</p>
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JANUARY 4, 2009

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KACV	Texas	Cinema's Exiles: From Hitler to Hollywood	American Masters	Wolves in Paradise	Face	Freeway Philharmonic	Monarch of the Glen	Nature "The Gorilla King"	Masterpiece Classic "Tess of the D'Urbervilles"	Spain											
KAMR	Paid Prog.	Horse Racing: AQHA	Bull Riding PBR Tour. From Baltimore.	Stars On Ice From Lake Placid, N.Y.	NFL Sunday	NFL Football NFC Wild-Card - Philadelphia Eagles at Minnesota Vikings.	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami	CSI: Miami
KCIT	To Be Announced																				
KFDA	NFL Football AFC Wild-Card - Baltimore Ravens at Miami Dolphins.																				
KVII	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.
A&E	(11:00) Movie	"Road House"	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters	Manhunters
AMC	"Two Minute Warning"	(15) Movie	"Thunderbolt"	(1992) Val Kilmer, Graham Greene.	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living	Killing for a Living
ANPL	Miami Animal Police																				
BET	Celebration																				
DISC	Killer Squad																				
DISN	"Even Phineas"																				
ESPN	Billiards																				
ESPN2	Series of Poker																				
FAM	(10:30) Movie	"Jumani"																			
FSSW	Paid Prog.	Rodeo	Academy	OSSAA Champ	Mavs Live	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Memphis Grizzlies.	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live	Mavs Live
FX	"Assault"	Movie	"The Sentinel"	(2006, Suspense) Michael Douglas.	Movie	"S.W.A.T."	(2003, Action) Samuel L. Jackson.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"
HGTV	First Place	My Kitchen	Deserving	Myles	Dime	Color	Divine	Genevieve	HGTV Dream Home 2009	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell	To Sell
HIST	UFO Hunters																				
LIFE	Movie	"Little Manhattan"	(2005) [E]	Movie	"True Confessions of a Holy Woman Born"	(2008) [E]	Movie	"My Mom's New Boyfriend"	(2008) [E]	Movie	"Father of the Bride Part II"	(1995) [E]	Movie	"Smother"	(2007) Diane Keaton. [E]	Movie	"Smother"	(2007) Diane Keaton. [E]	Movie	"Smother"	(2007) Diane Keaton. [E]
NICK	Jimmy Neutron: Gen. Barnyard																				
SCIFI	Storm of the Century	(Part 2 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century	(Part 3 of 3) [E]	Storm of the Century
SPIKE	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries	(N)	Unsolved Mysteries
TBN	Revelation	It Is Written	Conley	Jentzen F.	King Is	Jentzen F.	John Hagee Today	Rod Parsley	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil	Dr. Phil
TCM	(11:00) Movie	"Gaslight"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.
TLN	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence	48 Hours: Hard Evidence
TNT	"Save the Last Dance"	Movie	"Selena"	(1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez. [E]	Movie	"Monster-in-Law"	(2005) [E]	Movie	"The Wedding Date"	(2005) [E]	Movie	"The Wedding Date"	(2005) [E]	Movie	"The Wedding Date"	(2005) [E]	Movie	"The Wedding Date"	(2005) [E]	Movie	"The Wedding Date"
TVLAND	Hogan	Hogan	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza	"The Actress"	Bonanza
UNI	Pellicula "Los Alegres Aguilares"	(1967, Drama)	Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa		Los Reyes de la Risa
USA	(3:04) Movie	"Head Over Heels"	(2001) [E]	(01) Movie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005) Steve Carell. [E]	Movie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005) Steve Carell. [E]	Movie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005) Steve Carell. [E]	Movie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005) Steve Carell. [E]	Movie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005) Steve Carell. [E]	Movie	"The 40-Year-Old Virgin"	(2005) Steve Carell. [E]
WGN	"In the Heat of the Night: Give Me Your Life"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie	"The Children's Hour"	(1961) Premiere.	Movie
WTBS	(11:30) Movie	"Die Hard With a Vengeance"	(1995) [E]	Movie	"U.S. Marshals"	(1998) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. [E]	Movie	"U.S. Marshals"	(1998) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. [E]	Movie	"U.S. Marshals"	(1998) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. [E]	Movie	"U.S. Marshals"	(1998) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. [E]	Movie	"U.S. Marshals"	(1998) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. [E]	Movie	"U.S. Marshals"	(1998) (PA) Tommy Lee Jones. [E]
HBO	Le Cirque	(45) Movie	"Rais & Ties"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Golden Compass"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Golden Compass"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Golden Compass"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Golden Compass"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Golden Compass"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Golden Compass"
MAX	(11:50) Movie	"Shrek the Third"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"The Replacements"	(2000) [E]	Movie	"The Replacements"	(2000) [E]	Movie	"The Replacements"	(2000) [E]	Movie	"The Replacements"	(2000) [E]	Movie	"The Replacements"	(2000) [E]	Movie	"The Replacements"	(2000) [E]
SHOW	(11:15) "Arctic Tale"	Movie	"Ace Ventura: Pet Detective"	(1993) [E]	Movie	"1408"	(2007) John Cusack. [E]	Movie	"1408"	(2007) John Cusack. [E]	Movie	"1408"	(2007) John Cusack. [E]	Movie	"1408"	(2007) John Cusack. [E]	Movie	"1408"	(2007) John Cusack. [E]	Movie	"1408"
TMC	"Pride"	(20) Movie	"Mr. Jealousy"	(1991) [E]	Movie	"Clawed: The Legend of Sasquatch"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"Clawed: The Legend of Sasquatch"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"Clawed: The Legend of Sasquatch"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"Clawed: The Legend of Sasquatch"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"Clawed: The Legend of Sasquatch"	(2007) [E]	Movie	"Clawed: The Legend of Sasquatch"

MONDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

JANUARY 5, 2009

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KACV	Big World	Barney	Real Simple	Painting	Curious	Sid	Arthur	WordGirl	Fetich Ruff	Cyberchase	Maya	Martha	News-Lehrer	Antiques Roadshow	The Story of India	The Story of India	The Story of India	The Story of India	The Story of India	The Story of India	The Story of India
KAMR	Days of our Lives	(N) [E]	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	The Bonnie Hunt Show	Rachael Ray	[E]	Ellen DeGeneres Show	News	NBC News	News	NBC News	News	Entertain	Superstars of Dance	(N) [E]	Superstars of Dance	(N) [E]	Superstars of Dance	(N) [E]	Superstars of Dance
KCIT	Judge Mathis	(N) [E]	The People's Court	(N)	Divorce Ct. Young	Judge	Judge	Malcolm	King of Hill	Lopez	Raymond	Friends	Two Men	(15) College Football Tostitos Fiesta Bowl - Ohio State vs. Texas.	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football	College Football
KFDA	News	(N)	Bold & B.	As the World Turns	Guiding Light	(N) [E]	Dr. Phil	[E]	Inside	Jeopardy!	News	NBC News	News	Millionaire	Big Bang	How I Met	Two Men	Worst	CSI: Miami	[E]	News
KVII	News	Paid Prog.	One Life to Live	(N)	General Hospital	(N)	Judge Judy	Judge Judy	Oprah Winfrey	Judge Judy	News	ABC News	News	Fortune	The Bachelor	(Season Premiere)	(N) [E]	True Beauty	(N)	News	News
A&E	CSI: Miami	"Addiction"	Crossing Jordan	[E]	The Sopranos	[E]	American Justice	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	Cold Case Files	CSI: Miami	"Addiction"	Intervention	"John C."	Intervention	"John C."	Intervention	"John C."	Intervention	"John C."	Intervention
AMC	Movie	"Stand by Me"	(1986) Will Wheaton.	Movie	"Pretty in Pink"	(1986) Jon Cryer.	Movie	"An Officer and a Gentleman"	(1982, Drama) Richard Gere.	Movie	"An Officer and a Gentleman"	(1982, Drama) Richard Gere.	Movie	"Hook"	(1991) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. Premiere.	Movie	"Hook"	(1991) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. Premiere.	Movie	"Hook"	(1991) Dustin Hoffman, Robin Williams. Premiere.
ANPL	Animal Cops	Corwin's Quest																			
BET	Harvey	Harvey	One on One	One on One	One on One	One on One	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy	Smart Guy
DISC	The FBI Files	A Haunting	A Haunting	A Haunting	A Haunting	A Haunting	Man vs. Wild	Man vs. Wild	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Cash Cab
DISN	"My Date"	Phineas	Suite Life	Suite Life	Cory	Cory	Phineas	Phineas	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace	Replace
ESPN	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCtr	NFL	NFL Live	Burning	Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	(Live)	College Basketball	Georgetown at Notre Dame.	SportsCenter	(Live)	College Basketball	Georgetown at Notre Dame.	SportsCenter	(Live)	SportsCenter
ESPN2	(11:00) ESPN First Take	Mike and Mike	Lines	1st and 10	SportsCtr	NFL	Super Bowl	Burning	Horn	Interruption	SportsCenter	(Live)	College Basketball	Georgetown at Notre Dame.	SportsCtr	(Live)	College Basketball	Georgetown at Notre Dame.	SportsCtr	(Live)	SportsCtr
FAM	My Wife	My Wife	Sabrina	Sabrina	Full House	Full House	What I Like	What I Like	Gilmore Girls	[E]	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen	Secret-Teen
FSSW	College Basketball: BC at UNC	Phenoms	Spotlight	ClubWPT.com	Phenoms	Spotlight	ClubWPT.com	Phenoms	Spotlight	ClubWPT.com	Phenoms	Spotlight	ClubWPT.com	Phenoms	Spotlight	ClubWPT.com	Phenoms	Spotlight	ClubWPT.com	Phenoms	Spotlight
FX	Bernie Mac	Bernie Mac	Malcolm	Malcolm	70s Show	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie	"The Green Mile"	(1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.	Movie
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HIST	Modern Marvels	Countdown to Armageddon																			
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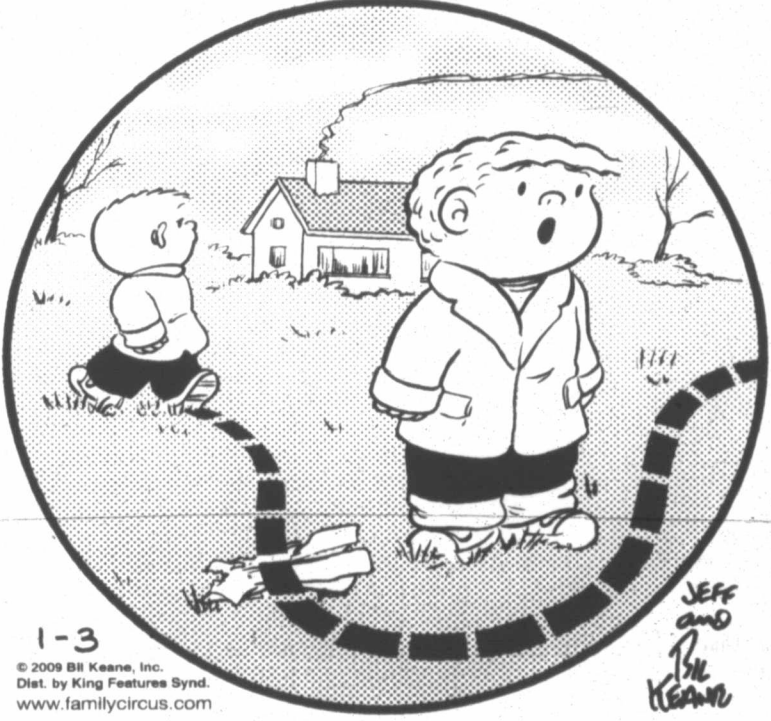
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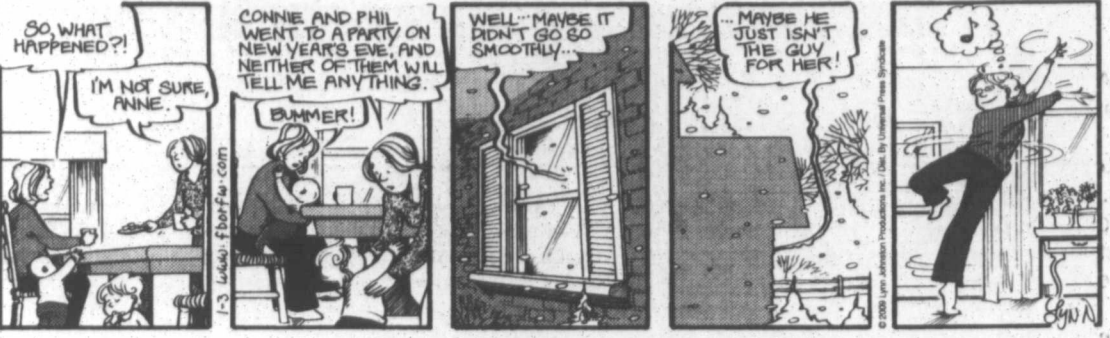
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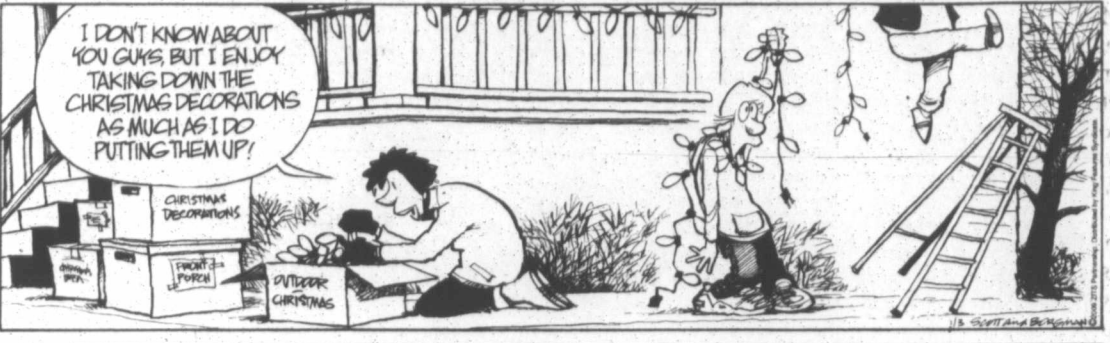


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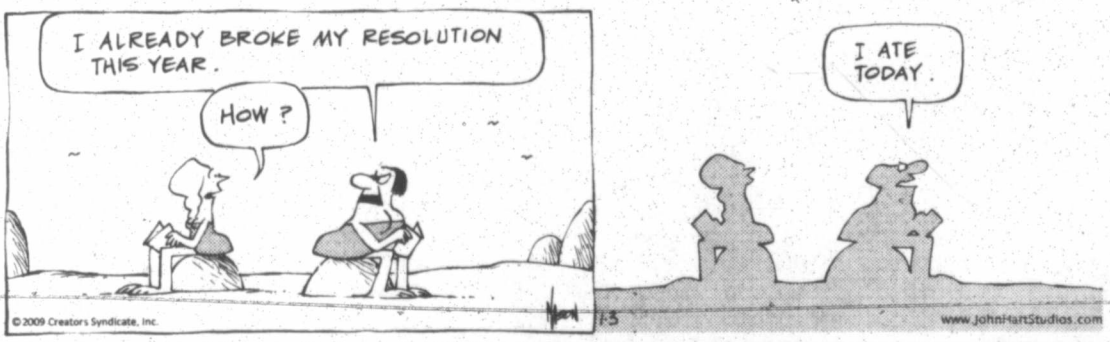
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Historians battle Wal-Mart over key Civil War site

LOCUST GROVE, Va. (AP) — Wal-Mart wants to build a Supercenter within a cannonshot of where Robert E. Lee and Ulysses S. Grant first fought, a proposal that has preservationists rallying to protect the key Civil War site.

A who's who of historians including filmmaker Ken Burns and Pulitzer Prize winner David McCullough sent a letter last month to H. Lee Scott, president and CEO of Wal-Mart Stores Inc., urging the company to build somewhere farther from the Wilderness Battlefield. "The Wilderness is an indelible part of our history, its very ground hallowed by the American blood spilled there, and it cannot be moved," said the letter from 253 scholars and others.

Wal-Mart and its supporters point out that the 138,000-square-foot store would be right behind a bank and a small strip mall, a full mile from entrance to the site of the 1864 clash

that left thousands dead and hastened the war's end.

Local leaders also want the \$500,000 in tax revenue they estimate the big box store will generate for rural Orange County, a gradually growing area about 60 miles southwest of Washington.

"In these economic times, the fact that Wal-Mart wants to come into the county is an economic plus," said R. Mark Johnson, a tire shop owner and chairman of the county's board of supervisors. "This is hardly pristine wilderness we're talking about."

Grant's Union troops were headed to Richmond on May 4, 1864, when they confronted Lee's Confederate Army of Northern Virginia. The Battle of the Wilderness involved more than 100,000 Union troops and 61,000 Confederates. The fighting, according to National Park Service estimates, left more than 4,000 dead and 20,000 wounded.

Some 2,700 acres of the Wilderness Battlefield are protected as part of the Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park.

Preservationists regularly square off against developers in Virginia, where much of the Civil War was fought.

This dispute, however, has stirred an outcry similar to the one in 1994 over The Walt Disney Co.'s plans to build a \$650 million theme park within miles of the Manassas Battlefield. The entertainment giant bowed to public pressure and abandoned the project.

Bentonville, Ark.-based Wal-Mart, which opened nearly 200 stores in the U.S. in 2007, said it studied a lengthy list of sites in Orange County before settling on the spot near the battlefield and its gentle hills dissected by neat footpaths.

"We recognize the significance of the Wilderness Battlefield, but we are not building on the battlefield,"

said Keith Morris, a spokesman for the world's largest retailer.

Preservationists argue the store site is still significant because it was used as a staging area by Union troops.

"Is it blood-soaked ground? No, but it is a part of the battlefield," said Jim Campi, a spokesman for the Civil War Preservation Trust, which lists the Wilderness Battlefield as endangered.

Supervisors will have the final say, after county planners decide if the retailer should be granted a zoning variance. Hearings likely will be scheduled in February and March.

Supervisor Teri Pace said there are "more appropriate places" in the county for Wal-Mart to build. She envisions an economic development plan that taps the county's history, including President James Madison's restored home, Montpelier, and its agricultural heritage, which now includes several popular

wineries.

"If we define ourselves and promote ourselves as something different, with

tourism and agriculture, we really have huge opportunities here," Pace said.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend, "Jasmine," has been seeing a therapist to deal with serious depression and anxiety issues, and I think she has done well for the most part.

I am just upset that she has taken to smoking with her co-workers to deal with stress. I don't like smoking. My mother smokes, and I find it disgusting.

I hate saying these things to Jasmine because when I do, she takes it personally. We have discussed this more than once, and she insists that my asking her to stop is "being controlling." I can't know what stress she is experiencing because of her emotional problems, but I do know that smoking isn't the solution.

I love Jasmine with all my heart, and it's devastating to me to say this, but I can't be with a smoker. Our relationship has been great, but I do not choose to spend my life in a haze of tobacco smoke. I am in college and every day I see kids my age outside freezing their butts off for a smoke because it isn't allowed inside.

Please help me, Abby. This is something I can't compromise on. It's enough that I already have one person close to me who smokes — I don't need another. ANTI-SMOKER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR ANTI-SMOKER: The fellow students you see freezing their butts off for a smoke aren't doing it because they like it. They are freezing their butts off because they're addicted to nicotine, need their fix and are willing to get it in sub-zero weather if they must.

People who reach for a cigarette when they are feeling stressed regard the cigarette as a "friend" they can hold onto. What they don't realize is the cigarette

is holding onto THEM — and occasional smokers become dependent not only on the ritual but also the "drug."

You have a hard choice to make, and so does Jasmine. Perhaps it will be easier if Jasmine does the choosing. Tell her that if your smell tobacco on her hair, skin, breath or clothing, you won't kiss her. If she hasn't quit smoking within 30 days, you'll have your answer.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, kids and I fly to the West Coast once a year for either summer vacation or the holidays. As soon as we arrive, my in-laws take me — "the wife" — to the grocery store to shop for food and expect me to pay half the bill.

Abby, my in-laws are not hurting for money, and I have never understood this bizarre custom. I don't appreciate getting off a long plane flight to go grocery shopping and incur yet another expense after paying for air travel, etc. I wouldn't dream of doing it to them. Everything is always taken care of before they come to visit us.

Would you consider this poor hospitality on their part, or a difference in cultures — East Coast formal versus West Coast casual? I am trying to let it go, but it is getting old. DREADING NEXT TIME, HAMPTON, VA.

DEAR DREADING: What you have described is not a difference in cultures. Your in-laws may not be hurting for money, but they may be on a budget. Because being taken to the grocery store and asked to pay for half the groceries bothers you, on your next visit have them take their son along so he can have the pleasure. You can't change his parents, so don't let it ruin your visit.

Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 5, 2009:

This year, channel your unusually high energy into important projects. Your drive can make the difference between success and failure. Knowing your limits could prove to be very helpful and cut down on problems. As you see money on the horizon, don't go off spending. Continue a conservative approach if possible. If you are single, romance ranks high in your year. You will like the choices. If you are attached, your sweetie could be very romantic. Enjoy the exchange between the two of you. TAURUS knows how to pique your interest.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Friends play a big role. Be open to friends and associates. You could feel challenged financially. Look at your discomfort as an opportunity to head off a potential problem. Tonight: Happy with a friend or two. How about a game of racquetball?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Though a demanding partner or boss could push you, you still maintain control. Face facts: No one can force someone to do something he or she doesn't want to do. Opportunities will occur by being greatly visible and responsible in the next few months. Tonight: Do only what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You discover opportunities hidden in news. Work with a more evolved and detached vision. You'll like what happens. A partner pitches in and proves to be unusually helpful, and resourceful.

Tonight: Relax your overactive mind.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Consider your options. A partner offers many more resources than you first realized. Use your resourcefulness to reach a goal. Don't forget the importance of mobilizing associates and friends. Everyone needs a crowd rooting him or her on — you are no different! Tonight: Only what makes you smile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Clearly you cannot control key partners or associates. Any attempt could be futile or touchy. Listen to feedback from a boss or someone you look up to. Take a stand that is fluid, and you will be able to incorporate new information. Tonight: Imagination counts when making plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Your ability to get to the bottom of a problem helps you through what could be a revolving door. Think less about the options that surround a potential possibility, and work with the facts and the here and now. Cut stress with a brief walk. Tonight: Easy does it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Togetherness is the "proposed" theme of the day. Ideas bubble up left and right. Nervousness earmarks a key relationship. You might not be comfortable with what comes up. You demonstrate more fire than in the recent past, surprising many. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You are on top of your game and able to clear out a lot of problems, if you don't demand center stage. Work on effectiveness rather than gaining the limelight. Your words remain clear and at times incisive. Help others understand your objective. Tonight: Go with another's ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Notice an increase in communication and the possibility of more options in your daily life. Where you sometimes saw the cup as half-empty, work on looking at the cup as half-full. Go with a positive attitude and ideas. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your drive and energy earmark your success. You know when you have had enough or want to turn a situation around. Listen to news that heads in your direction, especially if it impacts your finances. Everything will turn out positively, most certainly in the long run. Tonight: Avoid risking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Obstacles might appear from a difficult family member or roommate. You can get through nearly any problem because of your energy. As of today, Lady Luck will be in your pocket for a while. Don't take any wild risks anyway. Tonight: Happy close to home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Talk and be a good listener. Remember, you don't need to share everything you think. Learning the role of discretion could be more important than you realize. Question possibilities in a meeting. A group effort counts. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

BORN TODAY

Actor Robert Duvall (1931), politician Walter Mondale (1928), ruler of Spain Juan Carlos I (1938)

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Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 4, 2009:

This year, give up the feeling that you always need to make the first move. You will have a tendency to get impatient because you would like everything done yesterday. In any case, you will accomplish a lot, even if it's not at the speed you would like. Often you will rethink situations on the basis of your personal need for transformation. You are willing to grow and transform. If you are single, you will want a closer relationship, but be careful that the need doesn't drive you into a situation. If you are attached, the two of you will be in a perpetual dance, learning to readjust to each other. ARIES serves as an anchor.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You are full of smiles, and even if everyone is not on the same page as you, you find middle ground. Be ready to discuss an unusually fateful type of encounter with a key person in your daily life. Tonight: All smiles.

This Week: Curb a need to have, and ultimately you will gain. Postpone purchases and agreements for a while.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Know when to pull back and enjoy yourself and not feel like you must make plans or keep to a schedule. Today you do well with a timeout. Understand how very hard you push yourself. Tonight: Use your instincts with an older partner.

This Week: Breathe, stop and claim your power. You are on a roll.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Some situations could be more complicated than you might like. Don't let the maze stop you; there is a real person on the other side who would like to communicate. Tonight: Your time to soar.

This Week: Lie back as much as you can until Wednesday. You'll come out of the gate a leader.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ You cannot get out of dealing with a certain parent or respected friend. You might as well step up to the plate. Work could demand an inordinate amount of attention. Know what you must do to feel comfortable. Tonight: Think "tomorrow."

This Week: You understand a lot more than you thought. Discuss a project with the purpose of completion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Keep out of the thick of things. In fact, a movie or a concert where your mind can roam fits the bill. Realize what you need to do in order to feel comfortable. Accept your limits carefully. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

This Week: First you are called to the head of the class. By Wednesday, network, proclaim victory or just let your hair down.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A key partner or loved one could challenge you, making it hard to communicate. Not everyone has the same ideas, nor do they need to. A conversation is not meant to close you down. Tonight: Listen to both sides of a problem.

This Week: Think in new terms and break past restrictive thinking with a problem. You can find a most workable solution.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others and be ready to meet someone halfway. You smile, and someone else relaxes. Mind you, you need to veg and understand another person. Romance will blossom if you can relax. Tonight: Go along with another's suggestion.

This Week: Work with individuals. Wednesday, attempt to understand where the other person is coming from. This understanding can only be a positive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You could be overly tired and withdrawn. You might want to transform a relationship through a talk. It will take time and patience. Your creativity flourishes at home. Think through a suggestion. Tonight: Plan ahead for tomorrow.

This Week: Others demand your attention. So give it. By Wednesday, weigh

another's opinion. Use discretion if nixing this person's ideas.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You cannot contain yourself, nor should you try to. Let spontaneity take over, and open up to a child or loved one. Together the two of you will romp away. A parent or older associate could be touchy. Tonight: Act like there is no tomorrow.

This Week: Get as much done Monday and Tuesday as you can. Add in more networking Wednesday on.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your family continues to demand a lot of attention, and you feel as if you have little choice but to give it to them. Reach out for a distant friend or loved one. Might it be time for a trip or vacation? An offer might be irresistible. Tonight: At home.

This Week: Creativity plays a big role in your decisions and work. Use this gift.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Keep conversations flowing. You might not know which way to go, but with time, your direction and/or desires become clear. Follow that voice, and don't sell yourself short. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

This Week: You might not be feeling up to snuff until Wednesday. Don't push yourself; listen to your body.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Watch your more possessive side emerge. You might be well advised to pull back and ask yourself where this insecure behavior is coming from. Work on yourself rather than manipulate. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Ask, and you shall receive. Honor your limits. Yes, fatigue or a personal matter distracts you.

BORN TODAY

Inventor Louis Braille (1809), heavyweight champ Floyd Patterson (1935), football coach Don Shula (1930)

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New ignition lock laws aim to foil drunk drivers

CHICAGO (AP) — Motorists convicted of driving drunk will have to install breath-monitoring gadgets in their cars under new laws taking effect in six states this week.

The ignition interlocks prevent engines from starting until drivers blow into the alcohol detectors to prove they're sober.

Alaska, Colorado, Illinois, Nebraska and Washington state began Jan. 1 requiring the devices for all motorists convicted of first-time drunken driving. South Carolina began requiring them for repeat offenders.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has been conducting a nationwide campaign to mandate ignition locks for anyone convicted of drunken driving, claiming doing so would save thousands of lives. But critics say interlocks could lead to measures that restrict alcohol policies too much.

Users must pay for the fist-sized devices, which in Illinois cost around \$80 to install on dashboards and \$80 a month to rent; there's also a \$30 monthly state fee. And they require periodic retesting while the car is running.

"It's amazingly inconvenient," said David Malham, of the Illinois chapter of MADD. "But the flip side of the inconvenience is death."

Other states with similar laws include New Mexico, Arizona and Louisiana. Most other states give judges the option of forcing convicted drunk drivers to use the devices. In practice though, they are rarely ordered unless laws mandate them, according to MADD.

Until now, that's been true in Illinois, said MADD national CEO

Chuck Hurley. "Illinois has excellent law enforcement," he said. "But the judicial system leaks like a sieve. This law will change the catch and release system to one where people are at least caught and tagged."

In Illinois, the interlocks are mandated only for the five to 11 months licenses are suspended with a first DUI. Drivers can opt not to install them, but then would be banned from driving during the suspension period.

Motorists in Colorado get a similar choice — install the devices or get a longer suspension.

The law taking effect in Washington state actually relaxes penalties on drunk drivers, allowing them to avoid a previously mandatory license suspension by getting an interlock. The bill's author, Rep. Roger Goodman, said too many motorists were driving with suspended licenses.

Motorists could try to skirt the devices by, say, having someone else blow into the detector or driving someone else's car. But if caught trying to circumvent the interlocks, they could go to jail.

Within a year, up to 30,000 first-time offenders in Illinois could be using them, state officials estimate.

New Mexico was the first state to mandate the devices in 2005. Since then, according to MADD, that state has seen its drunk-driving deaths fall 20 percent.

Hurley said other states could see the same percentage decline within a few years.

DUI deaths nationally have plummeted to around 15,000 from around 30,000 annually in the

early 1980s.

Malham, who supports the technology, said in the future even more advanced technology will enable cars to effectively sniff car cabins, scan faces and eyes of drivers or even test sweat on steering wheels to assess sobriety before engines start.

Not everyone is as enthusiastic.

One of the staunchest critics of interlock laws for first-time offenders is the Washington-based American Beverage Institute, a trade association representing restaurants and retailers.

ABI managing director Sarah Longwell said the group backs interlock laws targeting repeat offenders and those arrested with high blood-alcohol levels.

But she said laws advocated by MADD don't allow judges to distinguish between those who have a few drinks and go just over the 0.08 blood-alcohol legal limit and those who go way over.

"We want sensible alcohol policies," she said. "We want 10 people to be able to come in and have one drink and not one person to come in and have 10."

She said current interlock laws could lead to more draconian measures.

"We foresee a country in which you're no longer able to have a glass of wine, drink a beer at a ball game or enjoy a champagne toast at a wedding," she said. "There will be a de facto zero tolerance policy imposed on people by their cars."

Proponents of interlock laws say studies back their approach. They cite a 2008 study by the Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation that found



An undated photo provided by Irving, Texas-based Smart Start, Inc., shows the company's Smart Start 20/20 Ignition Interlock device, a small handheld breath alcohol monitoring device that is wired to a vehicle's ignition system. A new law in Illinois that begins Jan. 1, 2009, will require breathalyzer gadgets in cars for anyone convicted of drunk driving even once. Smart Start is one of several companies that provide the devices. (AP Photo/Smart Start, Inc.)

interlock devices in New Mexico helped decrease repeat offenses by approximately two-thirds.

MADD also points to figures showing one-third of all drunk drivers have a

prior DUI conviction.

The American Beverage Institute questions studies cited by advocates, saying they other factors, like

education programs, also account for the declines.

"But perfection can't be the enemy of the good, to quote (18th century philosopher) Voltaire," he said. "I'd like to see more teeth in the law in the future. But this is a start."

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Taking care of you in the Past, Present, and Future

We're proud to be your neighborhood pharmacy since 1982, and we're counting on being here for you for many more years to come! Whatever your health concern, we want to help. And our convenient hours make it easy for you to get what you need, when you need it.

Here are just some of the helpful services we offer:
 Computerized prescription management
 Free mailout service • Medicare billing
 Free Citywide Delivery

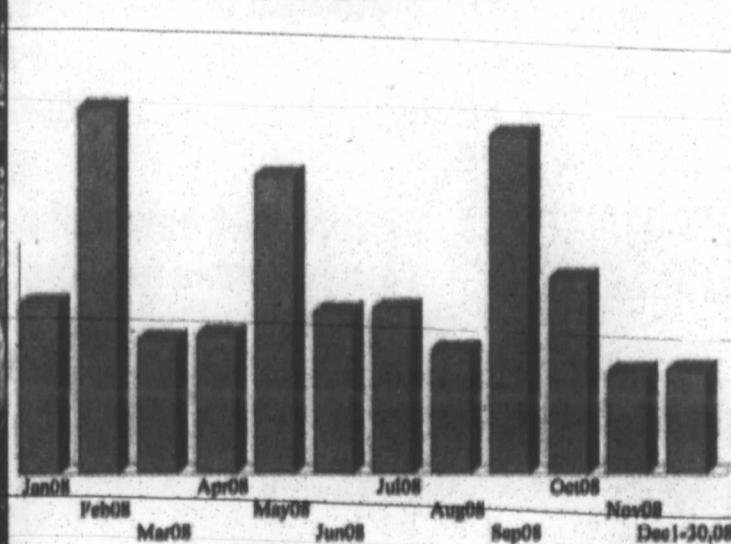
LOCAL 806.669.1202
 OUTSIDE PAMPA 800.842.3866
 MONDAY-FRIDAY 8:30-6:00
 SATURDAY 8:30-1:00

PAMPA FLOWERS BUSINESS FOR SALE

\$70,000

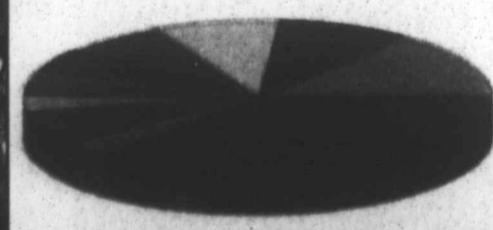
Still in Operation • No Financing
 Building, Storage Building,
 Inventory, Equipment, Minivan
 & Existing Customer Base

Sales by Month
 January 1 through December 30, 2008



Sales Summary
 January 1 through December 30, 2008

■ Fresh Arrangement	4614.38
■ Funeral Arrangement	9.46
■ Valentine's Day	8.75
■ Homecoming Mum	7.33
■ Green Plant	5.43
■ Delivery Pampa	4.28
■ Homecoming trinkets	4.10
■ Mother's Day arrangement	3.92
■ Roses, dozen	3.87
■ Peace Lily	3.03
■ Other	35.64



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