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King trial delayed, new date not set

by Rachel Stennett
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The trial date of a case that is now over three years old was set back yesterday by the granting of a motion for continuance for Levi King, a man convicted for murder in Missouri and accused of killing a Pampa family in 2005.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer expressed displeasure with the delay before the court Thursday morning.

"What time is this court going to take back control,"



file photo by David Bowser
Flanked by Hemphill County Sheriff Gary Henderson, left, and 31st District Court Baliff Wayne Carter, Levi King is escorted to court in the Gray County Courthouse for a pretrial hearing.

Emmert shares court-rooms with other judges and has to work with them on scheduling issues.

The lead attorney for the defense, Joe Mar Wilson, was seeking a motion for continuance on behalf of the mitigator for the defense. With two sworn affidavits in hand, one from a mitigating expert and one for the defense's hired investigator, he explained that the defense was not ready for trial.

The mitigating firm the

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Fiveash resigns from PEDC

by David Bowser
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The PEDC board of directors Thursday accepted the resignation of Dwight Fiveash. Fiveash, who had initially been appointed to the board by the Pampa City Commission, resigned as president of the board about a year and a half ago to take the position of executive director. Fiveash's resignation is effective Jan. 31.

Clay Rice will be the new executive director of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

Rice will assume the position Feb. 1.

"Dwight, we appreciate your service and all that you've done," said Gary Sutherland, the new president of the PEDC.

Pending approval by the Pampa City Commission, Fiveash will have a consulting contract with the PEDC.

Shawn Clifton, the new treasurer for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, reported that the group's checking account had almost \$114,000 in it.

He said the PEDC received a little over \$98,000 in sales tax revenue in December. The total revenue for the month was about \$104,000 and total expenses were a little over \$20,000, leaving the EDC with net revenue of \$83,409.69.

The January sales tax check that goes to the EDC should be about \$93,000.

During Thursday's meeting, the board went into executive session to discuss grants, their strategic plan and their goals and objectives for 2009.

During the meeting, Fiveash reported that the Pampa Rotary Club's entrance sign project had been completed and the city's electronic marquee was up and running on Hobart Street.

Hampton Village project

Fiveash said that he had talked Thursday morning (Jan. 8) with R.J. Collins, who is heading up the Hampton Village project, a low to moderate income housing project off Alcock.

"That project is currently on hold," Fiveash said. "The tax credits have been returned to the state." That means that before any action can be taken in the future, the investors organizing the project will have to go back to the state and resubmit it for approval.

"In other words," Fiveash said, "they'll have to start all over."

Fiveash said that Collins told him that the project had been given elevated preference (by the state) when they reapply.

The good news, Interim City Manager Richard Morris said after the meeting, is

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NEW YEAR BABY



Christopher Gabriel Chavez, with Mom and Dad, Maria Casio and Luis Chavez of Pampa. Christopher was delivered at 3:56 p.m. Jan 1, 2009. He weighed 7 lbs 14.9 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Third time is the charm for Fiveash's retirement

by Rachel Stennett
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With his third retirement from full-time positions since 2000, Dwight Fiveash's resignation from the Pampa Economic Development Commission as executive director will begin an era of "full time retirement," Fiveash said.

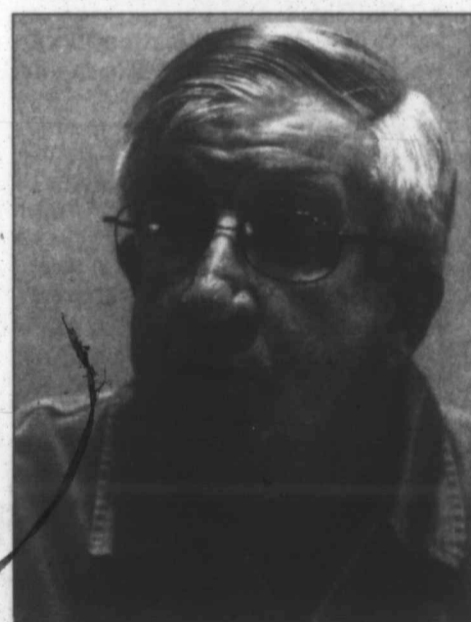
In the past eight years, Fiveash has retired from three full-time jobs, including a position at Celanese and a sprinkler and lawn irrigating business.

Fiveash was elected to the PEDC board in January of 2006, at which time he was one of seven board members appointed by the city. Fiveash became the president, and eventually moved on to the position as executive director in June of 2007.

"I told the board I would be retiring for 18 months or so," Fiveash said. "It wasn't permanent, and I knew I wanted to retire."

Since turning 65 in October, Fiveash has wanted to "learn how retirement works, I've never done that," despite having officially retired from two jobs. Fiveash intends to stay in Pampa and pursue hobbies, including hunting and fishing, and also be available for consulting and contract work with the PEDC.

"Pampa has been good to me," Fiveash said as he remarked on final thoughts on his resignation. "I feel like this was an opportunity in my time of



Dwight Fiveash

semi-retirement to give something back to the city."

Fiveash said that the current board, and incoming executive director Clay Rice will keep the PEDC moving forward.

"It's been great to work with them, they are great people. They all have Pampas's best interest in heart. They are progressive, forward thinking people who are going to get the job done."

Rice will take over as executive direc-

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Immigrant advocates decry new rules on courts, DNA

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Immigrant rights advocates expressed outrage over two new rules going into effect in the waning days of the Bush administration, one affecting how immigrants are represented in deportation cases and another mandating DNA tests for detained immigrants.

In a decision dated Wednesday, Attorney General Michael Mukasey said immigrants facing deportation do not have the right to get their cases reopened just because of shoddy work by their attorney.

Another Justice Department rule, which took effect Friday, directs federal agencies to collect DNA samples from foreigners who are detained by U.S. authorities.

Charles Miller, a spokesman for the Department of Justice, could not say why Mukasey issued the 33-page ruling at this time. The other rule, on DNA, had been proposed last year but went into effect this week.

Mukasey's ruling followed a series of instances in which immigrants ordered by a judge to leave the country sought to reopen their cases by citing poor legal representation.

Immigration attorneys said the rule threatens immigrants' right to a fair hearing in a community already vulnerable to fraud.

"People pretend to be lawyers and hang up a shingle and tell the client, 'I am a lawyer and am going to represent you,' and then they don't," said Nadine Wettstein, director of the American Immigration Law Foundation's Legal Action Center. "If that were to happen, this decision says, 'Tough luck.'"

Nikhil Shah, an immigration attorney in Los Angeles, said he almost lost his chance at a green card because he was misled by a paralegal who pretended to be an attorney and failed to properly submit his paperwork.

Shah, who is originally from India, said he could see how easily an immigrant who didn't speak English or know the law could get into trouble in court.

But Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center

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Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 47. Wind chill values between 14 and 24 early. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 19 and 24. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west-southwest.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 57. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. East-southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southwest.

Monday: Sunny, with a high near 48. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 29. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

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Obituaries

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Leland M. Rothwell, 67

ESTELLINE, Texas — Leland M. Rothwell, 67, died Thursday, Jan. 8, 2009, at Childress, Texas. Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, 2009, in Tell Southside Baptist Church in Tell, Texas, with the Rev. Harold Moore officiating. Burial will be in Tell Baptist Cemetery under the direction of Johnson Funeral Home of

Childress, Texas. Leland was born Oct. 10, 1941, in Childress, Texas, to O.T. and Floy Richardson Rothwell. He was a farmer and rancher. He enjoyed hunting, travel, riding motorcycles and just



Rothwell

spending time with family and friends. Leland was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include daughters, Dondi and husband Peter of Childress, Texas, Daphne Ebenkamp and husband Kevin of Pampa, Texas,

and Darla Watson, RN, and husband Shawn, of Pampa, Texas; son, Heath Rothwell and wife Sabrina of Childress, Texas; grandchildren, Andrew, Amber, Chance, Gerrek, Stetson, Jacob, Kaeley, Keelan and Caleb; and two brothers. Sign the online guest register at www.johnsonfunerals.net.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following calls and incidents between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Officers conducted 19 traffic stops.

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

A traffic accident was reported on County Road 3.

A narcotics violation was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Two female students were issued citations.

Forgery, a forged check in the amount of \$180, was reported at the PD.

A narcotics violation, a minor in possession of tobacco, was reported at Somerville and Texas streets.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of South Hughes.

Theft was reported at Rent-A-Center, 1700 N. Hobart. A former employee reportedly took fake loans in an amount estimated to be between \$50,000 and \$75,000 for the past six months.

Assault was reported at PJHS.

Traffic complaints were reported at Magnolia and Harvester streets, and in the 600 block of East Craven.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 500 block of South Ballard.

Public intoxication was reported at Price Road and Gwendolyn.

Theft was reported at the PD. Reported stolen was a power paint spray gun and medications (Hydrocodone and Alprazolam).

Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 N. Charles. Reported stolen were condoms, panties, pajamas, a wallet and jewelry worth an

estimated \$80 in value.

Friday, Jan. 9

Officers conducted three traffic stops.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of East 23rd.

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

An alarm was reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office recorded the following arrests.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Troyce Glenn Brewer, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, second offense, and was sentenced for state jail evading with a vehicle and state jail possession of a controlled substance.

Janea Patrice Smith, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for theft by check, five counts of issuance of a bad check, two counts no valid driver's license, one count failure to maintain financial responsibility and one count failure to appear.

John Allen Jeffries, 18, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Brittany Nichole Jones, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for theft of property, over \$50 and under \$500.

Jessica Nacole Irvin, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD for theft of property, over \$50 and under \$500.

Fire

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

Thursday, Jan. 8

7:27 a.m. — One unit and four

personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Gray County Road E and Gray County Road 2 1/2. One person was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center via ambulance.

2:53 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2100 block of Williston on a fire investigation. Nothing was found.

4:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Banks on a call for medical assistance.

8:47 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to Pampa landfill on a trash fire.

10:58 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Williston on a medical call.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Jan. 8

7:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Road E and Gray County Road 3 and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Banks and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospice in Amarillo.

8:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Christine and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Deanne and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Williston.

Cash Five results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 27-31-7-1-33. Number matching five of five: 6. Prize: \$4,128. Winning tickets sold in: Fort Worth,

The Colony Matching four of five: 73. Prize: \$152. Matching three of five: 2,556. Prize: \$10. Matching two of five: 26,514. Prize: \$2. Next Cash 5 drawing: Friday night.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) — Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night: Winning numbers drawn: 17-2-7-3. Bonus Ball: 24. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$900,000. Winning ticket sold in: Sugar Land. Number matching four of four: 20. Prize: \$1,148. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 48. Prize: \$58.

Number matching three of four: 2,290. Prize: \$17. Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,337. Prize: \$19. Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 8,306. Prize: \$7. Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 14,030. Prize: \$5. Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing: \$200,000.

Daily 4 results

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Daily 4 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-5-1. Sum It

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that the investors have a lot of their own money in the project instead of a lot of borrowed money. That would indicate that the investors are serious about completing the project as quickly as possible.

Data Center

Fiveash said the EDC had also been made aware of a data center that is looking for a location in Texas. Fiveash said the data center's requirements for existing buildings and infrastructure would preclude Pampa from participating in the project.

"I don't see how we can make a proposal," Fiveash said.

"I do not believe that the data center is anything close to the call center that we ran through earlier in our history," Fiveash said.

That call center, United Medical Corp., is now closed, and its Cuyler Street offices have been sealed by the Gray County Sheriff's Office for lack of payment of taxes.

Medical device company He said, however, that on Monday, the EDC office received information on a medical device company that's interested in locating in Texas.

"There may be some property that we might be able to develop," Fiveash said. "We looking at those possibilities of some buildings that might be available that could house that particular business."

He said it would be a different kind of industry for Pampa.

Theater project

Fiveash said he's been talking to Pampa business people concerning the EDC's theater project.

"Basically," he said, "the options are a private corporation, a private partnership or some kind of grant procedure and a loan."

Fiveash reported that the \$350,000 matching grant is due Jan. 13, on the athletic turf project. The board approved the grant last year, but there is a 60-day waiting period before a check could be written. The city commission and school board have already approved the project.

"I've got a check request in that amount," Fiveash said, "but I do want to see the matching grant proof before we execute that check."

Fiveash said the Gray Pampa Community Fund has been established with the Amarillo Area Foundation.

"The EDC funded \$50,000 of that and that was matched by the Amarillo Area Foundation," Fiveash said.

He added that the Gray Pampa Foundation donated \$2,000 to the fund in December. He said the EDC board needs to decide whether they want to make a donation to the fund in 2009.

Vanessa Buzzard, the EDC's legal counsel, noted that the matching funds from the Amarillo Area Foundation was a one time event to establish the fund. They would not be making another donation this year.

Projects delayed

Fiveash also reported that the city is considering a park enhancement project on North Faulkner Street south of Harvester. Due to the change in city managers, Fiveash said the extent of the project is undefined at the moment.

Fiveash said the remodeling of the new offices for the EDC at 106 N. Cuyler had been delayed because the electrical sub-contractor had backed out and the general contractor had to find another one.

"That's been kind of slow coming," Fiveash said.

He said he anticipates the EDC can move in toward the end of January or the first of February.

Most of the members will be going to a four-day basic economic development training session in February hosted by the Texas Economic Development Commission in Austin.

"I've already been to it," Fiveash said. "It's a good course."

King

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defense is using is out of Missouri. A mitigator is hired to look for underlying causes behind actions, such as actions that may otherwise seem random. A mitigator looks for circumstances from one's birth to the time of incarceration that may have occurred to serve as reasons behind a crime, according to the district attorney's office.

Wilson said this is important for the punishment phase of the case, if it comes to that, although "they admit no guilt."

Mitigating circumstances could play a phase in whether or not King

receives the death penalty, which Switzer has said she intends to seek.

In arguing against a continuance, Switzer presented a timeline of motions, hearings, and submitted documents that the district attorney's office has gone through since King was indicted, including mental health hearings, lists of expert witnesses, and discoveries. Switzer also argued the constitutional right to a fair and speedy trial.

King plead guilty to two murders in Missouri. After committing these crimes King traveled to the Pampa area and killed Brian Conrad, 31; his six-month pregnant wife, Michell Conrad, 35 and her son Zach Doan, 14, at their home Sept. 20, 2005.

Charm

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tor officially in the first of February, but will start learning about current projects and working with Fiveash in the last two weeks of January and be paid by the hour, Gary Sutherland, president of the PEDC said.

Sutherland said that the board choose Rice as Fiveash's replacement

because of his experienced with the city.

"Clay has the experience as the former chamber of commerce manager and we believe that he is well-qualified for the job. He is a home-town Pampa man," Sutherland said.

Rice was not formerly a board member and has not been involved with the PEDC in any official capacity.

The executive director position pays an annual salary of \$64,200.

Rights

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for Immigration Studies, said immigrants need to take responsibility in choosing an attorney.

"The broad concept is completely valid. Deportation cases are not criminal proceedings, therefore nobody has a right to any kind of attorney — let alone a good one," said Krikorian, whose group favors limitations on immigration.

Justice officials have estimated the DNA rule would put 1.2 million DNA samples into the federal DNA database each year.

How many could be affected by the other rule wasn't clear. Immigration courts do not track how many people seek to reopen cases because of inadequate representation, said Susan Eastwood, a spokeswoman. The immigration court system is separate from the criminal courts and are overseen by the Department of Justice.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: I am a 21-year-old man in college. I am training for a profession I will love, and I know my future will be very bright.

I would like to volunteer at a soup kitchen or do something for the poor. I have done turkey drives and food drives before, but never worked directly with the people I'm trying to help. My problem is I tend to become very sad or feel helpless when I'm around disadvantaged people. I identify too strongly with their suffering.

Abby, I want to help as many people as I can during my short time on this planet, but I'm paralyzed by their pain. Is something wrong with me? Have you any suggestions? -- WANTS TO HELP IN EDEN, N.Y.

DEAR WANTS TO HELP: My grandfather used to say that a thin line separates those who have from those who don't, and it is the responsibility of those who have to reach out and do something to help the less fortunate. In your case, donating your time would be enormously helpful, and frankly, seeing you personally offering your assistance would go a long way to lifting the spirits of some needy people.

Because you are nervous about it, consider transitioning to the "front lines" by starting with food prep in the kitchen of the shelter and working your way forward as you gain more confidence. Yes, the clients are people in trouble. But they depend on the kindness of people like you.

DEAR ABBY: My husband has been joking recently about being a "closet case." There has always been somewhat of

a question about that in the back of my mind. Another ingredient to throw in is the fact that he is very controlling about everything, including sex -- which he withholds unless it's his idea. So, is he a closet case or is he just a controlling person? -- UNSURE IN IRVING, TEXAS

DEAR UNSURE: While many a truth is spoken in jest, having never met your husband, I cannot decide for you whether or not he is gay or bisexual. He does, from your description, however, appear to be an unsatisfying life partner on at least two levels. So my question to you is, do you think you're better off with him or without him -- and is this the way you plan to live the rest of your life?

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I watch our 2-year-old granddaughter almost every weekend. She and her parents live about 60 miles from us.

The problem is, we agreed when we started taking her that we would meet halfway. But for reasons unknown to me, we always have to drive a lot more than halfway. I have checked the mileage and pointed it out to my daughter and son-in-law, and they ignore it.

This may seem petty, but I'm sick of it. They both work and earn more than we do. Don't you think free baby-sitting is reason enough to get your child to the baby sitter? -- GRAND "MA" IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR GRAND "MA": Yes, I do. But as long as you tolerate this arrangement, it will continue. Instead of letting your daughter and son-in-law tell you where they are going to meet you, tell THEM where you will meet them.

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8	1	3	4	6	2	7	9	5
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: EVERYONE THINKS OF CHANGING THE WORLD, THOUGH NO ONE THINKS OF CHANGING HIMSELF. — LEO TOLSTOY

Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 9, the ninth day of 2009. There are 356 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 9, 1913, Richard Milhous Nixon, the 37th president of the United States, was born in Yorba Linda, Calif.

On this date:

In 1788, Connecticut became the fifth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

In 1793, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard, using a hot-air balloon, flew between Philadelphia and Woodbury, N.J.

In 1859, women's suffrage leader Carrie Chapman Catt was born in Ripon, Wis.

In 1861, Mississippi seceded from the Union.

In 1945, during World War II, American forces began landing at Lingayen Gulf in the Philippines.

In 1959, the Western series "Rawhide" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1964, anti-U.S. rioting broke out in the Panama Canal Zone, resulting in the deaths of 21 Panamanians and several U.S. soldiers.

No written law has ever been more binding than unwritten custom supported by popular opinion.

— Carrie Chapman Catt, American women's suffrage leader

In 1968, the Surveyor 7 space probe made a soft landing on the moon, marking the end of the American series of unmanned explorations of the lunar surface.

In 1972, reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, speaking by telephone from the Bahamas to reporters in Hollywood, said a purportedly authorized biography of him by Clifford Irving was a fake.

In 1997, a Comair commuter plane crashed 18 miles short of the Detroit Metropolitan Airport, killing all 29 people on board.

Ten years ago: At the White House, presidential advisers prepared a public and legal defense in President Bill Clinton's impeachment trial on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice; Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, meanwhile, pledged "above all, fairness" to the president, who ended up being acquitted.

Five years ago: Officials said Pentagon lawyers determined that former Iraq leader Saddam Hussein had been a prisoner of war since his capture.

Today's Birthdays: Author Judith Krantz is 81. Football Hall-of-Famer Bart Starr is 75. Sportscaster Dick Enberg is 74. Actress K. Callan is 73. Folk singer Joan Baez is 68. Rockabilly singer Roy Head is 68. Actress Susannah York is 68. Rock musician Jimmy Page (Led Zeppelin) is 65. Singer David Johansen (aka Buster Poindexter) is 59. Singer Crystal Gayle is 58. Actor J.K. Simmons is 54. Nobel Peace laureate and human rights activist Rigoberto Menchu is 50. Rock musician Eric Erlandson is 46. Actress Joely Richardson is 44. Rock musician Carl Bell (Fuel) is 42. Rock singer Steve Harwell (Smash Mouth) is 42. Rock singer-musician Dave Matthews is 42. Actress-director Joey Lauren Adams is 41. Singer A.J. McLean (Backstreet Boys) is 31. Pop-rock musician Drew Brown (OneRepublic) is 25. Rock-soul singer Paolo Nutini is 22.

Martha's big adventure - Inside out man

By Martha Randolph Carr

The goal of any good parent is to raise a child who is filled to the brim with self esteem, longing to head out of our basement and take an independent place in the world. It's an ironic little cosmic twist that our kids must first overcome all of the defects we passed on to them before they can feel good about their prospects.

Even parents who struggle with addiction or past abuse are still hoping for the best for their offspring. Just because some parents' best turns out to be sorely lacking doesn't mean their intentions didn't stretch far beyond what was delivered.

Most of us fall short of where we hoped to land as nurturing parents and it's because we don't start with ourselves. If anyone is looking for a silver lining in all of the economic brouhaha, the soul searching and redefining that is going on just might be it.

When all of the labels we have built around ourselves are stripped away it gets harder and harder to ignore what's really eating away at us. It's the notion that we don't believe we're enough just because we're here and mistakenly think that maybe we can earn

our way there.

A cushy job, a nice big SUV, and the middle class McMansion, a huge house on a tiny lot become a measurable way to take a reading on whether or not we're good enough. However, the perpetual drive to acquire more and more at the sacrifice of our personal lives also became the model we were offering to generations of youngsters.

The message was very clear: happiness is acquired through things. That's how so many of us justified a credit orgy and spent way beyond our means. We didn't want to look like we were lacking. Tweens learned that whining about how their friends had something was an excellent method to acquire bling.

But then an economic crisis hit that pulled everyone into its wake and fortunes big and small were stripped away as if a tornado could hit a bank account. Houses have been repossessed, kids were pulled out of private schools, vacations were cancelled and suddenly there's no outward measure of the worth of a human being. That's what is causing the flop sweat.

It's not even about pro-

viding all of the extras anymore. Suddenly, just paying for the necessities may be challenging and our entire description of ourselves is up for grabs. The little nagging doubt that we've been able to push away now has center stage. Maybe we really aren't any better than the guy who sleeps in a shelter or the woman who is raising five kids alone on a minimum wage in a very sketchy neighborhood.

That would be the point. Understanding we're not is the first step toward compassion, not only for others but finally for ourselves. It's also the out clause everyone has needed so that we can realign our priorities.

If we are all valuable just because we're here then we can design our life around acquiring and maintaining relationships instead of anything without a heartbeat. There will still be certain necessities like food, clothing, education and shelter but it won't be measured by terms like best or newest or most gadgets.

Budgets will include the cost to the family of time together in order to buy a brand new car before it's a necessity. And a bigger house with a bigger mort-



gage will be more accurately described as a deduction to not only the wallet but to the relationships.

We're in phase one of the new reckoning and it's the most painful because we haven't completely surrendered our old vision of ourselves just yet. But in the coming months as we finally let go America is going to see a rebirth in the idea of service and great ideas are going to come forth from people who finally had a little time. Even better, more families will be seen hanging out together and discovering the value of what they had all along. More adventures to follow.

Martha Randolph Carr's latest book, *A Place to Call Home, a memoir about the reemergence of U.S. orphanages* is available wherever books are sold.



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Game should have been on C-Span

By JIM LITKE

MIAMI (AP) — The national championship has never seemed more mythical.

College football has been played in this land for 140 years, and for long stretches of Thursday night's tractor pull between Florida and Oklahoma, it looked as if these two teams were trying to set the game back by at least half that. The first three quarters were so boring, they should have been moved from FOX to C-SPAN.

The Gators' 24-14 win over the Sooners did nothing to dispel competing claims from Southern California, Utah and Texas about who belonged in the top spot. Earlier in the week, Utah Attorney General Mark Shurtleff said he was looking into whether the BCS violated antitrust laws by barring the 13-0 Utes, Ai the only unbeaten team in college football's top division, Ai from the national title game.

If he actually mounts a legal challenge, the videotape of this could be entered into evidence as "Exhibit A."

Afterward, Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops actually said, "I thought it was a heckuva game."

Right. Games like this moved political commentator George Will to say a while back, "Football incorporates the two worst elements of American society: violence punctuated by committee meetings."

And man, were there ever a lot of meetings. Oklahoma employed a no-huddle offense all season long to ramp up the numbers of plays it could run en route to averaging 54 points a game. The Sooners averaged 80 plays during the regular season, but got off only 70 in

this one because of a dozen penalties called on the two teams, a few reviews by the refs and some mysterious stoppages.

"I thought they had clock issues, they waved off a flag, whatever," Stoops said, though he hardly helped matters by calling a time-out at one point coming out of a time-out. "Anyway, it interrupted play quite a bit."

Yet even running 70 plays seemed nothing short of incredible, considering quarterback Sam Bradford did not take a single snap without first checking the sideline, where running backs coach Cale Gundy, quarterbacks coach Josh Heupel and offensive line coach James Patton, wearing identical black polo shirts, all passed along signals by wildly gyrating their arms before each play. The scene looked like something borrowed from an episode of the "Three Stooges."

Besides those three, Stoops has another half-dozen assistants, plus a support staff that numbers 26 and includes a director of sports enhancement, a director of football operations and an administrative coordinator. For those who wondered why the Sooners bring a covered wagon to every game, apparently it's to get the whole bunch of them home.

But Florida, which surrounds coach Urban Meyer with 10 assistants and his own support staff of 34, didn't get much more bang for its buck. The Gators came in averaging 45 points a game, but looked like someone left the gearshift to that thrumming offensive machine back in Gainesville. They couldn't put any distance between themselves and the

stumbling, bumbling Sooners until quarterback Tim Tebow took matters into his own hands. He called his own number and went pin-balling through the Oklahoma defense on every one of the six plays in Florida's final drive.

That wrapped up the Gators' second national championship in three years, giving them the same number of titles as LSU's Tigers and USC's Trojans since 2000. But anybody who thinks they're in contention for the even more mythical title of "Best Team This Decade" had better think twice. Meyer didn't concede this championship to Utah, the school where he established his chops, even though the Utes gave him a run, polling 16 first-place votes in the Associated Press poll to the Gators' 48.

But he came awfully close to giving USC the nod as the program every other school is still chasing.

"I think USC was kind of the point school for a while, and you admired the way they reloaded their team, and I made a comment to our administration, if we can find a way to put a really good recruiting class together, it's getting close," he said.

In a comical bid to lure away recruits who might be thinking about USC, as well as any of Florida's other rivals, Meyer added laughing, "You're out of your freaking mind if you don't play for the Gators."

Maybe.

It's high time to kick the BCS computers to the curb and then shut off the internet connections of the poll voters after they pick eight teams at the end of the regular season and simply get it on.

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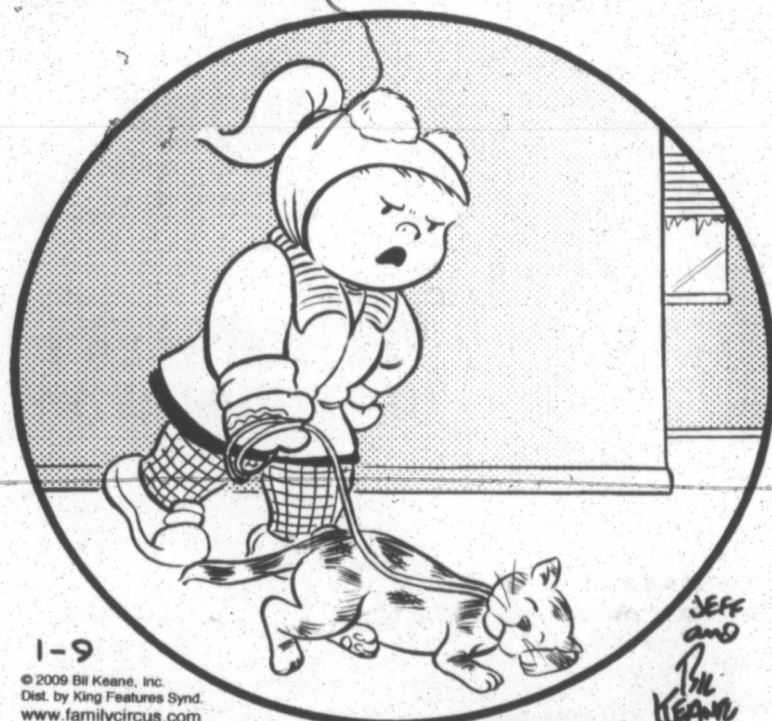
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"Marm! No more kisses! Do you understand?"

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Cats aren't too crazy about goin' for walks."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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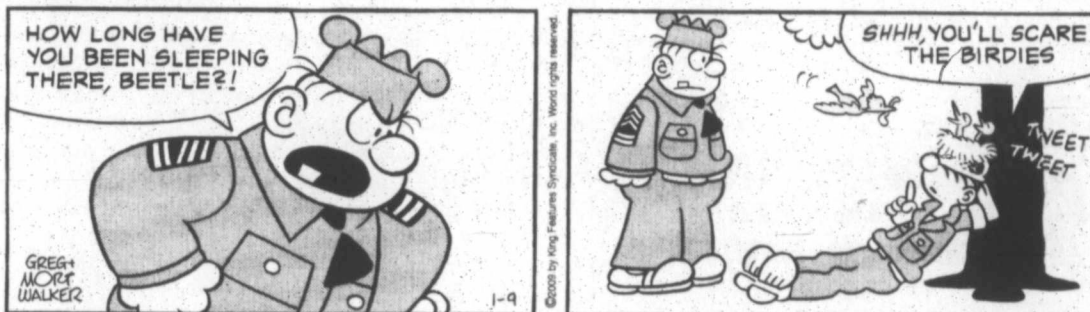
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Minister's Musings Congregations need glasses, backbones today

Do have a list of hopes for the New Year 2009? Maybe not a real list, but a few things in your mind and heart that you really hope come to pass this coming year?

One of mine is: I hope that every church gets a backbone and a new pair of glasses. Sound silly? Well, let me explain.

I pray that 2009 marks the beginning of a renewed zeal for righteousness and a rekindled hatred of sin. In order for this to happen, a whole lot of churches are going to have to get a backbone from God.

How many young adults do you know who are living together or pregnant and not married, but still regularly attend church? In the Bible that's called fornication, it must be confronted, and if the couple won't repent (would require separation or marriage) they would have to be disfellowshipped.

How many church folks do you know who cheat on their spouse? In the Bible that's called adultery, it must be confronted, and if the person won't repent (would require confession and stopping) they would have to be disfellowshipped.

How many church-goers do you know who have either filed bankruptcy or used "debt settlement" to deal with financial problems? Of those who filed bankruptcy, how many worked to pay back all of their debts? Filing bankruptcy isn't necessarily a sin, but filing and then using that legal device to never pay debts which were legitimately incurred is a sin. In the Bible it is called stealing, it must be confronted and repentance must take place.

Now how many church folks do you know who boast about how much they saved from a "debt settlement" with creditors or a "tax settlement" with the Internal Revenue Service? Let's say someone owes \$10,000 to some businesses or to the IRS and through a negotiator settles for \$2,000. It sounds like everybody is happy since either the businesses or IRS "settled." WRONG!

They settled because they decided that they could never expect that

person to be honest and actually stand up and pay their debt, so a little is better than nothing. Now in the Bible, that is called swindling and stealing. It must be confronted, and if the person does not repent then they are to be disfellowshipped.

What about church folks and DUI's or marijuana use or other drug abuse/misuse? In the Bible that is called drunkenness and reviling, it must be confronted and those who will not repent are to be disfellowshipped.

What about regular church-goers who can't wait to share with their church friends every juicy story that they come across? In the Bible, that is called gossiping (busybodies), it is to be confronted and those who will not repent are to be disfellowshipped. How many tongue-waggers do you know at church?

Now what does all of this have to do with a "new pair of glasses" and a "backbone"? Well, one of the primary reasons why most churches don't do what the Bible says concerning these sins in their church is that most Christians are either ignorant about what the Bible says or they have just chosen to overlook these verses. I would hope that a new pair of glasses would help them see God's words more clearly. God certainly knows the instructions He gave.

And this isn't even the scariest thing about most believers. What is the scariest? I believe that most Christians see these verses perfectly fine. Why is nothing usually done? Oh, sometimes it is because of "who" the sinner is or who they are related to, or whether they hold some position/office at church, or how much they give to the church, etc.

So if you are a member of a church and want to do something really special for your church, check on E-bay and see if you can find a church backbone or a good pair of used church glasses. I've already checked at Wal-Mart and they didn't have either item for sale.

God bless.



Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian

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This year you often waver back and forth about any important decision. Others might find this behavior irritating, as you are generally clear and direct. Look at this waffling as seeing more and weighing the pros and cons. You are unusually energetic this year, and if you don't funnel your energy, it could come out as anger. Your best bet is to be physical. Exercise. If you are single, you have a host of choices and possibilities. Have fun sorting through them! If you are attached, the two of you will get along much better if you accept your differences. Express respect and mutuality. **CANCER** can be challenging.

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)
★★★★ You know what works, and you don't want to compromise. Unfortunately, someone else has other ideas, whether you like it or not. You'll gain insight from what is happening. Don't push, as others seem to be overly dominant right now. Tonight: Happiest close to home.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might be caught in between a rock and a hard place. No matter what you do or the choices you make, you could feel desperate or cornered. Understanding takes you on a new path. Don't let someone muddle up what you thought was clear. Tonight: Share your thoughts with friends, and listen to their ideas too.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Expenses could soar, and you might feel as if you are losing control — and you just might be. Loosen up and have a long-overdue conversation. Determine what you feel is necessary and follow that route. Tonight: Your treat.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ The Full Moon beams on you, and though you are distracted, you still might be able to accomplish a lot. Investigate an alternative, but don't commit just yet. Other ideas could float your way. Tonight: What would make the Moon Child content?
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Know when to pull back and state that you have had enough. You don't always have to be the good guy. You must take better care of yourself, not only for you, but also for others. Think about and consider your options. Tonight: Take your time.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Think positively and don't allow anyone to rain on your parade. What becomes possible could amaze you. Realize a natural limitation, and honor it by tapping into others. Tonight: Find your friends.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Remain on top of your game. Listen to what someone shares. Tension builds between two people, and you too if you decide to get in the middle. Try to stay above the bickering. Tonight: A must appearance.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Look at the big picture. You might not be comfortable with everything that is coming down. Remain sensitive to someone at a distance. Suddenly you are juggling two different forces or situations. Tonight: Get past the obvious.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Express your confidence in others, and you'll discover that someone opens up as you never thought possible. Sharing a greater sense of confidence adds to the dynamic between the two of you. Tonight: Togetherness works.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ You feel the push and pull of the Full Moon, perhaps more than many. Try to get yourself centered and able to come across in a direct manner. Resolve a conflict before acting out and confusing others. Tonight: Let someone else dominate.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Assume an easy pace. Not pushing so hard will help you get past a problem. Careful if you're internalizing anger, because it could pop up from out of nowhere. Do whatever you can to let go of strong feelings, through exercise or a hobby. Tonight: Make it easy, whatever you choose.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Everyone wants to join in and be a part of what is happening. On another level, you easily could be overwhelmed by your feelings. Just feel right now and don't judge you or anyone else. Tonight: Add candlelight ...

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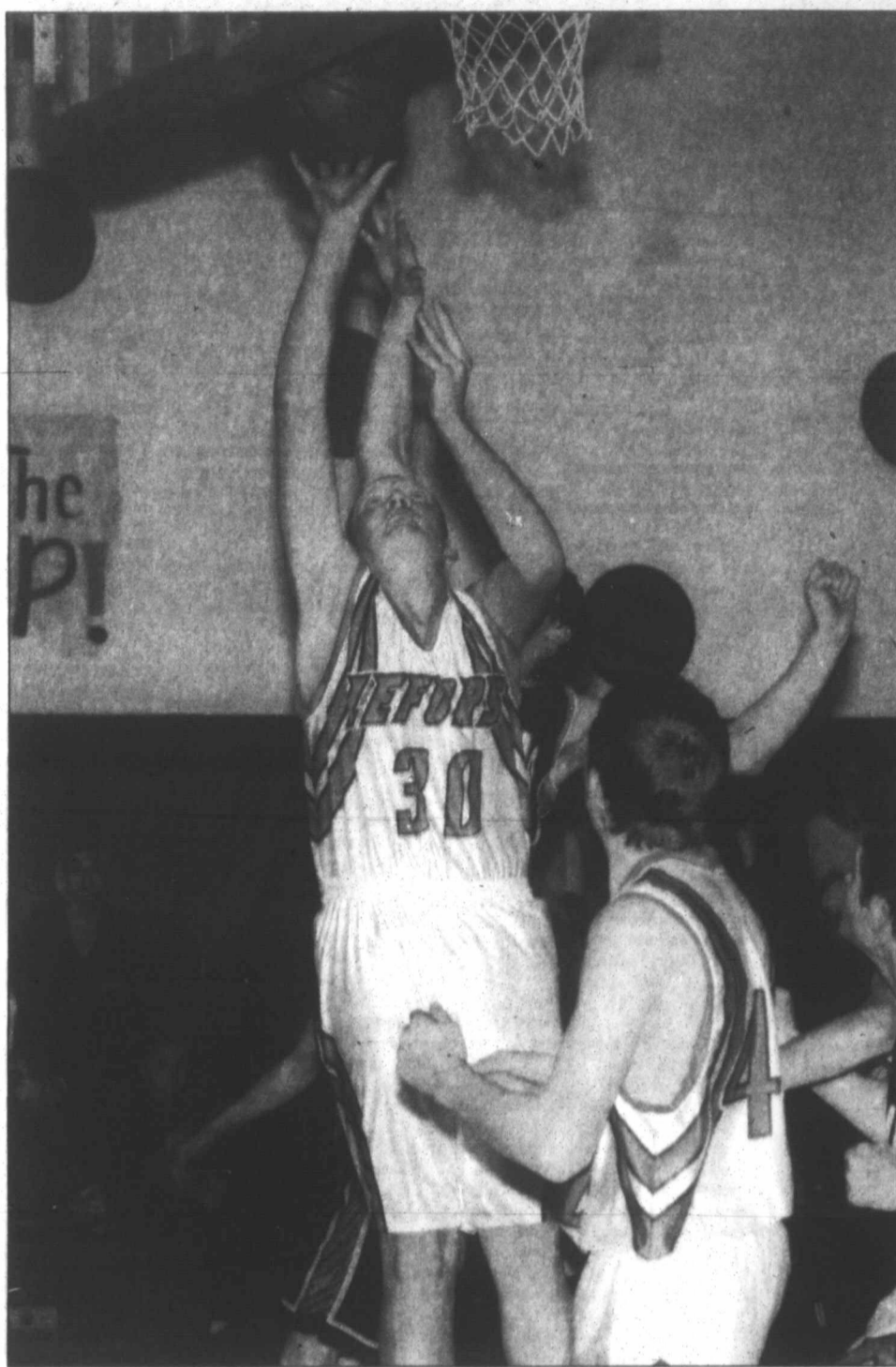


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Lefors Pirate Taylor Ray (30) drives in for a layup during the Pirates' 63-23 win over the Higgins Coyotes on Tuesday. Brandon McBee led the Pirates with 14 points. Ray scored 9. The Pirates and Lady Pirates will host Groom on Friday to open district play.



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Emily Jackson (14) of the Lady Pirates gets the tip to begin the game on Tuesday (Jan. 6). Lefors defeated Higgins 56-30. Valerie Miller scored 16 for the Lady Pirates and Jackson added 12.

Harvester JV teams split games with Dumas

submitted by Bob Ericson

JV Boys lose a close one
The game against Dumas began with a close and low scoring in the first quarter. Dumas led after one quarter 14-11. Both Pampa and Dumas were sluggish in the second quarter scoring six and nine respectively as Dumas went to halftime

with a 23-17 lead. Pampa came out much better in the third quarter playing better defense and connecting on several shots to narrow Dumas' lead to 30-28. The Harvester offense played aggressively trapping Dumas in the back court, but Dumas was able to break the press at times to win the final quarter 19-16 and the game 49-

44. Scoring for Pampa Garrett Ericson 15, Reid Miller 11, Latigo Collins 7, Jonathan Polasek 5, Reid Bradley 4 and Chase Ferguson 2.

JV Girls triumph

The JV girls' game was close for all four quarters. Dumas captured the first quarter to lead 10-8. Both teams were able to put a

few more points on the board in the second quarter with Dumas hanging on to a slim 23-20 lead. Dumas clung to a 33-30 lead in the third.

Pampa played tough defense in the final quarter and doubled up the Demons 8-4. Kirsten Kuhn stole the ball from Dumas at half court with time running out and made the

layup to win the game 38-37.

Scoring for the Lady Harvesters was Kirsten Kuhn and Kailyn Troxell 8, Caitlin Sieck 7, Kylee Wyatt 6, Liz Hoelting 3 and Kayla Hughes, Kay Kirkham and Delaney Clendening with 2.

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