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County imposes 90 day burn ban

County Commission voted yesterday (Jan. 15) to establish an in unincorporated parts of moisture. the county with certain exceptions, including prescribed burns.

Judge Peet noted that it come April 1. has not rained in the area for more than 80 days, and the projected weather fore-

Commissioner Wheeley said he was as concerned about winds as

Gray County employees health insurance plans

Commissioners vote Thursday to offer a basic plan with few cast calls for above normal changes to the existing employees leaving county temperatures and dry con- health coverage or a premiditions from now to June. um plan for some extra health insurance under the were eight or nine hookups

immediate 90-day burn ban he was about the lack of \$250 to \$1,000 and the co-month. pay will increase \$10 from will have a choice in their office visits and prescriptions.

The premium plan will Court offer a \$500 deductible.

> The commission also changed the amount that

Consolidated The deductible for the Budget Reconciliation Act, the well. basic plan will go up from or COBRA, to \$577 a

\$25 to \$35 for doctor's county commission consid- pipeline to take water to ered a request by several two new hangers being availability at Perry Lefors line of existing hangers, but Airport.

water well. County Judge and expansion of the taxi jobs would pay to retain Richard Peet said there way, the pilots said it might

Omnibus to the water provided by

Initially, the approached the commis-In other business, the sion and offered to install a pilots to expand water built at the south end of the with another hanger possi-The county owns the air- bly being built at the north port land including one end of the hanger complex

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BILL WILL SPARK HUGE FIGHT

AUSTIN (AP) – Texas voters could soon be required to present a photo ID before casting a ballot during elections, but the measure tant. won't be approved without a major partisan fight in the state Legislature.

Voter ID, as its known at the capitol, may not be a top concern for recession-weary Texans. But it's a huge deal in the Legislature, where Republicans say it's crucial to stop ballot fraud and Democrats complain it's all about erecting hurdles to keep their base voters away from the polls.

This week Senate Republicans, who have a 19-12 majority in the chamber, forced a rules change removing procedural roadblocks on the bill. Their successful effort to registration card or some other form of idenexempt the Voter ID legislation from filibuster rules all but ensures its passage in the Senate, whose presiding officer, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, could use a conservative victory as he eyes higher office.

But it could drop a volatile political bombshell onto the desk of House Speaker Joe Straus, the San Antonio Republican who won office after promising that heavy-handthe House along with the man he dethroned, Rep. Tom Craddick of Midland.

The Texas Democratic Party, which is opposed to the legislation, said Straus had an "excellent opportunity" to prove his bipartisan credentials by keeping Voter ID measures off the House floor. But some Republicans are hoping to debate it and pass it into law. Straus spokeswoman Angela Hale

unlike the old speaker's mantra, that he would let the members decide what's impor-

What's important on Voter ID, of course, generally depends on party affiliation, and with the House almost evenly divided, there are 76 Republicans and 74 Democrats, Straus will play a key role in deciding whether it lives or dies.

"I'm not anywhere near worried about that. It hasn't come up yet," said Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth, a top Straus ally. "There are going to be partisan votes in the House. That may be one of them.'

Texans already must show either a voter tification. What Republicans want to do is strengthen that law to require a photo ID. Six states, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Louisiana and Michigan, currently require a photo ID at election time, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

"Requiring voters to provide a valid photo ID is critical to protecting the integrity of the electoral process in our state," said Sen. ed tactics and overt partisanship would exit Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, sponsor of the heavily contested measure exempting the bill from Senate filibuster rules.

Democrats compare the effort to a new poll tax, and say it will be used to keep people, mainly their people, from voting. In its news release, the state Democratic Party cited research used by the non-partisan League of Women Voters of Texas, suggesting that minority voters in particular would repeated the new speaker's mantra, not be less likely to participate in elections under



new Voter ID laws.

"From our perspective, any proposal that restricts voter registration or raises barriers to voting in order to deal with the supposed problem of non-citizen voting is a fear-based approach instead of a fact-based solution," wrote Raul Salazar, executive director of the group, in a 2007 essay. "We simply have not seen the facts that would justify restricting the franchise."

Mascot remains Reapers

by David Bowser

dbowser@thepampanews.com The new Pampa Junior High School mascot will remain the Reapers despite an attempt by the Pampa Independent School District

board of trustees to change it. The school board voted 4-3 Thursday night to retain the Reapers as the junior high mascot.

Board member Dana Terry asked the board to reconsider their decision from last fall and change the name of the junior high mascot to the Harvesters in an effort to create

some unity within the community. Derrell DeLoach, another board member, said he thought the junior high should pick the name, but sided with Terry to change it to the Harvesters. Board member Mark

McVay joined them. Harvester mascot should be for the high school only.

'You earn that right to be a Harvester," said Board President Charles Smith.

"That was kind of an honor," agreed board member Joe Martinez. Board member Lance Defever joined the latter three to keep the mascot as the Reapers.

"For years," Smith said, "they were the Reapers."

The board approved proceeding with the synthetic turf project at the Harvester football field.

Pampa Athletic Director Stuart

Smith reported to the board that the department had \$787,000 in the bank after depositing a check from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation for \$350,000 this week. He said there are still a few pledges outstanding that would bring the total amount raised to over \$803,000.

The board approved negotiating with DMA, a Massachusetts company to head the installation of the turf. They also elected to buy the turf through the state's cooperative purchasing system rather than let-

ting bids for it. Laying the synthetic turf could start next month. The district wants the project completed by May 20, in time for graduation ceremonies at

Harvester Stadium. Smith also reported to the school Board member Lee Porter said the board, in response to a request concerning elimination of ninth grade athletics that there would be no cost savings and that such a move would be detrimental to the district's ath-

> letic program. The school board hired Kelli Burney on a one-year probationary contract to teach English as a second language at Pampa Junior High

> The board approved a change to a one-person signature card for a flower fund at Lamar, but requested Pampa ISD Business Manager

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Warrant Round-up March 3

Over 120 law enforcement agencies across Texas have joined together including Austin, Potter, Randall, Carson, Gray, Roberts, Hemphill, Killeen, Lago Vista, Lakeway, Leander, Llano County, Liberty Hill, Lockhart, Manor, Marble Falls, McGregor, New Braunfels, Pflugerville, Rollingwood, Round Rock, San Antonio, San Marcos, University of Texas, Waco and Williamson County for a Warrant Round-Up, for which a warrant may be pending for you if you receive notice is one or more of the agencies list-

Beginning Saturday, March 3, over 120 agencies will combine forces to search for those with warrants. If you have a warrant, you will be arrested in your home, at work, or wherever you may be found. Act immediately to avoid your arrest.

In order to null the warrant with Pampa Municipal Court and Pampa Police Department and Gray County, appear in person at the Municipal Court in Pampa Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.. or mail payment to Pampa Municipal Court, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa TX 79066. If sending payment, no personal checks or accepted. Pay in person, mail with cash or money order. Call 806-669-5785 to pay by Discover, MasterCard or Visa. The court has reported those with warrants to DPS for non-renewal of your driver's license.

Pay fines now to avoid going to jail. Warning-if mailing payment, the warrant(s) will remain active and you remain subject to arrest until payment is received and posted by the appropriate court. Call to confirm payment.

A complete list of those with outstanding warrants will be published in the weekend issue (Saturday, Jan. 24) edition of The Pampa News.





PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday









Sunday

High 59 Low 35



High 59 Low 34

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58. Wind chill values between 24 and 34 early. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

around 28. Wind chill values between 21 and 26. North northwest wind around 10 mph. Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 59. Windy, with a northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. M.L.King Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 59. North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low



Pampa PD

Pampa Police

Thursday, Jan. 15 conducted Officers

A total of four calls or stops concerning animals

Frederic.

to serve papers

Harvester.

Civil matters were reported in the 400 block of North Wayne and the 1800 block of North three traffic stops.

Dwight. A narcotics violation investigated. was reported in the 2400

block of North Charles. An abandoned vehicle

block of Charles.

reported at PHS, 111 East Harvester.

Briefs

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Show, Sat. Jan. 17, 8am. Clyde Carruth Pavilion. You're Invited!

HOME INTERIORS Home & Garden open house Sunday Jan. 18th 2-7 @ Americ Inn inside meeting

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Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low

around 34. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Welfare checks were

made in the 700 block of

North Dwight, and the

intersection of Harvester

A violation of city ordi-

Theft was reported in

A suspicious vehicle

Suspicious person calls

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Frederic streets, and the

Friday, Jan. 16

Fire

Pampa

Department reported the

following calls between

the period of 7 a.m.

Thursday and 7 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 15

and three personnel

responded to the inter-

section of Duncan and

Kentucky streets on a

motor vehicle accident.

No injuries were report-

2:53 a.m -- One unit

responded to the 800

block of East Craven on

and three personnel

responded to the 2000

block of Duncan on a lift

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambu-

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Thursday, Jan. 15

7:30 a.m -- A mobile

ICU responded to the

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4:10 a.m -- One unit

three personnel

Friday, Jan. 16

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Four alarms

Emergency Services

North Mary Ellen, and the 1300 block of North

Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Thursday and 7 a.m.

seven traffic stops.

were made. C Hobart, and the lobby of

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block the police department. of North Wells, and the 700 block of East was reported in the 1100

A total of five attempts

Domestic disturbance was reported at Pampa High School, 111 East

was reported in the 1300

Disorderly conduct was

Accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles, the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets, the 1000 block of

of paid advertisement

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Regional Medical Center. off Scotch Guard. Must mention ad. Rug Rats, 665-1976. 9:46 a.m -- A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's.

patient

4:51 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of High 60 West and transported a patient to PRMC.



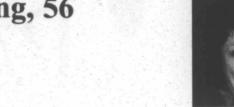
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"Sue" Sterling, 56

Spring- Laura "Sue" Sterling, 56, died January with Carmichael-Whatley 15, 2009, in Houston, Funeral Directors of

Services are Pending Pampa.



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Services tomorrow

John Theodore Videon, 58

58, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. 11:00 a.m. January /17, Memory

Pampa— John Theodore

Videon,

Ben Corbett, Pastor of Faith Tabernacle Church, officiating. Memory

Cemetery Funreal arrangements are Directors of McLean.

John died December 2, 1950 in Wednesday, January 14, Gainesville, Florida to Pampa; two daughters, Hoarse Theodore & June Kimberly Menafee of Services will be held at Marie Arnold Videon. He Saturday, married 2009 in Leeford December 23, Four Gardens 1981, in Sayre, OK. He Mausoleum in Pampa with had been employed at B&B Solvents as a truck driver. He had been a resident of brother, 4 sisters, & many Pampa for the past 27 nieces, nephews, family, Internment will be in years. He was a member of Gardens the Faith Tabernacle Pampa. Church in Pampa.

Pampa; two sons, Robbie Pampa.

born Videon of Rincon, Georgia & Robert Menafee of Lefors, and Shelly Bell and Wanda Sue husband Sam of Pampa; grandchildren, Kristopher Lenning, Sabrina Videon, Ethan Angel, and Alyssa Angel; 1 and friends.

MEMORIALS - The family request memorials Survivors include his be made to Faith Robertson Funeral wife, Wanda Videon of Tabernacle Church in



Videon

The family will be at 2112 Coffee in Pampa. Signour online guest

0 www.RobertsonFuneral.co

Rosemary Sheehan Hollaway, 73 Pampa-Rosemary Rosemary married Charles and Ivonne Duncan of

Pampa, Texas

minister for the Christian Christian Church of the High Plains, officiating.

Memory Cemetery under the direc- Business of Carmichael-

May 28, 1935 in Pampa. She was a lifelong resident of Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School.

died January 15, 2009 in 1952 in Tucumcari, New a.m.Saturday, 2005. She worked for wife Rose of Pampa; 4 January 17, 2009, at Southwestern Bell, retiring Carmichael-Whatley after more than 30 years of Paul Carruth, associate area and deacon of the First Pampa, Katrina Broadstreet Church. Rosemary was a member of many local groups, includ-Burial will be in ing Southwestern Bell Gardens Pioneers and the American Women's Association. She loved to Mrs. Hollaway was born and dance. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

daughter: Glenda Laughlin Arkansas; and 1 nephew:

Sheehan Hollaway, 73, Hollaway on February 2, Pampa; sister: Debbie Caldwell and husband Mexico. He preceded her Chris of Amarillo; brother: Services will be held at in death on November 9, Billy Coy Sheehan and granddaughters: Barton and husband Travis Colonial Chapel, with Rev. service. She was a member and Lori Palacios, all of and husband Chris of Ransom Canyon, and Faith Longoria of Corpus Christi; grandsons: Henry Palacios and Jose Palacios, both of Pampa; 11 greatgrandchildren; 1 great-Whatley Funeral Directors, travel and enjoyed music great-granddaughter; 2 nieces: Shena Wood and husband Cory of Amarillo, and Kathy Setser and hus-Surviviors include her band Bob of Rogers,



Hollaway

Jason Caldwell and wife Trichelle of Annapolis, MD.

MEMORIALS: First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, Texas 79065 Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com

Lela Smith Clark, 91

Clark, 91, died January 13, preceded her in death in 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 17, since 1952. She was an 2009, at Memory Gardens excellent seamstress, work-Mausoleum, with Rev. C. ing at several apparel stores W. Parker, chaplain of in Pampa. She was a mem-Odyssey Health Care, offi- ber of Mary Ellen &

ciating. Burial Memory Cemetery under the direc- July 28, 1990. He preceded tion of Carmichael- her in death on September Whatley Funeral Directors.

Oklahoma attended schools. Lela married Bert Center and Odyssey Health Clark on January 7, 1934 in Care.

October of 1981. She had been a resident of Pampa Harvester Church of Christ will be in for many years. Lela later Gardens married William Clark on 1, 1991. She enjoyed read-Mrs. Clark was born ing and going to church, April 23, 1917 in Ellis but most of all, she enjoyed County, Oklahoma. She spending time with her spent her childhood in family. The family deeply where she appreciates the care shown Oklahoma by Coronado Healthcare

Pampa— Lela Smith Shattuck, Oklahoma. He Survivors include her daughter: Donna Carter of Clinton, Oklahoma; son: Gary Clark and wife Linda of Pampa; 3 grandsons: Carter Mike Weatherford, Oklahoma, Gary Clark, Jr., and wife Whitney of Canyon, and G. Kyle Clark and wife Tracy of Corpus Christi; 2 granddaughters: Linda Coleman and husband Eddie of Flower Mound, and Leslie Mason and husband Gary of Edmond, Oklahoma; 13 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild. Lela was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Leroy Smith, Virgil Smith and Eldon Smith; and a sister: Vada Smith.



MEMORIALS: Odyssey Health Care, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106, or Coronado Healthcare Activity Fund, 1504 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatlev.com

Darlene Louise Heacock, 76

Darlene Louise Heacock, 76, Lawrence, Kansas, will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Tuesday in Oak Hill

Cemetery. Mrs. Heacock died Woods Brandon Alvamar, Kansas.

She was born Sept. 5, 1932, in Cambridge, Kan., Blanche Beamer stepfather

from Winfield High School in 1950.

Mrs. Heacock was a First Baptist Church, medical records secretary Winfield, and later was a stenographer at Winfield State Hospital. She then Thursday, Jan. 15, 2009, at became an office manager in at the University of Kansas in the department of Russian and East European Studies, and retired after 29 the daughter of James and years of service, during which she was awarded the

Funeral services for Campbell. She graduated member of First Baptist band Church, the Oak Ridge Lawrence;

> July 17, 1952, in Winfield. He survives of the home.

Other survivors include two sons, Douglas and wife Bradley and wife Patty, Lee's Summit, Mo; two care of the funeral home. daughters, Teresa Gottstein Harold award in 1995. She was a Anne Munsterman and hus-yost.com.

Dave. Club, and the Lawrence Carroll Wray Campbell, Cosmopolitan Luncheon Winfield; two sisters, Pals. She enjoyed reading, Judith Sutton, Pampa, Tex., Burial will be at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in knitting, and embroidery. and Susan Brooks, Austin, She married Robert Tex.; ten grandchildren, Allen "Bob" Heacock on four step grandchildren, and three step great grandchildren.

> The family suggests memorial contributions to Carolyn, Lawrence, and the church, or to the Alzheimer's Foundation, in Online condolences may

Cullumber Campbell, and Employee of the Year and husband Steve, and be sent at www.rumsey-

Emergency Services

9:21 p.m. -- A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Huff and transported a patient to

PRMC. Friday, Jan. 17 2:57 a.m -- A mobile ICU responded to the block of East Craven and transported a

patient to PRMC.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Derek Allen Pacula, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the Pampa Police Department for failure to maintain financial responsibility, display expired registration, no insurance, and expired motor vehicle registra-

Thursday, Jan. 15

tion. Kristy Colynn Sinyard, 22, of Pampa was arrested byt the PPD on four counts of ainimal at large and three counts of animal nuisance.

Friday, Jan. 16 Josh Powell Wheller III, 44, was arrested by the PPD for driving while intoxicated, second, open container, and disorderly conducted- language.

> Arrive alive Don't drink and drive

Law enforcement agencies will be conducting a Warrant Round-up beginning March 3. If you have an outstanding warrant, you are encouraged to act immediately to avoid arrest.

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County

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be better if the county expanded the water system.

Peet said that the county charged the hanger owners 15 cents per square foot land fee, but apparently charged no fee for the

"We don't charge anybody except the taxpayer," he said.

Peet questioned whether the small well could provide enough water for the proposed expansions at the airport, particularly with regard to fire protection. He said the county may need to drill another well at the airport and charge the tenants at the airport a water fee.

County Treasurer Scott Hahn said the county has collected \$13,500 in land fees to date this year. He said 29 people had paid their fees. Ten had not yet

Gray County Commissioner Gary Willoughby was appointed to meet with the pilots to review the cost figures of enlarging the water system and what options might be available and report back to the commission at their Feb. 2, meeting.

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The commission approved a request from Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead to reimburse a mortgage company for a duplicate tax payment.

Whitehead Countrywide Mortgage had written the county a check to cover taxes on several properties and had paid the taxes on one property twice. The commission approved the reimbursement to Countrywide the amount \$7,746.58.

The commission approved a request by newly elected John Mark Baggerman of Precinct Three to hire a person to fill an opening. He said he had eight applicants.

would be a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine up to \$500.

commission declared two sheriff's vehicles, a 2003 car and a 2004 car, surplus in order to trade them in on a new pickup, but when the bid for a 2009 crew cab Chevrolet pickup with four-wheel-drive. \$25,346.08, was opened, it was rejected and the sheriff directed to solicit more bids.

commission The approved an increase in money paid to deputies transporting, prisoner in one-day trips in order to cover income taxes the Internal Revenue Service is requiring from the deputies.

"It's not fair," County Auditor Elaine Morris said, 'but it's unavoidable."

The commission also approved the hiring of a part-time cook for the Sheriff's Department.

"We got a severe application problem," said Sheriff Don Copeland. We don't have any."

His department is budgeted for one full time cook and two part time cooks. He is using volunteers to work for the full time cook so she can have some time off.

Hahn reported to the commission that tax revenue was flowing into the county's coffers with more than a million dollars coming in last month.

As of Dec. 31, he said, county \$214,792.09 in cash, \$2 million in certificates of deposits and \$2.7 million in TexPool, the state's depository investment fund.

Hahn said TexPool was paying 1.2378 percent interest.

"That's the best that's out there right now," Hahn said.

The 90-day certificate of deposit rate, he said, is 0.4460 percent. The last CD the county

bought, which was in August, was paying 2.4670 percent.

Raymond Jaramillo presented an update of Clarendon College's plans for its Pampa Center.

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Carol Fields to find out how many activity funds there were in the district. Smith said he thought all activity funds should require two signatures.

The board amended the budget to put some \$230,000 into the general fund. Initially, the staff had recommended setting \$80,000 of the \$230,000 back for two used buses from another district, but PISD Supt. Barry Haenisch said the buses were not available.

The money was part of a windfall received from Gray County School Lands oil and gas leases in Gaines County. The rest of the money was used to repair the roof at Pampa High School.

The school board approved the school calendar for 2009-2010 and assignments and schedules.

The board heard updates on the construction at the high school and new junior high from Randy Stephenson, the district's manager of construction.

They also heard reports on accidents in the district last semester.

"We had very few accidents," Haenisch said.

He said there were five accidents reported. Three of them concerned students with pre-existing medical conditions. There were no playground accidents last semester, Haenisch said.

The board also heard the arrest reports from last semester.

Haenisch said the arrest reports were up during the semester, although they had been down last

"There were many more traffic stops than we've ever had," Haenisch said.

He said that might be a function of more police presence.

Haenisch said more students were being referred to the office and more were being punished. He said the principals with whom he's talked were very positive about having a school resource officer available.

There was one arrest at Austin Elementary School on charges of assault with a deadly weapon.

There were three arrests at the junior high. One was for theft. Two were for disruption of

There were 19 arrests at Pampa High School. Two were for theft. Six were for runaways. Two were for disruption of classes. There was one each for public intoxication, robbery, criminal mischief, driving under the influence, minor in possession of tobacco and curfew viola-

There were 19 traffic citations issued at Travis.

Police issued 13 citations at Pampa Junior High for disruption of class, 12 for fighting, one for minor in possession of tobacco and four for traf-

There were 87 citations issued at Pampa High School.

Six were for disruption of class, 15 for fighting, five for disorderly conduct, three for minor in possession of tobacco, one for possession of drug paraphernalia and two for criminal trespass. There were 55 traffic citations issued at the high school.

Michelle Wilson, director of the Pampa ISD Special Education Department, showed a 20-minute video on the district's co-teaching program to the board.

Texas Two Step results

AUSTIN (AP) —Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 7-30-1-6. Bonus Ball: 22: Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Number matching four of four: 8. Prize: \$1,628. Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball:

24. Prize: \$66. Number matching three of four: 1,134. Prize: \$19. Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball:

744. Prize: \$19. Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 4,438. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 7,473. Prize:

Estimated jackpot for Monday night drawing:

\$225,000.



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Cash Five Texas

AUSTIN (AP)— Results of the Cash 5 drawing Thursday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 34-17-25-14-5. Number matching five of five: 1. Prize: \$25,085 Winning ticket sold in: Progreso

Matching four of five: 94. Prize: \$120 Matching three of five: 2,484. Prize: \$10 Matching two of five: 25,384. Prize: \$2

Pick 3 results

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-0-4. Sum It Up: 10

(six, zero, four. Sum It Up: ten)

70 dead cats found

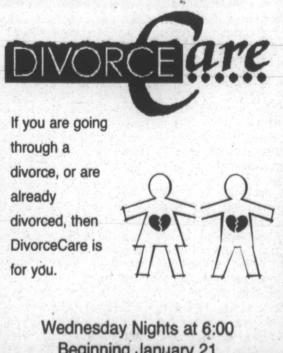
MARION, Texas (AP)—Authorities are trying to find out who stuffed 70 dead Siamese cats into seven large trash bags and dumped them onto a road in Guadalupe County.

The dead cats were found Thursday in the San Antonio suburb of Marion. The animals were all adults. Guadalupe County Sheriff Arnold Zwicke says the animals appeared to have been kept in a freezer or refriger-

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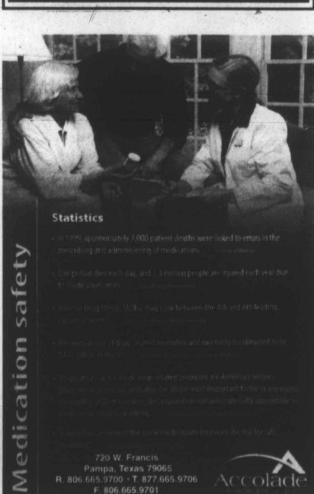




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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Jan. 16, the 16th day of 2009. There are 349 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1547 - Ivan the Terrible is crowned Russia's first

1666 - France, allied with Holland, declares war

1761 - British take Pondicherry after siege, marking end of French dominion in India.

1778 - France recognizes U.S. independence. 1816 - Portugal's South American colony, Brazil,

becomes a kingdom. 1883 - The U.S. Civil Service Commission is

established. 1917 - Germans propose in a telegram that Mexico become Germany's ally with a view to recovering Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. The

'I am a believer in punctuality, though it makes me very lonely."

> - Elinor Wylie, American author

telegram is intercepted, hastening the entry World War I. 1920

Prohibition, the legal prevention of the manufacture, sale, or transportation alcoholic drinks, begins as the 18th Amendment to the Constitution

takes effect. It is

later repealed.

1969 - Soviet cosmonauts achieve first linkup of two manned spaceships while in orbit around earth. 1973 - United States and South Vietnam declare cease-fire in Vietnam War in hopes of full peace

1987 - Hu Yaobang resigns as head of China's Communist Party, accepting blame for policy mistakes stemming from student turmoil.

1988 - Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder is fired as a CBS television sports commentator one day after telling a TV station in Washington, D.C., that, during the era of slavery, blacks had been bred to produce

1989 - Three days of rioting erupt in Miami when a police officer fatally shoots a black motorcyclist, causing a crash that also claimed the life of a passen-

1990 - Bulgarian government grants opposition right to publish newspapers, but continues to deny their access to radio and television.

1991 - U.S. and allied fighters and heavy bombers start pounding targets in Iraq and Kuwait after Iraq fails to meet a deadline on withdrawal from Kuwait. 1995 - Five-hundred motorists are stranded in the

Jawahar tunnel in northern India by a snowslide that killed at least 183 people. 1997 - In West Bank city of Hebron, Palestinians dance and sing outside Israeli army headquarters as

troops begin departing after 30 years of military rule. 2004 - Spain's Constitutional Court, acting on a suit filed by the government under a law outlawing parties that incite terrorism, upholds the banning of Batasuna, a party long considered to be the political wing of the armed Basque independence group ETA.

Today's Birthdays: Richard Savage, English author (1697-1743); Niccolo Piccinni, Italian musician (1728-1800); John Carpenter, U.S. film director (1948—); Debbie Allen, U.S. actress/dancer/choreographer (1950—).

Transportation priorities for 2009

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

Often we begin a new year with a set of goals to achieve, or with a list of priorities that will receive our special attention in the foreseeable future. Some people pledge to get fit; others resolve to be more fiscally responsible. Likewise, Congress must, at the outset of a new legislative session, set an agenda and work to accomplish it. As the Senior Republican on the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation, a body that oversees America's vast transportation network, I hope to focus on several key issues that require action in the Senate this year to keep our nation moving and our commerce flowing.

First, we must reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), whose operating authority expires in March. The entire aviation industry has been hit hard by fuel prices and our weakening economy, and the continued operation of our aviation system is critical to movement of American goods and people. The FAA projects that domestic air travel will nearly double to 1 billion passengers annually by 2015. In order to improve security and capacity and to upgrade key systems like air traffic control (ATC), Congress faces the important challenge of advancing and equipping the aviation industry to keep pace with projected increases in demand.

Modernizing the ATC system, known as the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen), must be a national priority. NextGen will broadly expand air traffic capacity by transferring infrastructure from ground-based radars and navigational aids to satellite technology and will rely on aircraft on-board automation. These upgrades will allow the FAA to monitor more flights in a more efficient and safe manner. Such modernization efforts are vital to our air transport system's ability to meet future travel demands and eliminate gridlock in our skies and at our nation's airports. This would be particularly beneficial to Texas and its approximately 400 airports. Our state's general aviation airport system is one of the largest in the country, accounting for 783,700 jobs and \$20.6 billion in payroll and an economic impact of a \$48.8 billion. NextGen and other aviation improvement efforts are critical to keeping Texas a hub of tourism and commerce well into the future.

Unfortunately, vital projects like NextGen have been hampered by Congress' failure to approve a multi-year FAA Authorization bill. Instead, over the last two years, Congress has passed a series of eight short-term extensions, creating funding instability and inconsistency in our aviation infrastructure programs. First, we must extend the current programs through the end of fiscal year 2009. Then, we must work toward a multi-year reauthorization bill, which is key to providing our air transport system the continuity of funding and support to take on critical projects.

The second priority must be to reauthorize the Highway Bill to improve surface infrastructure. This will bolster our economy through added construction jobs and Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation more efficient transportation of commercial goods.



The existing Highway Bill expires in September, and its reauthorization will be difficult because we must modernize the formula for the Highway Trust Fund, which disparately apportions money to the states. Every year, many states contribute millions of dollars to other states to build their highway networks. Texas, for example, receives only 92 cents in federal highway funding for every taxpayer dollar paid into the Trust Fund. While this is a huge improvement over the 75 cent return when I first took office, Texas is long overdue for retaining its money. Now that we have a national highway infrastructure in place, we should concentrate on using federal highway dollars to maintain the national system. And most of the gas taxes should be left to individual states and municipalities to collect and spend without having to route the money through Washington bureaucracy. This is the approach I will urge. I will also pursue the continuation of the policy I enacted two years ago that bans tolling of federal highways in Texas that taxpayers have already paid for, unless it builds a new lane and maintains the same number of free lanes. Some states have allowed every lane of a federal highway to be tolled, thereby prohibiting its free use. I believe this breaks faith with people whose dollars paid for the road with the promise of free use for transporting people and goods.

In January, the Senate Commerce Committee intends to hold a nomination hearing for Raymond LaHood, a former Illinois Congressman, who has been slated to serve as the new Secretary of Transportation. As our nation addresses a range of challenges in the coming months, I pledge to work with Mr. LaHood and my colleagues to tackle these and other transportation priorities that are critical to our nation's well-being in 2009 and

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the senior Republican on the Senate



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Letter to the editor.

To the editor,

On January 1, 2009, I had the most horrible experience of my life. I ama senior citizen with a husband and I did have an eleven-and-a-half year-old Sheltie. My Sheltie and I were out in my front yard when two Pit Bull dogs came running across the street and, without provoattacked my cation. sheltie.I had no weapon but my fists and feet. I kicked and hit the dog as it mauled my dog. The other dog become threatening and I had to back off, knowing that I could do no good. I screamed for help, but no one was outside at

ten o'clock on a holiday.

The Pit Bull killed my dog,

chewed on her and

dragged her about 180 feet

across the street. I could do

nothing.

finally a neighbor, Rod Crow, came out of his house, saw what happened and came to my aid. I could not get my dog because th two Pit Bulls were circling us and we were afraid we would be attacked. Finally, two cars came around the corner and the dogs ran off, one returning to its yard and the other into my neighbor's yard.

We took "Lady" to Dr Ron Easley's clinic and he did all he could to save her, but it was too late. WHEN WILL THE TIME COME WHEN WE CAN SAFE-LY TAKE OUR PETS OUTSIDE WITHOUT OF FEAR BEING ATTACKED BY THESE VICIOUS DOGS? Can the city do nothing to prevent

this from happening to perhaps a child or other people's beloved pets.

I have only the highest regard for the animal control personnel of Pampa. My special thanks to Smantha, who came to my home for information and her kind sympathy.

Mrs. Price T Smith (Carolyn Smith) Pampa

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Long before cable television, spa treatments and eco-friendly soaps and shampoos became staples in hotel rooms, there was the Bible — the Gideon Bible.

And the book with the familiar two-handled pitcher and torch on its cover that most guests find inside hotel nightstands doesn't appear to be going any-

Gideons International is celebrating its 100th anniversary distributing Bibles and has begun efforts to hand out more Scriptures in the U.S. to boost a distribution rate that's remained relatively flat in recent years.

Nearly 76.9 million Gideon Scriptures were given out in nearly 85 languages in 187 countries last year. Close to 1.5 billion Scriptures have been distributed since 1908, when the Gideons first began to place Bibles in hotel

Since then, the nondenominational evangelical group run by businessmen has spread its tremendous reach, also giving out free Scriptures at hospitals, schools, prisons and in the military.

This is not a church-sponsored, clergy-led effort," said Leith Anderson, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, an umbrella group for evangelical churches and organizations. "It's individuals that go around and distribute Bibles. It's an astonishing accomplishment."

"What it's done is actually changed our culture. People expect there to be a Bible in a hotel room. There's hardly anything that's parallel to it.'

The admittedly media-shy Gideons rarely seek outside attention, but leaders agreed to an interview with The Associated Press at the group's Nashville headquarters to mark the anniversary.

"We've never been an association that necessarily dwelt on the past," said Gideons executive director Jerry Burden. "We always work in the present and look to the future. We're a very low-profile organization. That's been our underlining philosophy. For us, we look to be around another 100 years.'

Because the Gideons were founded by Christian traveling salesmen who spent a lot of time away from home, the group sought to put Bibles in hotel bedrooms to spiritually nurture themselves and others.

Around 1916, the group started distributing Bibles within hospitals, followed by the military, public schools, prisons and colleges and universities.

The Gideons have about 176,000 members, plus their wives, who distribute Scripture around the world, and their numbers have remained steady over the years. The group only allows for evangelical business and professional men to hand out Scripture to its targeted groups, although Gideons allow their wives to hand out Scripture as well in health care settings and in pris-

Elliott Osowitt, 59, pastor at Faith Fellowship in Jefferson, N.C., said when he used to work in the tourism industry, the life he led "involved loose living and immorality." His wife eventually kicked him out of the house on Christmas Eve in 1996.

His daughter had also been sent to prison during that time, and Osowitt felt he'd failed as a father and husband. He was going to shoot himself in motel room that night, but before he did, he saw a Gideon Bible laying on a television, he said.

"When I looked at it, I thought who needs that and threw it on the floor. It fell on the floor and it still stayed open, like it was beckoning me," Osowitt said. "It really made me mad, so I kicked it, but it hit this wooden box frame under the bed and popped back on the floor."

He then picked it up and was about to throw it when he looked down and

started reading a passage from the Gospel of John. "It caused me to stop. It caused me to cry. When I read it was Jesus, I had a hard time with it," said Osowitt, who converted from Judaism to

Christianity and became a Southern Baptist minister. "It literally began a process of healing that eventually led to the reconciliation with my entire family. I just thank God for saving me and the Gideons

for being so faithful." Steve Smith, director of communications and development for the Gideons, said the group has thousands of similar recorded testimonies.

"Lthink there's an untold number of people that have had their lives changed as a result of reading the Gideon Bible or New Testament," Smith said. "We've been blessed to learn the details of many of those and are confident there are still many more we have not yet learned about.'

'We don't keep a running number 'cause it's impossible.' While worldwide Gideon Scripture distributions increased by one-third from 2004 through 2007, U.S. distributions have averaged about 10.5 million annually for the last few years. Gideons want to try to increase that number to 12 million by the end of the group's fiscal year in May.

Burden said as part of the initiative, the group is trying to reach more college-aged students.

'In many cases, a lot of our local (member) groups are just not aware of the colleges they have in their area," Burden said. "They recognize the major schools, a university or college, but they don't think about the business schools, the technical schools and others available to them. There's a significant amount of students there."

"We're trying to promote an awareness with members that there are other opportunities for them to take advantage of."

Also, Burden said that in some areas of distribution, the Gideons are experiencing limitations, mainly in public schools. Several school districts throughout the U.S. have been sued or threatened with legal action by groups like the American Civil Liberties Union, which argue that distribution of Bibles at schools is an endorsement of religion. Burden said the Gideons hand out Bibles on sidewalks off school grounds.

The majority of Gideon Scriptures — about 60 percent — are given to students, a demographic the group sees as a source for future growth.

Jeremy Gunn, director for the ACLU's program on Freedom of Religion and Belief, said the ACLU doesn't specifically challenge Gideon distribution. He said the ACLU would take issue with any organization given what's perceived to be privileged access to children on public school grounds.

Even the place where the Gideon movement got its start is changing. An increasing number of hotels are offering religious texts besides the Gideon Bible to appeal to visitors from a wide variety of cultural and religious backgrounds.

The Gideons have made some other adjustments to accommodate the hotel industry, which has become more environmentally conscious to respond to their guests' wishes and save money on laundry and cleaning. For example, this year the Gideons started putting Bibles made of 30 percent recycled paper into hotel rooms.

'We think it's beneficial to the environment. We need to be conscious of that. And then secondarily, if the hotel industry is going that way, it helps with our relationship with them," Burden said. "We're fine with that. We're just going to continue to do what we do."

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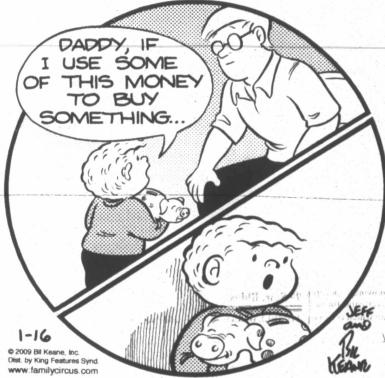
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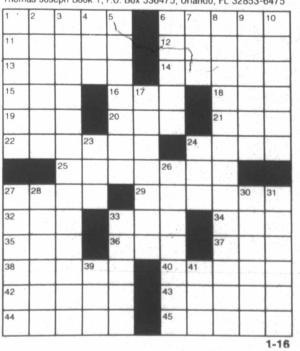
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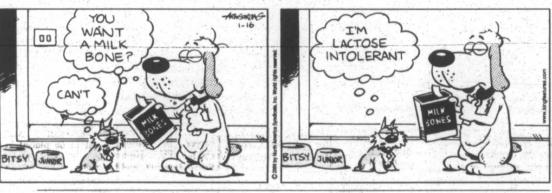
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman with alopecia (hair loss) who has gotten to the point where I now wear a hair-enhancement system that clips onto my real hair to stay in place. I am happy with it. My anxiety over the problem is gone.

However, the clips are metal, and now I'm wondering if I can ever fly on a plane again. I have seen little old ladies with hip replacements stopped by screeners. I know I would set off the alarm at the checkpoint.

Is there anything I can do to avoid this humiliation? Is there any provision for this sort of problem, or is it at the discretion of the airport security? -- ANONY-MOUS IN TEXAS

DEAR ANONY-MOUS: According to Greg Soule, the public affairs spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration, even if the clips are small, they may set off the metal detector when you go through security. However, private screenings are available to anyone who requests them.

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security officer in front of the \$2,100 for him. checkpoi nt and ask to be

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Alexa," and her boyfriend, "Ryan," were on vacation and went gambling. Ryan bet \$400 at a craps table, handed Alexa the dice and told her to throw. She threw the whole night for him and won \$2,500.

After they finished playing, Ryan put all the proceeds in his pocket. I thought it was unfair. Alexa says it's no big deal. I understand that the \$400 was his, but she won

What's your opinion? Isn't this a red flag not to invest any more time in this relationship? -- NOT BET-TING ON THIS ONE

DEAR NOT BET-TING: If Ryan's basic nature was generous, he would have split the winnings 50-50. I agree your daughter would have a happier life with someone whose interests are less selfish and more generous. However, if she isn't ready to end the relationship, advise her to have an arrangement with Ryan in advance

the next time they go gambling so she'll get more out of the game than carpal tunnel syndrome.

DEAR ABBY: I'm turning 40 this year, and I'm planning on throwing myself a party. Some people, including friends and people I have contacted to hire (a DJ, caterer, etc.), have told me they think it's strange that I am throwing a party for myself.

I'm not married or involved with anyone, and I really want to do this for myself. What are your

thoughts? Is it OK to give yourself a party, or is it weird? -- PLANNING FOR THE BIG 4-0

PLAN-DEAR NING: There is nothing unusual about people throwing parties for themselves to celebrate special occasions. I don't know where the DJ, caterer, etc., got the idea that it's weird. In fact, it's a foolproof way to guarantee that you have exactly the kind of party you want. So, go for it and don't let anyone hold you back.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** You like to hear others' suggestions, especially as you are in the process of making plans for today and Sunday. A friend who finds you extremely imaginative comes up with some interesting ideas at best. Be positive. Tonight: Just don't be alone. Follow another's lead. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Get into a project that you have

you must. After you complete this project or get through a lot, relax and feel good. Tonight: Make it easy: Walk away from confusion GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Your playful attitude takes others by surprise. You of all signs appre-

thought about and talked about. The time

has come to bite the bullet and do what

ciate a light type of fun. Wave goodbye to heaviness. Turn away from intensity. Become more kidlike again. Recharge your batteries. Tonight: Be spontaneous. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Stay close to home. Someone

expresses his or her caring, but not in a way that you might like. Remember and accept that everyone is very different. Pressure builds if you become judgmental. Tonight: Let go of stubbornness. Allow your imagination to emerge. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Speak your mind more freely and openly. You could be surprised by

what heads in your direction. Chatter and sharing surround you. Picking and choosing the important conversations could be key. Tonight: Strut out the door. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Be aware that others see situations in a far different light than in the past. Investigate a situation, making sure

events fall as you like. Put on some

music, and you could enjoy even the

most unpleasant chore. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Your smile continues to make peace when others cannot. A loved one or child helps you relax, and suddenly you give way to your imagination. You feel great wherever you go. Stay on top of a problem with a family member. Tonight: As you like.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might feel a little low or less energetic than usual. Know that this lackluster state is about to pass, and you will enter a new phase of high energy. Make it OK to take a nap, if you want. Tonight:

Suddenly you have more spunk. Now

what would you like to do?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You might feel as if you are on a roll and cannot stop (or would prefer not to). Your imagination creates scenarios that might not be based in reality. A lot happens quite quickly, out of the blue. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Go until

you drop. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Others look to you for advice and change. Your abilities emerge in this type of situation. Follow through on an important hunch, as long as it isn't a high risk. Still, pressure builds, forcing choices to be made. Tonight: The later it gets. the more fun you have.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Make fewer judgments about others. When dealing with a difficult person, imagine what it must be like to be him or her. Laughter ensues and opens doors. Don't make a situation worse as a result of negative thinking. Tonight: Let your spirit soar; follow your imagination. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** Some people come in close and want to share more. You can handle it if it is only one person, but, oddly enough, it could be several different people. You might have your hands full, to say the least. Tonight: Dinner for two.

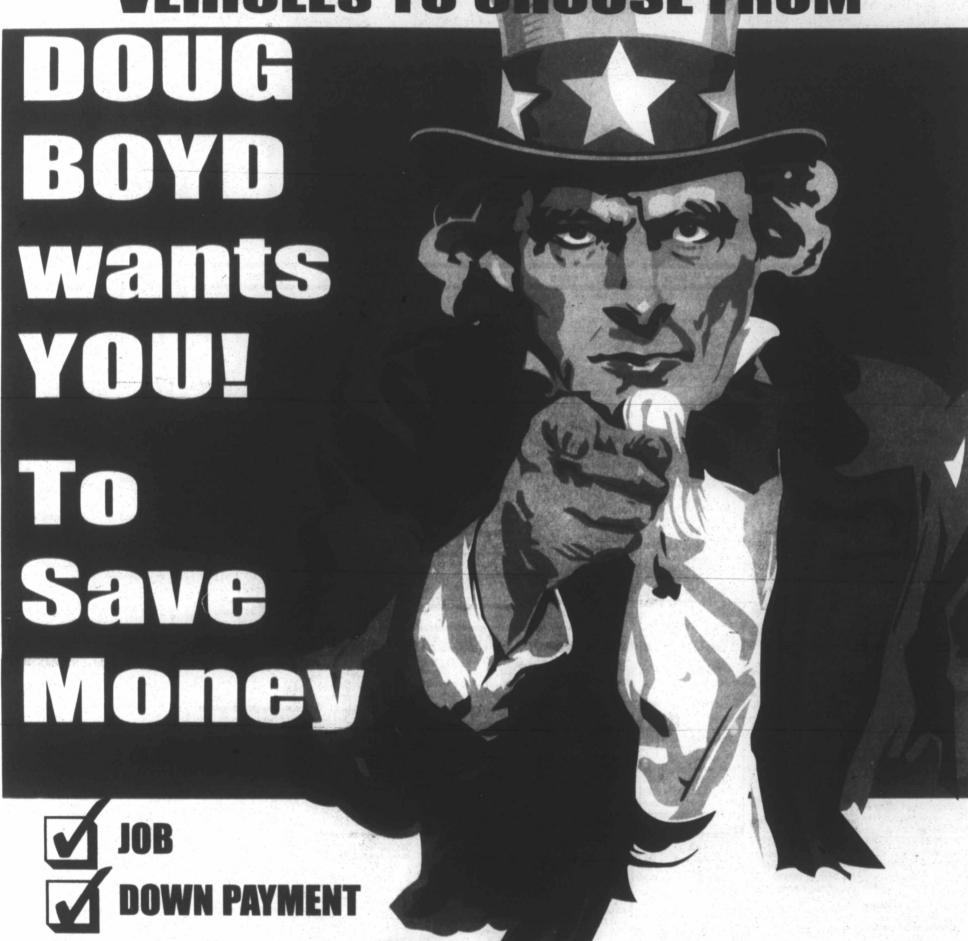
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