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Meth lab found on Magnolia Street

One of Pampa's Most wanted netted

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Acting on information that illegal activity may have been going on at 413 Magnolia, Pampa police officers spotted one of their Most Wanted outside the residence Tuesday night.

According to department officials, Matthew Gilbert Maul saw the officers and went back in the house.

Knowing there was a warrant for his arrest, officers pursued Maul into the house where he was placed under arrest.

Inside, the officers were able

to identify and arrest Ryan Scott Goldsmith and Dale Lynn McClure on outstanding warrants.

Investigators then obtained a search warrant for the residence. In the house was found 66.1 grams of suspected methamphetamine; a quantity of marijuana and an active methamphetamine laboratory. The contents of methamphetamine laboratory are pending.

"I'm very proud of our officers and the job they're doing," said Chief of Police Kelly Rushing Thursday morning. "I encourage our officers to pursue things closely and let them know they have support and assistance."

"We have well trained people. I want to let them do what they're

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School board meets tonight

Construction will be the major topic of concern at the school board meeting Thursday night.

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet beginning at 6:45 p.m. today in the Pampa High School Library, 111 E. Harvester.

The school board will hear a construction update on the new junior high school. They will consider handicap accessibility and the alarm

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Clowning with the coach



staff photo by **Andrew Glover**
 Trent Carter (in blue) hands off a football signed by members of the offensive backfield to assistant coach Byron May, as Alex Clendingen and Jonathan Polasek look on, during the Pampa Harvesters football banquet Wednesday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

Contest winners



Adeline Little and Gracie Little were chosen as the winners of the annual "On Vacation with the Pampa News" contest. The girls, daughters of Todd and Jona Little of Pampa, posed in front of King Kah Mun Rah's "Pile of Loot" from the movie Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, located at the Smithsonian (Institution) Castle in Washington D.C. The winning photo below was taken during a summer vacation in August and it was their favorite from a trip from Washington to Maine. The sisters received a levitating globe as a prize. The "just for fun" contest begins anew this year. There is no entry fee. Just email your photo (with a copy of The Pampa News prominent) to rpribble@thepampanews.com. Be sure to identify everyone in the photo from left to right and include your address and telephone number for verification.



PHS football awards presented at banquet

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Harvesters football team had their annual banquet Wednesday in the M.K. Brown Auditorium to commemorate the 2009 football season.

The banquet started with the freshman football coach Dennis Doughty and the junior varsity coach Byron May talking about their teams.

"It was awesome watching these guys grow up a lot," Doughty said. "They started the season winning their first two games against Estacado and Borger. We tied Perryton. We hit somewhat of a dry spell in the middle of the season but finished their season with two wins over Caprock and Palo Duro."

"Our junior varsity if I learned nothing else about them are a tight knit group of kids, a neat class and a fun group of men to be around," May said. "Throughout the course of the season because of various things we had other players constantly have to rise to the occasion and become a player and grow up as an athlete before our very eyes."

Athletes weren't the only people being recognized at the banquet. The managers, student filmers and student trainers were also recognized. Head Football Coach Heath Parker got up and before he introduced the varsity he honor the wives, fiancés and children of the coaches for accepting the challenges that coaches face.

"The hours during the season, and probably Christy will tell you the season never ends, are ridiculous," Parker said. "The amount of time you spend away from your family. The only way it can work is if it's a partnership. It takes a special lady or man to be a part of it together. The wives and children I know have a special place in heaven for belonging to a coach. Each and everyone of us thanks you deeply for what you do."

Parker presented the varsity. The team came up by positions with a senior player presenting the position and their position coach. Each position group gave the coach a poster signed by players and some even gave footballs. Senior Nathan Webb gave an emotional speech on how May helped him when he broke his hand during the season.

"This season I wasn't fortunate enough to play every game like I planned on the past 18 years of my life," Webb said. "Instead part of it was put on hold and I missed seven weeks of the most important season of my life. As I sat on the bench that night I got hurt with Coach (Kristin) Tucker taking care of me, I looked up and saw Coach May standing there I will never forget what he told me then. He looked at me and said no matter what happens hang in there."

After all the positions were presented, Parker gave advice to his team about facing hard times when they get in the real world.

"I hope what you think of is why not," Parker said. "I hope for the rest of your lives when things get tough and when life throws you a curveball when someone tells you that you don't measure up. When you're just not sure if you can get it done or not. That an overwhelming feeling enters your heart and you ask yourself why not."

The banquet continued

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 67 Low 38	High 56 Low 29	High 46 Low 23

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 37. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly sunny, with a high near 67. Wind chill values between 29 and 39 early. Windy, with a south wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 45 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers, mainly before midnight. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 38. Wind chill values between 30 and 35. Windy, with a southwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 56. Windy, with a west wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 29. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 46. Northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Two on DPS Top 10 Most Wanted list apprehended

Two fugitives featured on the DPS Top 10 Most Wanted list were apprehended in the past five days.

Joe Robert Torres, 44, was arrested Friday at a grocery store in Bryan only hours after he had been added to the Top 10 Most Wanted list. Torres was with a woman and several children when he was arrested. The two were arrested at the grocery store on theft charges after they were seen putting stolen items into a diaper bag. Torres gave law enforcement an alias name when he was arrested, but information gathered at his booking provided his correct name. Torres had warrants out for his arrest for dangerous drugs, forgery and failure to appear.

Aaron Edward Binion, 40, was arrested Tuesday afternoon at a residence in Austin by DPS Criminal Investigations Division agents and members of the Lone Star Fugitive Task Force. Two tips called into Crime Stoppers provided information leading to his location. Binion had warrants out for his arrest for assault on a public servant.

Texas Crime Stoppers will give up to a \$1,000 cash reward to any person who provides information that leads to the arrest of one of these fugitives. Anyone with information about the whereabouts of any of these fugitives should call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). The Crime Stoppers hotline is open 24 hours a day. DPS urges caution around these fugitives.

"Any fugitive should be considered armed and dangerous," said Steven C. McCraw, DPS director. "You should never attempt to apprehend these fugitives yourself."

For more information on specific fugitives or the crimes they are accused

of, please contact the local police department in the area where the fugitive was last seen.

Here is a list of the remaining Top 10 Fugitives:

Robert Barrera, DOB 9-26-82, last known address: Austin. Wanted for obstructing police, escape and burglary of a habitation.

Binus Jackson IV, DOB 7-31-68, last known address: Waco. Wanted for two counts of aggravated robbery with a deadly weapon and robbery by threat.

Gwen Komahcheet, DOB 9-17-50, last known address: Spring. Wanted for aggravated rape with a deadly weapon and failure to register as a sex offender.

Gaspar E. Loya III, DOB 6-20-74, last known address: Weslaco. Wanted for indecency with a child, burglary, failure to register as a sex offender, escape and unlawful flight.

Rene Morales Munoz, DOB 12-19-67, last known address: Laredo. Wanted for homicide, probation violations and possession of cocaine.

Mauricio Geovany Rosales, DOB 5-26-85, last known address: El Paso. Wanted for two counts of murder, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and aggravated assault.

Leeroy Suarez, DOB 6-2-83, last known address: New Braunfels. Wanted for homicide, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful flight.

Ngoc Van Tran, DOB 6-8-70, last known address: Amarillo. Wanted for murder, delivery of a controlled substance and burglary of a habitation.

DPS investigators work with local law enforcement agencies to select fugitives to be featured on the Texas Top 10 Most Wanted list.

Obituaries

Marie Colley, 98

Skellytown, Texas— Marie Colley, 98, died January 18, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, January 22, 2010, at the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, with Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor, and Jay Hammond, officiating.

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

Mrs. Colley was born May 21, 1911 in Mena, Arkansas. She married William Ira Colley on October 7, 1927 in Hannibal, Missouri. He preceded her in death on May 20, 1989. Marie had been a resident of Skellytown since 1945. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, the WMU, Order of the Eastern Star, and was a matron of the Masonic Lodge. She

supported the Disabled Veterans and Cal Farley's Boy's Ranch.

Survivors include a grandson, Leigh Colley and wife Minerva of Arlington; daughter-in-law: Betty Colley of Borger; five great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. Marie was preceded in death by a son, James Colley and two grandsons: Linton Colley and Craig Colley.



Colley

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Betty Jean Bridges, 75

Pampa— Betty Jean Bridges, 75, died January 20, 2010, in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, January 22, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery, with Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church,

officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bridges was born September 26, 1934 in Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life. She was a member of Calvary Baptist

Church. She worked for Dunlaps for over 20 years.

Survivors include a sister, Jeannetta Deanda of Pampa; two nieces, Patricia Harvill and husband Doyle of Pampa, and Karen Deanda of Odessa; two nephews, Don Gryder of Fort Smith, Arkansas

and Ronald Dean Elliott of Pampa. She was preceded in death of a sister: Mary Ellen Elliott; and a brother: Earl Edward Bullick.

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Perry requests help in 'Twilight Rapist' case

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry is asking for more resources to help catch a serial rapist targeting older women in Central Texas.

Perry requested Thursday that a major crimes task force help investigate at least eight sexual assaults or attempted sexual

assaults of older women over the past year. The victims ranged in age from 65 to 91.

All the women lived alone. The suspect has been dubbed "The Twilight Rapist."

Perry has requested that the Texas Department of Public Safety establish a

major crimes task force to work with local authorities. DPS spokesman Tom Vinger says this now elevates the case to a "department-wide priority."

The crimes have all occurred in rural towns, including three cases in Yoakum.

Women say convicted ex-pastor made advances

WACO, Texas (AP) — A former Texas minister convicted of killing his wife made unwanted sexual advances toward two women and one said she had to use "all my strength" to fight him off, they testified Thursday in the punishment phase of his trial.

Jurors who convicted Matt Baker late Wednesday heard testimony from the women, who said the incidents happened in the 1990s. Prosecutors were expected to call several women who also allege incidents with Baker.

Baker, convicted of giving his wife sleeping pills, suffocating her and faking her suicide note in 2006,

faces anywhere from probation to life in prison.

A woman who dated him for several months in high school testified that she had an innocent yet flirtatious relationship with him that changed one day in the 1990s when she was home from college. She said he was forcible and aggressive.

"I had to use all my strength to keep him off of me and from taking my clothes off," she said.

Another woman said she was 19 and working with Baker at the Waco YMCA when he touched her inappropriately and said he wanted to have sex with her.

"He said he knew that I wanted it," she told jurors.

Prosecutors notified defense attorneys before the trial began that they planned to present evidence that Baker made sexual advances toward other women, including some underage girls, over the past 18 years.

Baker also looked at pornographic Web sites and those for married adults who want to have affairs, Noel Kersh, a computer forensics examiner, testified Thursday. Kersh told jurors Baker viewed the sites on his church-issued laptop and his computer at a youth center where he worked as a chaplain.

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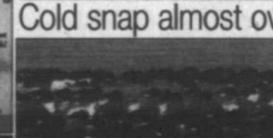
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trained to do and assist them with resources, said Rushing, who has been chief just a little over 90 days.

Rushing said he also likes to "share the wealth"—sharing information with the Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Safety. "We're having good success with that," Rushing said.

"The bottom line is if you're successful, you're able to arrest the people that need arresting. It makes our city a little safer and a little more secure. We fight the drug problem every day," Rushing said.

All four suspects remained in the Gray jail this morning. Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman has set bond for all charges.

Matthew Gilbert Maul, 38, has nine charges against him and a total bond of \$92,000. Charges include possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, four outstanding felony warrants and two outstanding class C warrants, according to the PPD.

Bond was set at \$85,000 for Dale Lynn McClure, 50, on charges including possession of marijuana, two charges of possession

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of a controlled substance, a parole violation, or "Blue" warrant that prevents him from bonding out of jail, and failure to identify/fugitive.

Bond was set at \$55,000 for Cassandra Elaine Mullen, 21, on charges of possession marijuana and possession of a controlled substance.

Bond was set at \$55,000 for Ryan Scott Goldsmith, 20, on charges of possession marijuana and possession of a controlled substance and three outstanding class C warrants.

BSA Hospice open house



staff photo by **ReDonn Woods**
Peter Willis LMSW, Ted Quilen Volunteer, Lori Cruchfield RN, Marilee Bulls -volunteer Coord., Janet McCracken Office Clerk, Laura Reyhor RN, (interim) Director of BSA Home care and Hospice, Davlyn Duesterhaus-Chaplain and Christi Forsha RN at an open house at the BSA Hospice in Pampa. The office had been closed since Sept. due to funding cutbacks. It opened again on January 4.

Proposed: 4 percent UTexas tuition hike

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Hiking tuition nearly 4 percent at the University of Texas could save staff and programs by enabling the school avoid cutting \$31 million from its budget, a top official said.

Students, administrators and faculty discussed raising tuition by 3.95 percent in 2010-11 and again in 2011-12 during a public forum late Wednesday in Austin. Another public hearing was planned for Tuesday.

"The tuition increase is to maintain the people we already have, the administrators and faculty," Kevin Hegarty, UT's chief

financial officer, said late Wednesday.

The Tuition Policy Advisory Committee, made up of students and faculty, wrote in December that UT would have to cut more than \$31 million from its budget during those two time periods unless tuition and fees go up.

UT President William Powers Jr. is expected to submit his final tuition increase proposal by Jan. 31 to regents of the University of Texas system. Regents are expected to vote in March.

The public hearing "is not just a formality," said Powers, adding that he has

not made up his mind about the committee's report.

The proposed tuition increases would apply to all undergraduate and graduate programs except for professional programs such as law and pharmacy, whose students would see various increases depending on the program.

The 2003 Legislature authorized Texas public universities to set their own tuition rates. Since then the cost of tuition and fees has increased by 86 percent, according to a 2009 report by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

Rotary grocery winner



Katrina Bigham, president of Pampa Rotary Club presents Tyson Paronto, winner of the Rotary Club drawing for \$100 in groceries a week for a year, with 52 \$100 gift cards from United Supermarket in Pampa. The drawing is a major fundraiser for the local service club.

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with the top academic athletes being honored. The best underclassmen were presented with the Helmet Award. Latigo Collins, Garrett Ericson and Olin Boyd were the recipients. The seniors were recognized on the Academic All-State team. Luke Watson, Braden Hunt, and Leonel Madrid received honorable mentions. Landon Long was nominated on second team, Corbin Clifton was nominated for first team.

Alex Clendening was nominated to the Elite team.

The football team had four awards for the season. Hunt won the Vance Bruce award which honors the player with the most consistent positive attitude. Webb won the Casey Trimble award which honors persistence. Webb missed most of the season with a broken hand. Clendening won the GT/El Norma leadership award. Madrid won the fighting

heart award.

After awards were given out, the booster club was recognized for their work during the season. The 2009 presidents Shawn and Lisa Clifton shared a few words and handed over the keys to the new presidents for the 2010 football Rick and Kathy Bradley. The banquet ended with the senior football players and cheerleaders leading everyone in the fight song.

Savage storms strike east Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Widespread damage but no serious injuries have been reported from savage east Texas thunderstorms.

In Canton, 55 miles east of Dallas, at least two trucks and several signs toppled and the roof of a convenience store damaged at Texas 19 and Interstate 20 around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Downed power lines closed the interstate for several hours. Van Zandt County sheriff's Deputy

Chuck Allen says multiple homes in rural areas northeast of Canton were reported as damaged, and there were several reports of minor injuries.

Hopkins County sheriff's Deputy Ron Lowrie says the wind damaged three mobile homes and toppled two tractor-trailer rigs, closing Interstate 30 for a while near Sulphur Springs, about

70 miles northeast of Dallas. He said no injuries were reported.

A National Weather Service team will be dispatched to the areas Thursday to determine if the storm winds were tornadoes.

Locally, a wind advisory has been issued for the Texas panhandle Friday and Saturday.

Group seeks more protection for endangered ocelot

DALLAS (AP) — An environmental group is asking the federal government to further protect the endangered Texas ocelot.

There are only about 50 of the wild cats left in the United States, all of them in southern Texas.

The ocelot — which looks sort of like a leopard but is only about twice the size of a house cat — has been listed as endangered since 1982. But its habitat is still vanishing, so

Denver-based WildEarth Guardians asked the federal government Thursday for a critical habitat designation.

The thorny scrub land favored by the ocelot has been giving way to agriculture and development.

The filing is part of the group's plan to file petitions and lawsuits over about a month to persuade the Obama administration to make wildlife protection a priority.

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system at the new junior high. They will also consider putting sod on the new junior high football field.

They will also discuss transportation for the new Pampa Junior High and other transportation issues.

In another construction update, the school board will hear a report on renovations at the current junior high.

In other business, the school board will hear a construction update on the new ag barn and consider baseball field improve-

ments at Pampa High. They will also hear an update on the security systems at the elementary school campuses.

The board will consider the district's 2010-2011 budget timeline and the Quarterly Investment Reports. They will also discuss the 2010-2011 school district calendar.

The school district staff will give the enrollment report for the district, the first semester accident report and the first semester arrest report.

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Today in History

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 21, 1910, shortly before 11 a.m., the Great Paris Flood began as the rain-swollen Seine River burst its banks, sending water into the French capital for more than a week.

On this date:

In 1793, during the French Revolution, King Louis XVI, condemned for treason, was executed on the guillotine.

In 1858, Felix Maria Zuloaga became president of Mexico upon the ouster of Ignacio Comonfort.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate.

'Know yourself, and your neighbor will nor mistake you.'

— Scottish proverb

In 1915, the first Kiwanis Club was founded, in Detroit.

In 1924, Russian revolutionary Vladimir Lenin died at age 53.

In 1950, former State Department official Alger Hiss, accused of being part of a Communist spy ring, was found guilty in New York of lying to a grand jury. (Hiss, who always proclaimed his innocence, served less than four years in prison.) George Orwell (Eric Blair), author of "Nineteen Eighty-Four," died in London at age 46.

In 1954, the first atomic submarine, the USS Nautilus, was launched at Groton (GRAH'-tuhn), Conn. (However, the Nautilus did not make its first nuclear-powered run until nearly a year later.)

In 1968, the Battle of Khe Sanh began during the Vietnam War as North Vietnamese forces attacked a U.S. Marine base; the Americans were able to hold their position until the siege was lifted 2 1/2 months later. In Greenland, an American B-52 bomber carrying four hydrogen bombs crashed, killing one crew member and scattering radioactive material.

In 1970, the Boeing 747 went on its first commercial flight as Pan Am passengers traveled from New York to London.

In 1976, the supersonic Concorde jet was put into service by Britain and France.

Ten years ago: The grandmothers of Elian Gonzalez traveled to the United States to plead for the boy's return to Cuba.

Five years ago: A car bomb outside a Shiite mosque in Baghdad killed at least 14 people; a suicide bombing at a Shiite wedding south of the capital killed at least seven people. The body of Megan Leann Holden, a college student whose abduction was captured on a surveillance videotape as she was leaving her clerk's job at a Wal-Mart, was found in western Texas. (Johnny Lee Williams Jr. later pleaded guilty to capital murder and received consecutive life sentences.)

One year ago: In a whirlwind first full day in office, President Barack Obama showcased efforts to revive the economy, summoned top military officials to chart a new course in Iraq and eased into the daunting thicket of Middle East diplomacy. The Senate confirmed Hillary Rodham Clinton as secretary of state.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Ann Wedgeworth is 76. World Golf Hall of Famer Jack Nicklaus is 70. Opera singer Placido Domingo is 69. Singer Richie Havens is 69. Singer Mac Davis is 68. Actress Jill Eikenberry is 63. Country musician Jim Ibbotson (The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band) is 63. Singer-songwriter Billy Ocean is 60. Commerce Secretary Gary Locke is 60. Attorney General Eric Holder is 59. Microsoft co-founder Paul Allen is 57. Actor-director Robby Benson is 54. Actress Geena Davis is 54. Basketball Hall of Famer Hakeem Olajuwon is 47. Actress Charlotte Ross is 42. Actor John Ducey is 41. Actress Karina Lombard is 41. Rapper Levirt (B-Rock and the Bizz) is 40. Rock musician Mark Trojanowski (Sister Hazel) is 40. Rock singer-songwriter Cat Power is 38. Rock DJ Chris Kilmore (Incubus) is 37. Actor Vincent Laresca is 36. Singer Emma Bunton (Spice Girls) is 34. Country singer Phil Stacey is 32. Rhythm-and-blues singer Nokio (Dru Hill) is 31. Actress Izabella Miko is 29.

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Missteps, mood turn Senate race

AN AP NEWS ANALYSIS
BOSTON (AP) — A Republican's surprising nimbleness, his opponent's missteps and shifting political winds in one of the most Democratic states have turned a sure thing into an even bet.

Instead of Democrats easily retaining the Senate seat held for 47 years by Edward M. Kennedy, on Tuesday the Republicans may win the vote necessary to block President Barack Obama's agenda.

It's a political reality few could have dreamed possible only a few months after hundreds of thousands of Massachusetts residents lined streets in Cape Cod and Boston in a solemn farewell to the Senate's "liberal lion." The question wasn't who would succeed Ted Kennedy, but which Democrat it would be.

In a span of weeks, little-known state Sen. Scott Brown has capitalized on voter dissatisfaction to erase a double-digit lead held by Democrat Martha Coakley, the state attorney general. He's done it by knocking on doors in conservative South Boston to get out the vote and by holding kitchen-table conversations with voters of all stripes across the state. His pickup truck, with nearly 200,000 miles (320,000 kilometers) on the odometer, became a symbol of his workmanlike approach.

Coakley ran a textbook primary campaign but then stopped after winning a four-way race with 47 percent of the vote. She cut back on her appearances and disappeared from public view entirely Christmas week, confident she needed only community and political activists and their networks in what was projected to be a low-turnout special election.

When she emerged, it wasn't to shake hands or rally supporters, but to sit on the stage at inaugurations for newly elected Democratic mayors. There was retail face-to-face campaigning, only press releases. And she balked at debates. When the final one a week ago ended, Brown had clearly won it.

"I think that everyone just assumed that it was going to be Martha or a Democrat, so why pay attention?" Thom Carter, a high school teacher from Melrose and a Coakley supporter, said Saturday at one of her rallies. "And I think everyone was guilty that were supporters."

While Coakley was cloistered, Brown launched the campaign's ad war on Dec. 30 with an eye-catching spot. It began

with black-and-white footage of Kennedy's brother, President John F. Kennedy, arguing for an across-the-board tax cut, before transitioning to color video of Brown completing the speech.

Democrats labeled him audacious for appropriating such a hallowed image, but Coakley didn't respond in kind. She waited a week before airing her first campaign ad, and when she did, the spot focused on her prosecutorial career and work against child sex predators.

Coakley did have one advertising first: She was the first candidate to air a negative spot, released a half-hour after her final debate with Brown on Jan. 11.

Brown now has the chance to become a pivotal Republican Party player, the 41st Senate vote against the health care bill, the focus of Kennedy's life work.

You'd never know it from Brown's ads, Web site or campaigning.

He rarely mentions his party affiliation, instead saying he is "independent-minded." It's a nod to the voting reality in Massachusetts. While the state has a solid Democratic tradition, 51 percent of its voters are unenrolled in either major party. Only 37 percent are registered Democrats, while just 12 percent are Republicans.

So-called Kennedy liberal Democrats remain in the cities, but moderates now populate the suburbs. They favor a balanced approach to government, and they helped elect Republican governors for a 16-year run before Democrats regained the office in 2006.

Massachusetts' Democratic leader, Gov. Deval Patrick, is sagging after an Obama-like 2006 campaign full of airy talk about "together we can" collided with a sales tax increase and none of his promised property tax reductions.

A Suffolk University poll last week that showed Brown statistically tied with Coakley also showed Patrick with a 56 percent disapproval rating. Obama's was only slightly better at 43 percent.

"It's a very anxiety-ridden climate in the country," said John Sasso, a Democratic political strategist who advised former Gov. Michael S. Dukakis. "And the party that's in, the Democratic Party, bears the brunt of that."

Brown is practiced in running against the tide, both personally and professionally.

The 50-year-old is both a triathlete and a Republican by choice, and it's hard to know which is more difficult in a state where the Republicans hold just 15 percent of the legislative seats. Brown is one of five Republicans in the state Senate.

Last fall, he ran against a perennial candidate in the Republican primary, but he and his campaign team knew their true challenge — and opportunity — lay in the five-week general election campaign. His first event was symbolically charged: He signed a no-new-taxes pledge and challenged Coakley to do the same.

Coakley dismissed it as "a campaign gimmick."

An early poll by the National Republican Senatorial Committee showed Brown trailing by just 13 points. The com-

mittee kept the results private to avoid awakening slumbering Democrats.

Last week when polls for the first time showed Brown on the cusp of victory, a key Democratic player, Massachusetts Secretary of State William F. Galvin, said confirming the election results could take 10 days, maybe 15, enough time for Democrats in Washington to push a health care compromise through the Senate. That irked Massachusetts voters even more.

"It's not playing by the rules; it's changing the rules of the game," said Scott McGrath of Winthrop, who held a sign at a Brown rally on Friday. "It's worse than dirty politics; it's bad sportsmanship."

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Sports

McLean splits with Groom

SUBMITTED BY MIKE HAYNES

The McLean and Groom basketball teams split a doubleheader Friday night, with the McLean girls winning 52-44 and the Groom boys taking a 52-36 win.

At the McLean gym, Alexis Menefield led the black-and-gold Lady Tigers with 27 points, and Sheri Haynes scored 11.

The McLean girls' win gave them a 3-0 record in District 4-1A Division II, and their season record rose to 19-3.

Groom fell to 1-1 in district and 14-8 for the season.

Jordan Herring led the

McLean boys with 12 points, followed by Isaac Martin with 11. The McLean Tigers are 1-2 in district and 4-13 for the season, while the Groom Tigers are 2-0 in district and 13-9 overall.

At right, McLean's Clay Crockett reaches for the ball against Groom Friday night at McLean. The Tigers lost 52-36 and dropped to 4-13 and 1-2 in district.

Submitted Photo



Frosh girls split last two games

The Pampa Lady Harvesters freshman girls basketball team's winning streak came to an end against Canyon Saturday, but started a new winning streak against Randall Monday.

The Lady Harvesters lost 64-17 Saturday at Canyon, which ended a nine-game winning streak. Taylor Morgan led the team in scoring with six. Hannah Baker scored five, Calli Brewer, Robin Doan and Bailey Beck each scored two.

Monday, Pampa beat Randall 30-29 in a game

that Segura called the closest all season.

"The game was close all the way through and the girls maintained their composure and ended up with a victory," Segura said.

Both teams were tied at the end of the first quarter and at halftime. The Lady Raiders led 20-18 after the third quarter. Pampa took a three-point lead with a minute left in the game. Randall took the lead back 29-28. Baker made the game-winning basket with two seconds left.

Morgan led the team in scoring with 12.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



D E A R ABBY: "Happy Being Me in Massachusetts" (Nov. 20) is a large girl whose mother told her "heavy women are not desirable." Well, I was a size 18/20 and weighed more than 200 pounds when I met my husband while out with mutual friends. He's good-looking, smart, witty, affectionate and passionate. He's everything a woman looks for in a life partner.

He had never dated a plus-size woman before, but he was smitten from the moment he saw me, and pursued me from the start because he thought I have a beautiful face and a great personality. We have one child and another on the way, and he finds me as appealing now as he did

the night we met. No woman should ever "settle" for a partner, and "Happy" should not do so just because her mother thinks she's "too heavy." That mother is trying to pass her low self-esteem issues along to her daughter, and I hope "Happy" is savvy enough to brush it off. Big girls can be sexy, too, because there's nothing sexier than confidence. -- MICHELLE IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MICHELLE: The letters of encouragement in support of "Happy" have far outweighed her mother's negative stance. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Happy Being Me" needs to know that there are men like me who prefer plus-size women. My wife weighs 275 pounds, and I think

she's gorgeous. "Happy" just needs to put herself out there, and one of us will find her. -- HAPPY WITH MY LARGE LADY

DEAR ABBY: I met my first husband when I wore a much smaller size. As the years went on, my size increased. He ended up leaving me for a smaller girl.

After our split, I moved home and the first words out of my mother's mouth were, "You need to work on yourself because you're not going to find someone new looking like you do." It was extremely hurtful, but beyond that, it was WRONG.

Less than a year after my divorce, I was in a healthy relationship with a man who loved me for myself. We married, have a baby and are living happily ever after. The size of my jeans has never mattered to my hubby -- only the size of my heart. -- BIG JEANS, BIGGER HEART

DEAR ABBY: In the past, I admit I was one of those men who wouldn't look twice at a large girl. Then I met my wife. She wasn't exactly petite, but it didn't matter. She truly is the girl of my dreams.

The right woman can always find the right man. -- LUCKY MAN IN ALBUQUERQUE

DEAR ABBY: I attend dances every month that support women of size. I met my dream man at one of them a few months ago. He is kind, supportive, handsome and loves my body. (And I love his!)

When I started going to functions for plus-sized women at the age of 26, I found a whole new world where I was accepted and welcomed.

"Happy" should get on to her Web browser and look for "Big Beautiful Women" groups in her area. Love is out there -- for ALL body types. -- LARGE AND IN LOVE

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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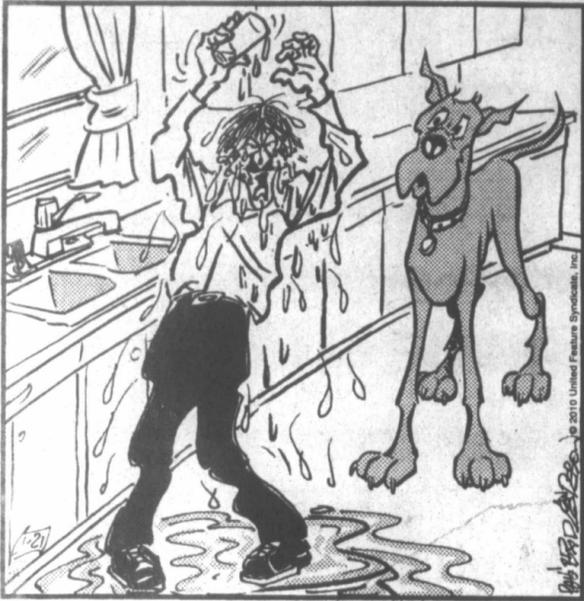
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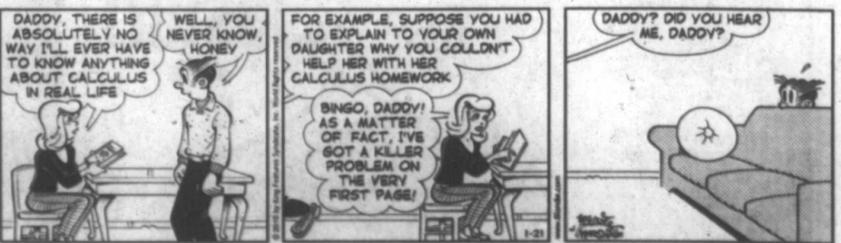
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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 15 Burner spot
- 17 Stephen of "The Crying Game"
- 18 Puzzle-book features
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- 24 Goes downhill
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DAILY HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Jan. 22, 2010:

This year, you move in an unprecedented direction. The key to your success is a newfound valuing of communication. Thinking outside the box, a specialty of yours, becomes the best path. You set the pace; others respond accordingly. Your home and personal life could be put on the back burner for part of the year, but not forever, as you'll discover. Don't take others for granted. If you are single, you'll meet many people, though you might not be ready for a commitment. You could enjoy the romance of dating. If you are attached, take a seminar or class together. Share a hobby. Choose an activity that draws you together. TAURUS reminds you of the basics.

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) ***** Your ability to get things accomplished has been high all week. Today is no exception. Zero in on what you want, realizing that you have limited time. Your imagination provides another source of thought and action. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Know when to back off. You will accomplish the most by being low-key when responding to a boss or someone who influences your thinking. Question which way to go with an enthusiastic friend. Tonight: Keep a secret just that.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Zero in on what you want. Consider what is happening with a friend who cannot stay on topic. On the other hand, you are in a whirlwind of ideas as

you try to sort through what is workable. Use the moment. Tonight: Only where people are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Others might not like all your decisions, but they do follow your lead. Know when enough is enough. Though you might want to get this or that done, not everyone has the energy to follow-through. Tonight: Still pushing your weight around?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Tap into your ability to see the big picture, but this will be a concentrated effort if you are vested. Remember, so many possibilities are out there. Be willing to walk up and take a step in a new direction. Tonight: Try a new spot or new type of happening.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** A partner continues to act on strange influences. Respond in a caring way once more, knowing that soon this person's attitude might change. Use your imagination with a day-to-day project. Do make an appointment with the doctor before starting a diet. Tonight Go for togetherness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Defer to others and observe where the clog in the works is. Clearly, you will make changes, but only when you are more sure of yourself. Wait it out a little longer; more is likely to emerge. You need as much information as possible. Tonight: Choose what pleases you most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Your ability to see and handle different situation emerges. If you want to understand what makes a co-worker tick, start observing more. You understand what needs to happen but might hedge on another project. Tonight:

Squeeze in some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Let more fun into your professional life. You work very hard to keep this boundary, but others could use an infusion of happiness. Make that additional time that a co-worker needs. Tonight: Paint the town red!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** If you can take off today, please do. You will benefit from time spent out of the office or away from the work site. How you feel could change your approach, and thus the outcome of a situation. Tonight: Balance your checkbook before deciding.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You are inspired, and others get a charge off of this energy. Be precise, because sloppiness could be a problem, especially if someone is following your lead. Conversations are animated and have many suggestions below the surface. Tonight: Start the weekend with a fun get-together.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Sometimes your intuition leads you down an expensive path. Make sure you separate intuition from wanting, as you could be off spending way too much. How you deal with another person could be off. Tonight: Stick to your budget. There is a tomorrow.

BORN TODAY
Gospel singer Sam Cooke (1931), actress Linda Blair (1959), actor John Hurt (1940)

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1-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

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RUNA ZXAU WRG KLA HRLU
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— DKU YQACDUM
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: IF YOU DON'T LIKE THE ROAD YOU'RE WALKING, START PAVING ANOTHER ONE. — DOLLY PARTON

SELL IT FIRST
IN THE CLASSIFIEDS!

AXYDLBAAXR
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Sports

Girls soccer blanked by undefeated Lady Eagles

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters soccer team played hard but lost their fifth consecutive game 4-0 to the Canyon Lady Eagles Tuesday at Harvester Field. Head Coach John True said the girls did a better job on defense.

"We were much better organized defensively tonight but had some prob-

lems with Canyon's speed up top," True said.

The Lady Eagles scored their first goal on a corner kick about 13 minutes into the game. Canyon added to their lead four minutes later scoring on a break-away. The Lady Eagles scored on another break-away with about two minutes left in the half to lead 3-0 at halftime. True said Canyon scored their last goal in the last five minutes

of game and said it was an error in judgement on his teams part. The head coach said his team has dealt with adversity but are coming together.

"I believe we will be much better when district play starts, and we have some of our injured players back," True said.

The Lady Harvesters (0-5-0) will host Borger 5 p.m. Monday.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Valeria Resendiz battles a Lady Eagle for the ball Tuesday at Harvester Field. Pampa lost 4-0 and hosts the Borger Lady Bulldogs 5 p.m. Monday at Harvester Field.

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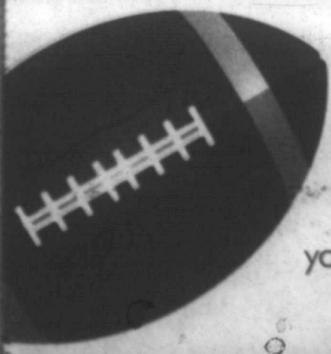
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