

Obituaries

Caroline Louise Bichsel, 52

Caroline Louise Bichsel, 52, of Pampa died Saturday, Nov. 18, 2006, in Lubbock.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006, at Carol's Horse Lots on Perry Street.

Cremation was by Agape Funeral Chapel of Lubbock.

Mrs. Bichsel was born Feb. 15, 1954, in Pampa. She married Louis Bichsel on Jan. 22, 1977, in White Deer. They lived in Pampa where they loved and enjoyed their animals as well as each other. Carol was a very kind and loving person who was also an animal advocate. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She leaves behind a loving husband, Louis Bichsel of the home; her mother, Margaret Belflower of Pampa; a brother and sister-in-

law, Alvin and Barbara Belflower of Amarillo and their two children, Eric Belflower of Amarillo and Randi Belflower of Dallas; a brother and sister-in-law, James and Laquita Belflower of Skellytown and their three children Jamie, Christy and Joshua; faithful friends, Sheryl Lester of Lexington, Linda Pope of Pampa, Butch Jernigan of Pampa, and Jim Abbott of Pampa; and adopted family Clint and Ashlie Steward of Pampa and their two children, Carol's grandchildren, Kaidyn and Trystan Steward of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her father, V.R. Belflower and her beloved Ringo.

Memorials may be made to a fund at Bank of America, 100 S. Cuyler in Pampa in care of Kay West.

Leota Fletcher, 70

MOUNTAINBURG, Ark. — Leota Fletcher, 70, died Monday, Nov. 20, 2006.

Services were held Friday, Nov. 24, 2006, at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial was in Pope Cemetery under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home of Alma, Ark.

Mrs. Fletcher was born June 13, 1936, in Trosdale, Okla. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Alma. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Walter; two daughters, Mary Sykes of Van Buren, and Alice Holland of Mountainburg; two sons, Michael Dye of Henton, Okla., and Lynn Strickland of Mountainburg; a sister, Sally Bray of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Doug Boyd and Russell Boyd, both of Pampa, Texas, and L.D. Boyd of Mountainburg; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Six traffic stops were made.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of North Cuyler and the intersection of 25th and Duncan streets.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 600 block of Sloan, the 1100 block of Garland, the 1300 block of Garland, the 600 block of Lefors, the 1300 block of North Starkweather, an unreported location, the 2000 block of North Russell, the 1000 block of Duncan, the 1300 block of Coffee, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 2200 block of Duncan, the 600 block of Lowry, the 500 block of Lowry, the intersection of 23rd and Christine streets, and the 900 block of East Frederic.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of Miami.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions.

Civil matters were reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road, the police department lobby, and the intersection of Wilks and Hobart streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 1300 block of Coffee, and the 2800 block of Charles.

A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Short.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Evading arrest was reported at the intersection of Oklahoma and Barrett streets.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart and the 400 block of Magnolia.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

One open door was reported.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of North Summer, where a Lone Star card was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of East Browning.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

Robert Callahan, 48, of Stinnett was arrested in the 200 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Leonardo Alonzo III, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a sentence for assault.

Micky Alvarez, 39, of Pampa was arrested by the White Deer city marshal for PPD on capias pro fines for no Texas driver's license and unrestrained child.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Nov. 28

4:37 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 11000 block of West Highway 152 on a medical assist.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Nov. 28

8:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Davis. No transport.

1:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Cuyler. No transport.

3:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. No transport.

4:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded west of Pampa on Highway 152 and transported a patient to PRMC.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 37. Wind chill values between 16 and 26. Windy, with a north-northeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tonight: Snow likely. Cloudy, with a low around 16. Wind chill values between zero and 10.

Windy, with a north-northeast wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New snow accumulation of less than a half inch possible.

Thursday: A 40 percent chance of snow, mainly before noon. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 28.

Wind chill values between

-1 and 9. North-northwest wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, then gradually becoming clear, with a low around 16. Wind chill values between 9 and 14. West wind around 5 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 38. West-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east-southeast.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 23. Wind chill values between 12 and 17. East wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 37.

Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 24. Wind chill values between 17 and 22. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 38. North-northwest wind around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 27. Wind chill values between 20 and 25.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 47.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 32.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 49.

Crowd turns out for piece of Kinky's campaign

AUSTIN (AP) — It was a chance to grab something Kinky before Christmas.

More than 150 people showed up Tuesday at independent candidate for governor Kinky Friedman's former campaign office, where staff members were giving away the furniture.

His campaign had posted a notice about the furniture

on the Web site Craigslist. ("None of it is TOO horribly ugly, some of it even matches, and all of it is FREE!") The first person arrived at 6:45 a.m., more than three hours before the giveaway started.

Campaigns generally liquidate their assets after an election to avoid paying taxes on them. For many, it

may resemble a subdued garage sale.

In Friedman's case, it was more like a free-for-all as people snatched desks, cabinets, chairs, couches and computers.

"I'll take anything I can get my hands on," said L.B. "Sweed" Swanson, a 79-year-old who frequents garage sales.

Donna Hughes, who was searching for treasures for her flea market, put her hands on three filing cabinets while her son loaded one at a time into her U-Haul. When someone tried to pull one of the cabinets away, "I took my cane, and I held it out like this and I said, 'Sorry, sir. These are mine.'"

She ended up with four filing cabinets, a desk and an aquarium.

Some came looking for a memento of Friedman's candidacy, be it a sign, a sticker, or anything. Several people took nothing at all.

"Nothing in there was worth getting," said John Payne. He was disappointed that much of the furniture had rips, stains and holes.

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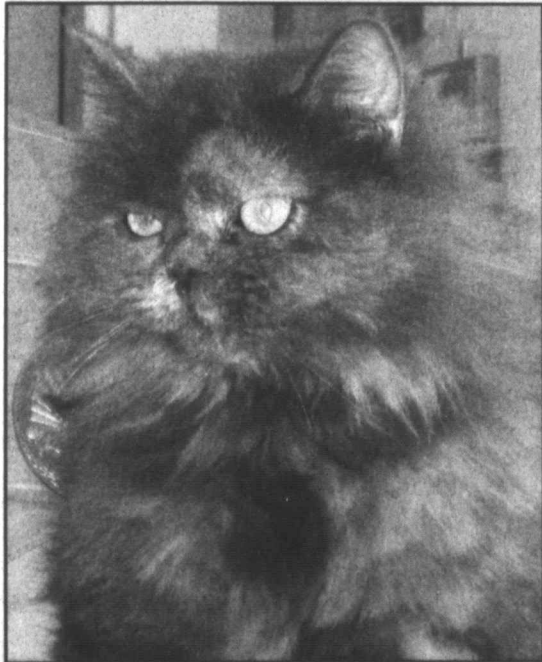
Pet of the Week

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This tortoise colored female cat has beautiful green eyes. Puff has been spayed and declawed. She goes to Gray County Vet and enjoys cat chow. Puff was born August 4, 2005. Puff will make a wonderful companion.

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Wheat	4.71
Milo	6.00
Corn	6.94
Soybeans	5.67

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

BP PLC ADR	67.69	+0.34
Cabot Corp	41.54	+0.27

Celanese	21.88	+0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	60.16	+0.80
Coca Cola	46.67	+0.30
VLO	54.45	+1.34
HAL	33.33	+0.69
TRI	40.56	+0.31
KML	105.13	+0.04
XCEL	22.89	+0.24
Anadarko	48.36	+1.08
XOM	74.96	+0.80
Nat'l Oilwell	66.34	+2.19
Limited	31.50	+0.82
Williams	27.85	+0.58
MCD	41.75	+0.35
Atmos	32.46	+0.40

Pioneer Nat	42.64	+0.44
JCP	79.28	+1.21
COP	66.02	+1.11
SLB	67.15	+1.48
Tenneco	23.21	+0.46
CVX	70.80	+0.92
Wal-Mart	47.23	+0.52
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CRMWA

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Water Conservation District rules, CRMWA can pump one acre-foot of water for each acre of water rights that it holds. Because of infrastructure costs, CRMWA wants to drill two to four new wells in the existing well field near the aqueduct that transports the water south.

Initially, CRMWA had applied for six wells, but Satterwhite said he thought four wells would provide the water they need immediately. It is possible, he said, that two wells could provide the needed water if they were good wells.

Satterwhite said the water authority had set aside about \$20 million for infrastructure, essentially pipelines, for the new phase of their next ground water expansion project. If they have to drill only two wells for their immediate needs, it will mean more money for their planned phased expansion.

The new phase will be the development of a new well field away from the present one, he said. The new planned Phase Three well field will be similar in size to the existing one.

Satterwhite said CRMWA's goal is to increase production to 61,000 acre-feet of water annually. They are now pumping about 51,000 acre-feet as allowed under an emergency clause in their permit.

He said he hopes that rains will return and the lake will fill again so the ground water need will subside.

"Lake Meredith is going to recover one day," Satterwhite said.

Initially, the Roberts County well field was about 42,000 acres of the Hayhook Ranch. CRMWA has added the part of the Hayhook Ranch that is in Hutchinson County and that is now in the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District (that part of the ranch wasn't covered by the district at the time CRMWA bought the initial water rights).

They've also added 8,800 acres of water rights from the Duncan Ranch in Hutchinson County and are leasing 16,000 acres from the City of Amarillo. The increased water rights would allow CRMWA to produce more water, although the wells themselves will be within the existing well field.

According to Amarillo officials, that leased land

could be swapped for similar water rights elsewhere.

According to both Satterwhite and Williams, the new wells would likely not affect surrounding land owners because of the location of the well field in the middle of CRMWA water rights.

Mesa Water, however, voiced concern at Tuesday's meeting.

Mike Powell, a Dallas attorney representing Mesa Water, said Mesa's water rights could be affected by the new wells and increased pumping. He also expressed concern about counting all the water rights CRMWA holds and allowing them to pump in one area based on the total water rights.

Powell also said that if the board approved CRMWA's permit, he would expect to be treated equally in two or three years when Mesa comes to them with permit applications.

Under district rules, if the drawdown of the water table is large enough, an area of nine square miles around the wells could be designated a conservation zone and the district could directly control or even stop pumping.

Powell said that Mesa's property could be thrown into such a conservation zone even though it was not pumping any water.

"That's not fair," he protested.

Charles Bowers, a Gray County farmer and member of the district board, replied that the district was already doing that to people in the southern part of the county.

"I happen to be one of them," Bowers said.

He said he had chosen not to irrigate a field, but his neighbor was irrigating. They have thrown part of Bowers' farm into a conservation zone. It's not a new problem, Bowers said.

"If you own that water and you're not producing, that's your choice," Bowers told Powell.

Powell said he was concerned about the district's depletion rule.

He said he was also concerned about consolidating acreage to allow increased pumping in one area. He repeated his stand that he expected Mesa to be treated the same way.

Bowers said that all permits require the permittee to abide by the district's rules, including changes in them over the years. Bowers said he expected the rule to remain pretty much the same over the next five or ten years, but they may change drastically in 20 or 50 years.

COP CORNER

This is the last part about the U-turn and two lane street letter from a Pampa resident.

The definition of a "Laned Roadway" is this: "A roadway, which is divided into two (2) or more clearly marked lanes for vehicular traffic."

There are a number of four (4) laned roads in Pampa. Every single one of them is divided by a single or double solid stripe in the center and has four distinct driving lanes marked by intermittent stripes.

The easiest to name are: Hobart, Alcock, Duncan, Brown, East Harvester, and a few others. Downtown, there aren't any four-lane streets, but there are some fairly wide streets left over from Pampa's early days.

Foster is not four laned, Cuyler is not four laned, and Francis is not four laned, just to name a few. Many people drive like



Courtney

they are. When someone has a wreck and gets a ticket for passing on the right, they don't really understand why.

I hope I have answered the concerns posed by the resident who wrote in. We all have to do a better job of driving safely and courteously. The Police Department report number for the next crash will be #06-00310. I hope that won't be your number.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

Arson ruled out in group home fire

ANDERSON, Mo. (AP) — Investigators do not believe a blaze that killed 10 people at a group home was intentionally set, offering a measure of comfort to those in this small Ozarks community that there isn't an arsonist loose.

"It's a relief for the town," said Bob Corcoran, mayor of the former railroad town of about 1,800 people. "We don't need that kind of people running around."

State investigators presented their preliminary findings today, just hours before the first funerals for the victims of Monday's blaze at Anderson Guest House.

Two victims were to be buried this afternoon —

Anderson native Patricia Henson, 54, in the nearby town of Jane, and Don Schorzman, 57, in Lamar, their funeral homes said.

After the blaze, questions persisted about the role of the group home's owner, Robert Joseph Dupont, 62, who was convicted in 2003 for his part in a scheme to bilk Medicare.

Under state law, a convicted felon in a crime involving a health care facility is not allowed to be an "operator" or "principal" in a Missouri long-term care facility.

But in a 2004 federal bankruptcy petition, Dupont listed his occupation as executive director of the group home operator River of Life Ministries Inc., a

position he said he had held for more than three years.

After The Associated Press pointed out the apparent discrepancy, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services spokesman Nanci Gonder said state officials will investigate Dupont's involvement.

The agency, which licensed the group, "would have serious concerns if an excluded individual were involved in operating the facility," Gonder said.

Dupont, who owns the land and building that

burned Monday, did not respond to repeated telephone calls to his home and office seeking comment.

His wife, Laverne Dupont, told The Kansas City Star on Tuesday they had done nothing illegal. "We're here, and we're working with the mentally ill, and we intend to keep doing that," she said.

A spokesman for Gov. Matt Blunt said there is no prohibition against a felon owning the land and buildings for a residential care facility.

PGWCD

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of \$1,000 by Vondell L. Stevens for five acres in Valle de Oro northwest of Amarillo and approved domestic well permits for Raymond Renfro in Carson County, Ronald C. Richards in Gray County,

Faron D. Seamon in Potter County and Johnnie Ray Patak in Potter County. The latter three are replacement wells.

They also approved two three-inch irrigation well permits for Luke Corbet in Donley County.

They approved a replacement eight-inch irrigation well for Marvin Urbanczyk, acting for Ware Co Farms Inc., in Carson County.

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north of M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium and the AmericInn. The area adjoins the parking lots of both the auditorium and the hotel.

Morris said the estimated cost of the job is \$60,000, and that the city had planned at some time in the

future to pave it, but had not budgeted it.

In other business, the commission went into closed session to discuss an offer to a business prospect developed by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, and met with Dwight Fiveash, the economic development corporation's president.

No action was taken on the financial incentive offer.

Deaths

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report, a 2004 Ford pickup was traveling west on FM 2697 when it ran the stop sign at the intersection and struck a 2004 Mack semitrailer on its side.

The impact from the pickup caused the Mack truck and trailer to separate. The pickup wedged underneath the trailer and both overturned. The trailer ended up on top of the pickup.

The Ford pickup was

driven by Rafael Benito Lopez, 19, of Wheeler. Lopez and two other passengers, Carlos Hernandez, 18, of Wheeler and Adrian Gallegos, 17, of Wheeler were all pronounced dead at the scene by Justice of the Peace Meadows from Wheeler County.

A fourth passenger in the truck was Daniel Diera, 17, of Wheeler, who was taken to Northwest Texas Hospital with massive injuries. Diera is in critical condition, but was stable as of noon on Tuesday.

The driver of the truck, Willie Smith of Elk City, Okla., was uninjured.

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Viewpoints

Is there no end to the Democrats' civil war?

By **DICK MORRIS & EILEEN MCGANN**

Flush with victory, the Democratic Party is celebrating its return to power by loudly and publicly tearing itself to pieces. Anyone who wondered if House Democrats would be as reliable as the Republicans in supporting their leaders had only to watch the leadership fight between Reps. Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) and John Murtha (D-Pa.): Democrats still form their firing squads in a circle.

Back in 1994, the House Republicans advanced with the discipline of the Prussian Army. But Democrats

always live in a state of crisis and feuding. As Bill Clinton discovered when he reached D.C. in 1993, House Democrats are splintered into micro-caucuses, each of which must be courted separately for their votes. When their demands conflict, no one can rally anything close to a working majority on the House floor. Each caucus is a body unto itself: blue dogs (moderate and largely southern), Blacks, Hispanics, women, Democratic Leadership Council, environmentalists and gays.

Then there was James Carville's attack on Democratic National Committee Chairman

Howard Dean. In a contract hit postmarked Chappaqua, Carville unloaded on Dean for spending money on all 50 states rather than concentrating on swing House races. Carville claimed that Dean's strategy had cost potential Democratic seats.

Dean had been savvy in solidifying his power. He knew that the Clinton people would come after him — and he was ready. Sending money to the state organizations that elected him chair-

man, he built a store of gratitude. Maybe he didn't get as much campaign advertising in key districts — but he also let the state parties spend the national committee money on overhead and local jobs rather than on Washington consultants.

The larger Democratic war pits the New Left against the New Democrats. Brought to power in Clinton's administration, the centrist New Democrats are determined to keep the party

in the middle on national issues. The New Left wants to drag it way over to the liberal side. The battle will not abate, much less end, until the party has a presidential candidate.

So the early primaries will be in the nature of a quarter-final for the Democrats to narrow the field down to one candidate for the New Left and another for the New Democrats. Then the two will face each other in the semi-final, which will be held in the second wave of primary states. The left will choose ex-Veeep Al Gore or Sen. John Kerry or Sen. Joe Biden (D-Del.). The New Democrats will pick either

Hillary, former veep candidate John Edwards or Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.).

Illinois Sen. Barack Obama is a wild card. Where will he position himself? His rhetoric is conciliatory, but Hillary has the center covered ...

Until the 2008 primaries settle things, this Democratic soap opera of left vs. center will dominate our political dialogue.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years. Eileen McGann, an attorney and consultant, is a CEO of VOTE.com and Legislativevote.com.



Dick Morris
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2006. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Nov. 29, 1963, President Johnson named a commission headed by Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

On this date:
In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, one-time adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels, Belgium, before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1929, Navy Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Byrd radioed that he and copilot Bernt Balchen had made the first airplane flight over the South Pole.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1956, the musical "Bells Are Ringing," starring Judy Holliday, opened on Broadway.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., aboard the Mercury-Atlas 5 spacecraft, which orbited earth twice before returning.

In 1964, the U.S. Roman Catholic Church instituted sweeping changes in the liturgy, including the use of English instead of Latin.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Cary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

Ten years ago: A U.N. court sentenced a Bosnian Serb army soldier (Drazen Erdemovic) to 10 years in prison for his role in the massacre of 1,200 Muslims. John C. Salvi III, serving a life sentence for fatally shooting two abortion clinic receptionists, hanged himself in his Massachusetts prison cell.

Five years ago: George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle," died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58. "A Separate Peace" author John Knowles died in Florida at age 75. The U.N. Security Council unanimously approved a resolution extending the U.N. humanitarian program in Iraq and setting the stage for an overhaul of U.N. sanctions against Baghdad the following year.

One year ago: Al-Jazeera broadcast video of four Western peace activists held hostage by a previously unknown group, the Swords of Righteousness Brigade. (Three of the hostages were later released, but one of them, American Tom Fox, was killed.)

'Superstition is the religion of feeble minds.'

— Edmund Burke
British statesman
(1729-1797)



Will Geriatric Squad solve Iraqi War?

The Baker commission — or more accurately, the Geriatric Squad — is not likely to come up with a solution to the Iraq War.

The commission consists of some old political types — two ex-secretaries of state, Jim Baker and Lawrence Eagleburger; two ex-senators, Chuck Robb and Alan Simpson; two ex-congressmen, Leon Panetta and Lee Hamilton; an ex-Supreme Court justice, Sandra Day O'Connor; an ex-attorney general, Ed Meese; an ex-defense secretary, William Perry; and a lone black representative, Vernon Jordan. There's not a Middle East expert in the bunch.

Baker has already said in a public speech that the solution must be between "cut and run" and "staying the course." I don't know what that might be, unless it is a phased withdrawal. At any rate, they have held off making their report, in part due to the election.

It has occurred to me that perhaps the real goal of the invasion of Iraq has already been accomplished. That is,

the real goal all along might well have been to half-destroy the country and create chaos. A country in chaos is not a strong country. It's been taken out of the play.

That might explain Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert's statement that the Iraqi invasion has contributed greatly to Israel's security.

That could be the Middle East plan: Either become an obedient lackey of the U.S., or we'll turn your country into a chaotic mess. If that's the plan, then Syria and Iran are next on the list. That scheme, cruel and immoral as it is, would at least make more sense than believing democracy was ready to bloom in the desert. I suspect, however, it is beyond the brainpower available in the administration.

Robert Fisk, the British Independent's outstanding correspondent in the Middle East, believes we will eventu-

ally just blame the Iraqis, declare them too backward to take advantage of our help and use that as an excuse to withdraw.

Whatever the excuse or cover, we will eventually withdraw. The American people have finally woken up to the fact that

there is no prize to be won with a so-called victory. There's not even a way to define victory. All of those young people's deaths and wounds are buying Americans nothing of value. They are dying for people who hate them.

I think a good case can be made that most of the leaders who take their countries to war are stupid. It became clear in World War I that with the advent of high explosives and the machine gun, nobody really wins a modern war. The cost in blood and treasure to the victor is usually not worth it. It takes a pretty dumb person not to figure out

a better way to resolve some petty conflict other than by going to war.

Wars are usually fought over land and resources, so greed is at the bottom of most wars. It's easy, looking backward, to think that the way things happened was inevitable and the only way they could have happened. That's not true, however. There are nearly always alternatives to war.

An old Marine general once suggested that as soon as war breaks out, all of the munitions and weapons makers should be drafted and paid a private's salary until the war is over. I wish there were a way to make the political leaders who start wars stand in the front lines and catch the first bullets.

Alas, we live in the era of chicken-hawk jingoists and behind-the-lines leaders. Nearly every one of those men who pushed so ardently for war in Iraq has never heard the whizz of a bullet past his ear.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Nov. 19**
San Antonio Express-News on becoming a U.S. citizen:

Citizenship tests have become parlor games high-stakes versions of Trivial Pursuit. The only thing missing is a pair of dice.

Sound like an exaggeration? Consider some of the questions applicants must answer:

- What are the colors of the flag?
- How many states are there in the union (United States)?
- Who elects the president of the

United States? (You get no points if you answer "lobbyists.")

The questions, gleaned from the Immigration and Naturalization Service Web site, may vary depending on the region in which the immigrants apply. There are 33 INS districts in the country, each one choosing from a list of 100 sample questions. But the flexibility does not end there; the number of questions also varies.

If the process seems whimsical, so do the questions themselves. Anyone with reasonably good vision knows the flag is red, white and blue. But the colors tell you nothing about the grandeur of the system the flag represents. To paraphrase Patrick Henry, give me

color or give me substance.

The INS, according to news reports, is opting for substance. The federal agency will test-market an exam with more substantial questions focusing on democracy rather than the trappings of democracy.

The test will be, well, tested this winter in San Antonio and other cities. Officials will give the exams to 5,000 volunteers. The applicants must get six out of 10 questions correct; if they fail, they will have the option of taking the old test.

"The (current) questions are typical of the ones you would find at the end of

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Former guards, nurse at juvenile boot camp charged in boy's death

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — The death of a teen who was roughed up by guards at a juvenile boot camp has prompted a shake-up in Florida's criminal justice system, the resignation of its top law enforcement officer and now charges against seven former guards and a nurse.

In the past 11 months, news stations have

repeatedly aired a surveillance video showing the guards beating and kicking 14-year-old Martin Lee Anderson during a 30-minute altercation at the Bay County sheriff's camp in Panama City on Jan. 5. The nurse is seen doing nothing to stop the scene.

Guards said Anderson was uncooperative and had refused to participate during group

exercises. The teen collapsed in the camp's exercise yard and died at a hospital the next day.

The nurse, Kristin Anne Schmidt, was expected to have a bond hearing Wednesday. She and seven former guards were charged with aggravated manslaughter Tuesday.

"Today is a good day for me. I'm finally

getting justice for my baby," said Gina Jones, Anderson's mother.

The seven guards have bonded out of jail on \$25,000 bail. An arraignment was scheduled for mid-January and the defendants will be tried together. All face up to 30 years in prison if convicted of the first-degree felony.

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Citizen

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the chapters in a typical high school American history textbook," James Loewen, a University of Vermont sociology professor, told the Washington Post.

Being an American should mean having a firm grasp of the foundation on which this country was built a foundation laid by the geniuses known, appropriately enough, as the Founding Fathers.

If the new questions can help Americans a refresher course for those already citizens would not be a bad idea appreciate what makes this country great, the test will become an exercise in Substantial Pursuit.

And, by the way, Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death."



Lunch with Mrs. Claus

Festival of Trees, a local annual event, last year included an Altrusa tree decorated by Brenda Tucker, left, and Rochelle Lacy. Altrusa will be hosting a "Soup with Mrs. Claus" chili or soup luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the old hardware building at 120 N. Cuyler. Tickets to the luncheon are \$5 per person. Children can have their pictures made with Mrs. Claus. Proceeds will benefit service projects sponsored by the local club.



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a well-educated, confident, attractive woman in my mid-30s. My job is in business development. My question is, Do I need to be a social drinker in order to be successful? A male friend of mine often harps on how I make the other drinkers uncomfortable, and how people stay out late, drinking and discussing business deals until 3 or 4 in the morning. He says I must learn to have a drink or two — otherwise I won't be successful in getting any deals. I never criticize others who drink, and I quietly order fruit juice when others are drinking. No one beside this friend even notices it. But he often says loudly to the server that they should find some juice for me since I don't drink. I have tried to learn to drink, but frankly, I don't enjoy it. Also, I have seen my friend and some of the other men indulge in somewhat loose behavior as they keep having more drinks. I think I'd be wise to refrain from drinking. My friend says because I am originally from another country, that I am "different." His remarks are wearing me down, as he recently has started accusing me of not being good company. Please tell me your thoughts on this. He is my best friend, but also has a temper. — **DESPERATELY NEEDING ADVICE IN MANHATTAN**

DEAR DESPERATE: For a "best friend," this man is behaving peculiarly. "Best friends" do not announce during a business dinner that a colleague is "different." He appears to be someone who has a drinking problem, and is trying to coerce you into doing something that makes you uncomfortable so your sobriety won't make him feel guilty. When someone accuses you of not being good company because you don't drink, it means he's looking for a drinking buddy. This man has more problems than you're equipped to deal with, and he won't help you advance your career. My advice is to distance yourself from him.

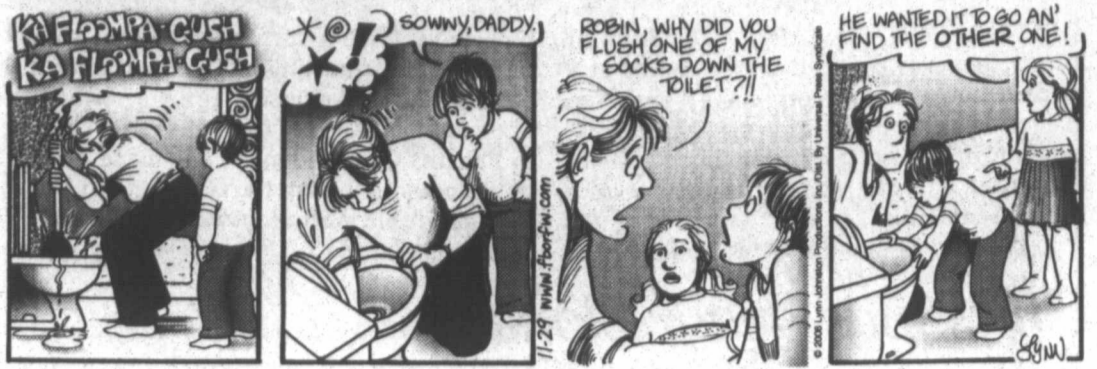
DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away four months ago. The night she died, a sibling of mine took her purse home and brought it back the next day with the checkbook and credit cards gone. I asked about them and was told they "took care of them." Last week, I received a copy of mother's credit card statement in the mail. It had more than \$2,500 in charges after she passed away. I know who did the charging, but I don't know how to approach that person. It was a sibling of mine. Please advise me, as the estate is now in probate. — **MOTHERLESS IN MISSOURI**

DEAR MOTHERLESS: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your mother, as well as the loss of your illusions about your sibling. I see no reason for you to confront the person who did the stealing, but you should definitely report it to the attorney who is handling your mother's probate.

DEAR ABBY: I am 35 years old and have been divorced for four years. Hypothetically speaking, if I decide to never remarry or if I remarry 20 years from now, what is my marital status between now and that time? I consider myself single, not divorced. If I'm still single at the age of 55 — or 80, for that matter — I'd hate to refer to myself as "divorced," giving people the idea that I was divorced recently. — **IN A QUANDARY**

DEAR IN A QUANDARY: You may consider yourself single and not divorced, but if you were married and divorced four years ago, you're divorced. If you're still single at 55 — or 80, for that matter — tell the questioner you were "married at one time but it was many years ago." That way you won't have to mention the word "divorce," and the person will get the correct message.

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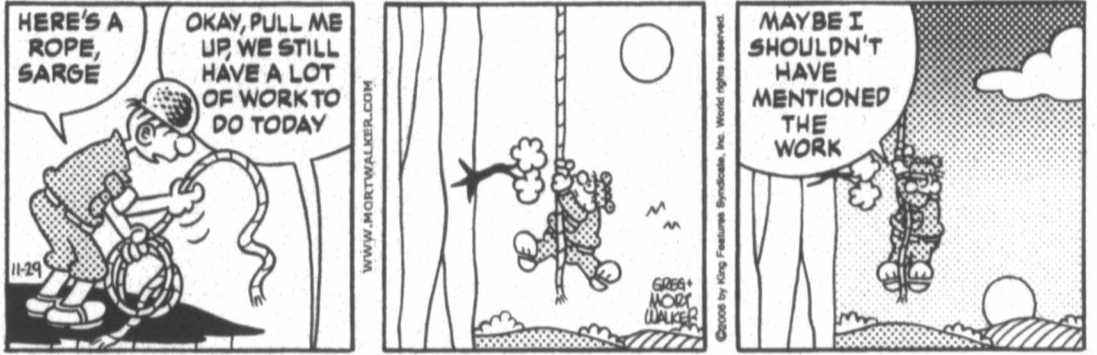
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Courtesy photos
McKenzie East, above, shoots free throws Tuesday night against Perryton. At right, Alex Clendening gets off a shot against Perryton.



Injured QB McCoy said to be ready for bowl

AUSTIN (AP) — Injured Texas quarterback Colt McCoy should be ready to play in a bowl game after suffering a severely pinched nerve in his neck in the loss to Texas A&M, the player's father said Tuesday.

"In the hospital, he was killing himself for how he played. That was hurting him a lot more than the injury," Brad McCoy told The Dallas Morning News for a story on the paper's Web site.

"But I think with a month to get ready, he'll be fine. I think Colt's expecting himself to play. Physically, he feels a lot better already."

The bowl game for No. 17 Texas (9-3) has not yet been determined.

McCoy threw three interceptions in the 12-7 loss. He was taken off the field on a cart with his head immobilized with 20 seconds left after taking a hard hit by A&M defensive end Michael Bennett.

Brad McCoy also said he thinks his son's arm strength was off against A&M and wondered if it was a lingering effect from a stinger suffered against Kansas State two weeks earlier.

"I've coached him his whole life and I just didn't think he had his best stuff," Brad McCoy said. "He's so accurate, and he doesn't throw short very often, and it seemed like his passes got shorter and shorter as the game wore on. That's just Dad's opinion."

Brad McCoy, his son's coach at Tuscola Jim Ned and now the coach at Graham, said he didn't fault the Texas team doctors for clearing Colt to play.

Lady Harvesters rally to outscore Perryton

By **DONNY HOOPER**
 Special to The News

The Pampa Lady Harvesters rallied from an 11-point deficit to win big over the Perryton Rangerettes 77 to 57 on Tuesday night. Pampa trailed by as many as 11 points early in the second quarter but stepped up the defensive effort to make it a one point game at half time.

In that quarter alone, Britenni Rice (playing with a sore ankle) scored 13 of her game high 33 points and the Pampa defense forced numerous turnovers during the comeback run. Rice also forced several turnovers and lead the team in assists.

In the second half it was all Pampa as the Lady Harvesters would dominate the glass, both offensively and defensively, making it difficult for the Rangerettes to ever get clicking again on offense. Kelsie Wyatt pulled in several rebounds and played outstanding

defense for Pampa. Pampa would outscore Perryton in the third quarter 17 to 7 and win the fourth 26 to 15.

McKinsie East would score 10 of her 16 points in the fourth quarter and pull down several rebounds as well.

For the Lady Harvesters, every player on the roster contributed in the scoring column.

Kemri Turner would lead the Lady Rangers with 21 points followed by Kelsey Pelant with 11.

Pampa improved to 3-5 on the season while Perryton fell to 0-7.

For the Lady Harvesters, every player on the roster contributed in the scoring column. Pampa will next travel to the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions this Thursday through Saturday in Canyon. The first game is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Thursday at Canyon High School.

Harvesters' rally falls short in loss to Rangers

By **DONNY HOOPER**
 Special to The News

The Pampa Harvesters rallied in the second half but fell just two points short of defeating the Perryton Rangers Tuesday night. A turnover with 10 seconds left on the game clock in the fourth quarter gave Pampa some life but the Harvesters fell, 62-60.

Two attempts to win the game from Tyler Hall in those closing moments glanced off of the rim and left the Harvester nation stunned and the Rangers celebrating the win.

Perryton took the lead early in the game, winning the first quarter 20 to 16.

Pampa would trail by seven at the half 37-30 but would begin their rally in the third when, much like the game against the Borger Bulldogs last week, Pampa's defense stiffened and the offense found ways to make baskets. It would be a 5-point Ranger advantage at the end of the

third, 51 to 46.

In the fourth quarter, Pampa tied the Rangers with 4:30 left in the game but Perryton would answer back and regain the lead. Shavious Kelly nailed a three with just a couple of minutes left, creating the second tie of the night, but again the Ranger offense would regain the lead, this time for good.

Tyler Hall led the scoring attack for Pampa with 21 while freshman Alex Clendening would chip in 12. Trent Harris was also in double figures for the Harvesters with 10 and Shavious Kelly had 7. Matt Smith led the team in rebounds with 7 and also had 6 points and 2 blocked shots.

Pampa next travels to Canyon for the Gene Messer Tournament of Champions. Pampa will take on Trinity Christian in the opening round at 5 p.m. Thursday at the Canyon High Gym.

Parcells fells better without kicker Vanderjagt

IRVING, Texas (AP) — A day after cutting the NFL's most accurate kicker, Bill Parcells seemed relieved instead of frustrated.

Parcells was never impressed by Mike Vanderjagt, the high-priced kicker the Dallas Cowboys signed in March in hopes of solving a long-standing problem. Vanderjagt instead struggled, never gained the coach's confidence and didn't even make it through the season.

"Obviously, I feel better than having stayed the course the other way," Parcells said Tuesday, the first time

he spoke publicly since the Cowboys won Thanksgiving Day to take over first place in the NFC East.

Instead of Vanderjagt, the Cowboys (7-4) head into the playoff stretch — and Sunday's key division game at the New York Giants — with Martin Gramatica, who has played only three games and kicked one field goal since 2004.

"I'm approaching it with a real positive attitude," Parcells said.

So, does that mean Parcells has full confidence in Gramatica?

"I thought he was the best option

available," he said.

Even better than Vanderjagt, whose 86.5 percent career accuracy rate (230-for-266) is still tops in league history, along with his record of 42 consecutive makes.

Vanderjagt was only 13-of-18 in his 10 games for the Cowboys, the 72 percent rate the lowest in his nine NFL seasons. He had only seven misses the past three seasons in Indianapolis.

Vanderjagt missed two field goals in the first half against the Colts on Nov. 19, then four days later barely

made a 22-yarder.

"The last four, five weeks, I don't think he was hitting the ball, to the point where I think it made us play the game a little differently. And we just weren't able to put him out there with a lot of confidence," Parcells said. "It's just a confidence thing. When it starts affecting how you're playing, you've got to try something else."

After being hurt and missing most of the preseason, Vanderjagt was

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Hidden Hills

Hidden Hills golf course held a senior scramble Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Two teams tied with a score of 66. The first team was made up of O.K. Lee, C. Pettit, D. Reeves and M. Allison. The second team consisted of R. Covalt, J. Mathis, L. Moreno and B. Brandon.

The members of the third team who had a score of 68 were T. Lindsey, B. Epperson, B. Young and J. Gray.

Closest to pin #6 was J. Bridges.



Samantha Pearson takes a free throw Monday night during the 9th grade Lady Harvesters win over the Amarillo Sandies, 43-40. The team improved to 5-1 and will play in a tournament in Borger Thursday night.

Mavericks on a 10-0 roll after 0-4 start

DALLAS (AP) — Avery Johnson gambled this preseason, opting to let Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Terry and Jerry Stackhouse ease their bodies into action.

A week into the season, it sure looked like a mistake. After ending last season with four straight losses in the NBA finals, the Mavericks lost their first four games of this season. For all the lousy teams Dallas has had, this club — the one trying defend their new title as Western Conference champions — was the first to start 0-4.

Well, look at them now.

The Mavs didn't just break through with a victory or two, they've won 10 straight, matching the fourth-best streak in club history.

Better yet, it's already propelled them to where they expected to be this season — fighting San Antonio (11-4) for tops in the Southwest Division and in the mix for the best record in the NBA.

"We had a plan," Johnson said prior to the latest victory, a squeaker over Minnesota on Monday night. "Even if we had to suffer through the first week, it could be beneficial for us."

Another benefit was realizing that teams view Dallas differently now. Sure, the Mavericks have been an elite team for years, but they were always considered too soft and too reliant on outside jumpers to

be taken seriously. Johnson's emphasis on defense and making the finals have changed all that.

"We had to get used to the ferociousness that other teams were coming at us with," said Johnson, last year's coach of the year. "We were still kind of on the summer-vacation level and other teams were playing a lot tougher mentally and physically than we were. We had to adjust."

The biggest adjustment was simply time. Nowitzki, Terry and Stackhouse knocked the rust off, then starting getting more comfortable with their new teammates.

Although Dallas kept together its starting lineup and two top reserves, there are still some key new faces. Anthony Johnson is now the backup point guard, Greg Buckner the backup swingman and Austin Croshere is Nowitzki's backup. Devean George eventually will be counted on, once he can stay healthy, and rookie Maurice Ager is being brought along slowly.

"I missed two weeks, Stack missed two weeks, Dirk missed a week," Terry said. "It was more about us getting to know each other on the floor. That's a process that's continuing through the year. It isn't going to happen overnight."

Johnson is still tinkering with lineup

combinations. He says he's trying to figure out which don't work as much as he is stacking up those that do.

"It doesn't matter how good a guy was with his previous team, if he doesn't hone his skills to fit with our system, it's really useless. We're trying to get to that point," Johnson said.

There's also been a tweak to the starting lineup, with Erick Dampier regaining the center spot and DeSagana Diop backing him up. Dallas won 13 straight games immediately after Diop joined the starters last season, but the playing time was split almost equally. Dampier is now getting the majority of minutes and, for the first time since he joined the Mavs, is consistently giving strong performances — such as Monday night, when he had 12 points, 11 rebounds and two blocks in the final few minutes.

Johnson said it's not selfish for Dampier to aim for a double-double every night.

"We think it is a good goal for him," Johnson said.

The most impressive part of Dallas' roll is that most of it came without Josh Howard, the second-leading scorer last season and their best defender.

Howard missed the last loss and the first

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Memphis Grizzlies finally get a road win in Denver

By The Associated Press

So much for home-court advantage.

The road teams had more success Tuesday night in the NBA, winning five of the nine games. Even some of the league's most futile teams away from home got in on the fun, with Memphis and Toronto both picking up their first road victories of the season.

The Grizzlies' 10th-96 win over the Nuggets was the shocker of the night. Memphis had lost 17 in a row in Denver and was the only NBA team without a victory at the Pepsi Center.

Memphis hadn't won in Denver since Nov. 18, 1997, when the

Nuggets played at McNichols Arena. The Grizzlies were also located in Vancouver back then.

"I think I was 5," Grizzlies forward Hakim Warrick said when asked his age the last time Memphis won in Denver.

Among the other surprises, Charlotte won 96-92 at New Jersey, and Milwaukee got 45 points from Michael Redd in a 1st-105 victory, beating the Lakers on the road for just the fourth time in 24 attempts since the start of the 1982-83 season.

The Raptors snapped their seven-game road skid to open the season by beating the injury-weakened New Orleans Hornets 94-77.

In other games, it was: Washington 96, Atlanta 95; Chicago 102, New York 85; Houston 82, Minnesota 75; Indiana 105, Portland 97; and Sacramento 93, the Los Angeles Clippers 80.

Raptors 94, Hornets 77
At Oklahoma City, Chris Bosh had 19 points and 14 rebounds, and got a big lift from Toronto's reserves.

Bucks 109, Lakers 105
Redd scored 18 of his 45 points in the fourth quarter, Mo Williams added 22, and Milwaukee snapped a streak of 10 consecutive losses to the Lakers.

Kings 93, Clippers 80

Ron Artest had 28 points and eight rebounds in Sacramento's 14th consecutive victory over the Clippers.

Bobcats 96, Nets 92
At East Rutherford, N.J., rookie Adam Morrison scored 22 points and Sean May had a career-high 20 as Charlotte sent New Jersey to its sixth straight loss.

Pacers 105, Trail Blazers 97
At Portland, Ore., reserve Danny Granger scored 21 points and Jermaine O'Neal added 20 points and eight rebounds.

Rockets 82, Timberwolves 75
Yao Ming scored 25 points, Shane Battier hit a pair of key 3-pointers and added 17, and host

Houston won despite an injury to Tracy McGrady.

Wizards 96, Hawks 95
Caron Butler's tiebreaking three-point play with 1:04 remaining helped host Washington end a four-game losing streak.

Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 33 points, eight assists and six rebounds.

Bulls 102, Knicks 85
Ben Gordon scored 23 points, Ben Wallace kept his headband out of sight, and Chicago pulled away in the fourth quarter to beat visiting New York for the second time in four nights.

Former Bulls center Eddy Curry led New York with 24 points.

Wallace's headband brouhaha points out silliness of club rules

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Columnist

CHICAGO (AP) — Now that the Bulls put all that silliness behind them and made Ben Wallace take off the headband, it's time they faced up to the real problem.

That would be the one between his ears. We already know what Wallace can do when he's happy. He proved that again Tuesday night against New York, providing a little grit and a lot of energy as the Bulls completed a home-and-home sweep of the fast-fading Knicks. What remains to be seen is whether he and coach Scott Skiles can be happy at the same time.

For the first three weeks of a contract that will pay him \$60 million over the next four years, Wallace played — and maybe worse, behaved — like a homesick freshman instead of the reigning NBA defensive player of the year. He looked lost, on the court and off. He called pals back in Detroit all the time and sulked. His stat lines from Chicago's first dozen games — 9.2 rebounds, 5.5 points and 1.5 blocks per game — suggested Wallace might be phoning those in, too.

We don't have to imagine how that went over with Skiles, whose old-school playing pedigree traces back through the NBA and Michigan State, all the way back to his days as an Indiana prep sharpshooting legend. And he is no less old-school as a coach. Asked three years ago what a promising youngster named Eddy Curry could do to improve his rebounding, Skiles didn't hesitate.

"Jump," he replied. Only Wallace knows why he decided to test those credentials last Saturday night in New York, at the tail end of a five-game losing streak, no less. Maybe it was the 0-for-Philly in the previous night's game, or because Skiles cut off his playing time at 19 minutes. By that point, Wallace and the coach had reportedly tangled over practice and music, so maybe it was something else.

Either way, Wallace started the Knicks game by defying team rules and donned a red headband. As far as Skiles was concerned, he might as well have been waving a cape. Once he saw it, the coach yanked Wallace from the game, then did it again when his center put the headband back on to start the third quarter. As for the two of them butting heads afterward, suffice it to say that few teams hold a 25-minute closed-door meeting following a win.

"Headband-gate" had two more days to run, and if there was a dumber argument in sports at that moment, it went unnoticed. Near the end of all that wasted time and effort, Skiles thought he detected a silver lining in the parting clouds.

"I don't think it's the worst thing in the

world for them to see some confrontation like that," he said about his team, "as long as it gets resolved."

If Skiles is lucky, he might look back on Tuesday night as the moment the resolution started. More specifically, he might look back at a 6-second sequence when Wallace drove to the basket and missed a layup, fought for the rebound, missed another layup, fought for that rebound, then drove underneath the basket and finally put a reverse layup in.

"There are other guys who go out there with energy and really don't do anything. When he has energy," Skiles said about Wallace, "he plays very well."

That translated into nearly all the Bulls playing well, then pulling away to win handily 102-85 — a result to which Wallace contributed eight points, 12 rebounds, two blocks and two assists in 38 tough minutes. But you wouldn't have guessed that had you seen Wallace and his coach at a shootaround earlier in the day.

At the practice, Wallace acknowledged he knew he was breaking the rules by wearing the headband, that he had no regrets doing it, and that he'd happily suffer whatever punishment and/or fine the club decides on. And you would have heard Skiles carrying on about how — in addition to paying hefty salaries — the team provides chefs to cook the players lunch, flies them everywhere first-class and pays porters to carry their luggage on the road.

"So much is done for the players, we ask for so little back," he began, then caught himself.

"I'm not one of those 'when-I-played' guys," he added. "I was the beneficiary of all those things."

And like Skiles, Wallace has always been an team-first guy. But to Skiles' way of looking at things now, the guy that's supposed to be leading his team star is a 32-year-old mercenary who's making roughly \$3 million more a season in Chicago than he would have in Detroit. And the last thing the coach wants to discover is that Wallace's best efforts, not to mention his best years, are already behind him.

For one night at least, the Bulls got their money's worth. Winning makes everybody happy — it always does — but beating the Knicks isn't why the organization lavished a big contract on Wallace. Skiles is going to demand that same effort every night from here on out, and if there's going to be more head games ahead of the actual ones, Wallace would do himself well to get them out of the way sooner rather than later.

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Red Sox can't reduce big bid for Matsuzaka

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston Red Sox cannot reduce their \$51.1 million bid for Daisuke Matsuzaka in order to sign him, even if his Japanese team agrees to take less, baseball officials said.

A Red Sox official said the team is not trying to reduce the bid, called a posting fee, which was by far the highest in baseball history. The official spoke on the condition of anonymity because the team is not commenting publicly on the negotiations.

Boston bid \$51.1 million for the right to negotiate with Matsuzaka, the MVP of the World Baseball Classic in March. The team has until the end of Dec. 14 to sign him or he would return to the Seibu Lions for another season before he could be posted again.

Mavs

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seven wins because of a sprained ankle. In the three games since he's returned, the Mavs have scored at least 33 points in the first quarter. And the defense has had its two best first halves the last two games.

Over the winning streak, Dallas has led by at least 10 points in all but one game. The Mavericks have been ahead by at least 20 in three of their last four games.

Next up is Toronto, which was 0-7 on the road going into a game Tuesday at New Orleans. If Dallas can get to 11 in a row, then No. 12 could come Saturday at home against Sacramento.

After that, the Mavs are off to Washington and New Jersey. Win 'em all and they'd match the franchise record of 14 straight set at the start of the 2002-03 season.

Cowboys

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inactive the first game. Three of his misses hit the upright and another was blocked, a potential game-winner in a loss at Washington on Nov. 5.

"There was a time during the early part of the season basically after preseason was over that it looked like things were going to sort themselves out," Parcels said. "It just wasn't consistent enough. I don't know. I can't put my finger on it."

Gramatica was at practice Tuesday, the first for the Cowboys after three straight days off.

Dallas players weren't completely shocked by the kicking switch.

"Bill's all about comfort and what he feels good with," tight end Jason Witten said.

"I don't know what message (Parcells) is trying to send. I just think he wants to win," said Tony Romo, who has led Dallas to a 4-1 record since replacing Drew Bledsoe as the starting quarterback. "Any position in this room needs to play well and needs to perform well on Sunday, and prove it to Bill."

Gramatica was out of the NFL last season and cut by New England in the preseason when the Patriots decided to go with rookie Stephen Gostkowski.

When Adam Vinatieri was injured earlier this season, Gramatica played three games for the Colts. He attempted only one field goal, making a 20-yarder.

"That really doesn't show much, but physically I feel good," Gramatica said. "I had surgery a couple of years ago, and I think I fixed the problem that I had in my leg."

Vanderjagt became dispensable when the Colts signed Vinatieri, who had two game-winning Super Bowl kicks for New England. Vanderjagt's

last kick for Indianapolis was a badly missed field goal that kept the Colts from forcing overtime against Pittsburgh in last year's playoffs.

The Cowboys gave Vanderjagt a three-year, \$5.4 million contract that included a \$2.5 million signing bonus.

Gramatica was a third-round pick by Tampa Bay in 1999. He made the Pro Bowl in 2001, helped Tampa Bay win the Super Bowl in 2002 and then was so accurate that he was nicknamed "Automatica."

But since that Super Bowl, Gramatica has been slowed by injuries and is only 28-of-46.

"That's the past, I don't really want to talk about that," said Gramatica, who turned 31 Monday. "All I'm really focusing on is on the future, and I feel great right now."

So what about stepping in late in the season for the Cowboys in the play-off chase?

"I hope I can help the team," he said. "It's not as easy as starting in the preseason, getting warm-up games. I have to be ready for whatever comes."

Gramatica said he has been working out, and that it was hard being at home when he still felt he could play.

Parcells certainly hopes he can still play.

"I know what his track record is. And I know in 2003-2004, I know why he had some problems kicking and I know why he was out of football in 2005, and I know where he was this summer," Parcels said. "I have good information from the people that had him this summer; they were very positive about it. I looked at everything."

Including Gramatica's postseason success, making 11 of 12 field goals.

UCLA takes time to wake up before beating Long Beach State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Newly anointed as the nation's No. 1 team, UCLA played the first half against Long Beach State like it hadn't heard the news.

Fresh off winning the Maui Invitational last week and still drained from traveling all day Friday, the Bruins found themselves in a two-point game late in the first half Tuesday night.

Eventually, they got it together in their first game at No. 1 since 1995 behind Josh Shipp's career-high 24 points and 20 from Arron Afflalo that finished off an 88-58 victory.

"We came out as if that team wasn't going to come after us," Afflalo said. "There's been a lot of hoopla about our ranking. At half-time, we said we don't want to discuss that anymore."

Coach Ben Howland found

plenty to rant about, especially the Bruins' lethargic effort.

"I talked to them nicely and asked them to play harder," Howland said.

The Bruins responded after halftime by scoring on their first eight possessions in a 15-0 run that gave them a 56-35 lead and the rout was on.

UCLA improved to 5-0 for the first time since the 1995 national championship team started the same way.

In other Top 25 games on Tuesday night, it was: No. 4 Florida 83, Southern 27; No. 5 Kansas 83, Dartmouth 32; No. 6 Alabama 75, Louisiana-Monroe 61; No. 11 Duke 54, Indiana 51; No. 12 Wisconsin 81, Florida State 66; No. 16 Arizona 89, UNLV 75; No. 21 Georgia Tech 77, Penn State 73; and No. 23 Maryland 72,

Illinois 66.

UCLA improved to 11-0 against Long Beach State, which shot 36 percent, lowest by an opponent this season.

No. 4 Florida 83, Southern 27
Al Horford scored 12 points, Walter Hodge added nine in place of Corey Brewer and host Florida (7-1) rebounded from its first loss with a rout against winless Southern (0-6).

Brewer, the team's best defender and most versatile player, sat out with mononucleosis and could miss several more games while recovering from the viral infection. Hodge was 4-for-6 from the field, with six assists and two rebounds.

No. 5 Kansas 83, Dartmouth 32

Darrell Arthur and Darnell Jackson each scored 13 points to

help host Kansas (6-1) hand Dartmouth one of its worst losses ever.

DeVon Mosely scored 13 points for Dartmouth (0-6).

No. 6 Alabama 75, Louisiana-Monroe 61
Mykal Riley and Alonzo Gee each scored 22 points and Alabama rallied for a victory over visiting Louisiana-Monroe.

The Crimson Tide (6-0) trailed by five points early in the second half, then surged ahead with a 21-4 run fueled by a smothering defense that forced seven turnovers and set up several fast-break baskets.

Tony Hooper led Louisiana-Monroe (3-4) with 19 points.

No. 11 Duke 54, Indiana 51
DeMarcus Nelson scored 19 points as host Duke held on to beat Indiana in the ACC-Big Ten

Challenge.

Freshman Jon Scheyer had 10 points for the Blue Devils (6-1), who extended their nonconference home winning streak to 45 games and remained the only unbeaten team in the eight-year history of the challenge.

Freshman Armon Bassett scored 16 points to lead the Hoosiers (3-2).

No. 12 Wisconsin 81, Florida State 66

Alando Tucker scored 22 points, including 18 after being poked in the eye, and host Wisconsin beat Florida State in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge.

The Badgers (6-1) took advantage in a physical game by capitalizing on sloppy play by Florida State (4-2), which turned the ball over 21 times.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 30, 2006.

You create much more happiness for yourself and others this year. You are certainly ready to make some important choices in your life. In many ways, you will be an unstoppable force, and one to be reckoned with. You will have Lady Luck on your shoulder. Communication strengthens, keeping you ahead of the game. You might want to approach personal matters differently. Not everything is as easy as you think it is. If you are single, a bond that feels right knocks on your door. This relationship could be more important than you might realize at first. If you are attached, your bond can grow, especially with nurturing. Give more of yourself. ARIES provokes fun wherever the two of you are.

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 are full of energy. Your imagination surges with the aid of a friend or someone who really cares and has insight. Knowing when you have had enough might be very important. Your creativity comes through, and you see the big picture. Tonight: Your wish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Knowing when to pull back could make a big difference in how you handle a very personal matter. Think in terms of change and new beginnings. You have high energy and spirit. Listen to news that heads your way. Tonight: Take some private time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Aim for more of what you want. Because you are willing to allow

others to run with the ball, you make allies. You could find that creativity and imagination flourish. Through compassion and understanding there is a new warmth in your life. Tonight: Where the gang is.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** Sometimes too much is going on for your own good. Do understand what you need to do in order to loosen up and smile. Isn't the quality of your relationships and work more important than quantity? Tonight: In the limelight.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** You might be a little out of kilter, especially as others are somewhat evasive and touchy. Work with differences, and creativity will flourish. You might be delighted by a child or loved one. Consider a child's wishes. Tonight: Relax your mind. Rent a movie or buy a new CD.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Work with a partner directly. You might feel much better after you team up. You might find it interesting to see how different the two of you are. Fundamentally, you remain extremely caring. Your attitude comes out in your work and your daily life. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You might be best off nodding your head and not fighting to have the last word. Knowing when to move or try a different approach could make a big difference. Think positively and understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Get as much done as possible. Listen to what goes on behind the scenes. You will find that many people want your attention. Use your sixth sense

when building security and making your life more viable. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Trust in your abilities more than others right now. You know when to land and where to head. Your intuition helps you understand what you are hearing. You move in the right direction. Tonight: Trust a natural sense of civility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You don't need to veer from an established course. You might feel a bit out of kilter or like you cannot get a situation to conform to what you need. Listen and enjoy yourself. Tonight: Head on home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Express your imagination and ability to see personal matters differently. You might want to consider options that you previously said no to. Communicate. Talk about what is on your mind. Tonight: A long-overdue chat.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** You might want to try something quite different from in the past. Curb indulging, fully understanding which way to go. Understanding will emerge if you are willing to listen and follow through. Tonight: Gain another's support.

BORN TODAY
Singer Billy Idol (1955), actor Ben Stiller (1965), "American Bandstand" host Dick Clark (1929)

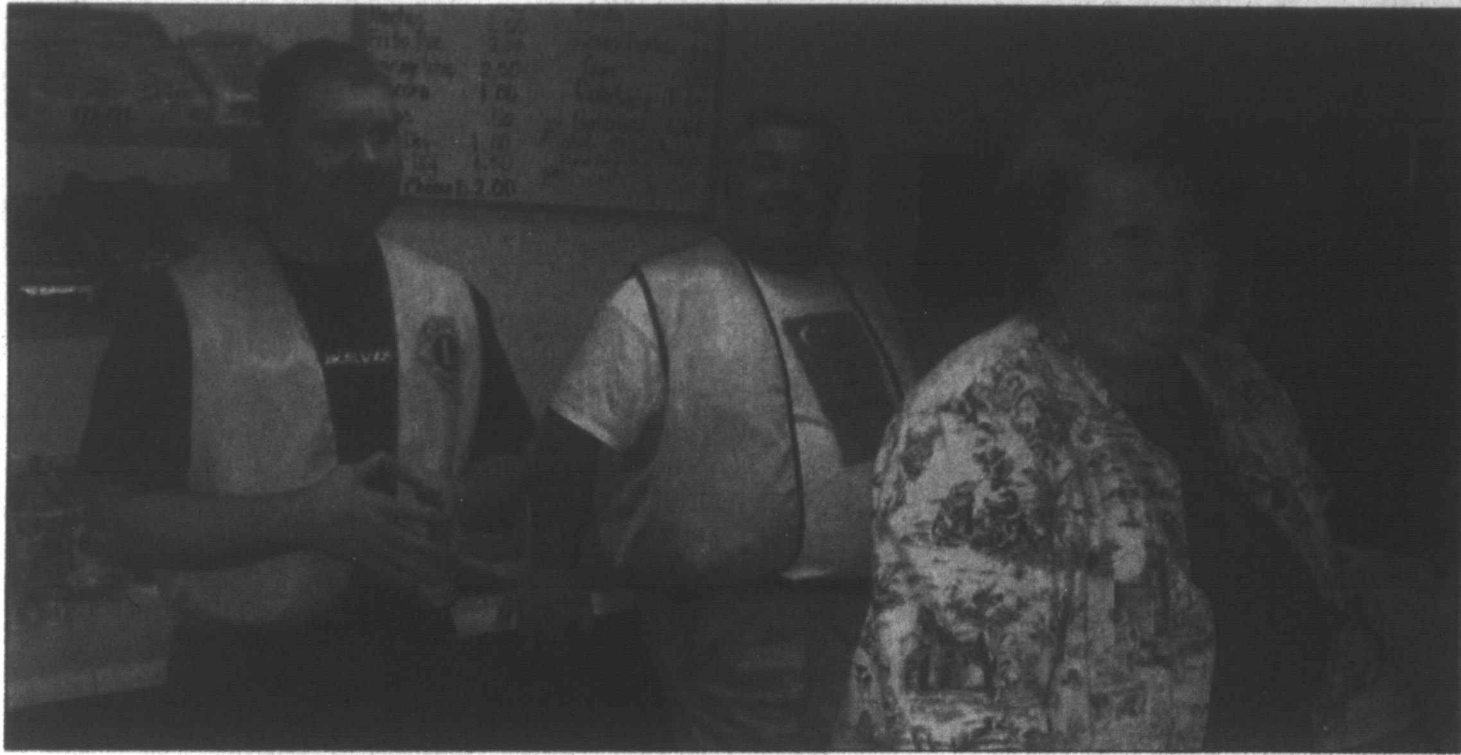
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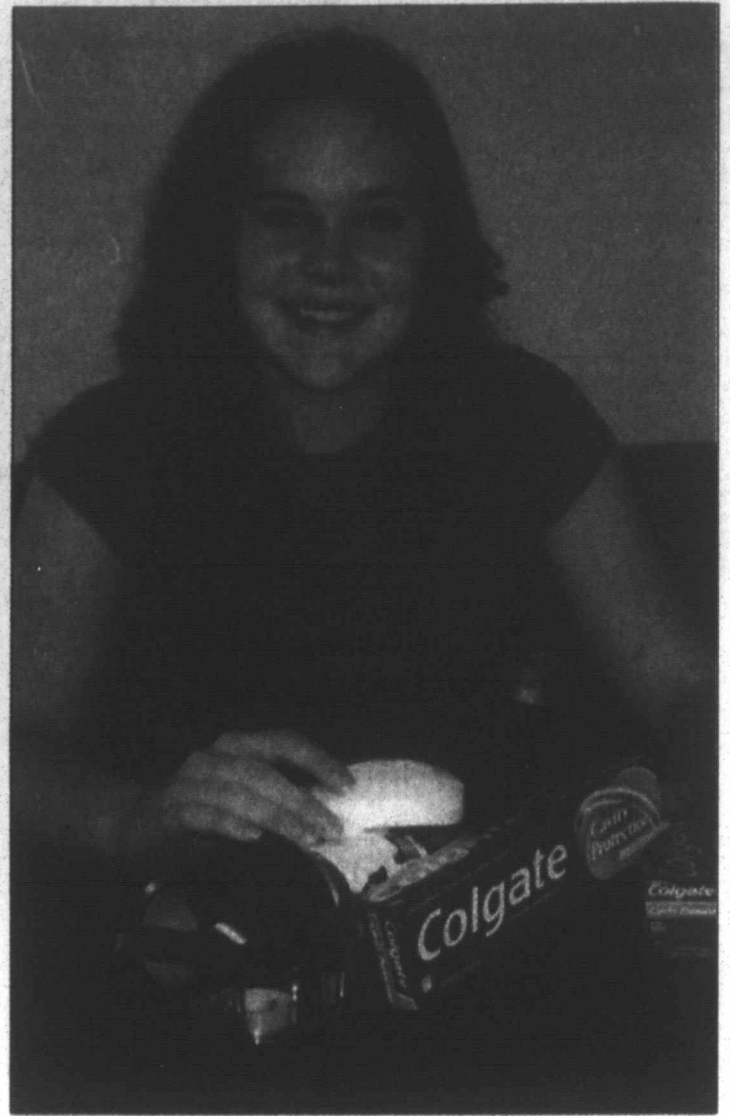
Lions invitational



▲ Kyle Pannell and Bob and Susan Finney volunteered recently during the "Second Annual Basketball Invitational" put on by Pampa Lions Club and the local Veterans of Foreign Wars. The trio worked the concession stand at the fund-raiser.



◀ Kelsie Wyatt gets her hand stamped by Suzanne Pingel during the "Second Annual Basketball Invitational."



Festival of Trees

Foreign exchange student Eli Strandkleiv sorts items for the "Socks for Soldiers" tree to be featured in the upcoming annual Festival of Trees Saturday and Sunday at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa. The festival will open from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday. Visitors will be able to donate items for the tree. Socks for Soldiers is being sponsored by the local VFW Women's Auxiliary to benefit our nation's military personnel. The auxiliary is looking for such items as white crew socks, travel-size wet wipes, shampoo, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, eye drops, small containers of foot powder, small packets of beef jerky, sunflower seeds, etc.

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KACV readying for winter campaign

AMARILLO — KACV-TV will feature a variety of performance programs during its Holiday Challenge Drive, Dec. 2-10. Headlining the membership campaign will be "Blue Man Group: Inside the Tube," "A Tribute to James Taylor," "Celtic Women" and "Tony Bennett - Duets."

The public television station will also premiere a new local production, "Southwest Expressions: Sights, Sounds and Culture" that includes performances from Buck Ramsey, Red Stegall, Pepe Romero, Doug Smith and other regional talent inspired by the land and spirit of the region.

A special tribute to the painting of Ben Konis will also be part of the production.

Other programs include an encore performance of KACV's production "John Bayless: Christmas Rhapsody," "Il Divo: Live at the Greek" and "My Music: Country Pop Legends."

KACV asks viewers to make membership contributions to the station to help offset programming costs. Thank you gifts tied to specific programs are offered to those making donations.

Viewers pledging during the Blue Man Group program can receive tickets to the Feb. 15 Amarillo performance. As an additional incentive, viewers who pledge \$100 or more and pay with a credit card will also be entered in a drawing for two tickets, airfare and hotel stay for the Dec. 16 performance of Trans-Siberian Orchestra in Dallas.

The Station maximizes the dollars raised from on-air funds by recruiting local sponsors to match cumulative donations made during the course of the drive.

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